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Recognizing veteran's patriotism

Hogan receives honor for continued service

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Bill Hogan's sense of patriotism and duty have followed him throughout his adult life – first, as a Soldier fighting for freedom in Vietnam and, later, as a volunteer actively supporting Soldiers deploying and returning from war and working for society's youngest victims of disease or tragedy.

Hogan, a retired captain and DoD contractor, is a frequent organizer and participant in patriotic programs in North Alabama. In recent years, he has helped to coordinate Operation Christmas Bear for the children of deployed Soldiers, and to sponsor various deployment and welcome home ceremonies for Soldiers, along with other military events and his work to provide medical care through the Shriners organization for needy children throughout North Alabama.

Hogan's mission in life is to make a difference in the lives of those he loves – his wife and family, the Soldiers who continue to fight for freedom around the world and the children who are in need of medical care.

So, it's not surprising that alongside his Silver Star, three Bronze Stars (one with Valor), three Distinguished Flying Crosses, 66 Air Medals and three Purple Hearts, Hogan now has been recognized as this year's recipient of the Audie Murphy Patriotism Award, presented to him at the Spirit of America Festival in Decatur on July 4. Since the award announcement, he has told his story over and over again to local print and television media.

"I was flabbergasted by the award," Hogan, 66, said. "I was honored that they thought of me. But, it also scared me to death. Why me? There are a lot of people who deserve this."

All the recognition goes against the grain for Hogan. This military hero shies away from accolades for work he has been compelled to do – both as a Soldier and as a civilian volunteer.

"You don't need to be glorified by a medal," he said. "Down in your heart, you know you did what you

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

A LIFE OF HAPPINESS— Retired Capt. Bill Hogan, sitting in the 1923 Ford T Bucket that he drives in the Veterans Day Parade, fills his life with family and volunteer opportunities that help him fulfill his sense of patriotism and duty toward his country, his fellow Soldier and society's youngest members. The heavily decorated Vietnam veteran was awarded the Audie Murphy Patriotism Award during the Spirit of America Festival at Decatur's Point Mallard on July 4. The award recognized both his service to the nation and his continued work to support today's Soldiers. His wife, Mary, two sons and their wives, a daughter, a sister-in-law and a niece were all present when Hogan received the patriotism award.

An open lane random survey

Why did you join the military?

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Gunnery Sgt. John Fugate
Marine Ammunition Company
"It was just something to do at the time."



Col. David Mosinski
SMDC
"I joined to serve the nation, help protect our society and guard our freedom."

Spc. Oscar Lopez
Headquarters & Alpha Company
"I joined to get money for college."



Pfc. Chanel Lebeque
Marine Corps Detachment



"I wanted to travel and to better my life."

Quote of the week

'Without a struggle, there can be no progress.'
— Frederick Douglass

Tongue-in-cheek encounter

I wrote a few weeks back about the insidious nature of the automatic flushing toilets in the Sparkman Center partly because I thought they were scary at the time, but mostly because I thought that it was pretty funny. Well it's not funny now, and I want to tell you why.

That very same men's room where my near death encounter with the black hole in the plumbing system occurred has sustained some honest to goodness damage of the worst imaginable kind. Just after my first letter about this matter was published in the Redstone Rocket, I noticed that there was a bathroom stall door leaning against the wall in the hallway just outside the bathrooms on the floor where I work. Being of a curious sort, I investigated further. My investigation revealed that the door to the very stall where my own plumbing experience occurred had been physically and bodily ripped off its hinges. Further and very detailed investigation revealed that the hinges on that stall door failed to the inside of the stall. Now most people might suppose that this would occur when someone on the outside of the stall wanted to get in. But having had my own near death experience in that very stall, and knowing that nobody really wants to get into a locked and occupied bathroom stall that badly, I was inevitably led to consider a much darker possibility.

I believe that my suspicions have been confirmed, because a member of our staff has vanished without a trace and nobody will acknowledge that he ever existed. Now, Mort Fine was never a real noticeable fellow to begin with because he kept to himself pretty much of the time, but since that stall door was

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damaged he's been non-existent pretty much all of the time. His desk has been cleaned out, his name plate is gone, his computer is gone, and even his chair is gone. I asked our admin officer what happened to Mort, and she said, "Who?" I know what happened: poor Mort got sucked down into the Sparkman Center plumbing system and was eaten by the black hole. He must have made a grab for the stall door to save himself when the toilet went off, but he was a little guy and evidently couldn't hang on when the hinges gave, and down he went.

Those of you who have lost rings, earrings and other jewelry in the Sparkman Center know that the contract plumbers won't even look for things that get lost in the plumbing system. Once it's gone, it's gone. Now we know why: there really is a black hole in the Sparkman Center plumbing system. Sure, it worked fine at the outset. You put a microscopic black hole in the plumbing system and you don't need to run a sewer line anywhere. The black hole sucks up everything without a trace! But after years of use and literally millions of flushes, the black hole must have been growing all this time and now it's out of control.

For your safety, I'm warning you to not get too close to the toilets in the Sparkman Center bathrooms. Keep your distance and maybe loop your belt around the garment hook and don't turn loose until you're done. You never know when the automatic flush system will go off, and you don't want to end up like poor Mort.

Name withheld by request

Bridge replacement plans

This is an addendum question to "Plans for gate closure weighed" as printed in the June 28 letters.

I have heard rumors that due to the BRAC additions Redstone Arsenal will receive, funds have already been secured and plans are in the final stages to four-lane Martin Road west (Gate 7) from Rideout Road to Zierdt Road. As stated in the June 28 letter to the editor, over 6,000 vehicles traverse that section of road daily and once BRAC is fully

implemented, traffic loads will only increase. Now I'm hearing that four-laning is not planned although the bridge replacement is still going to be implemented late summer/early fall of this year. Would someone please clarify if four-laning will or will not occur in the near future plans for Martin Road west? If four-laning is to occur, will the actual gate inbound lanes be changed to handle

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Pointing out flag displays

I have one correction to the response to the "Right way to wear the flag" letter published July 5. When displaying our flag vertically, the union should go in the upper left (not the upper right).

If the flag is displayed vertically, and can be seen from both sides, you place the union in the upper left as seen from the main entrance to the room, or display the union point toward the north, if possible (i.e. if displayed on a guide wire over the middle of a street).

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Report requirement

I went to the Provost Marshal Office (the week of June 19) to file a report on a lost civilian access card. As part of mandatory filing entries on the report, I had to state my race. In the next block, I had to check (yes, no, unknown) as to

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Examples of driving hazards

A special thanks to Travis Moore in questioning what procedures were/are in place to warn truck drivers having over-height vehicles of the Martin/Patton Road overpass (and who will potentially pay for damages this time), June 21 letters to the editor. Mr. Moore's notice does bring up an

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Near collisions at intersection

I wrote to you about two months ago with a suggestion that an article be placed in the *Rocket* explaining how the traffic flow should work at the intersection of Burose Road and the entrance

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Getting to know you

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Job: Motor pool operations supervisor, Northrop Grumman

Where do you call home?
Hazel Green

What do you like about your job?
Customer satisfaction. That's mostly it. Having a good day when everything goes good — especially when I get kids to and from school safely. Normally we transport students during summer months also to activities (like swimming, bowling, etc.). They have a good youth program out here. They do a good job with kids. They really do.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I'm in real estate.



What are your goals?
Hopefully make it 'til retirement in a few years, so I can relax and enjoy my family (wife, Cynthia, and son, Carlton, 16).

What's your favorite type of music?
Country and western

School bus signup just around corner

All military personnel living on Redstone Arsenal who desire bus transportation to the four core schools for school year 2006-07 must register each child for transportation.

Registration is July 17-21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Extended registration will be held at the Parent/Principal Night, July 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711.

Redstone will provide bus transportation to the following core schools: Williams Elementary School (grades K-5), Williams Middle School (grades 6-8), New Century Technology, and Columbia High School (grades 9-12).

The City of Huntsville has agreed to provide bus transportation for students residing on Redstone Arsenal to special needs (handicapped) and magnet schools in the city. No transportation will be provided students residing on Redstone

who attend private schools.

Registration for City of Huntsville bus transportation to the magnet schools and special needs schools will be conducted at the aforementioned location, dates and times.

To qualify for school bus transportation, each registrant living on post must show proof of active duty status. Department of Defense personnel living off post will show proof of active duty status or a Redstone Arsenal Employee identification badge, and enrollment in the School Age Service Program. Registration should be completed during this scheduled period to allow sufficient time to develop routes and establish bus stops.

For more information call Carl Pack, supervisor of bus operations for Northrop Grumman, at 876-3938 or Ray Boles, of transportation division, Directorate of Logistics, Garrison, at 876-3119. (Garrison release)

Size matters in saving energy

The Redstone Arsenal Energy Management Office wants to attune consumers to some common misconceptions:

Myth: Buying an efficient air conditioner or furnace will automatically reduce my utility bill.

Fact: This is true to some extent, but you won't realize all the possible savings if the equipment is not sized or installed properly. Studies have shown that many typical air conditioner and

duct systems are improperly installed, wasting one-third or more of the energy used by the air conditioner. New and replacement equipment (and ducts) need to be properly designed and installed to realize all the possible savings. The same caveats about proper installation hold true for insulation, windows and many energy-efficiency upgrades.

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

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

June 30: 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.

July 3: An individual was found to be operating her motor vehicle with a suspended driver's



license during an inspection at Gate 10. She was issued a violation notice and released.

Traffic accidents reported: two without injuries, two with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 1 speeding, 2 driving with a suspended driver's license, 2 failure to judge distance, 1 failure to yield right of way.

Closing loop on planned road projects

Plans

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the increased traffic flow more efficiently (i.e., give at least two lanes — if not three — where workers with badges can access and then have one additional lane designated for guests or anyone who must have their vehicle searched; workers with badges could still use that lane but would risk getting caught behind someone who had to have their vehicle searched).

Also, speaking of bridge replacement, is only the bridge over Indian Creek going to be replaced or are the other two on the west side of that bridge going to be fixed as well? I would figure that since it is rare that water runs beneath the other two bridges, a culvert system could be put in place as their replacement. Lastly, it is also my understanding that the new Memphis to Atlanta interstate highway will go across a portion of the southern part of the Arsenal. Although it will be years before this road is in place, are those plans still valid? If so, will there be an access gate to the Arsenal from that road or will it just pass through with no exit/entry access?

Bobby Johns Wiley
contractor employee

Mandated race codes provide data

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whether or not I was Hispanic. I asked the desk officer the purpose of the Hispanic block and he stated that he did not know but it was a mandatory entry. Can you tell me and your reading audience as to the purpose of the Hispanic entry on this report and what office is mandating this entry?

Colin Gordon
contractor/retired military

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "In accordance with Army Regulation 190-45, Law Enforcement

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "We would like to four lane Martin Road, but have no funding to accomplish this at this time. We tried to gain funding in the BRAC process for this project but were not successful. The City of Huntsville is working to widen Zierdt Road and Martin Road from Zierdt Road to the Airport in the coming years. If we were successful in gaining funding for the widening of Martin Road, then we would definitely have to make modifications to the lanes at Gate 7.

All three of the bridges on Martin Road at the Indian Creek area will be replaced at the same time. We will have to close the road for approximately five months so we will replace them all at the same time. The Southern Bypass (now a section of the Memphis to Atlanta highway) will cross the northeastern portion of the Arsenal. It will come onto the Arsenal on top of Rideout Road and veer off to the east along the southern portion of Madkin Mountain. The path will head east toward Gate 1 and off the installation. There will be four places to exit the highway onto Arsenal land. They are Goss Road, Rideout Road near NASA headquarters, Toftoy Road and at Gate 1. Each entry point will have long stacking lanes and an entry gate."

Reporting, race codes, as well as other personal information, is mandated by the Department of Justice for the Uniform Crime Report. The UCR program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet the need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. The Federal Bureau of Investigation was tasked with collection, publishing and archiving these statistics. Today, several annual statistical publications, such as the comprehensive 'Crime in the United States,' are produced from data provided by nearly 17,000 law enforcement agencies across the United States. Although providing this information may, at times, seem invasive, it simply provides statistical data for law enforcement officials."

'Flags on uniforms' moving forward

Flag

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Reference "flags on uniforms," I was told by the Flag Code enforcers (several years ago) that the flag was permitted to be displayed with the union in the upper right (backward from code) on military uniforms

so as to give the impression that the individual was always moving forward. It still doesn't look right, especially when most military members you encounter are either walking or sitting; not running. But the decision was made, the ink dried, and now we have to live with it; even though it looks backward.

Phil M. Patterson
SMDC

'Mama' ready to deploy just like her children

Mother of three joins Army after daughter hurt in Iraq

By Sgt. ELIAMAR TRAPP
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Having volunteered with the Red Cross, Cindra Smith knew there was something wrong when she arrived home from work late one night and had a Red Cross message on her machine. "When I called them back I was told to wait by the phone and expect a phone call," she said. "When I got the phone call they said my daughter had been shot in the back during an IED attack in Iraq."

Pvt. Tracy Branton, Smith's oldest daughter, was a heavy wheel mechanic on a convoy in Iraq when it was hit by Improvised Explosive Devices. When Branton and her fellow Soldiers got out of the vehicles to inspect the area she was shot in the back. Now 21, Branton is 70 percent disabled and has a slight paralysis because of the injuries caused by the shooting.

"I remember being angry," Smith said. "As parents we always try and look for someone to blame. But knowing that she was doing something she believed in and wanted to do helped me get over that."

After Branton was injured, Smith's 20-year-old son, James Pritchard, decided to join the Army to become an Infantryman. He attended basic and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga., and is serving in Iraq with the 1st Infantry Division.

The mother of three, Smith's life was changed forever. When the Army raised the acceptance age from 35 to 40 and then to 42, Smith made her move. Two weeks away from her 40th birthday, she is now known as Pfc. Cindra Smith, a Soldier in C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, where she is attending AIT to become an Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialist.

"If I can save another parent from getting the same phone call as I did, then I would have done everything I came in to do," Smith said.

Smith said joining the Army has given her a better understanding of what her children have been through. Her journey through initial entry training, however, was harder than it is for most but Smith has shown determination to succeed by overcoming all the obstacles placed in front of her, including a serious injury she received in basic training.

While attempting to rappel off Victory Tower, a 65-foot obstacle, Smith fell and fractured her hip in five places. "I only missed the one training event after I fell," she said. "After that I did everything everyone else did. I completed all the road marches and ran with my company for PT. I might not have been the first one in, but I finished all the company runs."

But the biggest obstacle Smith faced was an emotional one — after fighting can-



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

KEEP IT CLEAN— Pfc. Cindra Smith of Charlie Company clears her weapon before entering her barracks after physical training. She joined the Army to become an EOD specialist after her daughter was injured in Iraq during an Improvised Explosive Device attack.

cer for more than two years, Smith's mother died.

"I had been taking care of my mother for more than two years before I came into the Army," Smith said. "When the time came for me to join, my mother and I had a long conversation and she supported my decision. We made the agreement that I would not be called if she passed away while I was in basic so my training would not be interrupted."

Smith found out of her mother's death during a phone call home a week and a

half afterward.

"You aren't guaranteed anything in life," she said. "You can walk outside and get hit by a truck — you aren't guaranteed tomorrow. So if you have the opportunity to do something you like and believe in it then go for it."

As the oldest Soldier at Charlie Company, Smith has received the nickname of "Mama" from her fellow Soldiers. Smith said she doesn't mind at all since she was called "Grandma" at basic training.

"She is a mother to everyone around

here," Pfc. Kim Schoonover, a Charlie Company Soldier, said. "She gives us advice when we need it and she scolds us when we're doing something wrong. If we're messing around in formation she'll tell us to straighten out and everyone listens to her because she's older and because we know she's right."

Smith said she listens to the Soldiers when they need someone to talk to. But she did add that since most of these Soldiers are the same age as her children she considers them just that.

Schoonover, who just completed the first phase of EOD and is on her way to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., said she definitely sees Smith as her role model. "She has so much heart in everything that she does," she said. "You will never see her down and she is always sounding off."

Smith's determination to succeed in the military in the midst of all that has happened in her life and the life of her children has inspired respect and inspiration from everyone who has met her. She has also motivated many of the Soldiers in Charlie Company to volunteer with the Habitat for Humanities organization in Huntsville.

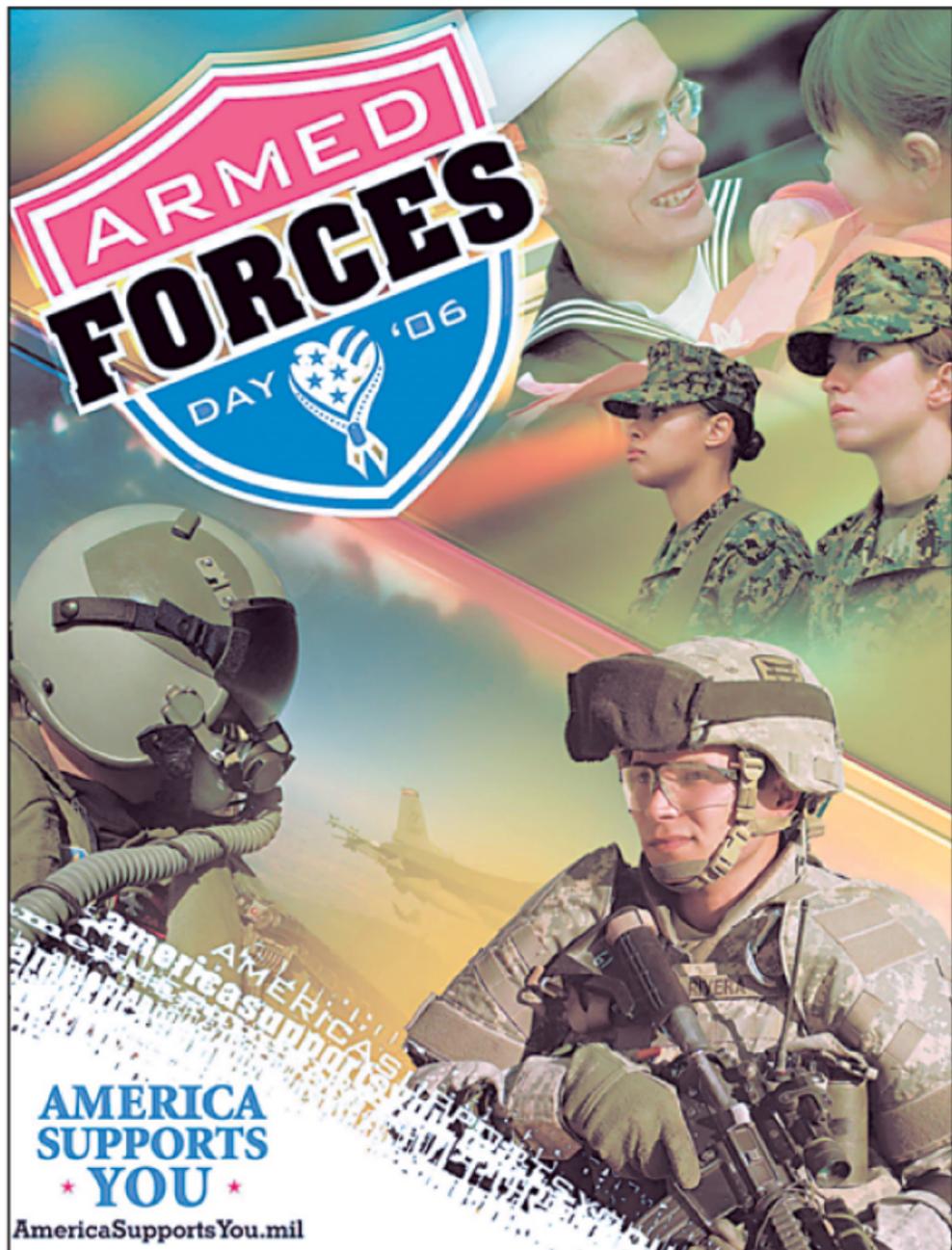
"We are fighting a war overseas to help the oppressed so why not do the same outside our gates?" Smith said. "If I can help others then my life will be complete. I've always been the Girl Scout and the Brownie troop leader — I'll do anything to enhance the lives of others. It's why we're here."

"I am as proud of her as I have been of any of my other Soldiers over the course of two years," Staff Sgt. Lee M. Hallman, Smith's drill sergeant, said. "She had firsthand knowledge of what she was getting into and she chose to come in anyhow. She is a highly motivated Soldier and she sets a great example for all of our Soldiers."

As far as Smith is concerned, her story isn't that big of a deal and the prospect of deploying only further motivates her to succeed.

"I'm looking forward to (deploying)," Smith said. "I believe it will give me a better understanding of what my children have experienced. Also, there are so many new IEDs being found out there everyday. I commend those Soldiers who have been putting their lives on the line each day for our country. It would be an honor for me to dismantle IEDs with them. I could be saving the life of someone's father, daughter or mother."

With the support of her husband, a retired firefighter, and her three children, Smith hopes to complete phase one of EOD training in August and then PCS to Eglin Air Force Base to complete phase two of her training and graduate as an EOD specialist. Upon graduation Smith will move on to be part of an EOD team. EOD teams are responsible for the identification, safe rendering and disposal of hazardous unexploded conventional munitions, chemical munitions, and improvised explosive devices.



Courtesy graphic

Week of tribute

"America Supports You" is the theme for the annual Armed Forces Celebration Week, July 10-15. For more information, log on to the Team Redstone or AMCOM web sites for a calendar of events. You can also call the Chamber of Commerce at 535-2000 or the Public Affairs Office at 842-0558.

Army moves 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Army has announced the relocation of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division from the Republic of Germany to Fort Knox, Ky.

This move is part of its continuing effort to transform into a more U.S.-based expeditionary force that is relevant and ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century. This action is also part of the larger Department of Defense plan to achieve a new balanced global basing posture, while fulfilling the requirements of the National Military Strategy.

After 31 years of service in Germany, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division will depart Europe and relocate to Fort Knox by Sept. 16. To provide time to build permanent brigade facilities, and better support Soldiers and their families, the unit will initially posture its flag at Fort Knox.

Over time, the Army will build the unit into a modular Infantry Brigade Combat Team with an effective date of Sept. 16, 2008. The Army will continue to assign Soldiers and equipment to the brigade, reaching its full complement of approximately 3,400 Soldiers.

The 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, once fully manned, trained and equipped will fulfill vital roles in the Future Force and the transformed Army. The Army is committed to accomplishing these restationing actions and building a campaign quality Army while simultaneously working to ensure that Soldiers and families enjoy the benefits of installation improvements which help sustain the all-volunteer force, and subsequently contribute to the surrounding communities. (*Army News Service release*)

Letterkenny Army Depot living large with Lean

Efficient manufacturing improves production

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — The Army Materiel Command has transformed itself into a leaner organization of about 49,000 civilian employees. Rapid technological improvements, an international trend toward downsizing and a series of Base Realignment and Closings have all combined to transform today's Army and AMC into a leaner, more streamlined organization.

Letterkenny Army Depot has been influenced by all these events during the last two decades. The depot is leaner today than ever before thanks to a process known as Lean Manufacturing. The depot employs about 1,300 federal civilian employees, complemented by about 500 contractor employees, on a campus where overall DoD tenant and Letterkenny employment is about 2,900.

When Lean manufacturing was endorsed and promoted by AMC in 2002, Letterkenny entered the ongoing Lean journey with enthusiasm.

Bureaucratic barriers are eliminated early in the employee-driven Lean process. A team consisting of Lean experts joins with employees from the work area and at least one outside "set of eyes" is added. A management representative acting as a "tie-breaker" and called a "barrier buster" is added to the team. The team looks at a process in a given area and has authority to make instant changes.

A successful Lean event identifies wasteful movements and processes. Every ingredient in the process is examined and can result in identifying an area that has more employees than necessary. The natural forces of resistance were quickly overcome with a command promise that no employee would lose their job as a result of Lean. Once employees were comfortable that their jobs were safe (although they could be reassigned), the



Courtesy photo

TIGHTEN UP— Ardean Benson of Letterkenny Army Depot tightens bolts on an armor door.

unions assured future success by engaging early in the Lean process.

Letterkenny, the Army's tactical missile and repair facility, applied Lean concepts to its core mission areas early in the process. The first process where Lean was applied was in the Patriot Missile and Recapitalization facility. Letterkenny learned early that Lean works. Once Lean techniques were employed, for example, the depot learned that it could repair 40 Patriot launcher systems for the price of 36. This amounted to a savings of \$1.2 million.

It is all about efficiency and the continual process of Lean.

Letterkenny next applied Lean to transform its Special Forces Ground Mobility Vehicle line. Production was increased to 24 vehicles a week during the early days of Operation Iraqi Freedom. More importantly, the process allowed the depot to dramatically reduce turnaround time. Imagine reducing turnaround time from 10 weeks to just 8.8 days. An added bonus was a savings of \$990,000 to the customer.

When the depot was called on to produce Armor products, it applied Lean techniques to this process. Letterkenny

began by producing armored boxes. The next project was fabricating armor door kits. Some 860 of these door kits were produced ahead of schedule and under cost. The depot later produced armor kits for 5,000 gallon tankers and M939 truck cabs.

These savings and efficiencies are significant, but they are only part of the success.

Applying Lean and identifying waste tends to tighten the process and reduce wasted floor space. This creates new benefits and many new opportunities.

Word spread and Letterkenny became known as a "Capabilities Based Depot," able to produce for the Soldier faster, better and cheaper. The Soldier wins in another way. By identifying and returning Lean savings to its DoD customer, the depot can apply these savings to additional equipment for repair.

The floor space that was vacated through Lean efforts allows opportunities for new partnerships and generates capabilities to deliver even more to its DoD customers.

Letterkenny recently partnered with Lockheed Martin Missile and Fire Control to test and repair the Javelin missile and Target Acquisition, Designation Sight/Pilot's Night Vision Sensor, a sub-assembly of the Apache attack helicopter.

The depot will "recap" 3,200 Humvees in fiscal 2006. It will repair 250 generators a month during FY '06 also. The depot resets Force Provider units and returns them to the field so Soldiers can enjoy a few comforts like showers and hot meals.

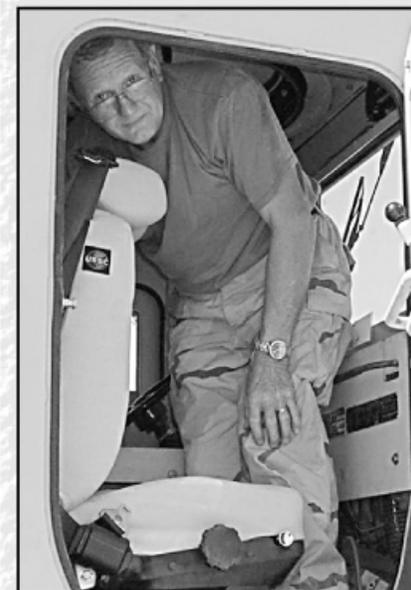
The depot also repairs Aviation Generation Power Units, those generators feeding power to aircraft on the ground. It assembles Biological Integrated Detection System shelters and overhauls Mobile Kitchen Trailers.

Letterkenny's employees have enjoyed a boost in morale that comes with participating in identifying efficiencies and their contributions toward victory in the Global War on Terror.

Letterkenny's successful application of Lean concepts has brought the depot highly acclaimed recognition. It became the

first Army depot ever to win the Shingo Prize, Public Service category. Business Week has recognized winning this award as the equivalent of a Nobel Prize for manufacturing. (Letterkenny Army Depot release)

Deployed from depot



Courtesy photo

KEEP ON TRUCKIN'— Deployed civilian Ron Shoemaker from Letterkenny Army Depot inspects an air-conditioning unit inside a 5-ton truck.

Name: Ron Shoemaker

Job title: Electronics mechanic

Duty Station: Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, Pa.

Deployed as: Add-on armor inspector — stationed in Bagram and Salarno, Afghanistan

Editor's note: Letterkenny Army Depot provided this information.

Exchanges add to home entertainment products

DALLAS — Make your entertainment sizzle this summer with the 2006 Exchange Electronics Summer Supplement. Filled with hot values and a wide assortment of the latest innovations and breakthroughs, the new 24-page supplement has something for every member of the military family.

“This new catalog features a wide variety of items to help beat the heat with indoor fun and entertainment,” Catalog and eCommerce manager Patty Dromey said. “In addition to great values on cameras, camcorders and home theater systems, military servicemembers and their families who complete

purchases on their Military Star Card receive zero percent interest, no payments and no interest accruals for three months.”

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■ Driver runs up on road hazards

Hazards

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important point that possibly the driving public will agree with but is apparently lost on Redstone traffic enforcement. That is: The main danger to personnel driving on this post is from vehicles belonging to the building construction and road construction contractors (not including the local Chugach contractors with these guys) and not from that overwhelmingly targeted population of the 2- and 4-wheeled drivers who may occasionally run 5 to 10 mph over the speed limit.

I have literally been run off the road, or had a state vehicle driver deliberately try to run me off the road for no apparent reason, or was forced to take action to abruptly move out of my lane, four times in the past three years. Not including these events were two times when 18-wheel dump truck-types ran stop signs leaving less than three seconds to act.

Mere complaining, you say?

Collision Avoidance Example 1:

While westbound and approaching the entrance to the former Redstone Road gate configuration, once past the bridge, a concrete truck abruptly moves into my lane (I'm driving a motorcycle) in full view of the "attentive" guards, who said nothing to the truck driver. The Provost Marshal Office declined to take any action since this happened outside Arsenal property.

Example 2: In front of the Sparkman Center, an Allied Van Lines (18-wheel variety) wishes to see how well I can drive in the median. (OK, so it's like driving on a golf course, but my experience with good drives on golf courses under command/duress is minimal). No action was taken on the part of the Provost Marshal Office. (They didn't think that they could find that big orange/yellow 70-foot truck/trailer.)

Example 3: Then there's the dozer-trailer 22-wheeler traveling west on Martin Road in front of the Sparkman Center which pulls onto the right shoulder, looks as though he would be stopping for x-minutes, but then immediately makes a U-turn in front of the 40-45 mph rush hour traffic (at least a dozen or more cars), forcing all left-lane vehicles to stop. (Because the Martin Road overpass was closed, this guy had to make the "180" in order to proceed south on Patton Road. Think this could happen again?) The last 4-wheel driver, say 13th, in that line forced me out of my right lane into the turn bay and off the road, but it was the contractor vehicle that nearly caused a major chain reaction collision. Except for that last driver, every-

one was paying attention and thinking, and no "accident" occurred even though no one could have anticipated the idiotic/careless/arrogant actions of that truck driver. Well, you guessed it, that big truck was just too hard for the Provost Marshal Office to find; they didn't witness it, blah, blah, blah.

I will offer that the vast majority of POV drivers on Redstone are sensible, courteous, and attempt to drive responsibly, although we all have our slip-ups and moments needing better attention/action/judgment. But, does anyone think for one second that the guy or lady's POV passing in the adjacent lane at 50 mph in a 45 mph zone is a hazard? Of course not! Obviously the DoD police have a differing opinion about the alleged inherent dangers associated with the ubiquitous 5-10 mph-plus over-the-speed limit 4-wheel vehicle. My advice is: "When observing the close proximity of the ever present building/road construction contractor, don't take for granted your safety" (even if you're driving at the blazing speed of 10 with no one behind you). And drivers westbound on Martin Road had better pay attention to oversized contractor vehicles while the bridge is being replaced.

I wish that the DoD police would decide to use some of their unmarked units and follow these contractor bozos (or to be politically correct, say dummy variables) around to see what the rest of us have to deal with and respond to on our own. And, I'm not concerned if the Garrison responds to this letter. Since I've made my name known on a number of occasions to the proper authorities with no action taken on their part, I see no reason to re-state my identity. I apologize, but this letter is signed "Name withheld by request."

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The Directorate of Emergency Services appreciates your concern regarding the 'driving hazards' that you have observed. The DES assures you that your concerns are our concerns and that they do not fall on deaf ears. The DES makes every attempt to act on reported incidents which are violations of the law and, in this particular case, traffic violations. In an effort to reduce potential driving hazards and dangerous situations, all of our on-duty patrolman are trained and required to actively search for, respond to and enforce all traffic violations which they observe while performing their law enforcement duties.

"That being said, the incidents that

you have cited, even though they potentially could have ended in a more serious situation, are misdemeanors. Law enforcement personnel, when dealing with a misdemeanor, are limited by law from taking action on a traffic violation unless they, the police officer, personally observe the infraction. Even though this may not have been the response you expected when you reported the violation to law enforcement, we do respond to and conduct follow-up activities on all reported incidents to determine if an offense did occur and if we are able to enforce the offense based on police officer observation. Without this personal observation by law enforcement, these misdemeanor traffic offenses will not withstand the scrutiny of the federal magistrate court judge for a conviction.

"Realizing the sheer volume of traffic on the installation on a daily basis (between 30,000 to 40,000 vehicles) and the probability of increased traffic flow as we experience an increase of personnel

working at Redstone in the future, DES is in the process of developing a Traffic Enforcement Section which will be fully dedicated to speed enforcement, compliance with traffic control devices, safe driving, etc. We are confident, even though not all traffic violations will be identified, that many more will be — leading to an improvement in the overall driving safety conditions for the Redstone community.

"So, as a community, please help us by continuing to report those incidents which you feel create an unsafe/dangerous situation and DES patrolman will continue to respond to and conduct follow-up actions as necessary. Although we may not be able to take immediate action based on our legal parameters, we will identify 'situations, circumstances and locations' which we will target for future enforcement operations in order to improve the safety and security for all who work, live and play at Redstone Arsenal. The number to call to report any unsafe driving act is 876-2222."

Youngsters choose to visit Ordnance school

Program presents alternatives for lower-income children

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The Soldiers of the 59th Ordnance Brigade had the opportunity to show off their skills, abilities and equipment to a very interested audience – the Alternative Choices Educational System kids.

More than 30 children of the Decatur area have had the chance to visit Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School training areas as part of the ACES summer program, which provides children of lower-income families the opportunity to be exposed to positive and educational things they wouldn't normally see, said Sgt. Greg Cain, ACES coordinator.

ACES, founded in 1992, is dedicated to provide children in Decatur's low-income areas a choice to avoid becoming involved with drugs and violence. This program teaches life skills, teamwork and financial management free of charge to children ages 8 through 14.

"To teach them how to manage money, the kids earn ACES dollars for completing projects, being on time and working as a team," Cain said. "All of the games, activities and field trips that we do as part of the program are geared to show the kids life skills, career opportunities and good role models. When we bring in guest speakers for the kids we provide them



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

TARGET SYSTEM— Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Rogers, a Missile Systems Training Department instructor, shows Kaleb Clay, 8, how the Improved Target Acquisition System works during the second ACES tour of OMEMS training areas June 27.

with a minority role model so they can relate better to that person. It shows the kids that they too can succeed."

During the tours, the children visited different OMEMS training areas including the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department, where they were able to see the EOD robots and the EOD museum. At the Electronics Technology Department they saw the Soldiers who repair and test equipment and at the Missile Systems Training Department they saw vehicles that "could blow stuff up."

Not only did the children get to see military equipment, they also had the opportunity to talk to the Soldiers who

operate it and ask them questions about it. Some of those Soldiers, like Staff Sgt. Damon Geist, came from low-income neighborhoods just like them and know firsthand how hard it is to succeed in life without the appropriate roles models.

A Whittier, Calif., native, Geist grew up around the drugs, gangs and violence that are typically associated with lower-income neighborhoods. When it came time to decide what he wanted to do with his life, he joined the Army.

"Back then we didn't have programs like (ACES) in our community and I didn't have any role models," Geist said. "I joined the Army for a better life and nine years later here I am. It's been good to me. ACES is a good program because it shows

the kids who live in bad environments that they have other opportunities in life if they choose to pursue them. Bringing them (to OMEMS) shows them various technical jobs they can choose from if they choose to join the military."

Jay Brown, 13, has been participating in the ACES program for three years and was at the June 27 ACES tour of OMEMS.

"I like the program because it helps keep me out of trouble," Brown said. "Everyday I have something to do and I have learned to work well with others and to be a team player."

Although Brown's favorite ACES field trip is fishing — he's caught one fish — he said he enjoyed hanging out with the Soldiers and learning what the different weapon systems did. His favorite system was the Multiple Launch Rocket System because it does just that, launches multiple missiles.

Cain said many of those who participated with the program as kids have come back as college students to volunteer with ACES. Many of the ACES students have also gone away to do bigger and better things.

"There's a lot of things these kids are exposed to that you don't want to see them exposed to," Cain said. "A lot of these kids don't get hot meals on a regular basis so we try and provide that for them. This is a good program and if there's one thing we try to teach these kids is the life skills they need to succeed. We try hard to make a difference in their lives."

For more information on the ACES program, call (256) 552-3984.



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IN VEHICLE— Joshia Pearson, 9, sits inside a Bradley during the second ACES tour of OMEMS training departments June 27.

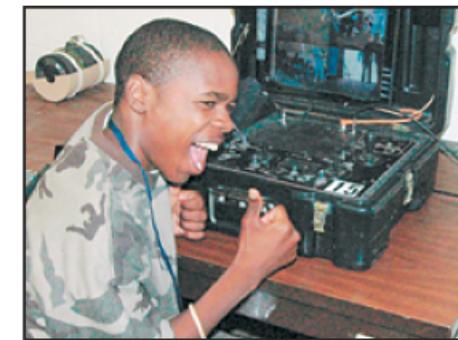


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ALL CLEAR— Isaiah Scott, 15, gives his friends thumbs up after successfully maneuvering an EOD robot through an obstacle course at the EOD Training Department June 20.

Soldier Focused Logistics progresses on schedule

Process puts support organizations together with their project managers

By JULIE FREDERICK
For the Rocket

Transformation is the name of the game for today's Army. In the interest of serving Soldiers, the Aviation and Missile Command is moving toward Soldier Focused Logistics teams.

Currently AMCOM and the Program Executive Offices for Aviation and Missiles and Space are forming within SFL teams to integrate the sustainment pieces of a weapons system into the care of the project manager. Frank Tarpley, SFL Move Team, said the project managers had not been in control of the functions that helped sustain their systems. However, with SFL teams, the project manager is in charge.

The SFL teams physically started to move people last September. During the moves some sustainment groups stay connected virtually to their project managers. That way the PM has control of all of the sustainment functions that supported their system prior to the beginning of the physical moves.

"SFL is intended to give the PM total control over a system, cradle-to-grave, by merging or colcoating all of the sustainment functions with the PM. Colocation is our first priority," Tarpley said.

The groups that are being moved vary, depending on the system and who supports that system. Each SFL move is tailored to the needs to that particular system and the project manager. The moves are being coordinated through a joint venture among the Business Initiatives Office, G3 and G4, with G4 as the lead for execution.

The goal for completion of SFL is to "establish 11 SFL teams by the end of FY 2006," Tarpley said. To date six project

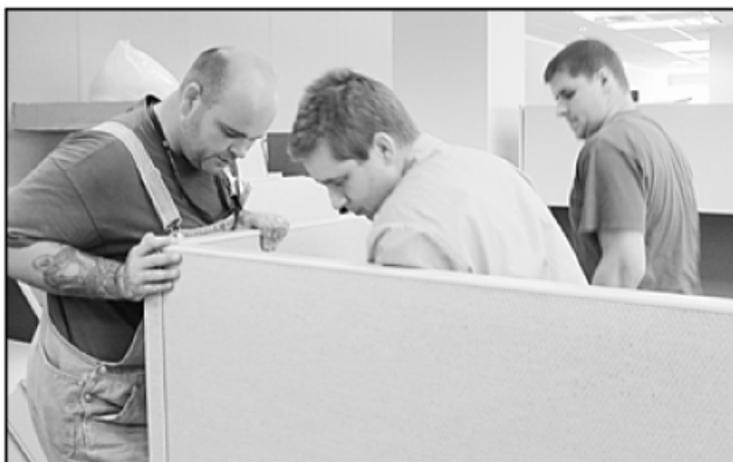


Photo by Julie Frederick

MOVING DAY— Workers from Northrop Grumman have been steadily working to tear-down, move and rebuild office spaces for the Soldier Focused Logistics colcoating process.

offices have completed the colcoating process with five pending. Colcoating sustainment functions with the PM means that there are several other organizations affected by the moves within the command. So far of the 15 other organizations on post that are affected by the moves, nine are completed and six are pending completion. With the SFL moves on target that means that 1,181 people of the 2,400 planned have been moved.

One priority was to move onto the installation as many people as possible who were located off post. The SFL process does not necessarily move a whole office or division. Some people move from a group to a PM and leave a large core group behind — the office is compressed. Carol Meekins, SFL Move Team, said "to be able to establish teams of 200-450 people we had to move other organizations around. Our goal is to physically colocate as many people with their respective PM as possible to maintain connectivity."

The plan to colocate for SFL teams was developed a year ago to help the work being done here to enable the Life Cycle Management Command concept to

be a success.

To date the SFL move process has stayed on time.

"There have been a few fairly minor slips, but all-in-all we have remained on our initial schedule," Meekins said. "The

plan is to be complete by the end of FY '06, and while our day-to-day schedules might change that milestone is firm."

The G4 acts as manager of the plan and executes the SFL moves. They work with on-site coordinators for each PM colcoating to ensure any problems experienced do not impact the overall picture.

"We started on time and we will end on time," Tarpley said. "We have a total commitment to making sure all issues are handled and resolved."

All of the people involved with coordinating and executing the moves have held weekly manager and move coordinator meetings with all of the groups enabling the moves, such as the Directorates of Information Management, Public Works and Logistics. They meet weekly to go through the requirements that need to be done to pull a job or a move together.

"We have been very lucky to work with some outstanding

move coordinators. At this point all of our moves have gone very smooth. The key to these meetings is to plan and then execute," Tarpley said.

In order to ensure success over everything that needs to get done, G4 puts an on-site coordinator from their office to work with the PM move coordinator and all of the enabling groups. Sandra Lyles-Jackson, SFL Move Team, said the moves might seem bumpy at first, but they always smooth out.

"As an on-site move coordinator, the weekly meetings really make the progress of smooth transition possible. Overall all of the moves that I have worked have gone smoothly and the people seem satisfied," Lyles-Jackson said.

"The bottom line is that SFL is up and running," Tarpley said. "We are all working together and are starting to realize the benefits, such as better communication and networking capabilities, that SFL has to offer."

Units add 43 Soldiers during June

The Garrison provided the following in-processing list for June. In some cases, Soldiers were already here but transferred to other units at Redstone:

- 1st Sgt. Tracy Lee Oliver, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; 1st Sgt. Stanley Parker, Bravo Company; Col. David Mosinski, Space and Missile Defense Command; Col. Timothy Ohara, SMDC; Col. Newman Shufflebarger, Program Executive Office for Aviation; Capt. Jason Leigh, Missile and Space Intelligence Center; Capt. Roger Waleski, Aviation Support Activity; Chief Warrant Officer David Andrew Ford, PEO Aviation; Chief Warrant Officer Sean Gilpin, PEO Aviation; Lt. Col. Allyn Thomas Allison, Huntsville; Lt. Col. Kerry Brunson, PEO Aviation; Lt. Col. Bobbi Jean Davis, SMDC; Lt. Col. Mary Margaret Foreman, Aviation and Missile Command; Lt. Col. Winfield Keller, PEO Aviation; Lt. Col. Steven Noe, PMO UA Redstone; Lt. Col. Thomas Hiram Todd III, PEO Aviation; Lt. Col. Richard Lee Williams, PEO Aviation;

- Maj. Ralph Borja, AMCOM; Maj. Shawn Gamaldi, AMCOM; Maj. Jay Paul Gautreaux,

PEO IEW&S Redstone; Maj. Jason Wallace Ross, PEO Aviation; Maj. Christopher Waters, Aviation Support Activity; Maj. David Wolons, Aviation Support Activity; Master Sgt. Timothy Clingan, MEDDAC; Master Sgt. Daniel Teats, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Antwan Turnipseed, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Sgt. 1st Class Paul Grise, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Charles Morelli, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Robert Shallbetter, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Chad Vervae, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Lashay White, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Sgt. Maj. Derek Kelley, Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School; Sgt. Maj. Donald McCormick, HHC 59th; Sgt. Billy Orlando Clark, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. Jose Ruizcolon, Charlie Company; Spc. Draper Hollier, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. Brian Arndt, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Ernesto Barreras, Bravo Company; Staff Sgt. David Joe Covington, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Staff Sgt. Christopher Hood, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Randy Olinger, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Steve Rickard, Headquarters & Alpha Company; and Staff Sgt. Clarence Slinger, HHC 59th.

International student learns about U.S. government

Bulgaria native enjoys visit

Bulgarian army Maj. Metodi Metodiev learned more than just acquisition during his time at Redstone.

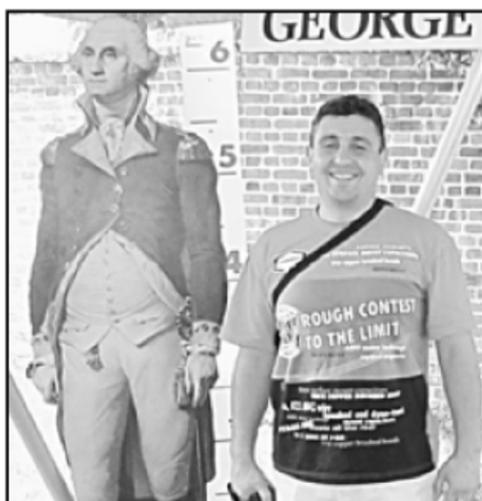
"I learned many things about America from its beginning to now, culture, people, presidency and government," he said.

Metodiev, 33, attended the Army Logistics Management College's Army Acquisition Basic Course from May 8 through July 14.

"I had a great time, excellent accommodations and great support," he said of his time at Redstone. He was assigned to Headquarters & Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion during his stay.

The International Military Student Office provides activities and educational tours for military students from other countries.

"The IMSO takes care of all the things without asking," Metodiev said. "They showed me many things and places. They helped me understand American culture



Courtesy photo

BY GEORGE— Bulgarian army Maj. Metodi Metodiev checks his height against George Washington's during his Fourth of July trip to Washington, D.C.

and kept an eye of what I need as a father would do for his kids."

■ Intersection yield sign rules for drivers

Intersection

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to Sparkman Center.

One of my co-workers almost had her car slammed into by another driver there just this morning. She was coming south on Burose and the left turn arrow was on. She proceeded to turn left, and a driver going northbound on Burose turning right into Sparkman Center almost ran into her (as she merged into the right entry lane). The other driver acted as if he had the right of way.

The problem is that the northbound driver, proceeding to turn right after stopping at the red light, proceeds into the entry lane to Sparkman Center to the point where the electric signal is no longer visible. Therefore, that driver no longer would know if he had a red light or a green light. I presume that, at least during the hours from 6:30 to 8 a.m., the left turn signal for the southbound driver is a fairly long light.

It occurs to me that the easiest solution to this problem would be to place a sign for the northbound driver that prohibits a right turn on red.

The earlier letter that I sent to you commented upon the northbound driver's right of way. I almost had a collision at this intersection one morning not long ago.

I proceed northbound on Burose. When I have a green light, I have the right to turn into the entry drive to Sparkman Center and proceed in the south-most (outside) lane of the two entry lanes with no interference from a driver proceeding southbound on Burose turning left into the entry drive. I was proceeding in this manner one morning (with my light green), and a driver who had turned left from Burose almost ran into me as that driver proceeded to switch to the outer

entry lane. I hold my breath every morning as I wonder if the left turn drivers will remain in the inside lane.

Now, if I need to merge left into the north-most (inside) entry lane, then I must observe the yield sign at this intersection and yield to the driver turning left from Burose (as I must at all times).

As I opined before, it seems to me that an article in the *Rocket* to explain the proper traffic flow at this intersection would be in order. And, you could undoubtedly run the same article every few months as a refresher. Maybe you should institute a Traffic Flow monthly column highlighting different intersections.

It appears to me that there is a fair chance that accidents will occur at this intersection and possibly people will get injured if nothing is done. The sign prohibiting a right on red for the northbound Burose drivers would be a good start.

John Kemp

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "This intersection is not any different than any other intersection that has raised or painted islands that allows turning traffic to yield rather than come to a complete stop. Any vehicle traveling north on Burose Road turning right into the Sparkman Center is required to yield to traffic that has turned left from a southbound movement on Burose Road regardless of the color of the traffic signals. That means that this northbound turning vehicle must yield to a left turning vehicle regardless of the lane the vehicle chooses to enter.

"If a northbound driver chooses to turn right, the traffic signal does not apply to that driver. The yield sign is that driver's control not the signal, regardless of the color of the signal."

Patriot

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needed to do. I'm doing what I'm doing because it's in my heart and I'm having a good time. The children, the Soldiers, my family, my grandchildren who call me 'PopPop' – those are the things that mean a lot to me, they are the gravy in my life, the icing on the cake."

Though the Audie Murphy Patriotism Award honors his service and his support for today's Soldiers, Hogan, a Mason and a Shriner, also spends a lot of time working for Shriner causes through the Cahaba Shrine.

"The Shriners are important to me because it lets me help kids," he said. "The 2-year-old who was burned by fireworks (in Madison County on the Fourth of July) is far worse than I was when I got shot. That child will go through years and years of pain. I'll do anything I can for a child like that."

Times haven't always been good for Hogan. His four tours in Vietnam left him with plenty of emotional and physical pain of his own that took a long time healing, especially when he returned to a nation that cursed him and called him a "baby killer." He pulled through those dark days with God's help, and the sup-

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– Bill Hogan

port of his family and his wife, Mary. Today, there is little name calling heard by veterans of one of America's most controversial wars.

"It's popular to be a Vietnam veteran now," Hogan said. "With a war going on, it brings everything to life because the situations are similar ... This is the most I've ever talked about it. It's my other life. I get emotional about it. My wife and I will celebrate our 25th anniversary this month. She has helped me a lot to get over my other life. I used to wake up at night standing in the middle of the room screaming. I still have those nightmares occasionally."

Besides dealing with the scars of his Vietnam experience, Hogan also wrestled with the culture shock of returning to a nation that shunned its veterans.

"We didn't get treated too well when we came back from Vietnam," he said. "I would not like that to happen to the Soldiers coming back today. Soldiers don't start wars. We just react to whatever the commander in chief wants."

Hogan dismisses accolades for his heroism during the Vietnam War, and the volunteer work he has done since then.

"I take commitment seriously, just like I did when I joined the military or when I took my oath when I got married," he said. "When you take commitment seriously, you just can't give up on it, you have to stick with it. My dad taught me to do the best I can and I am still doing that."

Hogan's military career began in 1961 when he was drafted. He deployed to Vietnam as a sergeant in 1962 and had three more tours in '65, '67 and '69.

Hogan received his Silver Star in 1965 as an enlisted Soldier, when he was assigned to the Special Forces. His unit of 87 U.S. and South Vietnamese Soldiers was overrun by about 4,000 soldiers from the North Vietnamese Army.

"We were set up near a rubber plantation," Hogan said. "We weren't allowed to shoot into the rubber plantation because we would hit the rubber trees and make them bleed. So, that's where the North Vietnamese Army hid, in the rubber plantation."

"They hit us one night. I watched my best friend get shot in half. He was literally shot in two. I woke up in a hospital. They tell me they found me with 27 dead North Vietnamese around me."

While he served his first two tours as an enlisted Soldier, Hogan returned to Vietnam as an officer and a helicopter pilot during his third and fourth tours. He had an opportunity to take a job as a test pilot

for private industry upon return from his fourth tour. But an injury closed that door.

It was 1969 and Hogan was flying his helicopter near the North Vietnamese province of Tay-Ninh when an attack from anti-aircraft gunfire hit the front of his cockpit and left him with his left foot dangling by a ligament.

"We were under a three-day cease fire because they were burying Ho Chi Minh," Hogan said. "I came out of a rain cell and I heard the radar interfere with my radio. But, I couldn't do anything about it. I was submarined out of my seat. Me and my co-pilot managed to fly out of it, but we took 47 hits."

Though private industry no longer wanted Hogan, the Army awarded him for his bravery and kept him on active duty.

"The awards I received are just ribbons because someone saw me doing something and wrote it up," Hogan said. "I don't need an award because I was just doing what I was supposed to do, just like anyone else in that situation."

After a year of recovering from his wounds, Hogan trained Army pilots and worked in various other assignments. One of his most enjoyable assignments was as the company commander of the A Company of the 1st Battalion, 1st Basic Training Brigade at Fort Jackson, S.C.

"I was a captain and I had four second lieutenants, one first lieutenant and 13 drill sergeants working with me to train 190 to 210 Soldiers every seven-week cycle," he recalled.

"I loved the regiment and the teaching during those 18 months. The Soldiers would come off the streets as young kids and not even be able to stand up straight. Seven weeks later, they were marching across the parade field with respect for themselves and pride."

In 1973, Hogan joined the Shriners, following a special day for his children at a Shriner Circus in Savannah, Ga.

"I asked for a ticket for two girls, a boy and two adults," he said of that day.

"The Shriner said 'That's two adults and two children.' He wouldn't let me buy a ticket for my youngest daughter, who didn't have an arm. It had been amputated because of a cancer that eats muscle tissue. I thought I'd like to be one of those Shriners so I could help kids. I've been one ever since."

Hogan retired from the Army in April 1982 following a stint at Redstone Arsenal, where he worked with the readiness group to train National Guardsmen and Reservists in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. He then worked as a contractor on the Arsenal refurbishing furniture

until his retirement in 1998.

Today, as public relations director for the Cahaba Shriners, Hogan works to raise money for children with burn injuries or orthopedic problems who receive free medical care at any of 22 hospitals it sponsors. There are 1,600 Shriners in North Alabama. He is also active with the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition and several other organizations, and cares for his wife, Mary, who suffers from multiple sclerosis.

When he greets returning Soldiers from Iraq or Afghanistan, Hogan has one hope for them – that they can live a long, happy life while being at peace with the memories of their own war.

"I hope they can readjust knowing they'll never be the same," he said. "I hope they can accept readjustment and I hope society can help them readjust. I hope they readjust and have a good life."

Much of that readjustment to American life is a mental struggle, he said. And that struggle is made better or worse by the reaction Soldiers receive from family, friends and society on their return from the battlefield.

"Soldiers have to have support and they have to feel they can contribute to society," Hogan said. "They have to be gainfully employed so they can feel their worth. No Soldier wants to sit at home and feel they are not supporting their family like they should."

He hopes every Soldier's family welcomes him as he was welcomed home by his own family all those years ago.

"Welcome them home with open arms," Hogan said. "Do whatever you can to get them back to where they want to be. They are going to need some help."

Editor's note: This year marked the 40th year of the Spirit of America Festival, which was originally founded to counter the anti-Vietnam demonstrations during the 1960s. Past recipients of the Audie Murphy Patriotism Award include Vietnam Prisoner of War Charles J. Plumb, Brig. Gen. Hallett D. Edson, Gen. Omar Bradley, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, U.S. Sen. James C. Allen, U.S. Sen. John Sparkman, U.S. astronaut John Young, Olympic track star Jesse Owens, entertainer Johnny Cash, U.S. Rep. Bob Jones, Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Vietnam veteran U.S. Sen. Jeremiah A. Denton, U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond, Iranian hostage Charles C. Scott, actor Gerald McRaney, U.S. Adm. Donald Whitmire, the New York City police and fire departments following 9/11 and the Tuskegee Airmen.

Cat in hat brings smiles to center



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WAITING WITH ANTICIPATION— Four-year-olds Noah Smith, Kai Story and Lastassja “Cici” Franklin wait quietly for the “Cat” from “The Cat in the Hat” to read them his Dr. Seuss favorite story.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

THINGS TO REMEMBER— Thing 2 (Lindsey Franklin) reaches out to make some new friends while visiting the Child Development Center. She was joined during the special visit by Thing 1 (Katie Best) and the Cat in the Hat (Will Cooper).

Dr. Seuss character purrs through tale for youngsters

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It didn't take much coaxing for a group of 3- and 4-year-olds at the Child Development Center to shout out the names of their special guests.

After all, everyone knows who the Cat in the Hat is.

And with him during a recent special storytelling time were two of his closest friends – Thing One and Thing Two.

The Dr. Seuss characters (a.k.a. Will Cooper, Lindsey Franklin and Katie Best) were in full costume to share the Cat's favorite Dr. Seuss story with the children.

And his favorite story is? “The Cat in the Hat,” of course.

During their visit, the Cat and Thing 1 and Thing 2 also invited the children to a production of “Seussical the Musical,” a musical that weaves elements and characters from 15 Dr. Seuss stories into a magical tale with lots of twists and turns. CDC children will be seeing the show for free during one of two children's productions on Aug. 3 and 4.

The show, produced by the Huntsville Community Chorus Association, is enjoyable for children of all ages. It will be presented July 28 and 29, and Aug. 3-5 at 7:30 p.m., and July 29 and 30, and Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Children's tickets to the two children's shows on Aug. 3 and 4 are \$5 each. The children's shows have been made possible by a grant from the Alabama Council for the Arts and the Corporation for National and Community Service. For more information, call 533-6606 or e-mail tickets@thechorus.org.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

JUST VISITING— Characters from “The Cat in the Hat” visit the Child Development Center children during story time to invite them to the production of “Seussical the Musical,” which will be staged at the Von Braun Center on July 28 and 29, and Aug. 3-5 at 7:30 p.m., and July 29 and 30, and Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Two productions just for children have been scheduled for Aug. 3 and 4 at 9 a.m.



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ENJOYING THE CAT'S STORY— CDC teacher Tonya Koch sits with three of her charges during story time with “Cat” from Dr. Seuss' “The Cat in the Hat.” They are, from left, 4-year-olds Kaitlyn Fuller and Rebecca Koch, and 3-year-old Aaliyah McMillan.



Photo by Kari Hawkins
STORY TIME— The Cat in the Hat, a.k.a. Will Cooper, reads his favorite Dr. Seuss story to children at the Child Development Center. Making the special guest appearance with him are Thing 1 (Katie Best) and Thing 2 (Lindsey Franklin).

Wounded troop hopes run with Bush inspires others

Soldier lost both legs in Iraq last year

By **DONNA MILES**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Bush kept his promise to a wounded Soldier June 27, jogging around the White House running track alongside Staff Sgt. Christian Bagge, who ran with his new prosthetic running legs.

The president and Bagge, who sported his PT uniform with “Army” emblazoned across his chest, hit the track in a light afternoon drizzle.

In doing so, Bush kept a promise he made to Bagge at his bedside while visiting him and other wounded troops undergoing treatment at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio on New Year’s Day.

Bagge was serving with the Oregon National Guard’s 116th Brigade Combat Team when he lost both legs near Kirkuk, Iraq, in June 2005.

Bush told reporters June 27 he was inspired and a bit surprised by Bagge’s request. “He said, ‘I want to run with you,’” the president told reporters on the White House South Lawn. “I looked at him ... (and thought), ‘There’s an optimistic person.’ But I could tell in his eyes that he meant it.”

Bush immediately agreed to the request, and Bagge told American Forces Press Service June 28 it helped him set a goal for his recovery. “There’s no bigger thing to aspire to than to run with the president,” he said. “In the military, you can’t get any higher than that.”

The president said June 27 that he was impressed with Bagge’s progress. “It’s an amazing sight for me to be running with a guy who, the last time I saw him ... I was wondering whether or not he’d ever get out of bed,” he said. “But there was no doubt in his mind that he would.”

The pair disagreed on who’s the better runner between them.

“After a lot of hard work and a lot of compassionate care, this fine man is here

on the South Lawn running with the president,” Bush said. “And he ran the president into the ground, I might add!”

Bagge said June 28 it was he, not the president, who was sucking more air June 27.

“He’s in great shape,” Bagge said of Bush on CNN. “I was sweating pretty good, but he wasn’t hurting at all.”

The Soldier declined to say during his CNN interview exactly what he and the president talked about during the run, calling it, “just chit-chatting.”

“We talked about what I’ve been through and where I want to go,” he said. “No big issues.”

Bush praised Bagge on June 27 for his commitment to his country and his recovery. “I’m proud of you. I’m proud of your strength, proud of your character,” he said. “Thank you for your service.”

At that point, Bush excused himself and Bagge from the reporters who surrounded them. “We’re not through running yet,” the president said. Then he jokingly added, “Get out of the way!”

Bagge called his run with the president “extremely motivating” and said he hopes it inspires other wounded troops and reminds the American public about the sacrifices being made for them.

The American people hear about troops killed in the war on terror “but never hear about the wounded,” Bagge said on CNN. “(Wounded troops’) lives are forever changed,” he said. “It really is a lifelong struggle.”

Bagge said he hopes the run sends a message to other wounded troops. “I see a lot of guys who are depressed,” he told American Forces Press Service. “Hopefully they can look at me and say, ‘If he did it, I can do it as well.’”

He called his White House visit “a great opportunity to be an inspiration to them and to remind the American people about the cost of freedom.”

Bagge isn’t the first wounded troop Bush has joined on the White House running track. He ran with Staff Sgt. Michael McNaughton, a Louisiana National Guardsman, in April 2004.



Photo by William D. Moss

INVIGORATING— Staff Sgt. Christian Bagge, who lost both legs in Iraq last year when an improvised explosive device hit his Humvee, runs with President Bush on the South Lawn of the White House, June 27.

Apache modernization under new leadership

Helicopter charter changes hands

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In keeping with the summer of transition, Lt. Col. Kerry Brunson assumed the product manager position for Apache modernization/recapitalization within the Apache Attack Helicopter Project Office from Lt. Col. Tony Potts in a ceremony Friday at Bob Jones Auditorium.

“The change of charter is one of the most significant events in the life of a program,” Col. Derek Paquette, Apache project manager, said. “More importantly it’s an even more significant event in the career of these two officers.”

The change of charter was especially significant to Paquette who had been Potts’ predecessor in the Apache MOD/RECAP office. “I can honestly and humbly say that he’s taken this program to a level that I never envisioned back in 2003,” Paquette said. “Under his superior leadership the modernization program has been a critical con-



Photo by Kim Henry

MEET AND GREET— Lt. Col. Kerry Brunson accepts congratulations after becoming the Apache modernization/recapitalization product manager.

tributor to the Global War on Terror today. Because of his personal efforts and the efforts of his team the Apache is more lethal, more sustainable and

more survivable than at any time in its history.”

The product office achieved many successes under Potts’ leadership, some of which

include the acceleration of the installation of Common Missile Warning Systems on Apaches, the improvement of the Apache recapitalization program’s baseline, oversight of proper configuration of every deployed Apache aircraft, and working with the Reset project office to ensure that aircraft were rapidly overhauled and returned to Soldiers in preparation for their next deployment.

Paquette said Potts was a huge contributor to the Apache’s successes. “I could never present him with a problem or an issue that he didn’t already have a plan and solution for,” he said.

During the ceremony Potts received the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Order of St. Michael. Potts, his wife Jennifer and his two children Taylor and Cynthia will move to Carlisle Barracks, Pa., where he will attend the Army War College.

Potts thanked those groups that helped make the product office a success as well as personally thanking members of the Apache MOD/RECAP team.

“You never got the publicity that comes with some of the marquee programs, but you shined nonetheless,” Potts said. “Earlier you got to listen to a

short list of some of your accomplishments. If you had accomplished this over a six-year period I think it would have been remarkable, but you did it all in three years and you were absolutely amazing.”

Potts welcomed Brunson, his wife Holly and their two daughters Jacqueline and Jordan to the product office. “To both Kerry and Holly, the Army has entrusted you with this command, but I am entrusting you with my second family. Lead them well and they will surpass every expectation that you have of them,” Potts said.

Brunson served as the Integrated Systems Test Division chief for the Aviation Technical Test Center at Fort Rucker from 2002-05 when he came to Redstone Arsenal to stand up the Redstone Test Directorate of ATTC. Brunson said he would humbly accept the job as the product manager of the Apache MOD/RECAP office.

“Our war fighters are the reason I am here today,” he said. “For the next three years I see them as my number one priority. I never want to lose sight of this because in the end to me that is what Army acquisition is all about.”

Web site alerts users on VA data loss

WASHINGTON – The Army has activated a secure web site, <https://ID-Theft.army.mil>, enabling current and former servicemembers to determine if their personal information was potentially compromised as a result of a data loss from the Department of Veteran’s Affairs on May 3.

The data loss included names, Social Security numbers and dates of birth of as many as 20 million veterans, to include active and Reserve members.

“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,”

said Army chief of staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston in a joint message to Soldiers.

For a valid response to queries done at the new web site, users should enter all requested information in the format specified. Anyone identified as having had their personal information compromised will be linked to the VA web site, which lists steps for protection from identity theft. For more information on identity theft protection, go to DoD’s Military One Source at www.militaryonesource.com or call (800) 342-9647. (Army News Service)

Raven flies for post security surveillance

Provost Marshal Office adds unmanned aircraft system

By **TARAH HOLLINGSWORTH**
For the Rocket

For more than two years, the Army's small unmanned aircraft system, known as the Raven, has provided commanders enhanced situational awareness and invaluable intelligence throughout Iraq and Afghanistan. Soldiers have routinely used the Raven UAS at the tactical level for reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition to receive real time data in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operations Enduring Freedom, which has significantly contributed to force protection, tactical planning, future operations and the tracking of high value targets.

The success of the Raven UAS in combat has created interest across several military installations as an affordable tool for domestic security operations, man-made and natural disasters, and to deter criminal activity. Most importantly, the Raven UAS provides situational awareness for leaders and emergency responders. Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., has already used the Army's Raven for perimeter security for their missile launches, protests and a serious car collision.

Redstone Arsenal is the first Army installation to reap the benefits of the Raven UAS. Its day and night (infrared) camera, portable ground control unit, and remote video terminal have proven valuable when a quick response is needed. Through coordination with the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office, Redstone Arsenal's Directorate of Emergency Services, and Garrison, training on the Raven is under way at Redstone Arsenal this week.

Members of the Special Reaction Team, Police Patrol and the Garrison Operations Center are part of the initial training. The operators will earn their Operator's Certificate while learning about system functionality, emergency



Photo by Tarah Hollingsworth

PREFLIGHT— Special Reaction Team operators Andrew Dunn, left, and Michael Hespe inspect the Raven unmanned aircraft.

procedures and airspace de-confliction to ensure safe operations.

"We plan to enhance our ability to not only detect any unauthorized entry onto Redstone Arsenal, but to actually use the Raven during local events on post, such as the concert and Oktoberfest," Capt. Roger Triplett, assistant operations officer for Directorate of Emergency Services, said. "This system will also be used in case of a real world situation, whether it be a major accident/incident, and/or any other type of situation."

With the upcoming Carrie Underwood

concert, Redstone plans on using the Raven for security. Considering that Redstone Arsenal has seven miles of riverfront, the Raven UAS can significantly reduce man hours.

"The Raven can help barricade suspects, assist in raids, high-risk warrants, terrorist situations, VIP detail and active shooter situations," Michael Hespe, Special Reaction Team officer, Provost Marshal Office, said. "We could have used this a couple of months ago with detail and security when the secretary of the Army visited Redstone."

"Over time, I expect the Raven system will eventually support all Army garrison security operations throughout CONUS (continental U.S.)," Maj. Dave Bristol, Small UAV assistant product manager, UAS Project Office, said. "Furthermore, the Raven has been successfully employed by several federal and state agencies and it will undoubtedly serve as an invaluable asset for homeland security and national emergency operations in the near future."

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Club caters to taste for fine dining

Officers and Civilians Club aims to please with service

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There are a lot of amenities that keep Col. Glenn Williams coming back as a regular customer of the Officers and Civilians Club.

Service, price, atmosphere and convenience all factor into his decision to lunch at the club at least three times a week and then to return in the evenings frequently to enjoy dining at Soldatenstube. But more than anything else, the thing that keeps bringing him back are the meals served by the club's staff.

"The food is very high quality," Williams said. "I can't think of another place that offers food as good as you can get here. I try to make the most of what's available to me and this is among the very best."

Williams is a Reservist who has been assigned to active duty on Redstone Arsenal for about two years. He works as a system manager for the Ground-Based Mid-Course Defense Office, Training and Doctrine Command. When he returns to his civilian job with NASA's Materials Research Directorate at Marshall Space Flight Center, the New Market resident will not change his luncheon habit.

"I will still be a customer at the Officers and Civilians Club when I return to NASA," Williams said.

Williams enjoys the club for both its relaxed atmosphere and its business services.

"This is a great place to go to get away from the stress of the office for a while," he said. "I see friends here a lot. I also use the club for business meetings. When my supervisor comes down from D.C. we often meet here for lunch. The staff will allow us to have a quick conference here. They offer us a lot of versatility."

Williams has also attended promotion



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SERVING UP LUNCH— Prep cook Josh Cagle passes a luncheon plate to Col. Glenn Williams during the lunch buffet at the Officers and Civilians Club. The club is one of the flagship facilities offered by Morale Welfare and Recreation. It serves a lunch buffet on Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

functions at the club as well as social gatherings.

"As far as Army bases go, this club is one of the best for its services and very high quality offerings," he said. "I've visited Officers and Civilians Clubs in Japan and throughout the Pacific Corridor, in Australia and Germany, and in the Balkans. This one rates very favorably with any other clubs I've been to."

While many of the officers, civilians and retirees who frequent the club work or live in the area, others with military connections who are visiting have no trouble finding the Officers and Civilians Club.

"This is the closest commissary and PX to our new home in Birmingham," said Elizabeth Herzig, who recently ate lunch at the club with her husband, retired Col. Charles Herzig.

"We weren't sure what was here so we are exploring today. The food here is good. After we're done with lunch we'll buy gas and groceries before going home."

The Officers and Civilians Club is located on Golf Course Road, sitting atop

a mountain that rises 1,100 feet above Huntsville, giving a spectacular view of the golf course and the land west of the city. It offers several meeting and banquet rooms, a ballroom, a lounge, a dining room and the Soldatenstube German Restaurant.

The club is one of several Morale Welfare and Recreation activities and facilities being promoted during the ongoing "Yes, You Can!" campaign. The club is open to all active duty, National Guard and Reserve; Redstone/NASA civilians and contractor employees; military, civilian and contractor retirees; and their families during the lunch hour. In the evenings, diners must be members of the club, with the exception of those dining at Soldatenstube.

Members and visitors alike at the Officers and Civilians Club praise the meals served by its staff. Lunch and dinner fare as well as all catering activities are overseen by Chef James Skelton, who has about 43 years of experience in the kitchen, with about 30 of those years

working as a chef for Hilton hotels throughout the nation.

Skelton, who served in the Navy as a young man, first came to Huntsville in the early 1990s as the chef for the Huntsville Hilton. After working there about six years, he took a position at Valley Hill County Club, where he worked for about five years before coming on post as the club's chef about three years ago.

"In this business, after five years in one place you're ready to move on," he said. "Hopefully, you move on to a better place. I've opened many hotel kitchens all around the country. I've traveled as a chef and lived life as a chef. Hopefully, this is my last stop."

One reason chefs move around a lot, Skelton said, is to learn how to prepare foods from different parts of the country and from different cultures.

"Because of my work in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and all along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, I specialize in French Cajun foods," he said.

"Here, we're mostly German foods. It's been a challenge. But, being a chef is an ever-changing challenge. If you get to where you are satisfied, you didn't set your goals high enough."

Skelton has the support of two cooks, a banquet cook and a night sus chef in the kitchen among other staff.

"We do any kind of food," he said. "Whatever the customer asks for, we can do."

While German specialties are now part of Skelton's kitchen repertoire, he is making plans for an upcoming Ragin' Cajun Louisiana-style crawfish boil on Aug. 25.

"Over the years, I've entered several competitions in Louisiana with my French Cajun food, and I've won a few first places," Skelton said. "I would like to share those foods with my customers here."

Skelton has enjoyed the challenge of working in an Army facility.

"It's an ever-changing environment," he said. "We have a lot of spur-of-the-moment changes that we have to be able to manage. We work with the restaurant side of the business and the catering side, all at the same time."

He works with his six-member kitchen staff not only to prepare the best-tasting food possible, but to also present it in an eye-pleasing way.

"You can make the best food in the world and if you don't present it right then it's a flop," Skelton said.

The kitchen staff is well-trained to handle banquets of more than 500 in the club's ballroom.

"We are a small, but dedicated staff," Skelton said. "There are days when we feed well over 600 or 700 people at lunch and dinner banquets plus our lunch buffets and fine dining. Some weeks we will go 14 or 16 days straight with banquets. We never say we can't do it, but we say how are we going to do it."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

A CHEF'S TOUCH— Chef James Skelton cleans chicken that will be prepared for a luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Club's special selections

Specials at the Officers and Civilians Club include the following:

Buffet lunch, Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — \$5.95.

Friday night special — Surf and Turf with choice of New York strip or rib eye, shrimp, baked potato, roll, soup and salad bar, \$14.95 per person.

Saturday night special — Prime rib, baked potato, roll, soup and salad bar, \$14.95 per person.

Champagne and sparkling wines (by the bottle) — \$7.95.

When heat is on, call on Huntsville Center

Fort Bragg asks local engineers to fix faulty air conditioning

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It was so hot in the Post Exchange at Fort Bragg, N.C., in April that people were actually passing out. To get the problem with the chiller fixed fast, Fort Bragg's Directorate of Public Works called the Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville.

"I got a 6-BOSS call – a complaint that goes directly into the commanding general's office," said Derrick McRae, the project manager and mechanical engineer with the Fort Bragg Directorate of Public Works. "We already had a contract with the Huntsville Center. We did all the work within a week's time frame. There is no other way I could have gotten the work done. I can call Huntsville Center and they get the work done very, very quickly."

Ken Arrington, a project manager in the Huntsville Center's Project Management Directorate said one of the more interesting projects completed at Fort Bragg involved a fast track project to rid barracks of mold and upgrade the HVAC controls before Soldiers returned from Iraq. Huntsville Center received the task order in March. One of the buildings is complete and troops have moved in. The other building is nearly complete.

Mold in control

"We had mold in two of the buildings and it was due to a faulty HVAC (heating,

ventilation and air conditioning) system," Arrington said. "It didn't need mold remediation, just some bleach to clean it out. We had our contractor – Johnson Controls – go in and remove the mold and upgrade the controls in the HVAC units. They had about two months to do that. They got it to the point where it was safe to house the troops – get them out of a hotel and into the barracks.

"The commander there was very impressed with the speed with which we were able to get that work done," Arrington said. "All the Fort Bragg work is going well, and Huntsville Center will continue to ensure it provides quality and timely service. Taking care of Soldiers and their families is our number one priority."

"There is no way in the world we could have gotten that work done by a local contractor," McRae said.

The \$8 million worth of work being done at Fort Bragg involves upgrading the controls to the outdated HVAC system and emergency repair work on valves and pumps.

Huntsville Center is home to the Army Corps of Engineer's Mandatory Center of Expertise for Utility Monitoring and Control Systems.

Electronic equipment

"We are renovating and modernizing the control systems at Fort Bragg," said Donnie Lambert, the project engineer. "We are converting them from old pneumatic and some analog systems to direct digital controls.

"The first project there was an existing Johnson Controls System from a previous

contract," he said. "We put in new controls on variable air volume boxes and air handlers. And after tying that into the server, Fort Bragg could monitor the equipment and see the display values like temperature values, humidity values and damper positions. All the normal HVAC sequences could be monitored from a local station."

From that start the work expanded. "Today we are putting in nothing but electronic equipment," Lambert said. "This will reduce maintenance, increase reliability and will provide more information back to the central server. It's state-of-the-art equipment that is compatible with the existing HVAC system.

"Two of the barracks buildings are probably 95 percent complete, but in that case, we have decided the goal was to provide temperature control and modernize the HVAC system.

"We installed a dedicated outside air unit," Lambert said. "We are the first to use this approach at Fort Bragg. It was recently reviewed by the Construction Engineering Research Lab and they said the renovation under way at those barracks was excellent. The newly installed HVAC would provide both humidity and temperature control and help reduce mold."

Satisfied customers

Lambert said security is sometimes a challenge.

"Some of the headquarters buildings require escort," he said. "Some require working after hours and nights. One of the things that we have to be careful of is taking

into account existing energy savings that are in place at Fort Bragg. We do not want to do anything that will impact that existing contract.

"My job has been a lot easier because of the group at Fort Bragg. Derrick McRae, the project manager at Fort Bragg, the contracting officer representative David Taylor did an excellent job of reviewing the contract and keeping me abreast of changes. They have a new mechanical engineer, Russ Hayes – they call him the mechanical champion at Fort Bragg. He is new and he is focused on correcting some of these deficiencies. He has really been motivated to get a handle on all the issues," Lambert said.

"I am very satisfied with the work being done by the Huntsville Center," McRae said. "The customers here are very satisfied – you are providing them with heating and air conditioning controls. It's not that hot here today – but it will soon be 90 degrees."

McRae said the centralized monitoring system also will help Fort Bragg cut costs.

"We spend \$40 million a year on electricity at Fort Bragg," McRae said. "Right now a lot of these buildings have systems that operate in two modes: on and off. That is not very energy efficient. These systems will help us become more energy efficient.

"The fast action I have gotten by sending the money to Huntsville to get the work done has been amazing. I wish I had more money to send to Huntsville so that I could execute more task orders," McRae said. "I wish the Huntsville Center UMCS team was solely dedicated to Fort Bragg."

Two Soldiers qualify for NATO Chess Championships

By TIM HIPPS
Army News Service

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Two Soldiers earned berths in the NATO Chess Championships by virtue of their top-six finishes in the 2006 Inter-Service Chess Championships June 12-15 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

Reigning All-Army chess champion 2nd Lt. Arthur Macaspac of Fort Hood, Texas, and Lt. Col. David Hater of Fort McPherson, Ga., placed fourth and fifth respectively. They qualified to compete in the 17th annual NATO Chess Championships scheduled Aug. 20-26 at Wellington College in Crowthorne, England.

Hater is scheduled to make his eighth appearance in the NATO Championships.

"It's probably the highest level of competition I've ever been able to play in," said Hater, 40, who has competed at NATO tournaments in Norway, Denmark, France, England, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. "In the Netherlands in 2004, I actually achieved a World Chess Federation rating for the first time. Even though I'm one of the best players in the Army, I normally finish in the middle of the field in NATO."

The Army placed more than one representative on the U.S. military team for the NATO Championships for the first time since 2001 when Sgt. Rudy Tia Jr., Spc. Joseph Kruml and Staff Sgt. Charles Costales swept the top three spots at the Inter-Service Championships.

Master Sgt. Andre Hortillosa of Fort Polk, La., finished 15th in the seven-round Swiss tourna-



YOUR MOVE— Master Sgt. Andre Hortillosa (seated) is surrounded by competitors at the 2006 All-Army Chess Championships at Fort Myer, Va. Hortillosa finished 15th in the 2006 Inter-Service Chess Championships June 12-15 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

Photo by Tim Hipps

ment waged between six-man teams from the Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. A 10-time member of the All-Army chess team, Hortillosa, 44, competed in six NATO Championships. He plans to retire from the Army next June.

Air Force won the Inter-Service team title with 26.5 points, followed by Navy (20.5), Marine Corps (18) and short-handed Army (12). Because of budget restraints, the Army did not field a full team, said Kris D'Alessandro, recreation center program manager at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Cen-

ter in Alexandria, Va.

After serving nearly a decade in the Navy without getting to play in the Inter-Service Chess Championships, Macaspac, 32, wasn't about to be denied this opportunity.

"When I was active duty back in 1994 until '98, there was no funding for the Navy so I didn't have a chance to play," he said. "When I got out and joined the Reserves, they said I couldn't play because I was in the Reserves. That's why I'm so grateful now to qualify to play NATO."

Navy Personnelman 1st Class

Narciso Victoria won the Inter-Service individual crown for the third consecutive year. Stationed at Naval Support Activity in Philadelphia, Victoria is a master-rated player with a U.S. Chess Federation rating of 2,202. His only loss in the tourney was a first-round setback at the hands of 11th-place finisher Master Gunnery Sgt. James Adkins of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

Air Force Master Sgt. Dan Ranario of Pope Air Force Base, N.C., finished second, followed by teammate Staff Sgt. Robert Bucholtz of Schriever Air Force

Base, Colo.

Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sgt. Dwaine Roberts, who finished ninth, completed the U.S. military team for the NATO Championships. The top finisher from each branch of service earns a spot on Team USA.

Hater said this is one of the strongest U.S. teams in recent memory.

"I think we actually have a chance of winning a medal with one master and five experts (based on USCF ratings) on the team this year," he said. "To the best of my knowledge, we haven't had six experts or better in quite some time. A bronze (team medal) is a very realistic goal. If we could somehow get silver, I would be ecstatic."

Germany, which has a military chess program similar to the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, is a powerhouse in NATO chess. Since 1989, the Germans have won the tournament 12 times with second- and fourth-place finishes to boot. There was no NATO tourney in 1993, and the Germans skipped the event in 1996.

Although the odds are stacked against Team USA winning the NATO championship, Hater said Soldiers relish competing at the pinnacle of military chess.

"It's a tremendous honor any time you get to represent your country in anything," he said. "We get to meet other Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines from other countries. We establish friendships with them and I think that's important, too."

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Hosting banquets takes a lot of pre-planning, he said, with a lot of preparation taking place the day before an event.

"A good chef reacts to the problem. A great chef anticipates the problem," Skelton said.

"You go over all the scenarios of what could go wrong, of what might go wrong, and then you make plans in anticipation of those scenarios. This job requires a lot of teamwork. I love it when it all comes together."

Adding the German restaurant Soldatenstube to the club recently has attracted more dining business.

"It's helping our sales," he said. "It's

more than supporting itself. Our lunch business has really picked up, even in the summer, which is usually the slow season."

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Anyone on the Arsenal can visit the club for its lunch buffets, which range in price from \$3 for a small salad to \$5 for a large salad and \$5.95 for the entrée buffet. But only the club's 1,900 members have access to the club at night and to private party functions. Members can join the club for \$18 a month.

Besides its lunch buffet served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays,

the club serves German cuisine Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9. On Friday nights, it serves its Surf and Turf special. On Saturday nights, it serves its Prime Rib special. Members can also order any item from the dining room's menu.

The Soldatenstube is open to the entire Arsenal community both during its lunch and dinner hours. It is open for lunch on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and for dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The family-style evening dinners include such German favorites as schnitzel, knockwurst, smoked pork chops, sauerbraten, sauerkraut, red cabbage and German fried potatoes.

The club also offers special member events, such as Friday night social hours and a quarterly birthday night gala that features the band Sentimental Journey and free tickets to those celebrating their birthday during the quarter. The next birthday night gala is scheduled Aug. 24.

In addition, the club offers barbershop services for its members at a cost of only \$4 for a haircut. The barbershop is open to members by appointment Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The club's manager, retired chief warrant officer Bob Howell, is a three-time winner of the Carroll Award for Excellence in Army Club Management. Robert Schumann is the assistant manager.

For more information or to make reservations at the Officers and Civilians Club, call 830-2582. For catering information, call 830-9227 or 842-0449.

 **Sports & Recreation**

Boating safety

The Huntsville Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, a nationwide non-profit boating safety organization, will present a two-day "Boat Smart" course to anyone age 12 and up July 15 and July 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days in the Extreme Marine building at Riverwalk Marina in Decatur. The course is free. Optional study guide is \$20. The course includes Alabama laws, safe boating, docking/undocking, trailering, knots and lines, and more. Graduates receive a certificate qualifying them for "V" on Alabama driver's license. Free refreshments. Call Daryl 721-7599 to sign up.

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.

Youth soccer

Youth Sports is registering youth ages 5-13 for youth soccer through Aug. 4. The registration cost is \$45 plus \$18 CYS central registration fee if not already paid. Registration includes uniform. A copy of the child's birth certificate and a current sport physical is required at the time of registration. Call 313-3699 for more information.

Junior golf program

The Junior Golf Program is for ages 7-17, at 2 p.m. biweekly on Saturdays through Sept. 16 at The Links at Redstone. The cost is \$5, per child, per clinic, to be paid on the date of the clinic. Clinic dates are July 22, Aug. 5, Aug. 19, Sept. 2 and Sept. 16. And Sept. 16 will be the Junior Golf

Club Championship. No registration is required for biweekly clinics. For more information, call 883-7977.

Golf classic

The Basketball Boosters of Johnson High School will have its inaugural Golf Classic on Aug. 11 with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. at Colonial Golf Course. This is a four-man-Scramble format, and individuals are welcome to sign up. Cost is \$75 per golfer. Gift certificates from Colonial Golf Course will be awarded to winners. For more information call Wallace D. Steele 852-5158 or 682-0254, Jeffrey Garner 851-8095 or Dawn Lanier 656-8989.

Benefit tournament

The second annual Jimmy McDonald Memorial Golf Tournament is Aug. 7 at Hampton Cover Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail "Highlands Course." This event is sponsored by Huntsville West Kiwanis with proceeds to benefit ALS Association (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and other Kiwanis projects in Madison County. Call Brian Jones 650-4042 or Jon Peters 228-0230 for more information.

Soccer camp

The Madison Soccer Club is conducting a soccer camp July 24-28 for boys and girls age 7-15. The camp will be held in Madison at Dublin Park from 8 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$95. For more information, or to register, visit the web site www.madisonsc.org.

Vipers football

Tennessee Valley Vipers will entertain South Georgia Wildcats on "Military Appreciation Night," Saturday 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.

 **Conferences & Meetings**

Toastmasters

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

Enlisted spouses

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

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.

Civil War round table

"Pillows Raid," a talk about the Confederate raid to cut the railroad lines supplying Gen. Sherman's Atlanta campaign will be presented by Morris Penny for the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St., north entrance. Penny is a frequent speaker on Civil War topics and co-author of a book on Law's Alabama Brigade. The meeting is free; and visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. For more information, call 858-6191.

Engineer society

The July meeting of the Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers is July 18 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and the meeting starts at 11:30. The spotlight firm for this meeting is KAYA and the keynote speaker will be from the Corps' Range and Training Lands Program. The lunch will be a buffet and costs \$9 per person, payable at the door by cash or check only. "If you plan to attend, we need you to make a reservation so we can have a proper head-count and we can ensure you are on the access list," a prepared release said. Call Amber Martin 895-1834 today.

Space and missile defense

The ninth annual Space and Missile Defense Conference and Exhibition will be held Aug. 14-17 at the Von Braun Center. The theme for this year's event is "Global Missions ... Meeting the Challenge." For more information, call Giselle Bodin 955-3889 or John Cummings 955-1641.

Management institute

The Project Management Institute North Alabama Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 18 at the Beville Center on the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus, 550 Sparkman Drive. Dr. Jay Billings, Defense Systems Management Corporation, is scheduled speaker. The cost is \$20. RSVP by 5 p.m. Friday at www.northalabamapmi.org.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold

its informal monthly breakfast July 22 at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. The chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting July 26 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Joe Massaneli, Wal-Mart Superstore director, is scheduled speaker. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows, are invited. For more information, call retired Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

Industrial security pros

The Society of Industrial Security Professionals will meet July 20 at the Sheraton Four Points Airport Hotel. Registration begins at 11 a.m., lunch at 11:30 and the meeting at noon. Cost is \$11; and the meeting is open to non-members. Parking will be validated by the hotel for those parking in the hotel lot. Ron Hackett of SRS Technologies is to speak about the dangers of hidden data and metadata in electronic documents. Reservations and cancellations are required by noon July 18. For reservations call 704-9250 or e-mail barbara.jacobs@syc-h.com.

Business professionals

Business Expo 2006 is set for Aug. 22 at the Von Braun Center South Hall. The kickoff lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with nationally-renowned speaker Lou Heckler describing how to provide outstanding customer service. Exhibits open at 1 p.m. and will conclude at 6. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County 535-2000 or visit www.huntsvillealabamama.com.

 **Miscellaneous**

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers,

logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. 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,

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.

TOW system reunion

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

American Idol singer

Carrie Underwood, the 2005 American Idol winner, along with special guest Josh Turner, are coming to Redstone Arsenal July 21. Tickets can be purchased at the Post Exchange, ITR, Officers and Civilians Club, Sparkman Cafeteria, Outdoor Recreation, Hotel Redstone, www.ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster locations. Cost is \$18 for general admission

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

Voting booth

PX customer Doris Elkins, wife of retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Harold Elkins of Huntsville, visits a voter assistance booth Thursday at the Post Exchange. Seated are Randy and Lynda Hairston, chairman of the Madison County Board of Registrars. August is Army Voter Registration Month.

tickets through July 20. On the night of the concert, Redstone employees should use any gate other than Gate 10 (Patton Road); they will be routed to the concert venue. Gate 10 will open at 4 p.m. for motorists without decals or badges. Non-Redstone concertgoers should have valid driver's licenses, registration and proof of insurance. 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), Friday 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.

Post Exchange news

The PX will host a representative from the VitaMix Corporation July 13-17. Stop by and see a demonstration of the Total Nutrition Center for healthy-living food choices. ... 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.

Six Flags salute

Six Flags Over Georgia will offer a day of family fun at a discounted package price to all Redstone Arsenal Soldiers, employees and families during the Salute to Team Redstone Day on July 15. For \$35 a ticket, patrons from Redstone Arsenal will receive free parking, access to the park from open to close, an all-you-can-eat dinner in a private pavilion with Six Flags characters and a chance to win door prizes. The first 50 people who sign up for Salute to Team Redstone Day will receive a free Six Flags T-shirt. In addition, White Water tickets may be purchased as part of this special offer for an additional \$10 each. MWR's ITR is providing bus transportation for this event at a total cost of \$65. For tickets or more information, call 876-4531 or stop by the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 at the corner of Aerobee and Patton roads.

Heroes display

As the war in Iraq and Afghanistan continues, Team Redstone wants to continue to recognize the Soldiers serving this country. The Tradition of Heroes displays in building 5300 of the Sparkman Center and Garrison headquarters building 4488 serve that very purpose. If you would like to recognize a Soldier who has served or

is currently serving in OIF or OEF by having his or her picture placed on the Tradition of Heroes display, call Julie Frederick 955-9174 or by e-mail julie.a.frederick@us.army.mil.

Logistics engineers

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE is conducting a course in Logistics to prepare logisticians for the November Certified Professional Logistician exam. The first session of the course will be held at 5 p.m. July 17 at CAS Inc. on Old Madison Pike. Classes are held each Monday evening and will run for 14 weeks. For information call Mike Osborne 842-2247.

MWR auction

Morale Welfare and Recreation is hosting a summer-long eBay auction. For more information or to see items, visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Youth reading

The summer reading program is an activity sponsored by Child and Youth Services and supported by the Huntsville City School System. The goal of the program is to provide students with the opportunity to read and receive recognition for their reading accomplishments while they are on summer break. The summer reading program is the precursor to the Parent Principal Night that scheduled July 27. For more information, call 876-7801 or 876-3704.

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Courtesy photo

Paper view

The International Military Student Office took three international students and six family members to The Huntsville Times for a tour of the newspaper Thursday. From left are Jordanian Master Sgt. Zaid Al-Trodi, Taiwanese Staff Sgt. Pei-Chen Wu and Bulgarian Maj. Metodi Metodiev. Family members were from Korea. Students and family members had an opportunity to see how a local newspaper is made and to see the presses printing the paper.

Charity invitation

The Huntsville-Madison County Hospitality Association is seeking proposals from local charities interested in being the recipient of proceeds from the upcoming Taste of Huntsville. The recipient of proceeds for the past two years, United Cerebral Palsy, has received a total of \$20,000 from the October event. The charity is required to assist with ticket sales and publicity. The Taste of Huntsville will be held Oct. 19 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. The deadline for submitting proposals to the Huntsville-Madison County Hospitality Association is July 19. For information on submitting a proposal for consideration, e-mail Cynthia Harmon charmon@huntsville.org or call 551-2230.

Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is now registering for the fall term, Aug. 7 to Oct. 8. Classes offered include Aviation/Aerospace Psychology; Theory and Application of Managerial Communication; Macroeconomics; Business Statistics; and System Safety Management. The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels in Aviation/Aerospace and Management fields; as well as certificate programs in Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Industrial Management, Occupational Safety and Health, Aviation Safety, Space Studies, and coming soon - Project Management. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses. Deadline to register is Aug. 4. Call 876-9763, visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222; the web site at <http://www.erau.edu/huntsville>; or e-mail the center at huntsville.center@erau.edu for more information. Appointments may also be made to receive a free unofficial evaluation of transfer credit/credit for prior military service.

Master's in management

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is now offering a Master of Science in Management program on Redstone Arsenal. Students applying for admission to the Master of Science in Management may choose from specializations in Management of Integrated Logistics; Aviation/Aerospace Industrial Management; and a General Management Option. Courses are offered in nine-week terms and are available online as well. For more information visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222, or the web site at <http://www.erau.edu/huntsville>.

Dance classes

The Diane Campbell Recreation Center is registering couples for Fox Trot and Rumba Classes now through Aug. 1. The registration fee is \$66. Classes will be held Thursdays, Aug. 3 through Sept. 7 from 7:30-9 p.m. For more information, call 876-4531.

Veteran interviews

Recently discharged veterans can earn \$50 in one hour by answering questions about their experiences since leaving the service. Abt Associates seeks volunteers to help test a questionnaire for a Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs study. The company would like to talk to veterans who were discharged between Dec. 1, 2005 and April 31, 2006. Interviews last about one hour and are held during the day or early evening in Huntsville. Volunteers will be paid \$50. To volunteer call (301) 634-1718 or e-mail Allison_Ackermann@abtasoc.com. All interviews are confidential.

Calhoun registration

Calhoun Community College's pre-registration for fall 2006 begins July 13, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fall term begins Aug. 18. For more information, call 876-7431 or visit the web site www.calhoun.edu.

Campaign volunteers

Combined Federal Campaign office is looking for enthusiastic individuals with leadership and organizational abilities to

be a part of its 2006 Loaned Executive program. CFC is the federal community's single, comprehensive charity drive designed to help others in their time of need. This year's campaign will run from Oct. 9 through Nov. 16. CFC needs special people to do a special job — bright, energetic people who have the ability to get the job done successfully. You must be able to attend a one-week orientation in August and be able to volunteer up to 20 hours per week during the campaign period. If you are interested in participating in the LE program or would like more information, call the CFC office 842-1037.

Health center phones

On Sunday, July 23, Fox Army Health Center will experience a total telephone outage from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you dial the Fox number you will hear the message, "We are sorry but you have reached

a number that is disconnected or is no longer in service." The pharmacy refill number will be unavailable all day. However, to reach an Advice Nurse you may dial direct 1-877-836-0640. The telephone system will return to normal after 5 p.m. "We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our patients," a prepared release said.

Parents meet principals

Join Child and Youth Services for its Parent/Principal Night July 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Diane Campbell Recreation Center. Local school principals and administrators will be on hand to answer your questions. This event also culminates the Summer Reading Program; and students who participated in the program will be given awards. Families will have the chance to register for CYS programs. For more information, call 876-7801 or 876-3704.

**ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
 REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA**

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E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																																				
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)																																				
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																																				
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																																				
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																																				
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)																																				
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																																				
U - All U.S. citizens																																				
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																																				
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