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Worker's son interns in Israel

*Mom has faith
in his safety*

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Carolyn Wolfe was proud when her son, Nathan, was selected for an internship in Israel. She didn't know that Israel would soon be at war.

The day after he arrived in Haifa, Israel, the Hezbollah militants in Lebanon fired rockets into the city, which had always been considered safe. Things have stabilized since but the nation remains at war.

"Right now no rockets have hit where he is," said Wolfe, a human resources specialist in the Aviation and Missile Command's G-1 office. "But it's such a volatile situation. Hopefully they'll be able to engineer an end to the conflict soon."

Nathan, 23, is an intern working in the department of the secretariat at the Baha'i World Centre, located on Mt. Carmel. He graduated cum laude in May from the University of Alabama-Huntsville with a bachelor's in finance. He left for Israel July 11 on El Al Airlines.

"He got there on a Wednesday and the first rockets fell on Thursday," Wolfe said. "This was a real shock. Haifa has been an oasis of peace in Israel. This was a shock for us. The Palestinian conflict, all these years, has not affected them. Up to a million people live in Haifa — Christians, Jews, Israelis, Arabs and Baha'is — all coexisting peacefully. Then of course Hezbollah decided to fire rockets into Israel. Haifa is the third-largest major city in Israel, so this was a real surprise to Israel and to the world that Hezbollah would actually fire on a major metropolitan city."

Normally the interns, who arrive from throughout the world, receive a weeklong orientation in Haifa which involves taking them into the city. But since war erupted, this won't happen. So the interns go to work and go home each day.

"It's certainly disrupted his getting oriented to the place," Wolfe said. "But he says he's getting acclimated to the area."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FAMILY PORTRAIT— Carolyn Wolfe, a human resources specialist in the Aviation and Missile Command's G-1 office, shows an old family photo she keeps at her desk at the Sparkman Center.



Photo by Alison Wolfe

WORLD TRAVELER— Nathan Wolfe of Huntsville poses in June at the Olympic National Park near Seattle about two weeks before leaving for Haifa, Israel. He is the son of Carolyn Wolfe of AMCOM G-1.

He and three other interns are all Grissom High and UAH graduates. The others include Lucia Tyson and her sister Amelia Tyson, and another young woman, Roya Foroughi.

Carolyn and Gary Wolfe, who retired in January from Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, have Nathan and four daughters — Alison, 20, Rachel, 18, Casey, 14, and Jesse, 10.

"We're hoping to go over and visit him next summer," Wolfe said. "Hopefully by then everything will be back to normal, we hope."

She said she's surprised that she's relatively calm about her son being in Israel. "I'm really not as worried about it as I would think I would be — as long as he's OK."

"I think the people whose sons and daughters are serving in Iraq and Baghdad, their jobs put them in the middle of a combat zone. I think that would pull at your heart: Are they going to come home? Are they going to be OK? So we miss him, but we realize it could be a lot worse."

Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith, taught that mankind is one human family and that all the world's religions are in reality one common faith. Baha'is believe that only when the world understands this basic truth will it be able to achieve unity. "It is ironic that the day after Nathan arrived

in the Holy Land to serve and work for world peace, the Hezbollah rockets started landing on Israel," Wolfe said. "Rather than causing him to want to come home, the conflict has strengthened his determination to stay and work toward achieving a spiritual solution to the world's problems."

With eight hours difference in time zones, Nathan usually calls and talks to his father in the middle of the day and exchanges instant messages on computer with his sisters. Wolfe reads e-mails at night from her son, who plans to complete the two and a half year internship in Haifa. "We have faith that things will be fine," she said.

"I asked him how he's getting used to being over there, and he said as long as he doesn't think about the ocean between us, it's not so bad."

In an e-mail to his mom, Nathan wrote: "During the day all I hear are sirens and hope it's not my flat."

On a lighter note his sisters miss their big brother, but have made adjustments: Alison got his car (a Honda Accord), and Jesse got his room (she was sharing a room with Casey). "So there's advantages to this arrangement," Wolfe quipped. "I think the dog (a black Labrador) misses him the most."



Baha'i International Community photo

WORKPLACE— This is the Seat of the Universal House of Justice, Baha'i World Centre, Haifa, Israel, where intern Nathan Wolfe works.

An open lane random survey

What do you do for exercise?

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**
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Tonya Whittington
contractor
"I do gardening and working outside."



Scott Piro
contractor
"I run and lift weights at lunch."



Lonnie Trippe
contractor
"I mow grass and work in the yard."



Earl Myers
contractor
"I do stuff around the house, a lot of regular day-to-day activity. After knee surgery, I can't run anymore. I have a bicycle I ride around the neighborhood."



Quote of the week

"If you can dream anything, you can do it."
— George Foreman, boxer

Handicap parking spaces hang-up

Is there anything that can be done about people parking in handicap spaces through use of a 'hang tag' not issued to the driver or passenger?

In the handicap parking spaces in front of Sparkman building 5309, there is an individual that has admitted using the state issued hang tag belonging to her mother in order to avoid "walking so far." She parks there every day so it has become a regular routine. I recently witnessed an incident where a visibly handicapped fellow begged the lady to relinquish her spot as there were no other spots available. Her response was "Well, I'll do it this time." I felt so bad for the guy begging for the space as he is confined to a scooter and he wears a very large leg cast.

I've also seen people use these spaces during the day who later go jogging after work. I know that all physical challenges are not visible such as crutches. An individual could be suffering from cancer, loss of breathing capacity, heart problems or something similar that makes it difficult for them to get around. I'm not complaining about valid use of a tag by the individual to whom it was assigned by the state.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The Directorate

Letters to the Editor

of Emergency Services appreciates your concern regarding the 'Handicapped Parking Violations' you have observed. The DES assures you that your concerns are our concerns. We make every attempt to ensure motor vehicle and traffic compliance, which includes handicapped parking, is maintained.

In accordance with 'The Code of Alabama 1975,' Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Section 32-6-233 reads in part: 'Penalty for false representations or misuse of privileges. (a) Any person who is not an individual with a long-term or temporary disability, or who is not an owner of a vehicle primarily transporting an individual with a disability, and who willfully and falsely represents himself or herself as an individual with a long-term or temporary disability or as an owner of a vehicle primarily transporting an individual with a disability to obtain the distinctive special access or disability access license plates, or removable windshield placards, or both, prescribed by this division or Section 40-12-300, or who misuses or abuses the parking privilege protected by this division, or owns a vehicle bearing the distinctive special access or disability access license plate and is not entitled to that plate, or is using removable windshield placards and is not entitled to do

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Floored by elevator situation

Everybody knows. The employees know, the Sparkman Management Office officials know ... so why can't they fix them? What everybody knows is that if you get on an elevator in building 5308 you have a pretty good chance of being stuck between floors for a while. It's really not that rare. Every-

body knows there is a problem. Everybody knows the repairman will fix them, and fix them again next time, too. Does SMO have any plans to correct this situation? Now, that's something nobody knows.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The computer system indicates that since December 2005 (eight months) we have had a total of five elevator calls for building 5308. Our elevator mechanics indicate that only one of these calls (July 20) had people trapped between floors. We replaced the encoder on the motor the following day. This fixed the problem and we have had no reported incidents since."

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Thanks to all who helped

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals who stopped to help me at the traffic accident on Wednesday, Aug. 2 (intersection of Mills and Fowler).

As I don't know all of your names, I wanted to give my appreciation to all the witnesses who rendered assistance by staying with me, calling for help, making witness statements and especially to the gentleman who took it upon himself to chase the other vehicle involved down. It is a great feeling knowing that there are wonderful folks out there that will stop and help and get involved with situations like this.

Finally, to all the Emergency personnel who came to my assistance – thanks. The Provost Marshal Office has some wonderful, caring personnel. The police officers and firemen were nothing but professional, caring and courteous.

Wendy Mitchell

Left on side of road

I spent over 26 years in the Army and have been on many military posts. I see designated parking spaces for all kinds of people, from employee of the month to whatever. However, on every post I've been on, I have never seen a parking space for one of our combat wounded war veterans. These people have put their lives on the line in the service of our great nation but they seem to have been left on the side of the road when it comes to being recognized by their fellow servicemembers and other members of the military community.

Vernon V. Collins Jr.
retired master sergeant

Correction

A photo caption on page 1 of last week's issue misidentified one of the awards belonging to Vietnam veteran Oscar Draper, a Purple Heart recipient. He also received the Bronze Star.

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Getting to know you

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Name: Brenda Spears

Job: Integration systems analyst, Lead AMC Integration Support Office

Where do you call home?
 Birmingham

What do you like about your job?
 Being able to help the Soldiers directly by making sure they have everything that they need in the field to be able to do their job.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
 Sing, garden and hang out with my family (husband, James, and two daughters, Bernadette, 21, and Karissa, 13). I'm in a bowling league, so I enjoy doing that, too.

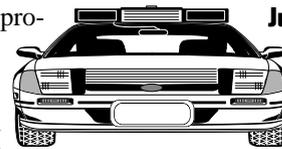
What are your goals?

To retire as a supervisor. And making sure the Soldiers get everything they need. See, I'm an old Soldier (served in the Army from 1978-81). I also want to obtain an MBA from Florida Institute of Technology here on Redstone.

What's your favorite type of music?
 Gospel

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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



July 26: An individual approached Gate 9 and was found to be operating his vehicle with a revoked driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

July 26: An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. She was issued a violation notice and released.

July 27: An individual reported that someone damaged his rented vehicle while it was parked and unattended. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

July 29: After being involved in a vehicle-to-object traffic accident, the driver of the vehicle was found to be operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. He was issued a violation notice and detained until his blood alcohol level reached an acceptable level.

July 30: Someone entered a government building and removed money from a cash box. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

July 31: An individual approached Gate 10 and was found to be operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. He was issued a violation notice and detained until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

Aug. 1: An individual reported that someone damaged his vehicle while it was parked and unattended at his workplace. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Traffic accidents reported: four without injury, one with injury.

Violation notices issued: 7 speeding, 2 driving while intoxicated, 1 improper backing, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 failure to yield right of way.

Defense Department identifies casualty

WASHINGTON — Sgt. Joshua A. Ford, 20, of Wayne, Neb., died on July 31 during combat operations in Al Numaniyah, Iraq. Ford was assigned to the

Army National Guard 189th Transportation Company, 485th Corps Support Battalion, Norfolk, Neb. (*Defense Department release*)

General officer ends career with 'mixed emotions'

Urias enters civilian life after 31-plus years

By DAN O'BOYLE
 For the Rocket

Before retiring with "31 years, four months and five days" service, Maj. Gen. John Urias served as the commander for the Joint Contracting Command in Iraq. He reported directly to commanding general, Multinational Forces-Iraq. He was responsible for managing a large volume of contracting efforts supporting security, humanitarian relief and reconstruction in Iraq.

"I've got mixed emotions about retiring," Urias said. "One hand, it's very, very hard for me take off the uniform after 31-plus years. But we all have to retire someday and make room for the young guys."

"Having just come back from serving in Iraq for a little more than 12 months, I can say that that's the best way to go out — serving with Soldiers and supporting the war fighter. I'm leaving on a high."

"The professionalism and dedication of our Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, government civilians and contractors has always been evident. They have always been ready to step up to the plate when called upon. It's always been an honor to serve side-by-side with them and have an opportunity to lead in different positions of responsibilities."

"I have the best wife to support me in my



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

FINAL SALUTE— Retiring Maj. Gen. John Urias salutes the audience at his retirement ceremony July 31 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

career, because it's been a team effort. She has made me look better than I really am. I want to thank the local community for the support that they gave my family when I was deployed. That took a lot of worries off my mind so I could focus my mind on the job at hand and be there for the war fighter. There is a lot of strength in this community. The entire community comes together and gathers around, and it starts with Mayor (Loretta) Spencer."

Urias was born at Camp Cooke, now Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. He graduated as a distinguished military graduate from the University of California, Davis, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in Air Defense Artillery in March 1975.

Violations seen in handicap parking spaces

Parking

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so under this division, to include use of an altered, or stolen special access or removable windshield placard, shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished according to law."

"DES law enforcement personnel assimilate the state of Alabama traffic laws. That being said if observed a violation will result in minimum fine of \$50. Law enforce-

ment personnel, when dealing with a misdemeanor, as this violation is, are limited by law from taking action on a traffic violation unless they, the police officer, personally observed the infraction. We encourage you to contact your building custodian, and in your case the Sparkman Management Office, to report your observations. If unable to resolve, SMO will notify the DES to take corrective actions necessary.

"Again thank you for your concern and please help us by continuing to report incidents of this nature as well as those that create unsafe/dangerous driving conditions."

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Helicopter maintenance simplified to reduce time

Fort Rucker adopts Lean principles

FORT RUCKER – The first Lean Six Sigma initiative for Army aviation scheduled maintenance was deemed a success and signals a more efficient future for maintaining the Fort Rucker helicopter fleet.

More than 32 days of scheduled maintenance were saved during the first Lean Six Sigma effort for Aviation Unit Maintenance involving UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter scheduled maintenance.

The first helicopter inducted into the newly developed process was returned to flying status in just 18 days, which included a four-day break for the Fourth of July weekend. That is a 67 percent improvement in phase flow efficiency from the previous average time of more than 50 days of phase cycle maintenance for the UH-60.

The effort was the result of a partnership made up of the Aviation Center Logistics Command, under Aviation and Missile Command's Fleet Management Initiative, and Army Fleet Support, the contractor that maintains the Army's Fort Rucker helicopter fleet.

"The quality of the teamwork has been outstanding," Robert Hill, deputy commander for the ACLC, said. "The command has been pushing Lean Six Sigma, and with ACLC's direct facilitation and guidance, the contractor, AFS, has truly stepped up and leaned forward to make this happen."

A phase flow backlog of 12 UH-60 aircraft was the impetus for the creation of an ACLC and AFS cross functional team to address scheduled maintenance program issues. The team saw that the scheduled maintenance program would be an ideal candidate for Lean. The ACLC/AFS senior management Business Improvement Team, chaired by Col. Richard Enderle, ACLC commander, in conjunction with Tom Green, AFS general manager, agreed and the opportunity for continuous improvement moved forward.

Lean and Six Sigma are process



Courtesy Photo

LEAN AT BAY— A UH-60 helicopter sits in a Lean-revamped phase cycle maintenance bay at Fort Rucker.

improvement methodologies that are used to reduce waste and unnecessary steps to increase speed and productivity. Lean arose in the 1980s as a method to optimize auto manufacturing, but has been adopted by other industries worldwide.

The team felt that Lean could be used to identify ways to reduce the phase maintenance cycle, which is the time from when an aircraft is removed from operational flying for scheduled maintenance until the time it is returned to flight operations.

So, ACLC brought AMCOM's Office of Continuous Improvement to Fort Rucker for Lean training and sent approximately 30 ACLC/AFS team members to the University of Tennessee's Center for Executive Education to attend Lean courses.

To date, approximately 95 of the 3,400 AFS contractor and 100 ACLC government personnel have been trained on-site

by AMCOM OCI and ACLC facilitators in Lean Six Sigma methodology.

A Value Stream Map, a Lean methodology tool, was used to describe how the scheduled maintenance process was currently operating. The map was analyzed, wastes identified and a future state Value Stream Map was created to establish an efficient end state.

Based on this analysis, staffing (critical skill sets) and work tasks were realigned within the value stream to aid the continuous flow of work. Total lead-time for subcomponents, which include blades, engines, etc., were identified and supermarkets established for subcomponents with long lead times. Part kitting, which is the pre-packaging and pre-positioning of specific parts; point of use storage for special tools; and visual workplace are other Lean tools that were also used to streamline the phase cycle process.

The scheduled maintenance process was broken down into six distinct inspection categories: pre-phase inspection, tear-down, full inspection activities, repair, reassembly, and power on/test flight. This breakdown allowed the maintenance team to identify major maintenance repairs early and schedule repairs for subsequent shifts. This visibility also gave maintenance managers the ability to surge the maintenance process by pooling resources to complete time-consuming repairs.

The goal for this pilot program was to validate assumptions of the impact of Lean principles. The assumptions were: reduction in cycle time and its effect on quality; the reorganization of phase crew skill sets and its effect on the flow of work; and the effect of point of use storage on cycle time.

Based on the data gathered to date, the pilot program was successful and the lessons learned will be applied to refine the scheduled maintenance program. The next step for the ACLC/AFS Lean Team is to induct two aircraft into the new program using other Lean methods to validate through put and phase cycle time.

The success of the Lean UH-60 phase maintenance program is more than reducing the phase flow turn-around time and the aircraft scheduled maintenance backlog. The ACLC/AFS Lean Team will also use the continuous improvement process as a template in other phase maintenance programs across the fleet at Fort Rucker and offer the template for migration to the Army.

"Of course the work does not end there," Hill said. "We've got hundreds of processes around here to keep us going. As we look at major processes, we're discovering other smaller processes that can be improved upon that add to the efficiency of the larger processes. It is fully believed by the ACLC/AFS team that, over time, the team can meet or exceed a goal of a 14-calendar-day phase cycle or less."

Editor's note: This article was provided by Robert Hill, ACLC Deputy Commander, and Mark Whittaker, AFS Director of Quality.



Courtesy photo

CRUISING— The UM-60M Black Hawk helicopter has cruise control and will basically fly itself, according to maintainers.

New addition to Black Hawk tradition

M-model deemed easier to fly and maintain

By KIM HENRY

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STRATFORD, Conn. – Your mother always told you it is what is on the inside that matters. Nothing could be truer for the UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter.

The newest addition to the Black Hawk family was unveiled in a rollout ceremony July 31 at the Sikorsky plant where the aircraft is produced. The ceremony marks the first new-build Black Hawk helicopter in more than 26 years.

Though the M model may look like all other Black Hawks before it, the proof is in

the words of those who have worked or flown the improved aircraft.

"It's easy to fly," Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Smith, Defense Contract Management Agency maintainer at Sikorsky, said. "It also has cruise control, even at a hover. It basically will fly itself."

With a new engine and an improved main rotor blade, it is no wonder that future pilots of this aircraft will experience more power and lift. The aircraft also has a fully coupled flight director/auto pilot, comparable to cruise control in an automobile, which reduces pilot workload and assists the pilot in several modes of flight including hover hold, altitude hold, heading hold, flight plan following and navigation aid capture.

Mentors, protégés encouraged to support Soldiers

Command completes program's third cycle

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The commanding general wanted to do more than recognize the participants in the AMCOM mentoring program.

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, volunteered to become a mentor. "I'd like to do it," he said.

Certificates were awarded July 31 to mentors and protégés in the AMCOM "People Empowering People" mentoring program, cycle three, held Jan. 23 through July 21.

"Enjoy your work," Pillsbury advised the group. "Be safe, be bold and be decisive. And improve the support to Soldiers you do every day."

"This is a very valuable program," AMCOM human resources director Tim Grey said, mentioning positive feedback from mentors and proteges.

Brenda Spears, an integration systems analyst in the Lead AMC Integration Support Office, was among the protégés. Her mentor was Ronnie Chronister, executive director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

"It's a good program to help young work force members to adapt to the military way of doing things," Spears said. "I learned a lot (from Chronister). He was a good mentor."

Homer Reynolds, a program analyst in Resource Management Directorate, was a mentor in this class and the pilot six-month cycle from August 2004 to April 2005.

"I think it's a good program," Reynolds said. "I look at this program as one that can provide a lot of insight knowledge to the new upcoming leaders, potential leaders. A lot of times people have questions but don't know who to ask. And I feel the mentors fill that void, but we (also) expose them to the importance of providing the mission - which is the Soldier."

The fourth cycle is Aug. 7 through Feb. 2 with 19 pairs of mentors and protégés, according to program administrator Jackie Timme of AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources).

"The purpose of the mentoring program is to help employees learn more about the organization from a different perspective," she said. "Each participant has their own specific goal for participating in the program. Some are interested in career development and personal growth, while others are interested in gaining technical guidance."

Mentoring participants recognized

Here are the participants from the "People Empowering People" mentoring program, cycle three, held Jan. 23 through July 21:

• Mentors — Lisha Adams, Dr. Richard Amos, Johnnie Bradt, Ronnie Chronister, Ronnie Davis, Col. Bob English, Thomas Fitzgerald, Hal Green, Diane Helser, Monty Hill, Arthur Terry Neal, Brian Passe, Tom Pieplow, Steven Rainsford, Linda Readus, Homer Reynolds, Lori Reynolds, Randy Richardson, Keith Ryan, Marsha Thorn-

ton, Kathleen Wachs, Lillie Williams, Scott Wilson and Brian Wood.

• Proteges — Jerry Alexander, John Ashley, David Beddingfield, Sheila Coker-Eierman, Amy Colvin, Crystal Cooper, Deon Davis, Anita Epps, Kim Henry, Paula Glass, Edsel Hogan, Mary Frances King, Arlene McDonald, Denise McKinney, Greg McPherson, Sandra Patrick, Temica Pride, Nancy Readus, Mary Richards, Michael Safford, Brenda Spears, Mark Steinbuchel and Alicia Stewart.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AWARD CEREMONY— Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, shares a laugh with participants in the "People Empowering People" mentoring program.

Put safety first when parking

Did you know that one of the likeliest places to be involved in a fender bender is in a parking lot?

People seem to suspend their good judgment when looking for a parking space. Some people consider the traffic signs such as Stop and Yield as optional in parking lots because they are on private property and not subject to a ticket, while others ignore the traffic lanes to cut diagonally across the lot.

In a parking lot, people have their minds on everything but driving. For instance, a driver spots someone with keys in hand approaching her car and their first reaction is to dart forward to be the first to

claim the spot, oblivious to the car trying to back out of a space between two utility trucks and ... well, you get the idea.

Pedestrians are equally at risk as most parking lots do not have provisions for them which means that they must walk in the traffic lanes.

The best way to protect yourself is to be aware of everything moving for 360 degrees around your car. Watch for cars that might be cutting diagonally across the lot; and if you can't see between two parked vehicles, blow your horn to alert others that you backing out. Above all, drive slowly. (Garrison Safety Office release)

Units add 58 Soldiers during July

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

- 1st Lt. Joon Suk Yoon, Headquarters & Alpha; Col. Robert Dean Bowman, MEDDAC; Col. Larry Dwayne McCallister, Engineering Division; Col. John Stinson Wright, Research Development and Engineering Center; Capt. Justin Meissner, HHC 59th; Capt. Darren Pohlmann, Space and Missile Defense Command; Capt. Joseph Rush Jr., Program Executive Office for Aviation; Capt. Christopher Todd Wilson, HHC 59th; Command Sgt. Maj. Charles James Beckman, Aviation and Missile Command; Command Sgt. Maj. William Cole, Garrison; Lt. Col. James Brashear, PEO Aviation; Lt. Col. Charles Allen Carter, PEO C3T; Lt. Col. Victor Cordier, Aviation and Missile Command; Lt. Col. Paul Marshall Hill, Missile Defense Agency support THAAD; Lt. Col. Scott Jay Hoffmann, HHC 59th; Lt. Col. Jeffrey Knight, Aviation and Missile Command; Lt. Col. Gary Laase, PEO Missiles and Space; Lt. Col. Michael Monis, PEO Air Space and Missile Defense;

- Lt. Col. Richard Muschek, PEO Aviation; Lt. Col. Christopher Michael Oliver, PEO Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, Orlando, Fla.; Lt. Col. Alan Personius, Space and Missile Defense Command; Lt. Col. Michael Theodoss, Research Development and Engineering Center; Lt. Col. Stephen Willhelm, Missile Defense Agency; Lt. Col. John Withers, MDA; Maj. Craig

Holton, Space and Missile Defense Command; Maj. Daniel Edward McCarthy, PEO Aviation; Maj. Keith Morgan, PEO GCS; Maj. Pamela Luncford Parker, Garrison; Maj. Larry Gerome Sanders, Huntsville; Maj. Jeffrey Scott Simpson, Missile Defense Agency; Maj. Richard Jay Stroyan, PEO STRI, Orlando; Maj. Brian Hugh Taylor, Aviation and Missile Command; Master Sgt. Paul Michael Grosch, Garrison; Master Sgt. Barrett Parris, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Myron Gurganious, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Kurtrell Jackson, Logistics Support Activity;

- Sgt. 1st Class Jason Locey, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Donald Mattox, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Daniel McDonnell, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class James Bernard Miller, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Miguel Otero, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Warnie Stokes, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Lamont Watkins, LOGSA; Sgt. 1st Class Requitha Williams, NCO Academy; Sgt. Maj. Deitra Floyd, NCO Academy; Sgt. Brian Keith Rogers, HHC 59th; Sgt. Jerry Summers, HHC 59th; Sgt. Latasha Washington, Headquarters & Alpha; Spc. Sonny Broadway, HHC 59th; Spc. Draper Hollier, Bravo Company; Spc. Clayton Jennings, Headquarters & Alpha; Spc. Joshua Latham, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. John Bolster, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Danielle Bond, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. IZIAH Carthens, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Fatima Earley, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Londelle Mixon, HHC 59th; and Staff Sgt. Scott Seltzer, HHC 59th.

Deployed from depot

Name: Dobby Gaiski

Job title: Electronics mechanic

Duty station: Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, Pa.

Deployed as: Field service representative for Warlock Program in various locations in Iraq.

Editor's note: The information and photo were provided by Letterkenny Army Depot.



Courtesy photo
THUMBS UP— Deployed civilian Dobby Gaiski from Letterkenny Army Depot is onboard a Black Hawk being transported to another location in Iraq.

Roof color can cut cooling costs

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

Myth: The color of a roof makes little difference in the amount of energy used.

Fact: Studies have found that the use of a white roof color can cut the overall cooling load in a new home by 20 percent or more. Researchers at the Florida Solar Energy Center found that attics in homes with dark roofs can get as hot as 130 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit on summer afternoons. A white roof color will reflect a great deal of this heat back to the sky and keep it out of the house. Lowering the temperature in the attic also helps control cooling costs by keeping the ducts cooler. When building a new house or re-roofing an existing one, a white reflective roofing system will cut energy costs and also keeps the home much more comfortable. Keep in mind that this is a no-cost option also – you don't have to pay extra for a lighter roofing color.

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

Association chapter achieves rare three-peat recognition

Named AUSA's best for third straight year

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Redstone Arsenal and North Alabama's military community are in good hands.

And, those hands – lending support in all aspects of the area's military life, including active duty Soldiers, deployed National Guard and Reserve units, military families and DoD civilians and contractors – belong to members of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

The efforts of AUSA's Redstone-Huntsville chapter, ranging from deployment ceremonies and Soldier recognition programs to Veterans Day activities and the annual Army birthday celebration, have been recognized for the third year in a row in the national competition for the best AUSA chapter in the world.

The Redstone-Huntsville chapter came out on top in the competition amongst large chapters for 2006, an honor the chapter also won in 2004 and 2005. Chapter officials and Redstone Arsenal representatives, including AMCOM and Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski are making plans to attend the AUSA annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in October when the award will be presented to the chapter.

"I am so proud that our Redstone-Huntsville chapter has been recognized as Best Chapter Overall for the third year in a row," chapter president Emily Vandiver said.

"Everyone has worked so hard to support the Army and this honor further validates the importance of our chapter activities. In our community and our chapter we have such a team effort that makes all that we do possible. The things we do here for our military are first class."

The Redstone-Huntsville chapter, which has 2,434 active members, will share this year's award with the Braxton-Bragg (N.C.) chapter's 13,344 active members and the Fort Hood (Texas) chapter's 5,796 active members. Even though it was a three-way tie, Vandiver said winning the award three years in a row is probably a first for any AUSA chapter.

"We were kind of concerned that, politically, there was no chance we could get this three years in a row," Vandiver said. "But, you know, we had a great year and we're going to do great



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AWARD BANNERS— Redstone-Huntsville chapter president Emily Vandiver shows the best-overall-chapter banners from 2005 and 2004 to Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates. She will accept the 2006 banner at the opening ceremony for AUSA's annual meeting in October in Washington, D.C., from retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, the national president.

things for our military no matter whether we get recognized or not. The chapter's members have just really been ripping it up."

Olshefski said winning three times in a row is a major accomplishment for any AUSA chapter.

"Normally, once a chapter wins it doesn't win again," he said. "So, winning three times in a row shows how good this AUSA chapter is. It's a phenomenal group."

Both Braxton-Bragg and Fort Hood have huge membership bases and serve much larger numbers of active Soldiers than Redstone-Huntsville, which was another concern for the local chapter in the competition. There are only about 2,000 active Soldiers on Redstone Arsenal compared to Fort Bragg's 43,000-member active Soldier community and Fort Hood's 45,000-member active Soldier community.

"The other chapters should have one-upped us because of their Soldiers," Olshefski said.

"But, all these folks we have here who are leading companies and who have retired here are military folk who have lived through the Vietnam era and the Desert Storm era. They find ways to give back. They truly believe in one team, one fight. Because we have very few active military here, the Guard and Reserves are

Guiding light utility helicopter to next phase

Brashear takes reins of developing program

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Lt. Col. James Brashear became the Light Utility Helicopter product manager in a change of charter ceremony Thursday in Bob Jones Auditorium. His predecessor, Matt Rainey, will continue to serve LUH as the deputy product manager.

The change of charter was the second for the new LUH product officer since its birth after the Comanche cancellation.

"It was absolutely amazing to see what Matt Rainey did as a civilian product manager to bring (LUH) forward," Col. Cory Mahanna, utility helicopter project manager, said. "From the receipt of the requirement document a year ago to contract award and Milestone C, Matt has done an outstanding job."

The light utility helicopter is a commercial/non-developmental item aircraft to conduct light general support, civil search and rescue, personnel recovery, air ambulance medical evacuation, casualty evacuation, limited civil



Photo by Kim Henry

ALL SMILES— Lt. Col. James Brashear greets well-wishers as the new Light Utility Helicopter product manager.

command and control operations in the conduct of Homeland Security, and counter-drug operations. The LUH is intended to perform these functions only in permissive, non-combat operational environments. The pri-

mary users are the Active Army units and the Army National Guard.

Paul Bogosian, program executive officer for aviation, praised Rainey's efforts in leading the procurement of the LUH, a key

aircraft in the aviation modernization plan.

"I know and I hope that when Matt looks back over his career that he will remember what he did in making this happen and how much we appreciate his efforts and also when he looks up and sees one of those LUH's flying over him he'll remember what an important part he was in making that happen," Bogosian said.

During the ceremony, Rainey received the commander's award for civilian service and the Bronze Order of St. Michael. "It's not often we get the chance to present this honor especially to a person who has done all that Matt's done in such a short period of time; additionally I got to tell you that I have presented the Order of St. Michael to civilians before, but on the most part it goes to a lot of military all around the world," Mahanna said.

Rainey thanked the LUH team, explaining that he could not have received the achievements on his own. "The road over the last couple of years has been long, but it's been the selfless efforts of everyone and their exceptional talents that's made this journey a joy and brought us a success we are sharing here today," he said.

Rainey also acknowledged the guidance of his leadership to help him in his career. "Col. Mahanna, I will always treasure the opportunity you gave me to work with the LUH team and trusted me with this responsibility," he said. "I want to publicly acknowledge your leadership, your guidance and your mentorship. You helped this team bring this helicopter to a reality."

Brashear will lead the LUH program through its next phases: production and fielding. He was previously assigned to the U.S. Army Element Navy Activities with duty as the Army liaison to the Navy's Unmanned Aerial System Program Office at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

"Matt Rainey has done an excellent job as the leader of the light utility helicopter," Brashear said. "He's guided the team through many gates, solved numerous problems, answered many questions and extracted ideas that have grown into policies. The opportunity to lead the light utility helicopter team is an honor. I feel blessed and I will endeavor daily to serve the light utility helicopter team members in a manner in which they deserve to be served."



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TEAM EFFORT— Ron Hagler, G-4 Environmental Division chief, accepts an award on behalf of his team from AMCOM chief of staff Col. Bob English.

Division creates environment for award

Command's G-4 earns recognition

The AMCOM G-4 Environmental Division has been selected as first runner-up for the Secretary of the Army's Environmental Excellence Award in the category "Environmental Excellence in Weapon Systems Acquisition, Team" for fiscal 2005.

This award represents the division's continued efforts to eliminate or significantly reduce the use of hazardous materials in weapon system development, acquisition, distribu-

tion, maintenance and repair/overhaul processes.

Under the direction of Ron Hagler, the division's efforts, working with all AMCOM programs, have remained focused on enhancing the procurement, readiness and maintainability of aviation and missile weapon and support systems. To that end, the division's work has reduced environmental, safety and occupational health risks associated with weapons production, sustainment and demilitarization while continuing to provide war fighters with the most efficient and effective tools all the

while protecting his or her health and the overall environment.

Hagler has pursued the reduction or elimination of hazardous materials from the aviation and missile weapons systems by developing a focused yet flexible program. He has been a leader in the area of hazardous materials minimization and environmental stewardship for more than 15 years. Hagler has guided the Aviation and Missile Command G-4 through numerous organizational transitions from 1996's start-up Environmental Technology Cell to today's organization. (G-4 Environmental Division release)

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“The Soldier in the field is going to get a brand new aircraft, that’s the bottom line,” said Lt. Col. Chip Lunn, UH-60M product manager. “It looks like a Black Hawk, but it doesn’t fly like a Black Hawk. Going from the UH-60 A or L model to the M will be like the transition from the UH-1(Huey) to a UH-60 (Black Hawk), like going from a Volkswagen to a Cadillac.”

It also has a fully integrated glass cockpit that features four multi-function displays, which means gone are the days of steam gauge. The new cockpit greatly increases situational awareness by offering the pilot a digital moving map, joint variable message digital messaging, fully integrated display of aircraft survivability equipment sensor data to enhance survivability, improved digital intercom system, dual Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigation System navigators and improved Built in Test and status reporting.

The cockpit is built on top of an improved electrical system that have proven to eliminate the electrical “drop outs” experienced in legacy UH-60 aircraft, providing much cleaner and reliable electrical power. The UH-60M also includes an active vibration control system

that senses system vibration and cancels, as well as safer crew and cabin seats which will give Soldiers a more comfortable ride.

Like the pilot, crew chiefs will experience a decrease in workload.

“The difference is in the electronics and avionics,” Smith said. “It is user friendly and the computer will tell you what’s wrong, you simply rely on the computer for troubleshooting.”

That computer used for troubleshooting is the Integrated Vehicle Health Monitoring System that provides onboard rotor track and balance, health usage monitoring, mechanical diagnostics data collection — all of which are enablers for a future move to condition based maintenance. Condition based maintenance is where maintainers rely on systems like the IVHMS to tell them the condition of the parts on the aircraft versus rotely inspecting and replacing parts based on calendar or flight-hour methods.

The excitement of both pilots and crewmembers alike is also shared by the members of the UH-60M product office who helped make the idea a reality.

“To me it means that I am providing a capability to the Soldier in the field today that will save lives and will be today’s safest, capable aircraft on the battlefield,” Lunn said.



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Lease signing

Members from Redstone Arsenal, the Army Corps of Engineers’ Baltimore, Md. office and developer LW Redstone LLC gather Aug. 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club to formally sign an extended use lease agreement to develop 422 acres located along Rideout Road near Gate 9. Changes could be seen at the Gate 9 area by spring 2007. Signing the lease agreement are, from left, Carl Bartlett and James Wilson III, officers of Tri-W Huntsville LLC; Robert Penn of the Army Corps of Engineers-Baltimore, and Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski.

Resource managers hear from director

Robert Hale, executive director for the National American Society of Military Comptrollers, spoke July 13 to the Redstone/Huntsville ASMC Chapter.

He spoke on the “Outlook for Defense Financial Managers,” covering current and future funding concerns in today’s turbulent environment. He also conferred with board members to

get input and ideas that could be incorporated at the headquarters level to assist local members in their roles as financial managers.

Hale also serves on defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld’s Defense Business Board and is a former assistant secretary of the Air Force (financial management and comptroller). (ASMC release)

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very important to us. It's what opens AUSA and Redstone Arsenal to the whole community."

The chapters are evaluated based on chapter activity reports submitted to the national organization throughout the year. As part of that evaluation, the Redstone-Huntsville chapter won several awards and streamers for the year's work. One such award received by the local chapter – the Best Chapter in Support of Reserve Components – was one award that Vandiver was particularly proud of receiving.

"We really work to support our Reserves and National Guard," Vandiver said, mentioning deployment ceremonies and family support activities that the chapter does to support these Soldiers. "Our chapter has been so sturdy and so supportive all these years."

Other awards and streamers received by the Redstone-Huntsville chapter include Chapter of Excellence, President's Club-Gold, Special Awards, Star Chapter, Superior Chapter, Merit Chapter, Excellence in Corporate Membership Growth, Best Chapter in Support of Reserve Components, Best Corporate Member Support, Best Chapter Newsletter, Family Programs Streamer, Take the Hill Streamer, Electronic Chapter Streamer, Institute of Land Warfare Streamer, Army Birthday Streamer, and Lewis and Clark Support to Recruiting Command Streamer.

"The competition was really tight," Vandiver said. "Chapters are evaluated against all the things they do to support the Army and the AUSA goals of supporting the Army."

The awards pertain to activities that have a real impact on both members of the chapter, the community as a whole and the military components it supports at the local level.

"The Take the Hill Streamer is about keeping our elected officials involved in our activities. Best Corporate Member Support involves what we are doing to support our corporate members," Vandiver explained. "Our Best Chapter Newsletter award was given because of the outstanding quarterly paper that runs in the *Redstone Rocket*."

The Lewis and Clark Support to Recruiting Command Streamer was also a special award for Vandiver because it recognized the work the chapter has done to establish the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award, which honors the best first sergeant in each of the local active Army, National Guard and Reserve communities. The award has gained interest at both the regional and national level, and Vandiver hopes it becomes an award that all AUSA chapters will present annually.

The AUSA awards recognize several other Redstone-Huntsville chapter activities, including the Veterans Day Dinner and Hall of Heroes Induction, Veterans Day Breakfast and Parade, Armed Forces Week Celebration, Department of the Army Civilian Award Program, Army Birthday and Flag Day ceremonies, Redstone Arsenal Retiree Day, various golf

and Soldier military buyouts at sporting events. The chapter also participates in various military programs, including the OMEMS Military and Civilian Instructor of the Year, Redstone Arsenal Soldier/NCO of the Quarter and Year, Drill Sergeant of the Year, Junior and Senior ROTC Leadership Awards and Military Dependent Children Recognition.

Even though Fort Bragg and Fort Hood also have large award-winning AUSA chapters, the Redstone-Huntsville chapter can compete with them because of its membership and the community it serves.

"There is not one chapter that seems to have the sort of cohesive spirit that we have here," Vandiver said.

"We have a huge team spirit from our civic leaders, congressional leaders, industry, business, government and the chapter that all work together to just have something that I think is unique and very special. It is fairly unique to Huntsville and people who come here for the first time are surprised by this. There is a huge difference here in the way the community reaches out and embraces the military."

Olshefski, who has served at various installations in his 24 years in the Army, said he has never witnessed the community support that is very much alive in Huntsville and the local AUSA chapter. He said the things the Redstone-Huntsville chapter are doing for the community come with very real benefits, such as the growth coming to the Arsenal because of base realignment and closure.

"Huntsville is so awesome and that's why we won BRAC," Olshefski said. "AUSA was part of the team that helped Huntsville win BRAC ... This city is

good on its own. But, AUSA takes it to the next level. The military community wouldn't be as strong here without AUSA."

The AUSA wins also bring more attention to Huntsville. Olshefski said a three-time win brings with it a lot of responsibility, but it is responsibility the Redstone-Huntsville chapter can live up to.

"You have to ask 'How do you keep yourself juiced to continue to win?'" he said. "It really sets the bar. Now that we've won three, can we win four? It takes a lot of cheerleaders to make this happen. (The Redstone-Huntsville chapter's) board is so strong. There are a lot of guys who have been doing the same stuff for many years and they aren't getting tired. They are strong and they are hungry."

The Redstone-Huntsville chapter will celebrate 50 years of service to the community in the next few years. Vandiver, who is the chapter's 44th president and first female president, said the chapter has worked many years in support of the military and the community without receiving top honors as the best AUSA chapter.

"Our chapter has a huge history of being very supportive," she said. "It's all a matter of getting the word out to national and making them aware of what we've done. We've worked really hard at that with help from Steve Wilson, our vice president of public affairs. This award validates our history of excellence, our past presidents and the work we've done all these years."

Editor's note: If you would like to join the Redstone-Huntsville chapter of AUSA, check out its web site at <http://www.ausaredstone.org> or the national web site at <http://www.ausa.org>.

'A-team' deploys to answer call in Iraq

National Guard engineer group receives community sendoff

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Flanked by more than 20 of his family members, Lt. Col. Mike McMunn of Elkmont felt the love and support that he will take with him during his deployment to Iraq as a member of the National Guard's 1169th Engineer Group.

That love and support will come not only from his family, but also from the Alabama National Guard, Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, North Alabama Shriners and City of Huntsville — all represented by speakers who participated in a departure ceremony for the unit on July 30 in a Huntsville High School auditorium that was nearly packed to capacity.

Joining Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, and community and Guard officials on the podium was Congressman Bud Cramer, who was a last-minute addition to a ceremony that honored the sacrifices of the Guard Soldiers and their families.

"I came here today because I wanted to pay tribute to you," Cramer said as he addressed the 85 Soldiers from the 1169th Engineer Group, which is headquartered at Guard facilities on Green Cove Road and which includes Guard Soldiers from across the state.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

STANDING AT ATTENTION— Eighty-five Soldiers from the 1169th Engineer Group stand at attention during the opening of the departure ceremony held in their honor recently in a nearly full Huntsville High School auditorium. The unit, which is stationed on Green Cove Road, is made up of Soldiers from across the state, with about half from North Alabama. The Soldiers left Aug. 1 for training at Fort McCoy, Wis. They will then go on to serve 12 months on rebuilding efforts in Iraq.

"You have enormous support from the United States Congress ... Today is evidence of your bravery and commitment to your country ... I want to extend a patriotic thank you from me to you."

Cramer said the U.S. is facing threats that are almost impossible to defend against. But, Soldiers, like those in the National Guard, do make it possible to "defend our basic freedoms," he said.

"You represent the best of this fine community. Your community service is what makes this country as great as it is."

As the son-in-law of an Army officer, Cramer, who himself is a Vietnam Era Reserve veteran, knows about the sacrifices that families must make for their Soldier.

When a Soldier is deployed, their "fam-

ily members also commit to serving our country," Cramer told the Soldiers and their families. "If there are any problems, please let us hear from you. We want to be there for you."

National Guard Soldiers are able to do their job, said Col. Randal Martin, commander of the 1169th, because of the support of their families, friends and employers.

A full-time National Guard Soldier, McMunn knows he as well as his wife and children will have plenty of support from family and friends during the deployment.

"We've got a family readiness group in our Guard unit. But, I've got my very own family readiness group here with me today," said McMunn, whose oldest sister, Judy Littrell, is a program analyst with the JAMS Project Office, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space. "I've got brothers, sisters, cousins, neighbors and a whole church of friends who will help look out for my family."

In his 32 years with the Guard, McMunn has served in places like Romania, Germany, Egypt, Ecuador and Panama. While in Iraq, he will oversee an engineer design cell charged with rebuilding things like water and sewage treatment facilities.

"I'm very proud of him," said McMunn's wife, Tina, expressing a sentiment of many family members in attendance at the ceremony.

"When I first found out he was going, I was very emotional. I really didn't know how things would unfold. There was such an uncertainty. But, eventually, there was acceptance. It is very hard knowing we won't see him for a whole year. But, we're also proud of what he is doing for his country."

Tina McMunn hopes the year will go by quickly.

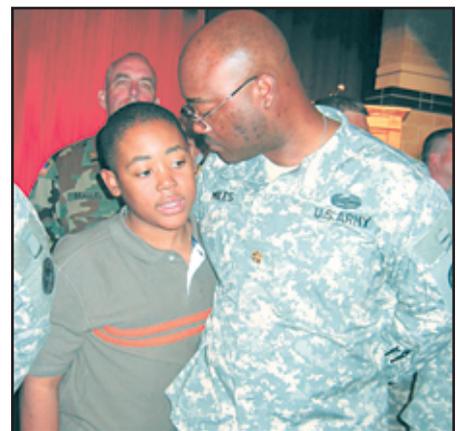


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FAMILY TIME— Maj. Wendell Miles of Elkmont talks quietly with his son, 11-year-old Yori, following the departure ceremony. When not serving his country, Miles is the district engineer for the Alabama Department of Transportation in Jefferson County. His wife, Zelda, is his daughter, 14-year-old Xenia; and Yori have prepared themselves for Miles' deployment. Yori said he will pray for his father during the deployment. He also plans to play a lot of baseball to make the year go by fast.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER— Spc. Chris Bomar of Hartselle spends a few moments with his grandparents Doris and Boyd Chasteen before talking with other relatives and friends. "He's a wonderful grandson," Doris Chasteen said. "He's doing his duty and we're very proud of him." Bomar helped his grandmother care for his grandfather last year following a stroke. They worked with Boyd Chasteen for several months, helping him regain his ability to talk, walk and take care of himself.

"I teach school, so I intend to be very busy with that," she said. "Our son Michael is a senior this year, so that will keep me busy, too. We have five kids altogether and two grandbabies, so there's a whole lot of love. We will send plenty of care packages. We have boxes already saved."

McMunn continues a tradition with the 1169th first started by his father, said his sister, Judy Littrell.

"He's walking in our father's footsteps," she said. "He carries his father in his heart."

Also walking in his father's footsteps is 23-year-old Sgt. Lee Dickinson, who will quite literally serve at the side of his father, 1st Sgt. James Dickinson, a Vietnam veteran from Brilliant who has already served one tour in Iraq.

"I'm going because my son's going. I look forward to serving with him. I am



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SIGN OF LOVE— Nine-year-old Shelby Green holds a poster during the departure ceremony to show her support from the audience for Capt. Michael Morgan of Andalusia. Shelby's mother, Susan Green, is Morgan's girlfriend. Also in the audience was Morgan's mother, Shirley Morgan. "We're proud of him," Shirley Morgan said. "God's going to take care of him. A lot of people are praying for him." Shelby said she will miss Morgan. "He's my mom's boyfriend. He's my best friend," she said.



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KODAK MOMENT — Tina McMunn takes a picture of her husband, Lt. Col. Mike McMunn, and their daughter Tavia. The Elkmont family has a lot of support from their extended family and friends. McMunn's sister is Judy Littrell, who works for the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

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going to give him a lot of support and hopefully bring him home," said James Dickinson, who will be in charge of construction inspections while in Iraq.

"I think we are going on a worthwhile mission," he added. "My heart and soul is in it. The Iraqis have been through a lot and they need our help."

Calling it a "more humanitarian mission than anything else," Capt. Chris Peterson of Huntsville said the 1169th will "help make Iraqi lives better."

Peterson was on a similar mission during his first deployment to Mosul, Iraq.

"I feel really good about what we did that first time," he said. "There was a lot of good response from the locals. There was a lot of support and appreciation."

Spc. Gary Brotherton of Huntsville has been trained as a combat engineer for the mission, with the responsibility for searching out land mines prior to the beginning of a construction project.

"We've got a good unit so I'm not too worried," he said. "I hope we all get back."

War is never easy and is always dangerous, Vietnam veteran Bill Hogan, who is this year's recipient of the Audie Murphy Patriotism Award, told the Soldiers and their families. In the midst of their wartime responsibilities, Soldiers should keep their safety a top priority. Another priority should be their families.

"It's going to be rough," he said. "We're going to take care of your families ... But, one word of caution. If you don't communicate with your family back home, you're going to be in trouble."

Naming wars fought by the Soldiers' forefathers, Maj. Gen. Gary Quick, commander of the 62nd Troop Command, told the Soldiers they share a common thread with Soldiers of the past.

"Just as our forefathers fought for freedom, you are today," he said.

Martin, the unit's commander, told the



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OFFICIAL 'THANK YOU'— Congressman Bud Cramer shares his appreciation with Staff Sgt. Eddie Smith of Woodville following the departure ceremony. With Smith are, from left, Staff Sgt. Ronnie Bruce of Dothan and 1st Sgt. James Dickinson of Brilliant. Dickinson is a Vietnam veteran who has served one tour in Iraq. He is returning to serve at the side of his son, Sgt. Lee Dickinson, who is also being deployed with the 1169th.

Soldiers that the Army recognizes the contributions National Guard Soldiers make to the mission.

"The Army has learned that the Guard and the Reserves bring some very important skills to the mission," he said. "We are bringing outstanding skills and experience to the mission in Iraq. That should make each and everyone of you proud. This is the A-team – the right Soldiers at the right time for the right mission."

Even so, sending Soldiers to serve in war is difficult. But, Quick said he is consoled by several factors – the troops are trained and ready, the troops are well led by professionals committed to taking care of the Soldiers, the troops are well-equipped and the troops have tremendous resolve to answer the call.

"We send you on the wings of our prayers," Quick said.

During the ceremony, mayor Spencer read a proclamation honoring the Soldiers of the 1169th.

"I'm here with you today," she said. "But, boy will I be there mighty proud when you come home."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM— Capt. Jonathan McDougal, commander of HHC 59th, sings "God Bless America" while presenters for the 1169th Engineer Group's departure ceremony wave U.S. flags behind him. McDougal also sang the national anthem and "God Bless the USA" during the ceremony. The ceremony was co-sponsored by the Huntsville chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army and the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition. Among the presenters was Nancy Martin, wife of commander Col. Randal Martin, who read a poem she wrote titled "The American Soldier."

Riding iron horses in tribute to cavalry



Photo by Kari Hawkins

REPRESENTING BUFFALO SOLDIERS— Members of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Alabama are committed to educating the public about the sacrifices of the Army's Buffalo Soldiers, who served from the Revolutionary War through World War II. They specifically represent the 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers, who were stationed in Huntsville briefly following the Spanish-American War. Club members include, from left, the Rev. Leroy "Hump" Harris, who served in the Army and who works for the City of Huntsville and pastors Town Creek 1 Missionary Baptist Church; retired Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Glover, who works at Missiles and Space Intelligence Center; retired Sgt. 1st Class Eze Abuwali, who works in administration for the 59th Ordnance Brigade; and Reserves Sgt. 1st Class Alex Harrison, who served 15 years in the active Army and now is serving his seventh year in the Reserves with the 3rd/100th Signal Battalion at Fort Gordon, Ga., and who works as a system analyst for Northrop Grumman. Harrison is the club's co-founder and president.

Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club members committed to history

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The Army's 9th and 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers of yesteryear were known for their prowess as fearless Soldiers riding their steely horses into battle. Today's Buffalo Soldiers ride a horse of a different kind.

Though no longer a unit in the Army's desegregated ranks, the sacrifices of Buffalo Soldiers from the Revolutionary War through World War II are kept alive by motorcycle enthusiasts who ride "iron horses" and wear the Soldiers' emblem on the back of their leather vests. They can be found as organized clubs throughout the nation – and in Huntsville.

The Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Alabama, formed a year ago as part of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Clubs, is committed to keeping the sacrifices of Buffalo Soldiers from being relegated to brief paragraphs in history books.

"Our purpose is twofold – charity and education regarding the Buffalo Soldier," said Alex Harrison, co-founder and president of the Alabama club.

"We do like to ride together. But, our priority is to represent the gallant, fighting men known as the Buffalo Soldiers. They were very brave Soldiers. We want everybody to know that the black man, whether a slave or free, has served this country for many, many years in every conflict and war. We don't want that legacy to die."

Though history reports both cavalry and infantry units of Buffalo Soldiers,

Harrison said the national club represents primarily the 9th and 10th cavalry units. Soldiers from the 10th Cavalry camped in Huntsville briefly in late 1890 and early 1899 following the Spanish-American War.

"Because we've adopted cavalry units, we've got to have horses," he said, smiling. "Our iron horses fit that requirement."

Harrison, who served 15 years in the active Army and is serving his seventh year in the Reserves as a sergeant first class in the 3rd/100th Signal Battalion out of Fort Gordon, Ga., became committed to the idea of a Buffalo Soldiers motorcycle club during a chance meeting with Army Soldier Frederick Styles, now serving in Afghanistan.

"I met Frederick at the Harley Davidson shop. We were taking the motorcycle safety course together," Harrison recalled.

"He had on the colors of the Atlanta, Georgia club. We started talking and I decided that one way or another I was going to get one of the Buffalo Soldier belt buckles that he was wearing."

Belt buckles aside, the story of the Buffalo Soldiers had fascinated Harrison since he first heard about them in high school while living in Texas. And, he wanted to know more.

"I love motorcycles. I love to ride. And, I love Buffalo Soldiers," he said. "I wanted to know how to become a Buffalo Soldier. It came down to starting a club in Alabama."

But, a club can't start with just two members. There had to be enough members to fill the officer positions as dictated by the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Clubs. So, Harrison, aka "Iceman," and Styles, aka "Solo," began recruiting.

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Buffalo Soldiers legacy lives on

Officially constituted July 28, 1866, in the Regular Army, African-American Cavalry Troop units served with distinction and demonstrated their fighting skills through many years of faithful duty under the harshest conditions of the American West. They were known with fear and respect, and labeled Buffalo Soldiers by their one-time Native American adversaries during the years of the Indian wars in the late 1880s and 1890s. Black Soldiers have served their country in segregated units beginning with the Revolutionary War and continuing through

World War II and the Korean conflict.

Bonded by camaraderie of military service or uniformed civilian service and affection for large motorcycles, the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Clubs was created in 1999 to consolidate the efforts of African-American motorcyclists across the United States. This organization is currently made up of 50 chapters in 31 states. All members ride various styles of motorcycles and all support a local charity as embodied in the purpose of the NABSMC. (From the NABSMC web site)

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"We met Eze Abuwali, who was working as a gate guard on Redstone Arsenal," Harrison said. "Solo and I went to a couple of events with other Buffalo Soldier motorcycle clubs. We then recruited (Staff Sgt.) Fred McCallum (Fox Army Health Center), and



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BUFFALO COLORS— Members of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Alabama wear the Buffalo Soldiers colors on the back of their vests along with the logo of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Clubs.

we had the four we needed to start a chapter."

Today, there are seven members of the Alabama chapter and five associate (non-motorcycle riding) members.

"Most of our members are active military, retired military or have some kind of association with the military. But, it's not a requirement," Harrison said. "We also have a lot of police officers interested in our club."

Though the club is committed to promoting the history of the black Soldier during the years of the segregated Army, they don't discriminate in who can join the club.

"The Buffalo Soldiers came about because of segregation," Harrison said. "It would be ridiculous for us to repeat that. Anyone who is interested and who wants to educate others about the Buffalo Soldiers can be a part of this club."

This past year has been a planning year for the club. Its members meet monthly to discuss their involvement with the national organization, various national events they want to participate in and future plans for local riding events that will serve as fundraisers for various local charities. They also hope to increase their profile by making themselves available to talk with school children and community groups about the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers.

"We are still trying to get our feet under us," Harrison said. "We hope to serve the community in many different ways. But, we are still working on what we actually want to do."

While they are making plans for various activities, the club has been instrumental in recent efforts to build a monument to the Buffalo Soldier on the grounds of the Academy for Academics and Arts (the former

Cavalry Hill School) where the 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers were briefly stationed in 1898-99.

"We are very committed to getting the statue erected," Harrison said. "We hope we will actually see construction begin in October with the monument completed in April 2007."

The monument is important to the club's mission to never let die the sacrifices of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers, who were given hand-me-down uniforms, equipment and weapons, and who fought not only the enemy but also discrimination from the military, Harrison said.

"We will accomplish this by instilling pride in the minds and hearts of youth," he said. "We wear the colors and ride under the name 'Buffalo Soldiers' to express our pride and respect of these Soldiers. We are dedi-

cated to the sport of motorcycling, to the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers and to a positive image of African-Americans."

Harrison said one common misconception about the Buffalo Soldiers is that they only served in the late 1800s as cavalry fighting Indians out West.

"Segregation in the Army lasted until after World War II," he said. "All black and white units were separated from the Revolutionary War all the way up to the Korean conflict."

The club would like to grow in membership. For more information, contact its web site at <http://buffalosoldiersofalabama.com> or the national web site at <http://www.buffalosoldiersnational.com>. Or call Harrison at 585-9898, Rev. Leroy Harris at 337-3578 or Eze Abuwali at 665-5191.

HHC 59th rallies past Headquarters & Alpha

Topples defending post champ in preseason volleyball opener

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HHC 59th had a good start in troop volleyball July 31 at Pagano Gym.

The "Raise up" bunch toppled defending post champion Headquarters & Alpha 25-23, 25-15 in the preseason tournament opener. The final of the seven-team, double-elimination tournament is tonight at 6.

"It's a team effort," HHC 59th player/coach Bryant Burdell said. "Good setting, and (we) worked good as a team."

The 59th only had two practices before the game. Burdell said a couple of players from last year should help when they join this year's team, hopefully by midseason.

"We had good teamwork," 59th player Jason Wryn said. "Everybody basically just knew what to do. We took our time."

Damon Geist and Michael Ortiz helped lead the effort against the Gators.

"I think we were just slightly more organized than they were," Ortiz said.

"It's early (in preseason); everybody's just trying to get that team thing going. There's a lot of practice we've got to do. There's a huge difference between any team you see right now to the last tournament (in the postseason)."

HHC 59th took advantage of a Headquarters & Alpha team that hopes to defend last year's title with an entirely new roster.

"Basically just mental mistakes," Gators coach Richard Fuller said. "It was the little things that killed us – the basics. Not communicating with each other. Overall we played good."

Tournament results from last week included:

• **July 31** – HHC 59th def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-23, 25-15; NCO Academy won by forfeit over 326th Chemical; and Marines won by forfeit over Charlie.

• **Aug. 2** – HHC 59th def. Bravo 25-10, 25-16; NCO Academy def. Marines 17-25, 25-20, 15-9; and 326th Chemical won by forfeit over Charlie.

• **Aug. 3** – 326th Chemical def. Bravo 25-19, 25-18; Marines def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-14, 25-17; and NCO Academy def. HHC 59th 25-16, 25-22.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

JUMP START— Headquarters & Alpha's Ben Baker goes up to return the ball against HHC 59th on opening night for the preseason tournament July 31 at Pagano Gym.

Army prepares for football season



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess

CHEERS— West Point cheerleaders and members of the pep band rock the halls of the Pentagon Dec. 3, 2004 as a pep rally for the Army vs. Navy football game that weekend in Philadelphia.

Here's the U.S. Military Academy football schedule; for tickets, call 1-877-TIX-ARMY:

- Sept. 2 vs. Arkansas State (away) at State University, Ark.
- Sept. 9 vs. Kent State (home) at Michie Stadium at 1 p.m.
- Sept. 16 vs. Texas A&M (away) at San Antonio at 9 p.m.
- Sept. 23 vs. Baylor (away) at Waco, Texas, at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 30 vs. Rice (home) at Michie Stadium.
- Oct. 7 vs. VMI (home) at Michie Stadium.
- Oct. 14 vs. Connecticut (away) at Storrs, Conn.
- Oct. 21 vs. TCU (home) at Michie Stadium.
- Oct. 28 vs. Tulane (away) at New Orleans.
- Nov. 3 vs. Air Force (home) at Michie Stadium at 8 p.m.
- Nov. 18 vs. Notre Dame (away) at Notre Dame, Ind., at 2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 2 vs. Navy, Lincoln Financial Stadium in Philadelphia at 2:30 p.m.

Former Marine, pro ball player remembers flag-saving play

WASHINGTON – Rick Monday credits his six years in the Marine Corps Reserve with his saving an American flag on April 25, 1976, during a game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Chicago Cubs.

Monday, who was playing center field for the Cubs, stopped two protestors from trying to burn an American flag on the outfield grass at Dodger Stadium. (*American Forces Press Service*)



Falcon open

Friends of Catholic High School at Bicentennial Chapel will sponsor a golf tournament Sept. 22. The Falcon Open will be a four-man scramble with an 8 a.m. shotgun start at The Links at Redstone. Entry fee is \$60 (\$45 for members). Gold sponsorship is \$150, for a sign at the tee; and platinum is \$350, for a sign and a foursome. Lunch is included and all proceeds go to Catholic High's Capital Campaign Fund. For registration or more information, call Gary Smith 837-2227 or e-mail garynada@bellsouth.net.

Boating safety

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights from Aug. 10 through Sept. 21 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive. Classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination. For more information call Tom Kunhart 830-6621, cell phone 527-4475 or e-mail tkunhart@knology.net.

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 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.

Triathlon

The Company Grade Officers Council Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla., is coordinating a Triathlon/Duathlon

for Sept. 16. It is open to 150 participants, 75 Department of Defense card holders and 75 off-base entrants. The distances: triathlon — 600 meter swim, 12 mile bike ride, 3 mile run; duathlon — 1.1 mile run, 12 mile bike, 3 mile run. The prices are \$30 for individual DoD card holder, \$45 individual non-DoD card holder, \$90 team with DoD card, \$135 team without DoD card. Race day sign-in starts at 6:30 a.m., and the race begins at 8. Sign-in and transition area is on Eagle Drive, Tyndall AFB. Information and registration are available through www.active.com.

Golf classic

The Basketball Boosters of Johnson High School will have its inaugural Golf Classic on Friday 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.

Scholarship benefit

The Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers will hold a golf tournament to benefit its scholarship fund Sept. 21 at Sunset Landing at the Huntsville Airport. Chairman Phil Loftis is accepting tax deductible sponsorships from corporate entities. For information call Loftis, at Parsons, 217-2532.

NASA 5K

NASA Health and Fitness will hold a Run for Fun 5K at 9 a.m. Sept. 6 at NASA wellness center, building 4315 at the corner of Digney Road and Morris Road. This race is open to all who have access to Redstone Arsenal. Entry fee is \$10 by Aug. 23. For more information, call Ryan Decker 544-3068 or Sam Ortega 544-9294.

Babe Ruth baseball

Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registration for the fall baseball season on Aug. 12 and 19 from 9 a.m. to noon; and players ages 13 to 18 as of April 30, 2007 are invited. Registration forms will be accepted after Aug. 19 on an individual basis. The registration fee is \$70, and a birth certificate is required for all players. Persons interested in coaching a team are encouraged to apply as well. Contact your park representative for registration location and information. The Babe Ruth parks and their primary contacts are: Central Division, Brahan Springs, call Bud Gambrell 564-5612. Northern Division, Mastin Lake, call Dewayne Friend 830-7077. Southern Division, Sandhurst, call Tim Harrison 544-3180. Eastern Division, Optimist Park, call Mike Samples 755-3002.



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.

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.

Computer users

Andy Karabinos of the Huntsville Personal Computer Users Group will speak at 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Karabinos, a longtime investor and leader of the Investing Special Interest Group, will speak on Global Warming, the Kyoto Treaty, and energy (including alternative energy sources)

effects on the markets. Preceding his presentation, Kevin Wangbickler will present a program for the Internet/Windows SIG at 9:15 on deleting the unnecessary and unwanted programs found on your computer. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 883-9601.

Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St., north entrance. Karel Lea Biggs, an award-winning speaker from Clarksville, Tenn., and on the book review staff of the Civil War News, is scheduled speaker. The meeting is free; and visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for \$6.95. For information call 858-6191.

Air defenders

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association is holding a Member Appreciation social and general membership meeting Aug. 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The social is free to Chapter ADAA members. New members and renewals can pay their dues (\$10) at the social and update their contact data. They'll have a brief membership meeting to approve chapter by-law changes and elect the slate of chapter officers and council members for 2007. RSVP is not required.

Retired employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. Mary Lou Kratz, director of the Huntsville Alzheimer's Association, is scheduled speaker. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly membership meeting Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. at building 3202.

Engineer society

Jim Snoddy, NASA's manager of the J2X engine development, will be the luncheon speaker of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers meeting at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 6 at Von Braun Hall on the

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UAH campus. Box lunches will be served for \$10. For reservations call James Denson 883-2531. The public is invited. One professional development hour certificate will be awarded for attendance.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast Aug. 26 at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. The chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Aug. 30 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Dr. Frederic Berg, chairman of Improvement of Health Care in Alabama, 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.

Engineer post

The Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers will hold its monthly luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Aug. 17 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Beverly Edmond, vice president of academic affairs at Alabama A&M University. For reservations call Chuck Kennedy 430-3641.

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.huntsvillealabama.com.



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. 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.

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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.

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.

Broadway shows

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring discounted Season Tickets for the Broadway Theatre League's 2006-07 Season. The shows this season are Hairspray, Nov. 3-5; Cirque Jungle, Nov. 24-26; The Producers, Jan. 12-14; On Golden Pond, March 2-4; and Wonderful Town, March 30 to April 1. Discounted CWFC prices for season tickets are Orchestra, \$209; Orchestra II, \$199; Orchestra III, \$154; Loge, \$154; and Balcony, \$109. (The CWFC prices reflect a \$25 savings from the regular prices.) CWFC is also offering discounted tickets for the BTL Bill Cosby Season Special, Feb. 11. Regular price is \$50; and the CWFC discounted price is \$45. In addition, the CWFC is offering discounted tickets for the BTL Family Fun Package which consists of the Peking Acrobats, Feb. 8, and The Spencers Theatre of Illusion, May 5. The discounted ticket prices for adults/students are Orchestra, \$42/\$24; Orchestra II, \$38/\$20; Orchestra III, \$26/\$10; Loge, \$26/\$10; and Balcony, \$16/\$6. All tickets must be ordered and paid for by Aug. 11. Contact charles.urban@redstone.army.mil to reserve your tickets. Visit www.broadwaytheatreleague.org for additional show and seating information.

Baby shower

A baby shower for Master Sgt. Tuynuykua Jackson will be held Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Help celebrate the arrival of Prentice and Tuynuykua Jackson's first child — a boy. RSVP by Friday with Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon 876-8648.

Women's equality day

An essay contest and unit/department static display contest are part of Redstone's observance of Women's Equality Day. Essays, due by Thursday, should pertain to the theme "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote." Call AMCOM/Garrison's

Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon 876-8648 or OMEMS' Master Sgt. Tuynuykua Jackson 876-9224 or 842-9765. The displays will be judged Friday. Plaques and trophies from each contest will be awarded at Team Redstone's Women's Equality Day observance Aug. 24 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Comedy review

The Officers and Civilians Club is hosting a Comedy Review Friday at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. The comedians include Kris Peters, Tim Kidd and Mike Green. For more information, call 830-2582.

Victims' fund-raiser

The Jeffrey Diehl Memorial Homicide Victim's Fund Benefit and Dinner will be held Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 2500 10th St. (corner of Bob Wallace Avenue). This is a fund-raiser for the Homicide Victims of Madison County. There will be speakers and prize drawings through the evening, culminating with nationally-known comedian Mickey Dean. Tickets are \$35 for individuals. Corporate tickets, which admit eight people apiece, are \$265. Tickets are now available through the Von Braun Center box office and will be on sale until noon Aug. 17. For tickets or more information call Gail Elsberry, whose oldest son Jeffrey Lynn Diehl II was slain in December 2000, at 746-9771.

Christmas year-round

Christmas Charities Year Round is giving clothing and supplies to children for school. Items needed are socks, underwear, jeans and shirts for boys and girls ages 6-12. Other needed items include regular rule paper, folders with clasps and pockets, one-subject notebooks, pencils and glue sticks. "All help will be greatly appreciated," a prepared release said. For information call 837-2373.

Health screening

Fox Army Health Center and MWR Sports and Fitness have teamed up and will be offering blood pressure checks and bone density screening in the fitness facilities on a rotating basis. For more information, call MWR Sports and Fitness director Gaylene Wilson 842-2574 or Rick Stock of Fox Health Promotion 955-8888, ext. 1443. Here's the schedule: Today from 9-11 a.m. at Redstone Fitness Center; Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pagano Gym; Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sparkman Fitness Center; Sept. 27 from 9-11 a.m. at Wellness Center; Oct. 11 from 9-11 a.m. at Redstone Fitness Center; Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pagano Gym; Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sparkman Fitness Center; and Nov. 29 from 9-11 a.m. at Wellness Center.

Arts and crafts

Matting and Framing, Woodworking, Pottery, Stained Glass, and structured Art classes await you at the MWR Arts & Crafts Center. Regular classes are held throughout the week, as well as each weekend. The center is open to anyone who can get on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, visit www.redstonemwr.com or call 876-7951.

Rocket Announcements

Country singer

Madison Arts Council presents 2006 Nashville star Chris Young in concert Saturday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Madison Gazebo in downtown Madison. Young's new single is titled "Drinkin' Me Lonely." For more information, call Jeannie King 772-1963.

Commissary news

"Dollar Days" can mean millions of dollars in commissary savings to patrons. The event will be held in most commissaries worldwide Aug. 10-23 just in time for back-to-school shopping. ... The September worldwide commissary case lot sale will feature "bargains by the case" and savings of up to 50 percent off regular prices on popular items. More information, including case lot sale schedules for specific commissaries, will be available at <http://www.commissaries.com> in mid-August.

Logistics achievement awards

Nominations for the Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award are now being accepted for deserving individuals (civilian or military) assigned to Team Redstone who have made significant contributions to the logistics community and whose leadership and expertise have made a major, positive impact on the Army's logistics program. The 2006 "Ernie" format will include two awards — the Management/Executive Award for GS/GM-13s and above (or military equivalents), and the Professional/Technical Award for GS/GM-13s and below (or military equivalents). Eligible population for the award includes all Team Redstone personnel (government or military) who contribute to the logistics mission at AMCOM. Nominations should be submitted by Sept. 8 to Kathy White of the Integrated Materiel Management Center 876-1757. The awards will be presented at a luncheon Nov. 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Interfaith service

Interfaith Mission Service will sponsor "The Season of Unity" to bring people of all faiths together, beginning with a second annual musical gala Thursday night at 7 at the Huntsville High School Auditorium. All proceeds will benefit First Stop's Homeless Center. Tickets are at Ticket Master, VBC Box Office, Shaver's Books and Huntsville High. You can also call Interfaith Mission Service 536-2401.

The season will continue Aug. 26 at 7:30 a.m. in the UAH Chan Auditorium with the inaugural Local Interfaith Summit.

Latin dance

"Tropical Night Latin Dance" will be held Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Paddy's Irish Pub, 3305 Bob Wallace Ave. Cover charge is \$6 for 19 and up; valid ID required. For information call DJ Ed 651-9626.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held Aug. 24 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5435. For an appointment, call Joyce Oliver 842-7710.

Alumni fund-raiser

Huntsville/Madison County Alumni Chapter of Alabama A&M University announces a Night Out with FACES, Dinner Theatre — a collection of monologues, poetry, music and dance. This fund-raising event is Friday at the Ernest L. Knight Center on the campus of Alabama A&M University. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and the event at 7. Attire is semiformal. Tickets are \$40 each. For ticket information, call 722-9592 or 837-1281.

AMC interns' reunion

All Army Materiel Command intern alumni are invited to a reunion Friday and Saturday in Huntsville. The activities will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the Richard Showers Center. Tickets will be available at the door or call Mary Epps 876-7126 or 721-0349, or Angela King 658-1440. Saturday's event is at Southern Adventures; and Saturday night at AMF Pin Palace Lanes. Class of 1986 is the host class. Bring pictures and a smile.

Organization day

The entire AMRDEC family — government, customers and contractors — is invited to this year's AMRDEC Organization Day, Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. Games, activities and athletic events for adults and children are scheduled. Lunch tickets can be purchased in advance: \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased from your directorate's Organization Day Committee member, or call Jan Martin 842-0691.

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Benefit breakfast

A pancake breakfast for The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation will be held Saturday at 7 a.m. at Applebee's on Hughes Road in Madison. Cost is \$5.

Women newcomers

Women who are new to the Huntsville area are invited to participate in a 12-week "Moving On After Moving In" class at Whitesburg Baptist Church on Tuesday mornings from 9-11:30 beginning Aug. 22. This is a biblical and practical study and support group that is open to all women who are going through the transition and adjustment of moving, using the book "After the Boxes Are Unpacked" by Susan Miller. Topics to be covered will include "Letting Go," "Starting Over" and "Moving Ahead." Any woman who needs encouragement and fellowship to get through the major impact of her move is welcome to attend. Debbie Cornelius, a retired military wife who has moved 16 times, will teach the class. For more information or to sign up for the class, call Cornelius 539-3867.

Crawfish boil

Join the Officers and Civilians Club on the patio for its Rajun' Cajun Crawfish Boil on Aug. 25 from 5-9 p.m. The cost is \$14.95 per person. The menu includes crawfish, corn on the cob, red potatoes and Cajun marinated shrimp. There will also be live entertainment. Tickets are on sale. For more information, call 830-2582.

Sidewalk arts festival

Huntsville's Sidewalk Art Stroll is Aug. 24 from 5 p.m. until 8:30 or 9, with artist setup beginning in the early afternoon, downtown. The arts festival takes place on the sidewalks around the Courthouse square and continues down Jefferson Street to Monroe and presents opportunities for artists of all mediums to display and sell their work. There is a \$25 participation fee for artists; participation is free for performance groups. Call Donna Castellano 534-8376 or Dianne Burch 534-7475 for more information.

Funded legal education

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense if funding permits. Selected officers will attend law school beginning the fall of 2007 and will remain on active duty while attending law school. Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (the Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility. This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable. Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Attn: DAJA-PT (Yvonne Caron), 1777 North Kent St., Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received by Nov. 1. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised. Interested officers should call Col. Kathryn Sommerkamp 876-5107 for more information.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK06410685	Contract Spec	9-Aug-06	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	55,360 - 71,965			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK06437948	Pay Entitlements Spec	9-Aug-06	AMC G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0501	9	9	43,271 - 56,258							X					
SCBK06417207	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572		X										
SCBK06429073	Program Analyst	9-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	3	3	62,751 - 97,003		X					X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06429073D	Program Analyst	9-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK06095	Custodial Worker Leader	9-Aug-06	Army Lodging	NL-3566	2	2	8.03 - 8.03	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06414996	Contract Spec	10-Aug-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-1102	12	12	62,751 - 81,572		X		X			X	X				
SCBK06401098	Business Mgmt Ofcr	10-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X		X			X	X				
SCBK06401098D	Business Mgmt Ofcr	10-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X		X			X	X				
SCBK06434255	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572		X										
SCBK06406001	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X											
SCBK06445799	Procurement Analyst	10-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-1102	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X		X			X	X				
SCBK06445799D	Procurement Analyst	10-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-1102	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X		X			X	X				
SCNAFBK06096	Tractor Oper	10-Aug-06	Business Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.69 - 9.69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK06097	Laborer	10-Aug-06	Business Oper Div	NA-3502	4	4	8.52 - 8.52	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06415759	General Engr	11-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06415759D	General Engr	11-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06410658	Contract Spec	11-Aug-06	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	74,621 - 97,003			X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK06416234	Safety and Occupational Health Mgr	11-Aug-06	USAOMEMS	GS-0018	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X		X			X	X				
SCBK06440420	Packaging Spec	11-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-2032	11	11	52,355 - 68,066		X										
SCBK06436628	Mgmt Assistant (OA)	11-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DK-0344	3	3	35,375 - 50,929		X		X			X	X				
SCBK06397459	Contract Spec	12-Aug-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-1102	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		X										
SCBK06445767	Supply Sys Analyst	14-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-2003	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		X										
SCBK06402930	Contract Spec	14-Aug-06	USAASC	GS-1102	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X											
SCBK06453375	Program Integrator	14-Aug-06	USAASC	NH-0301	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X						X				
SCBK06429734	Quality Assurance Spec	15-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DE-1910	2	2	28,559 - 81,572	X	X						X				
SCBK06431729	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572		X	X		X				X			
SCBK06434700	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X											
SCBK06446815	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003				X								
SCBK06446520	Deputy Project/Product Mngr	15-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0340	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X		X			X	X				
SCBK06446520D	Deputy Project/Product Mngr	15-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0340	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06401167	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	17-Aug-06	USAASC	NH-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06401167D	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	17-Aug-06	USAASC	NH-0861	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06451862	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		X										
SCBK06363483	Aerospace Engineer	18-Aug-06	ACQ SUP CTR	GS-0861	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X		X			X	X				
SCBK06363483D	Aerospace Engineer	18-Aug-06	ACQ SUP CTR	GS-0861	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06410644	Supervisory Attorney-Adviser (Contracts)	22-Aug-06	SMDC	GS-0905	15	15	103,723 - 134,838				X				X				
SCBK06410628	Attorney-Adviser (General)	22-Aug-06	SMDC	GS-0905	14	14	88,178 - 114,631				X				X				
SCBK06427547	Lead General Engr	23-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06427547D	Lead General Engr	23-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06247709	General Engr	25-Aug-06	Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631		X						X				
SCBK06247709D	General Engr	25-Aug-06	Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST06421864	Supervisory Mech Engr	25-Aug-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GG-0830	14	14	88,178 - 114,631				X								
SCBK06428288	Equip Spec (Aircraft & Electronics)	15-Sep-06	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	55,360 - 81,572				X				X				
SCBK06428285	Equip Spec (Aircraft)	15-Sep-06	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	55,360 - 81,572				X				X				
SCBK06428279	Equip Spec (General)	15-Sep-06	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	55,360 - 81,572				X				X				
SCBK06428299	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Sep-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	65,832 - 97,003				X				X				
SCBK06266183	Electronics Engineer	30-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855-3	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06266183D	Electronics Engineer	30-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855-3	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK06429073D	Program Analyst	9-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06401098D	Business Mgmt Ofcr	10-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06445799D	Procurement Analyst	10-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-1102	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06415759D	General Engr	11-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06446520D	Deputy Project/Product Mngr	15-Aug-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0340	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06401167D	Supervisory Aerospace Engr	17-Aug-06	USAASC	NH-0861	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06363483D	Aerospace Engineer	18-Aug-06	Acq Ctr	GS-0861	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06427547D	Lead General Engr	23-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06247709D	General Engr	25-Aug-06	Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06410644	Supervisory Attorney-Adviser (Contracts)	31-Aug-06	SMDC	GS-0905	15	15	103,723 - 134,838				X				X				
SCBK06410628	Attorney-Adviser (General)	31-Aug-06	SMDC	GS-0905	14	14	88,178 - 114,631				X				X				
SCBK06266183D	Electronics Engineer	30-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																			
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																			
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																			
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required)																			
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)																			
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)																			
V - Certain veterans and prior military																			