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Wounded Soldier ready to serve

Iraq war veteran joins Purple Heart chapter

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Sixteen-hour work days in Baghdad were nothing compared to the seconds it took for a rocket to strike the presidential palace in Baghdad. Those fateful seconds would change a major's life forever.

Maj. James McLinnaham was among the injured in the attack in January 2005. Two people were killed. McLinnaham was working in an annex building next to the palace when a rocket crashed through the ceiling and exploded.

"I received my injury by the impact. It blew me across the room and it messed up my (right) knee and my (left) hip," he said.

McLinnaham, 38, received the Purple Heart for his injuries. His left hip will have to be replaced and both knees are being treated.

He has become the first wounded veteran from the Global War on Terrorism to join the local chapter of the Military Order of Purple Heart.

"I'm honored to have a Purple Heart and I'm eager to work with some of these older guys who have the Purple Heart," he said. "I want to bridge the gap."

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 2201, has 79 members who were wounded while serving this country — including veterans from World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. The oldest member is 85. Some are bedridden, some are disabled and some still suffer the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder. Some joined the chapter 30 to 40 years after receiving the Purple Heart.

"Those guys have been through a lot of stuff," McLinnaham said. "I don't feel like I'm in that class but I feel I have something to offer them."

Chapter members Oscar Draper, Al Rose and Richard Payne, all Vietnam veterans, were pleased to welcome the young veteran into their ranks.

"It means that now especially with him being active duty



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SURVIVED ATTACK— Maj. James McLinnaham, a professor of contracting at the Defense Acquisition University, suffered injuries to his left hip and right knee in a rocket attack in January 2005 in Baghdad.

we can be in touch now with the younger generation of Soldiers," Rose, executive committee member and past commander, said. "We can get a better understanding of their mindset."

"That way we can let them know today that we can relate to them," chapter commander Draper said.

Payne, who was wounded in 1969 and joined the chapter this year, said today's war veterans deserve the public recognition that was slow to arrive for those who returned from Vietnam. "It gives that man a feeling of accomplishment," said Payne, junior vice commander.

McLinnaham, a professor of contracting at the Defense Acquisition University's local campus, was in Iraq from January through June 2005. He was scheduled to leave Aug. 12 for a week or two in Kuwait.

"There's a lot of people that got wounded (in the rocket attack) worse than I did," said McLinnaham, who has been undergoing psychological counseling to help his recovery. "I didn't want the Purple Heart

lete he once was. He wrestled for Winston-Salem State University from 1986-90 at 126 pounds and won four straight conference championships in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. He was an All-American in 1989. He finished his collegiate career with 92 wins, 32 losses and two ties. McLinnaham will be among Winston-Salem State's sports hall of fame inductees Sept. 8.

In the Army 15 years, he wrestled for the All-Army team in 1992 which won the armed services championship. His fourth-place finish in Greco-Roman wrestling qualified him for that year's Olympic trials. But he didn't make the U.S. Olympic team which went on to compete in Barcelona.

"Although I did not make the Olympic team, it was an honor to try," McLinnaham said.

Now he's honored to be on the Purple Heart recipients' team. He hopes to help the chapter with his computer skills and with his community service to youth.

Anyone interested in joining the Purple Heart chapter, or for more information, can call Draper at 837-5339, Rose at 534-7601 or Don Powers at 882-9374. The chapter meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 237 on Drake Avenue.

because there were a number of people who were killed; I just got injured. I still think about that situation."

The Fayetteville, N.C., native is also coping with the physical reality that he will never again be the standout ath-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CHAPTER TRIO— From left are Oscar Draper, commander of the Military Order of Purple Heart, Chapter 2201; Al Rose, executive committee member and past commander; and Richard Payne, junior vice commander. They welcomed Maj. James McLinnaham as the chapter's first member from the Global War on Terrorism.

An open lane random survey

What was the last American-made thing you bought?

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**
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Spc. Shaun Mendoza
"Tools – about three months ago."



Pfc. Ashley Hughes
Bravo Company
"I bought running shoes two weeks ago."

Jeff Secor
retiree
"I bought a car two days ago. It's a Hyundai Sonata made in Alabama."



Rosline Martin
DoD civilian
"Probably a purse about three months ago."

Quote of the week

'We weren't out there to talk, even though after we made some spectacular plays it may have looked like we were celebrating. We were just saluting the Soldiers that were there. We were showing our respect.'

— *Dwayne Wade, basketball star, after his U.S. team's 114-69 rout of Puerto Rico on Aug. 3 in an exhibition game in Las Vegas.*

Letters to the Editor

Suggestion for parking protection

This regards the letter in the Aug. 9 *Rocket* regarding the misuse of "handicapped" license plates and placards. This is a widespread situation; everyone seems to know at least one person in their building who's parking on his/her mother's/spouse's/deceased grandmother's credentials.

I have a suggestion: Each of these "handicapped" placards and license plates is issued by the State of Alabama to a particular person who has provided proof of his/her handicap. If someone could periodically, perhaps randomly, check the numbers on the placards or tags of cars parked in the handicapped spaces, they could compile a list of the names these are issued to. The

Department of Motor Vehicles could identify the owners, and the names should match those of people who are employed on the Arsenal and their vehicle decal. If not, the drivers of those cars could be issued a warning or a ticket.

Several months ago, I mentioned this to the Sparkman Management Office but was told that SMO and the MPs are too busy to do this. However, I recommend that this or some other action be taken before a handicapped person who couldn't park gets injured crossing the parking lot just because everyone was too busy to protect his or her interests.

Name withheld by request

Reserved spaces for veterans

Regarding the letter in last week's *Rocket* about the possibility of parking spaces for combat wounded veterans, the Garrison provides the following response. First we would like to thank you for your question. This is the first question in memory we have received at this installation with reference to a reserved parking space for a combat wounded veteran. A combat wounded veteran is authorized and definitely entitled to park in the existing "Hand-

icapped Veteran" parking space at the Redstone Arsenal PX/Commissary parking facility. As soon as the schedule permits we will change that sign to read "Combat Wounded Veteran/Handicapped Veteran" to clear up any confusion on who the space is for. Again, thanks for your question and for your support to our active duty and retired servicemembers.

Garrison

Wayward geese on loose

What is being done about the illegal aliens on Redstone Arsenal? After all, these geese are Canadians, possess no passport, no visa, no green card — absolutely nothing that is required to enter the country. They may even be carriers of disease — bird flu. And what the heck are they doing on post? Criminality, not one of them has a CAC card! Evidently they don't go through the gates at all, they just fly over the fence. And they're so brazen! Last month several of them flew into the Sparkman Cen-

ter courtyard and made to assert squatters rights. They were forcibly evicted, of course, but no further action was taken. They mill around in an unruly mob, they're undocumented, don't have proper security clearances, they're breeding, and I have it on good authority that these are French Canadian geese. Now that is something up with which we must not put! What is being done about this outrageous invasion of illegal alien interlopers?

Name withheld by request

Parking least of worries

In regard to the letter in the *Redstone Rocket* dated Aug. 9, I was disturbed at the incident that she or he had witnessed but pleased in the letter that she or he had mentioned that there are many valid disabilities that are not seen to the naked eye and I am extremely happy that the individual pointed that out to the readers and made it clear that not all handicaps are visible but are still very much real and there.

I, for one, have three major physical disabilities, diabetes, which in turn has made me have kidney function problems and now I was most recently diagnosed with a more chronic illness, MS or multiple sclerosis. I was issued a handicap placard because of my fatigue and my left side that goes weak which in turn makes my foot and leg drag. No one can see my handicaps per se and if you look at me one may think I am a picture of health — not true. I am in constant pain day and night. And take more medicines and shots than most people have to take in their lifetime.

So I am happy that this individual pointed out that just because you do not see the handicap does not mean the person does not have one. I would gladly change what I am going through and what I have to look forward to in years to come for a far away parking place any day. MS shortens life expectancy to say the least of what chronic diabetes does to one's health.

Thank you for your time and thanks for the majority of people who understand that good people, decent people, do not abuse the system; and I meant every word I said, I would trade my health issues any day and that sticker or placard and license plate for a healthier me and I would not wish what I have to go through on anyone. If people knew what the people who suffer from disabilities have to endure, a close parking place is nothing compared to good health.

Name withheld by request

Construction plans on restaurant plate

An article in the *Redstone Rocket* a few months ago stated that the new Burger King would be built at the corner of Burose Road and Martin Road. I have heard from those in AAFES food service that it will be located between the Redstone Federal Credit Union and the bank. They also say that the new PX and Commissary will be located in the former housing area on Vincent

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Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Name: Sgt. Raymond Diaz

Job: Driver for Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commanding general

Where do you call home?
Queens, N.Y.

What do you like about your job?
I meet a lot of high-ranking people. And I don't have to worry about going to Iraq. (Served in Iraq from March 2003 through February 2004.)

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Travel, eat different style food. Play video games – that's my all-time favorite.



What are your goals?
Obtain my bachelor's degree and do something important for the country, whether military or civilian. (Majoring in criminal justice at Columbia College on post.)

What's your favorite type of music?
Rap – I just like East Coast rap.

Ex-union president dies in Huntsville

Dennis Garrison was a fixture in the employees union at Redstone for many years. He returned as local president in the 1980s after serving as national president in the 1970s.

Garrison died June 9 at Huntsville Hospital. He was 87.

A retired federal worker, he was a charter member of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858 which was chartered at Redstone Arsenal in 1958. He was the third president of Local 1858; and then in the 1980s, he again served (two terms) as the local president.

In the mid-1960s, Garrison became the first AFGE national vice president for the fifth district. He went on to become the national executive vice president and the national president in the mid-1970s.

With national headquarters in Washington, D.C., AFGE is the largest federal civil service union.



Courtesy photo

Dennis Garrison

Garrison, a native of Moulton, was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; two sons, Carl Garrison of Houston, Texas, and Bill Garrison of Atlanta; three grandsons, a granddaughter and five great-grandchildren.

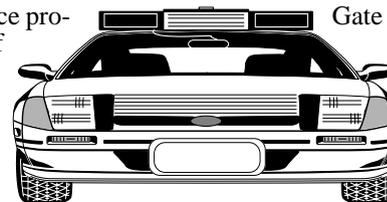
Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Aug. 3: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended license at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Aug. 6: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended license at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Aug. 7: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during a vehicle inspection at



Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and detained in the detention cell until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

Aug. 8: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended license at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 5 speeding, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 4 parking in violation of ordinance, 1 following too close, 1 expired driver's license, 1 expired registration.

Team Redstone celebrates Women's Equality Day

*Program planned
Aug. 24 at O' Club*

Various government agencies in the Huntsville area will hold a program Aug. 24 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in observance of Women's Equality Day.

The scheduled speaker is Dr. Amanda Goodson, senior manager for mission assurance at Raytheon Missile Systems.

During this program, each agency will present Equal Employment Opportunity awards to employees for Outstanding Career Achievement and awards for Employee of the Year in the Professional and Administrative categories. This award will be presented to a woman who

has demonstrated outstanding achievement during her career.

The EEO Supervisor of the Year Award will be presented to a supervisor or manager for significant contributions to the accomplishment of EEO program goals, i.e., one who through his/her efforts extended equal employment opportunities to minorities, women and disabled applicants and employees.

Tickets are \$11 per person; and the deadline for reservations is noon Friday. Tickets may be purchased from Abbie Johnson at 544-0014 or Phyllis Olinger at 544-0022 in NASA building 4200, room 422.

For more information, call Sarah Brazzel at 313-0546.

■ New Burger King on grill for future

Plans

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Road. What are the plans and when will this happen? Also, will another restaurant move into the former Fox Den (at Fox Army Health Center)?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "A new Burger King is

planned to be constructed between Regions Bank and Redstone Federal Credit Union in the future. The project start dates have not been confirmed at this time. It must gain the AAFES Board of Directors approval due to the cost of the project. There are no formal plans to place a Burger King restaurant in the Martin Road area. It has been discussed but nothing has been formalized on this location. There are plans to relocate the PX/Commissary to the west side of Vincent Road in the old housing area 8 location. This project is five years away from fruition at the earliest."

Command sergeant major joins Team Redstone



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CHANGING HANDS— Command Sgt. Maj. Bill Cole accepts the colors Friday upon becoming the Garrison command sergeant major.

Garrison's top enlisted Soldier looks forward to challenge

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The new top enlisted Soldier at the Garrison began his career as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Command Sgt. Maj. Bill Cole isn't jumping out of airplanes these days, but does have big shoes to fill as the successor to the Garrison's retiring Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Gerecht. Cole assumed the duties in a change of responsibility ceremony Friday at Bob Jones Auditorium.

"Sergeant Major (Gerecht) had my back better than anybody there ever was," Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski said. He described Gerecht as a partner who was candid and a leader.

Gerecht is retiring with 25 years service. "It has been absolutely a great ride," he said.

Cole, 42, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, entered active military service in March 1983. His career has included more than 13 years at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the 82nd. He is married to the former Mi-Jung Park of Deagu, Korea.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of being a productive member of Team Redstone as the Garrison command sergeant major," Cole said.



Photo by Will Moore

Distinguished career

Col. John Rivenburgh, left, receives the Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson, deputy chief of engineers and deputy commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, on July 21. Rivenburgh, former Engineering and Support Center commander, retired from the Army and the Corps of Engineers after a 30-year career. He passed the reins of leadership to Col. Larry McCallister who assumed command of the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville.

Enjoy crawfish boil on club's patio

Officers and Civilians Club has Ragin Cajun on menu

This is like a coming out party for the Officers and Civilians Club.

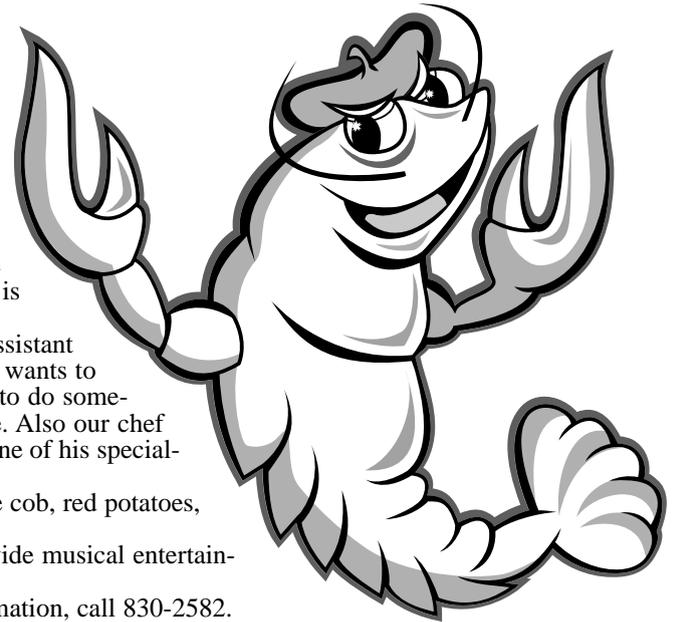
The club management wanted to do something outdoors, so they came up with the Ragin Cajun crawfish boil Friday, Aug. 25 from 5-9 p.m. on the patio and in the ballrooms. The entire Redstone community is invited. Cost is \$14.95 per person.

"This is our first attempt to do this," assistant manager Robert Schumann said. "The club wants to host an annual outdoor event and we want to do something different that hasn't been done before. Also our chef (James Skelton) is a Creole chef so this is one of his specialties."

The menu includes crawfish, corn on the cob, red potatoes, and Cajun marinated shrimp.

The Four Door Ramblers band will provide musical entertainment.

Tickets are on sale now. For more information, call 830-2582.



Missile recycling has center's attention

Facility at Anniston depot represents first of kind

By MARGARET BROWNE
Joint Munitions Command Public Affairs

ANNISTON — The heart of the South is home to one of the world's premier recycling ventures. Located on Anniston Army Depot, the Anniston Defense Munitions Center operates the Missile Recycling Center, where the tube-launched optical-tracked, wire-guided (TOW) missiles are demilitarized and disassembled for recycling or disposal of components.

Designed by a team consisting

of the Aviation and Missile Command, the Defense Ammunition Center of McAlester, Okla., the Anniston Defense Munitions Center and Anniston Army Depot, the facility is the first of its kind in the nation, according to Reginald Smith, munitions operator supervisor. The center is run by the Army with technical support provided by AMTEC Corporation, whose headquarters is in Huntsville.

"Traditional disposal methods pose additional environmental risks and recoverable assets are completely lost in open burn/open detonation disposal," Smith said. "That is why the MRC was established." Open burn and open deto-

nation are the methods previously used to dispose of the materials in these missiles.

"It is a first of its kind process that utilizes the R-3 approach," Smith said. R-3 is an Army environmental initiative that stands for resource recovery and recycling.

"It views the aging missile stockpile as a valuable asset. Missile recycling reduces the cost associated with environmental cleanup and provides, to the maximum extent possible, recovered components that can be used in production of new missiles and to generate spare parts for sustaining the missile system late in its shelf life," he said.

Deployed from depot

Name: Jose "Joe" Sanchez

Job title: AMG inspector

Duty station: Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas

Deployed as: Regional aviation support manager, Balad, Iraq



Courtesy photo

Jose "Joe" Sanchez

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

Hometown heroes recognized for combat

National Guard Soldiers receive badge for service

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The Combat Action Badge that National Guard Spc. Tracey Geahr wears on her uniform represents many restless nights she and other Soldiers in the 279th Signal Battalion spent hiding under their bunkers as mortar fire hit near their barracks in Iraq.

The badge also represents the daily threats the Soldiers faced as Improvised Explosive Devices blew up around their convoys and sniper fire endangered their mission.

But, now with the entire battalion safe at home, Geahr was among 31 Soldiers from the Huntsville area who were recognized Aug. 6 in a Combat Action Badge Ceremony at Heiser Hall. The Huntsville group was among the battalion's 220 Soldiers throughout North Alabama who received the award at various community ceremonies during the weekend of Aug. 5-6, said battalion commander Lt. Col. Timothy Mitchell. Other ceremonies were held in Albertville, Holly Pond, Jasper and Guntersville.

"We wanted the Soldiers' hometowns to be a part of these ceremonies," Mitchell said. "So, it was hard to do this in one place. We decided it would be better to go to the Soldiers and their families and their communities."

Flanked by her 12-year-old nephew Blake and her 6-year-old niece Madison following the Huntsville ceremony, Geahr appreciated the recognition. The Combat Action Badge is awarded to Soldiers who engage in enemy combat while performing their assigned duties.

"I feel good about receiving the



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SHOW OF PATRIOTISM— Soldiers of the Alabama National Guard's 279th Signal Battalion wave flags during a rendition of "God Bless the U.S.A." sung by Sgt. Maj. Greg Knight of the 59th Ordnance Brigade. Thirty-one Soldiers from the 279th were presented Combat Action Badges during the ceremony at Heiser Hall.

Combat Action Badge and about what we did in Iraq," Geahr said. "I feel honored to be able to serve my country."

The 279th Signal Battalion was assigned to support communications for Army units in a vast area stretching as far south as Ad Diwaniyah and as far north as Mosul, including such hot spots as Tikrit, Smarra, Balad, Baghdad, Babylon, Karbala and An Najaf where troops were under threat from anti-coalition forces such as the Mahdi Army, al-Qaida and foreign insurgents, said David Carney, a retired National Guard Soldier who helped organize the event.

Because of the large size of their area of responsibility, Soldiers from the 279th Battalion were constantly traveling on main and alternate supply routes,

making the Soldiers more exposed to enemy attacks. They were engaged on numerous occasions by mortars, rockets, Improvised Explosive Devices, vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Devices and small arms fire, both on and off base camps. The Soldiers experienced minor injuries, but there were no fatalities. They returned home in February 2005 after 16 months of deployment.

Although she described her year in Iraq as a "sticky time," Geahr said the Soldiers were not in constant fear.

"We were totally briefed before we went as to what to expect," she said. "They kept us very informed."

Nevertheless, she won't forget those scary nights in the barracks or those near misses while on convoy.

"Mortar fire came very close," she said. "We would hide under our bunkers. The mortar fire was so close sometimes that we could see the destruction of trunks and tents. Our convoys were often hit by IEDs. We were on one convoy where an IED blew up in front of us and another one blew up behind us."

Geahr said the support she received from her family, friends and employer while in Iraq helped her remain confident that she would return home. A security guard at Huntsville Hospital, Geahr often received correspondence from co-workers.

"Huntsville Hospital was terrific during my entire deployment," she said. "They sent me care packages and they held my job. I even got my regular raise even though I wasn't there. They were very supportive of my deployment."

That kind of support is what makes it possible for Soldiers to go into a war zone and return safely home, said deputy brigade commander Col. Jerry Reeves



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CAPTURING A MOMENT— Capt. Randall Hawkins of the 279th Signal Battalion helps his wife, Gina, with the newest addition to their family — 12-week-old Randall Jr. — as they get ready to pose for a family picture. They are joined by their daughter, 11-year-old Marisa. The family lives in Meridianville.

Combat Action Badge recipients from this area

The following Huntsville area Soldiers are among the 220 Soldiers of the 279th Signal Battalion who recently received the Combat Action Badge for serving their country under enemy fire. The Alabama National Guard held ceremonies to present the badge in several local communities.

- Sgt. Lloyd V. Allen
- Sgt. Stanley L. Baldwin
- Spc. Julius L. Biffle
- Command Sgt. Maj. Jearl C. Brooks
- Spc. David T. Brown
- Spc. Mark V. Burns
- Sgt. Michael T. Burns
- Staff Sgt. Shannon L. Chadwick
- Sgt. Cleophus Clark
- Capt. George R. Cline
- Sgt. Mary D. Cox
- Sgt. Terrence W. Gaines
- Spc. Tracey E. Geahr
- Maj. Arnold J. Griffin
- Capt. Randall V. Hawkins
- Sgt. 1st Class David W. Hill
- Chief Warrant Officer Walker K. Jett
- Master Sgt. MacArthur Johnson
- Sgt. Carlos A. Lopez
- Staff Sgt. Rodgers Love
- Staff Sgt. Stephen T. Miller
- Sgt. 1st Class Harold L. Pearson
- Chief Warrant Officer Roger N. Preston
- Spc. Jerald M. Pridmore
- Spc. Anthony M. Quigley
- Chief Warrant Officer Charles E. Ray
- 1st Lt. William R. Smith
- Spc. Nikki L. Sullivan
- Staff Sgt. Anthony F. Taylor
- Spc. Homer C. Webb
- Capt. Kerry A. Wright



Photo by Kari Hawkins

REFRESHING BREAK— Sgt. James Mockensturm of the Alabama National Guard watches over his children — 6-year-old Sarah and 3-year-old Andrew — as they have fun during their own little picnic of dessert, fruit and other goodies following the Combat Action Badge Ceremony for members of the 279th Signal Battalion. Mockensturm's family lives on post.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PROUD NEPHEW— Blake Geahr, 12, of Decatur, shares a quiet moment with his aunt, Spc. Tracey Geahr of the Alabama National Guard's 279th Signal Battalion, after the Combat Action Badge Ceremony at Heiser Hall. Blake hopes to follow in his aunt's military footsteps someday, with aspirations to be a pilot in the Air Force.

Disabilities employment rate can improve

Less than 1 percent of work force identified with targeted disabilities

President Bush has signed a proclamation celebrating the 16th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In so doing, the president called on all Americans to both celebrate the many contributions of individuals with disabilities and to work toward providing the ADA promise to give all citizens including individuals with disabilities the opportunity to live with dignity, work productively and achieve their dreams.

When President George H. W. Bush signed the act some 16 years ago, on July 26, 1990, he called this legislation a "dramatic renewal not only for those with disabilities but for all of us, because along with the previous privilege of being an American comes a sacred duty to ensure that every other Americans' rights are also guaranteed."

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission chairperson Cari Dominguez recently stated "it is unfortunate that despite the president's tenacious

leadership in promoting workplace access and inclusion for people with disabilities, the federal sector has not met expectations." The commission published figures indicating that the percentage people with targeted disabilities has declined in recent years and is now at less than 1 percent (.96) of the federal work force.

Bob Coney, chief of AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office, said, "Individuals with targeted disabilities also represent .96 percent of AMCOM's Work force and this is below the Army's expectation of 2.27 targeted disabilities — that is blindness, deafness, partial paralysis, complete paralysis, mental illness, mental retardation, convulsion disorders, and distortion of limbs or spine."

In order to improve the overall employment rate for people with targeted disabilities, Dominguez has tasked EEOC commissioner Christine M. Griffin to develop a strategy to create greater opportunity in federal agencies for individuals with targeted disabilities. (*AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office release*)

Company provides antiterrorism training

Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. has trained more than 1 million members of the armed forces and civilians on its online Antiterrorism Level I Training program.

Teledyne Brown, with its subcontracting team of Williamson Research & Solutions and PowerTrain Inc., is responsible for

content development, user helpdesk support, and assisting the government with site maintenance. The training is sponsored by the Joint Staff, Deputy Directorate for Antiterrorism/Force Protection. It allows users to quickly and efficiently complete DoD's annual AT awareness training requirement.

"It is critical that our service men and women's awareness be heightened about terrorist tactics, techniques and procedures," said Jim Link, president, Teledyne Brown Engineering. "Teledyne Brown is pleased to play a role in facilitating this very important training." (*Teledyne Brown release*)

Senior service college programs invite applicants

The Aviation and Missile Command is committed to the personal and professional growth and development of its employees to ensure the Command has the bench strength to fill its civilian senior leader positions in the future. AMCOM is announcing the Senior Service College programs for academic year 2007-08.

SSC programs are designed to prepare selected military officers and civilians for responsibilities and roles at the strategic level in the employment of air and space forces, emphasizing joint operations, to assume strategic responsibilities in military and national security organizations, and for leadership responsibilities in a strategic security environment.

The programs in the SSC include Air War College, Army War College, Army War College (Distance Education Program), Industrial College of the Army Forces, Naval War College, and the National War College.

Are you a candidate for the Senior Service College? Read and answer the following questions to see:

- Do you want to be the best senior manager or executive you can be?
- Are you a GS-14 or 15 (or equivalent), have at least a bache-

lor's degree, and career status? (Note: High potential GS-13s in the Defense Leadership Management Program may apply for the Naval War College by exception.)

- Do you have or would you be able to get a Top Secret Clearance?
- Do you have extensive demonstrated leadership and work experience?
- Have you been identified by your organization as being on the track for executive-level service?
- Do you have technical competence, supervisory experience, and an outstanding professional reputation?
- Are your mobile functionally, geographically and/or organizationally?

If you answer yes to all of these questions above, then you should submit an application for the Senior Service College programs. The deadline for applying is Sept. 8.

For more information on the Senior Service College, go to Chapter 2 of the ACT-EDS Training Catalog at: <http://cpol.army.mil/library/train/catalog/ch02gen.html>, or contact Jackie Timme, jackie.timme@redstone.army.mil, phone 876-6061 in the AMCOM G-1 Human Resources. (*G-1 release*)

Put safety first for school children

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is reminding parents to take precautions to keep children safe during the new school year.

"As you prepare to send your child back to school, parents should arm themselves with important safety tips that can help keep your child in the classroom and out of a hospital emergency room," CPSC acting chairman Nancy Nord said.

The commission provided the following tips:

- One hazard to watch for is drawstrings on children's clothing. This hidden hazard can lead to deaths and injuries because drawstrings can catch on such items as playground equipment. Over the past 20 years, CPSC received reports of 23 deaths and 64 non-fatal incidents involving the entanglement of children's clothing drawstrings. CPSC recommends that parents or caregivers only buy upper outerwear without hood and neck drawstrings. If you find children's clothing with drawstrings in your home, completely remove the hood and neck drawstrings from all children's

upper outerwear, including jackets and sweatshirts, size 2T through size 12.

- Rather than ride the bus, many children ride bikes, scooters and skateboards to school. To reduce the risk of serious head injury or death, children should wear a helmet — and it is important to wear the appropriate helmet for your sport.

- Be aware of local laws pertaining to the use of pocket bikes and scooters, and do not ride on streets or in driveways. Many cities and communities have specific areas where scooters are permissible. Other communities prohibit entirely the riding of pocket bikes or motorized scooters.

- Each year, more than 200,000 children are taken to hospital emergency rooms due to playground-related injuries. Most injuries occur when a child falls onto the playground surface. There should be a layer of safe, shock absorbing surface material, consisting of wood chips, mulch, sand, pea gravel, or mats made of safety-tested rubber or fiber material around playground equipment. (*Garrison Safety Office release*)

Attack helicopter delivery fulfills promise

Apache Longbow enters next contracting phase

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MESA, Ariz. — Where one chapter ends, another one begins. For the Apache program, Aug. 9 marked the closing of the Multi-Year II contract chapter. Soldiers, civilians and contractors celebrated the delivery of the 501st AH-64D Apache Longbow, which is the final aircraft of the second series of contracts with Boeing that began over nine years ago. The first AH-64A Apache helicopter was delivered in 1983.

“For the past 20-plus years this has been a model acquisition program,” Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips, deputy program executive officer for aviation, said. “It has met all of its program milestones. It has delivered capability into the hands of our Soldiers and our air crews. And it has performed admirably in combat under some of the harshest conditions that we could imagine.”

Though the event indicated a sense of completion it also symbolized the beginning of a new chapter for the Apache, the shift to the next generation Apache Longbow: Block III.

“The recent signing of the Block III program sends a powerful message to many,” Phillips said. “It shows that the Army is fully committed to the Apache program and ensuring that we keep this program on track to remain the world’s best attack helicopter.”

There are nearly 100 new and remanufactured Block II Apaches still in the pipeline for the Army, as well as Apache orders for international customers. Today approximately 283 Apache helicopters are flown in 10 countries of the United States’ allies. Production for Block III will begin in 2011.

“The Block III will take the Apache to the next generation,” Col. Derek Paquette, Apache project manager, said. “As an old Cobra (helicopter) guy from years ago I can tell you that the Apache represents revolutionary capability. It’s changed the way we fight. Block II is going to do that and Block III will continue to do that.”

The Apache helicopter is the Army’s primary attack helicopter and is capable of defeating a wide range of targets, including all armored vehicles, in any



Photo by Bob Ferguson/Boeing

NOSE TO NOSE— The 501st Apache Longbow sits across from another Apache Longbow during the delivery ceremony at Boeing-Mesa. The 501st is the last aircraft of the Multi-Year II contract.

weather, day or night. Armed with laser-designated Hellfire missiles, 30mm cannon and Hydra 70 rockets, the Apache can direct highly mobile and effective firepower against the enemy. Its Target Acquisition Designation Sight and Pilot Night Vision System provide day and night laser designation of targets and infrared night vision for both the pilot and co-pilot/gunner.

“The Apache is the world’s most feared, most dominant, most lethal, survivable and effective helicopter and will continue to be for the next 30 to 40

years,” Paquette said.

In addition to the armaments and the TADS/PNVIS, the current Apache Longbow is also equipped with a fire control radar whose use of millimeter wave sensing improves performance under poor visibility conditions and is less sensitive to ground clutter. The short wavelength also allows a very narrow beam-width, which is more resistant to countermeasures when it’s trying to guide the helicopter’s missiles to their targets. The Apache Longbow has logged nearly 300,000 combat hours in Iraq and

Afghanistan.

Because of the sheer lethality of the aircraft, stories have circulated from the current conflict as well as previous about the enemy surrendering to the Apache. Boeing bears a white flag in its production facility that is said to have been waved by the Iraqis during the Gulf War in surrender to the Apache.

“In combat they say fear is the ultimate form of respect and I’ll tell you sitting behind you, you have the most feared weapon system second only to the U.S. Army Soldier that’s capable and ever fielded on the battlefield,” Paquette said as he addressed ceremony attendees in front of the 501st Apache. “The Iraqis have a name for it that loosely translates to ‘demon night shark.’ In the current fight they will tend to get a little restless and little active and as soon as the Apaches come on station things get very quiet, very soon.”

Paquette also noted that the former 1st Cavalry Division commander tried to always provide Apache cover to road convoys and had a motto, “If the Apache is a flying the Soldiers aren’t dying.”

The Apache Block III program will incorporate open systems architecture to create more standardization, interoperability, networkability, and to merge off- and on-board sensor imagery into a single shared picture of the

battlefield. Other planned enhancements to the AH-64D Block III include enhanced engines and drive systems, “Level IV” control of UAVs from inside the helicopter, and a new composite rotor blade that will increase the cruise speed, climb rate and payload capability.

From the Apache model A to the development of the Block III program, many players were key to make each Apache chapter a success. “This just doesn’t happen by chance, it happens because the right people come together to build the program,” Phillips said. From the individuals at Fort Rucker who develop the requirements to the project managers at Redstone who bring the aircraft to the Soldier to the contractors and line workers who build the aircraft, there are many people as well as parts to an aircraft.

“Promises made, promises kept,” said Al Winn, Boeing Apache program manager. “To some these words make up a catchy phrase used casually. To the Apache program team they constituted a solemn commitment made nearly six years ago to deliver 269 complex, state-of-the-art Apache Longbow aircraft on time, on budget with full performance capability under the Multi-Year II program contract. Promises made in a time of peace, promises kept during a time of war.”



Photo by Bob Ferguson/Boeing

STATE-OF-ART AIRCRAFT— Discussing the Apache Longbow are, from left, Col. Derek Paquette, Apache project manager; Gary Nenner, director G-3 AMCOM; and Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips, deputy program executive officer for aviation.

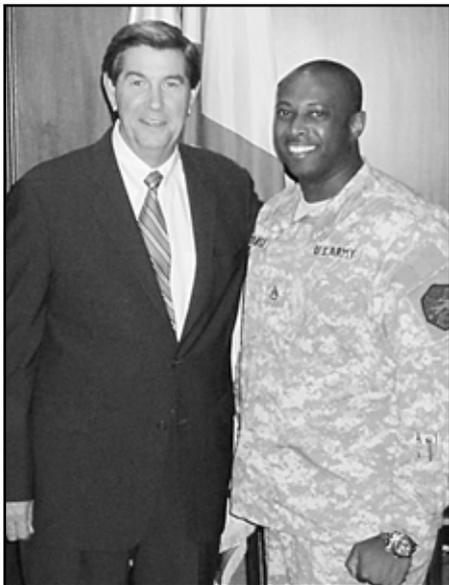
Soldiers dine with governor

Two Redstone Soldiers were among the eight Alabama servicemembers that had recently served in Iraq or Afghanistan who had lunch Aug. 8 with Gov. Bob Riley at the state capitol in Montgomery.

They were Capt. Joe Starnes, a senior intelligence analyst in the Current Intelligence Branch, Aviation and Missile Command G-2, and Staff Sgt. Fredrick Traylor, NCO-in-charge at the Chaplains Office.

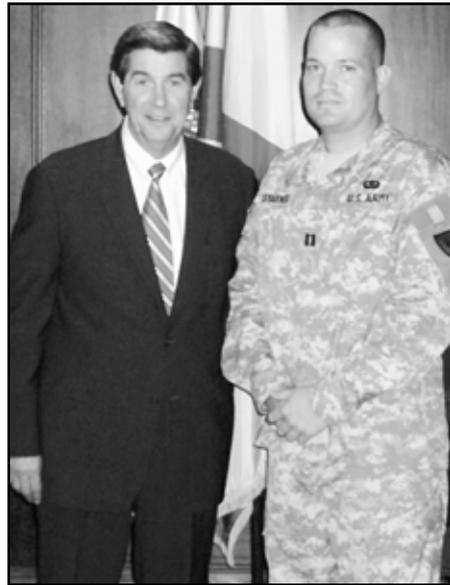
Starnes served with CENTCOM in 2004 as a tactics and small arms adviser on a Coalition Military Assistance Training Team near the Iran/Iraq border.

Traylor, from Talladega, served from 2001-02 with the 3rd Army ARCENT in Doha, Kuwait, staff chaplains office. He provided ministry and spiritual support to family members affected by the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.



Courtesy photo

CHAPLAINS OFFICE MEMBER— Gov. Bob Riley welcomes Staff Sgt. Fredrick Traylor from the Chaplains Office.



Courtesy photo

INTELLIGENCE ANALYST— Gov. Bob Riley greets Capt. Joe Starnes, a senior intelligence analyst at AMCOM G-2.

■ Guard members receive Combat Action Badge

Heroes

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of the 142nd Brigade. It was a theme repeated throughout the ceremony.

“Being a Soldier is tough. Being married to a Soldier is even tougher,” said Capt. Kerry Wright, who served with the 279th. “When we deploy, you deploy with us. We appreciate you staying beside us.”

Reeves called the Combat Action Badge Ceremony a historical event, a ceremony that will forever be recorded in historical records kept by the Madison County Heritage Commission.

“It’s always a great day to be a Soldier in the Alabama National Guard,” Reeves told the Soldiers and their families.

“It’s even better when we are getting the recognition we deserve. I’m proud and excited about being a part of presenting these fine Soldiers with this award.”

He and others on the podium, including the heritage commission’s Steve Ray and retired Vietnam veteran and Audie Murphy Patriotism Award recipient Bill Hogan, thanked the Soldiers “for your dedication, bravery and service to this great nation.”

Although the 279th was busy providing communication systems such as Internet and phone service to Soldiers, they did find time to do humanitarian work among the native Iraqis, said Sgt. Dana Cox of Huntsville.

“We started our own project to help rebuild a school and orphanages in the area,” Cox said. “We got so much stuff from friends and families and employers

in Huntsville and Mobile that we were able to provide supplies for three schools and two orphanages. Companies like Toyota, where I work, had big drives and provided us with huge boxes of supplies.”

The Soldiers would fill up backpacks with school supplies and give them to children. They would fill handbags with teaching supplies and deliver them to teachers.

“All teachers have there is a chalkboard and a piece of chalk,” Cox recalled. “Teachers don’t even have desks. The classrooms don’t even have air conditioning.”

While deployed, Cox left her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Joe Cox, at home with their four children.

“I’ve been on the going end and on the staying end,” she said. “The staying end is harder. The spouse that’s left behind has to deal with so much on their own. The Soldier goes and does what needs to be done. I did that knowing that at the end of my deployment would be my children and my husband.”

Two of their children – 19-year-old Rachelle and 17-year-old Marie – have their eyes set on military careers in the National Guard. Rachelle is a private first class and Marie will join in September.

“Rachelle did it for direction. Marie is doing it because she wants to be Airborne and she wants to be an interrogator,” Cox said.

“That’s the good thing about the National Guard. There are so many reasons to join. Everybody is different and they can find what they are looking for in the Guard.”

Construction brings closure to road section near gate

West area of Martin Road to close for several months

By **ANDY ROAKE**
For the Rocket

A section of Martin Road on the west side of Redstone Arsenal will close for several months while a new bridge over Indian Creek and two culvert bridges are constructed.

“Starting Sept. 5, a contractor will begin replacing the existing bridges, which are aging and have deteriorated,” said Keith Cook, program manager for the engineering division in the Garrison Directorate of Public Works. “Martin Road will be closed for approximately five months due to the construction.”

Gate 7 will only be open to limited traffic.

“Only employees of Test Area 3, Test Area 6 and the UAH Aerophysics Research Center will be allowed to use Gate 7,” said police captain Roger Triplett, assistant operations officer for the Garrison Directorate of Emergency Services.

Detour signs will be posted before construction starts to warn motorists of the upcoming road closure, according to the Directorate of Public Works.

Once construction begins, the limited drivers entering Gate 7 and traveling east on Martin Road will find the road closed at

the entrance to Test Area 6.

Martin Road will be closed westbound at Tiros Street. Barricades and detour signs will be placed at the intersection of Martin Road at Rideout Road to notify drivers that Martin Road is closed ahead. Only local traffic can proceed beyond the barricades.

“Ultimately it’s a safety issue,” Cook said. “The bridges are old and need to be replaced. The substructure of the Indian Creek bridge and the two smaller culvert bridges were built between 1930 and 1940 under the Work Progress Administration.

“We currently don’t allow large trucks through Gate 7 due to the load (weight) limitations of the bridges. The load rating is unknown on the two culvert bridges and the load rating was downgraded on the Indian Creek bridge due to age and deterioration. Once the new bridges are complete, we’ll have a baseline load rating for the road that will allow heavy vehicle traffic.”

People who regularly use Gate 7 should plan to enter Redstone Arsenal through another gate until the repairs are complete.

School buses that pick up children on post for schools outside Gate 7 are already using other routes and will not be affected by the road closure, Triplett said.

Construction of the new bridges will cost approximately \$1.2 million.

Visit the Redstone Arsenal Web site at www.redstone.army.mil to get updated information about the road closure.



Photo by Andy Roake

BRIDGE REPAIR— Indian Creek Bridge is one of three bridges that will be replaced over the next several months. The bridge is aging and heavy vehicles are prohibited from using Martin Road due to the condition of the bridge.

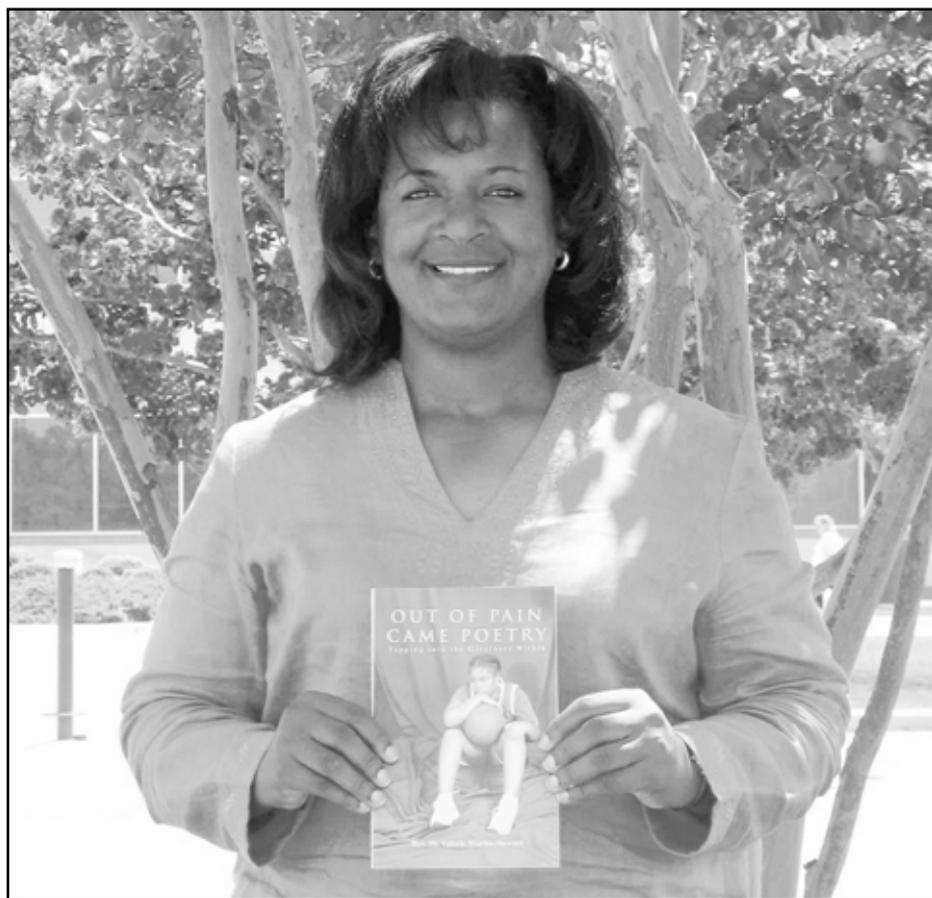


Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

BRANCHING OUT— Valerie Stewart, an electrical engineer in the mission equipment division of the avionics team, has published her first book.

Ex-pro basketball player engineering full life

Associate pastor, engineer adds author to her resume

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While you can't technically say Valerie Stewart has done it all, it is safe to say she's done a lot. From professional sports to a doctorate degree, Stewart already has enough accomplishments under her belt for any one lifetime, but she's not finished yet. She says she's just getting started.

"Everyday I wake up and ask 'OK, God, what's next?'" she said.

Stewart grew up in Oxford, Miss., with six brothers and sisters. She started playing basketball in junior high. She continued as a point guard and shooting guard through high school and junior college, earning an associate degree in computer science, before coming to Huntsville to play for the University of Alabama-Huntsville. After receiving her bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, she went on to spend three years as a professional player overseas.

"I really started playing with my brothers and I became pretty good at it," Stewart said. "I had the opportunity to play in Peru, Italy and Australia."

Her time in Australia yielded another opportunity. With her sporting schedule, she had enough time on her hands to take a job working within the Australian government.

"Our games were only on the weekends and we practiced once a day in the evenings. I asked that it be in my contract that I could have a day job," she said. "As soon as I got there and they found out I had a computer science degree also, I got a job with the government. I mainly did a lot of telecommunications, upgrading their phone systems. I had a great office with a view of the mountains."

After coming back from her time abroad, Stewart said she felt herself being pulled down a path she had been avoiding for a long time.

"Even while I was playing basketball, I was really running from a calling to preach," she said. "I got a master's degree from Heritage Bible College here in Huntsville and then the Lord led me to get my doctorate degree in the ministry from Andersonville (Theological Seminary) in Camilla, Ga." She now holds an associate pastor position in her church.

Stewart works on post as an electrical engineer in the mission equipment division of the avionics team. She has been a member of Team Redstone for 14 years, nine of which was spent at Space and Missile Defense Command.

She is a single parent of an 11-year-old, Paris Marie. While her daughter may share her talent for sports, Stewart hopes that Paris will go after what makes herself happy and not just what she thinks others expect of her.

"She played organized basketball for the first time this year. She thinks she likes it and might want to stick with it," Stewart said. "I try to encourage her not to follow in my shoes, but to find herself."

Her most recent accomplishment is the culmination of more than 20 years work. Her first book, published May 31, is titled "Out of Pain Came Poetry: Tapping into the Greatness Within." It is a combination of inspirational poetry and prose Stewart has written over the years, dating back to adolescence.

"I've been writing since I was 12," she said. "It was a form of release for me."

With a large portion of her writing about her own personal pain and struggles, Stewart said she was hesitant to put it all together for public consumption.

"I really didn't want to at first," she said. "There's a lot of my own personal pain in there. Who wants to expose themselves for the world to read? It wasn't easy to do. But the Lord told me I needed to do it."

Even with all of that, Stewart still felt she should be doing more. Last year, she started a ministry outreach program.

"One of the main things I'm doing is giving away scholarships to C and D average students. I started with my hometown of Oxford. I gave away the first two in the amount of \$250. I put up that first \$500 myself," she said. "I plan to give away those scholarships yearly."

Her ministry has held conferences and revivals in Mississippi, Alabama and Wisconsin.

"We're trying to reach the unsaved, drug addicts and prostitutes – the people who aren't normally in church," she said. "We just rent buildings, going from city to city trying to reach people."

While doing all of this, Stewart has also been working on book number two. She said this one is more of an autobiography which she expects to finish soon.

"Hopefully it will be published by the end of this year. If not, it will be spring," she said. "I don't have a title yet. I'm still working on that."

Stewart keeps her eye on the horizon, looking forward to the next challenge. She recently returned from a missionary trip that took her back to Peru. She has more scheduled for the next year to Russia, Jamaica and Haiti.

"I have a passion for people," she said. "I have a passion for helping people who are hurting."

It all adds up to a lot for someone who hasn't yet hit 40. When asked where she finds the time and energy for everything that she does, Stewart laughed.

"I wonder that, too," she said. "Once I started doing the things that God put me here for and I have a passion for, then there is no struggle. I struggled going to school for electrical engineering. There was even some struggle with basketball because I didn't have peace of mind. With the book and my ministry there is no struggle."

College student sees benefits from summer job



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BACK TO SCHOOL— Evan Webster, a UAB junior, has spent his summer as an office automation clerk at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Hired under recruitment program for students with disabilities

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Summer hire Evan Webster is preparing to return to the University of Alabama at Birmingham, but he won't forget his Redstone experience.

Webster has worked as an office automation clerk at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center from May 15 through Aug. 18. He was hired under the Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities.

"It was great," he said of working here. "I really enjoyed it. There are such nice people who work here. Treated me like family. I learned a lot, too."

Webster, 20, from Decatur, has been legally blind since birth. He has aniridia, an extreme nearsightedness caused by no iris.

He's a junior at UAB majoring in psychology with a minor in philosophy. Scheduled to graduate in May 2008, he plans to work a few years in human resources and then attend Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Houston, Texas. After that he hopes to become a pastor at a small church.

"I gained a lot of friends (at Redstone). I learned a lot about working as a team, about human resources which is going to help me in my future work experience," he said. "I learned how to manage time. Learned so many things, it's incredible."

The 2004 Austin High graduate is the

youngest of three sons of Dan and Rita Webster of Decatur. His brothers are Phillip, 21, and Justin, 24. His father is an engineering manager at Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities offers an opportunity for college students and graduates with disabilities to contribute their talents to organizations nationwide. Each year the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness provides salaries and work-years for summer positions to be filled throughout the Defense Department as part of this program.

Sixty spaces were allocated to the Department of Army for the summer program with a total of 300 requests to fill requirements. When the solicitation of interest went out to the Redstone community, James Burchfield of the Commissary and CPAC director Don Dixon expressed interest in hiring a student under the program. Only one space was allocated for Redstone Arsenal by the Army, and the CPAC was the gaining organization.

CPAC workers Marva Tibbs and Wilma Wheeler both said this proved to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience working with such an outstanding young man as Webster.

"Evan accepted each task given to him with a smile and usually completed it in record time," they said in an article submitted by Tibbs and Clarenza Clark of the Garrison Equal Employment Opportunity Office. "The nature of the work in the human resource field is not always 'smooth-sailing,' but Evan was comfortable with each assignment."

Brigade equips to help victims of heart attack

Defibrillators in place at training locations

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The Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, 59th Ordnance Brigade, has purchased 20 new Automated External Defibrillators to place throughout the school house in both indoor and outdoor training locations to help save the lives of victims of sudden cardiac arrests.

An AED is an electronic device designed to deliver an electric shock to a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. It uses a voice box, lights and text messages to guide the operator through a series of instructions on how to apply the pads to a victim's chest. The AED then analyzes the heart rhythm of the victim and instructs the operator whether or not to send an electric shock to the heart.

Unlike a heart attack which is caused by the blocked blood flow to the heart, sudden cardiac arrest is caused by abnormal heart rhythms. The American Heart Association attributes more than 350,000 deaths a year to sudden cardiac arrest. Since there are rarely any symptoms for sudden cardiac arrest, two out of every



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

EMERGENCY GEAR— Col. Jose Enriquez, commander of 59th Ordnance Brigade, right, installs one of 20 Automated External Defibrillators at the brigade headquarters building Thursday, while Bob McNabb, Ordnance Center and Schools, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., safety specialist, looks on.

three deaths happen outside the hospital.

"The system is designed so that anyone can use it, but training and knowledge of CPR is advised," said Sgt. Mike Wolonsky, NCO-in-charge of Fox Army Health Center's Education Training and the CPR coordinator and director for Redstone Arsenal. "As soon as you turn the machine on it talks to you and guides you

through the process. The AED will advise you on whether or not the patient needs to be shocked. If they don't, it'll tell you to check for a pulse — if no pulse is present then you should administer CPR. If that happens, then you need to know (CPR)."

The chance of survival with CPR alone is 7 percent, said Keith Katz, safety chief for the Ordnance Center and Schools, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. "The survival rate increases 68 to 72 percent with the fast and proper use of an AED. Sudden cardiac arrest is not an old people thing. It can happen to anyone, anywhere, regardless of their age, gender, weight or eating habits and it happens without warning."

Katz recalls an occasion when an AED and a Good Samaritan saved a life. In June 2004, a retired civilian's life was saved at an Aberdeen Proving Ground gym after the individual collapsed during a racquetball game. The Good Samaritan was a doctor and knew both CPR and how to use an AED. "It's called the chain of survival," Wolonsky said, "early access to the patient, early CPR, early AED and early medical attention."

"You can replace equipment but you cannot replace a life," said Col. Jose Enriquez, 59th Ordnance Brigade commander. "The safety and well-being of our Soldiers and civilians is of maximum importance. The addition of the AEDs to our training areas is an additional step in

ensuring that our personnel are safe and ready to act in case of an emergency."

The newly acquired AEDs will be placed along the OMEMS Physical Training running routes, inside buildings that conduct electronics training and at the ranges where lightning strikes pose a serious threat. They will be placed where everyone may get to them in case of an emergency.

A Public Access Defibrillation Program is being put in place to ensure maximum access to the public and to ensure the required training is also available to everyone, Katz said. The OMEMS safety office is taking the proper steps in identifying individuals in all training areas as personnel who will attend CPR and AED training. A plan is also being put in place to arrange for the maintenance and regular checks on the systems. Training on the AED and CPR is offered by Fox to Soldiers and civilian instructors who are constantly in training environments. Anyone else interested in taking a CPR course or AEDs may contact their local American Red Cross or go to <http://www.redcross.org/>.



Photo by Tom Gerrish/Cargo Helicopters

Wet landing

Col. Tim Crosby, cargo helicopters project manager, gets a traditional "hose down" with a fire hose and champagne Aug. 11 after his final flight in a CH-47F. He will leave the project office after a change of charter ceremony Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. His successor is Col. Newman Shufflebarger from the Pentagon. Crosby has logged more than 1,700 hours in a CH-47.



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Confidence builds in structure removal projects

Engineering center, partners test concept to reduce costs

By DEBRA VALINE
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SIERRA ARMY DEPOT, Calif. — So, you work on a small military installation with some small structures you no longer need and you're looking for a cost-effective way to remove them from your inventory. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville is looking for the same thing.

In July, Huntsville Center paired with Sierra Army Depot in Herlong, Calif.; Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Frankie Friend and Associates of Englewood, Colo.; B. Starling & Associates Inc. of Mount Holly, N.C.; ICONCO/LVI Demolition Services of Oakland, Calif.; and R.J. Diven Consulting LLC of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to test a new concept that may provide another avenue for removing unwanted structures from Army installations while reducing costs.

The concept, the Regional Mobile Demolition Team Program, provides a simpler, time-saving means to remove smaller, abandoned or other excess structures that are not normally large enough to constitute a cost-effective, stand-alone project.

"The intent is to offer a cost-effective solution for removing 'nuisance' structures by overcoming the overhead cost and administrative burdens associated with removing structures that are not normally 'worth all the effort' for such a small project," said David Shockley, the Facilities Reduction Program manager at the Huntsville Center. "As envisioned, the success of this concept is contingent on the saving of time and money through centralized, streamlined procurement and administrative processes and the predictability and productivity of an RMDT contractor."

The Facilities Reduction Program has several options available for installations



Photo by Debra Valine

PICK UP THE PIECES— Alex Villalbazo of ICONCO/LVI Demolition Services picks up the smaller pieces of debris from a demolished structure at Sierra Army Depot.

that need to remove unneeded structures. A Best Practices Toolbox is located on the Internet that provides information on those options at: <https://eko.usace.army.mil/frp-toolbox/index.cfm>. Anyone with access to Army Knowledge Online can access the site.

The test conducted July 18-21 at Sierra Army Depot successfully removed three structures that had long been on the list of buildings that needed to be removed from inventory. While the cost to remove the buildings was a little higher than expected, it was still about half what demolition usually costs.

"We had what I consider a great success at Sierra," said Bob Starling, president of B. Starling & Associates Inc. who is working as project coordinator for

Frankie Friend and Associates Inc. "We got Bldg. 597 removed, the coal bin on main post near the front gate removed, and Bldg. 402, the old boiler plant, removed. We were not able to remove the two boilers completely from the site of 402, but Carol Gordon fully agreed with leaving them behind."

Carol Gordon is the Sierra Army Depot real property specialist.

"I believe that we proved beyond a shadow of any doubt that the concept can work," Starling said. "Part of the solution and execution must be a supportive DPW staff like Carol Gordon, Heather Coursey and Larry Duncan and a flexible demolition contractor. Andres Velazquez of ICONCO/LVI Demolition Services tried his very best to provide quality work in a

timely fashion and I believe he was successful in his endeavor."

The Huntsville Center project manager contacted Sierra Army Depot officials about conducting the test. The center offered to remove the structures at no cost to the depot for a chance to test the concept.

"Every other year we provide building demolition statistics in our facilities reduction plan," Gordon said. "The test helped us get rid of some eyesores and reduce our inventory. If this works out really well, I would like to have them come back and demo more facilities."

The RMDT Program will reduce the installation's demolition project workload by removing several administrative, financial and management burdens and shift them to a more efficient and productive central manager.

"The installation benefits by having a single central expert to manage the contract, assist with demolition contractor coordination and provide hands-on technical assistance for project preparation and execution," Shockley said. "The demolition contractor benefits by getting more work, greater project scheduling flexibility, a centrally awarded and managed Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity-type contract and a more stable and reliably managed project. RMDT is a win-win proposition based on centralized contracting/management, expert assistance and leveraging the economy of scale by competitively awarding an overall larger quantity of work to a single regional contractor."

"I am really excited and grateful that Huntsville Center reached out to the little guys that need more help for this project," Heather Coursey, chief of Engineering, Plans and Services at Sierra Army Depot, said. "It provides a mutual benefit. We are helping Huntsville establish a process for the future and we get something out of it. This is a five-year program. We could have an opportunity each year to have more structures removed."

Army establishes Installation Management Command

Organization to start in early fiscal 2007

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army is establishing the Installation Management Command to improve its ability to provide critical support programs to Soldiers and their families while ensuring its installations are "flagships of readiness."

The command, IMCOM, will come online in early fiscal 2007, and will transform the Army's current installation management structure into an integrated command structure.

The initiative is part of the Army's efforts to reorganize its commands and specified headquarters to obtain the most effective, efficient command and control structure for supporting the modular force, under which there are three types of headquarters: Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands and Direct Reporting Units.

The current installation management structure is part of the Army Chief of Staff, Installation Management, and includes as separate entities ACSIM directorates, the Army Environmental Center, the Installation Management Agency, and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

The new organization will be commanded by a lieutenant general who will also retain the position of assistant chief of staff for installation management on the Army staff.

The new IMCOM will consolidate four U.S.-based IMA regions into two, and CFSC and AEC will remain separate entities as subordinate commands under the IMCOM.

"This new command is the next logical step in the evolution of IMA," said Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, the ACSIM. "Retain-

ing CFSC and AEC as distinct commands capitalizes on the brand-name trust and confidence these two organizations enjoy throughout the Army."

The new organization will be commanded by a lieutenant general who will also retain the position of assistant chief of staff for installation management on

the Army staff. The general officer will be nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate.

Other leadership changes include the former IMA director position, a major general, who will become IMCOM's deputy commander. The deputy ACSIM will remain a Senior Executive Service civilian.

As part of the recently concluded Base Realignment and Closure process, IMCOM, most of which is currently based in Virginia and Maryland, will relocate to and co-locate at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, with its deputy commander. The ACSIM and his staff will remain at the Pentagon.

"This major organizational change will create a far more effective, efficient and agile organization to ensure that the world's best Army is supported on the world's best installations," Wilson said. "We are committed to ensuring that the critical programs and services on which our Soldiers and their families rely will continue seamlessly throughout this transition period."

Wilson also said that while the new organization will most likely be smaller than the current structure, it will be an organization that is "committed to managing personnel changes through attrition in order to minimize turbulence." (*Army News Service*)

Logistics instructors get training opportunity

Acquisition Center partners with Army logistics college

Marlene Cruze, executive director of the Acquisition Center, and Col. Shelley Richardson, commandant of the Army Logistics Management College, entered into an agreement Aug. 7 that should ensure that military educational institutions remain relevant to the ever-changing operational environment.

The program, "Civilian Re-Greening" provides the ALMC instructors with an avenue to return to the work force in order to remain current in their career field.

"This partnership represents a win-win relationship for both of our organizations," Cruze said. "The Acquisition Center will now play a major role in providing training to the instructors who train our work force."

Under the program, the Acquisition Center has agreed to host civilian instructors from ALMC and allow

them to fully participate in the day-to-day contracting operations at the center for a minimum of three months.

"The real benefit to us and a key to our success is that our instructors won't lose touch with what is happening in the workplace," Richardson said.

Adina Peyton, ALMC's first "civilian re-greener," expressed her excitement about this new opportunity to serve war fighters by remaining relevant to changes in the operational environment and bringing those experiences back to the classroom.

To ensure the program is a benefit, Peyton will work under the direction of an Acquisition Center director, who will ensure she has a balanced and well-rounded training program.

Peyton's supervisor, Joe East, director of the ALMC-Huntsville Campus, said, "ALMC has proudly served our war fighters for over 52 years and will continue to explore new ways to ensure our students are trained and ready to serve." (*Acquisition Center release*)



Courtesy photo

IN AGREEMENT— Acquisition Center executive director Marlene Cruze and ALMC commandant Col. Shelley Richardson sign a memorandum of agreement. Looking on, from left, are Col. Tom Kallam, Acquisition Center deputy director; Lt. Col. Phil Deaton, Acquisition Center business management director; and Joe East, director of Huntsville's Army Logistics Management College campus.

Small firm's workers rise to meet storm challenge

Severe weather strikes St. Louis area in July

By CATHI SHELTON
For the Rocket

BETHALTO, Ill. — A severe storm suddenly struck the St. Louis area about 7:25 p.m. July 19. The National Weather Service reported wind gusts of up to 82 mph with sightings of rotating clouds. It turned out to be the worst storm ever to hit St. Louis and the surrounding counties in recorded history.

That night saw many heroes emerge from the aftermath of this devastating storm. This article is about how one small company that overhauls and manufactures parts for Army helicopters overcame a true blow from Mother Nature. This is a story of not one hero, but an entire company of heroes.

Fabritech Inc., located adjacent to the St. Louis Regional Airport in the town of East Alton/Bethalto, Ill., had employees working on second shift, sewing sound absorption blankets for CH-47 helicopters, when the shift leader noticed a huge amount of lightning and dark storm

clouds heading quickly into the area. She watched in horror as the hangar across the runway was repeatedly hit by lightning from pitch black boiling clouds.

She immediately gathered the second shift employees and had them all take refuge in the product testing area. One of the product lines Fabritech works on is the overhaul of AH-64 Apache helicopter gearboxes. The product testing area is built with solid concrete block walls to protect technicians from the possibility of catastrophic failure of gearboxes during the test runs. This time the product test area worked in reverse; it protected the workers from a catastrophe that occurred outside the test walls.

In the minutes that followed, the second shift workers said they heard extreme noises and vibrations. They said it sounded as if a locomotive was passing right next to them. When the storm had passed, they came out from the protective test area and found that the main roof and all of the giant air conditioning units were missing from the building.

Due to the quick reactions of Christina Barrera, the shift leader, and following the procedures outlined to her from her safety briefings, no one was injured. Barrera called the production manager, retired Warrant Officer Nate Bowman, who sent the second shift home to their families and started the emergency notification process.

The firm's president Steve McCunney and director of operations Dan Hanks were in London, England on business. The chief operating officer of the company, retired Col. Michael Morrow, and Scott Boeker, general contractor, responded to the site with Bowman and all of the first line supervisors. The area was secured, and the fire department checked for gas leaks. Once the all clear was given, the crew immediately went to work with flashlights covering and securing the government equipment, parts and paper work with plastic to protect them from the pounding rain.

Editor's note: Cathi Shelton is project coordinator for Fabritech Inc. Her home was heavily damaged by the storm.



Photo by Cathi Shelton

GROUND LEVEL— The Fabritech Inc. building in Bethalto, Ill., shows the effects of 82 mph winds July 19. The small company is now operating in Granite City, Ill., at the old Charles Melvin Price Army depot in the Tri-City Port District.

NCO Academy finally outlasts Marines

Academy rallies to win
preseason championship

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The NCO Academy had just enough left at the end of the preseason volleyball final.

The academy beat the Marines 25-20, 18-25, 15-13 for the tournament championship Aug. 9 at Pagano Gym. The Marines, who advanced from the losers bracket, had forced a deciding match by beating the academy 25-19, 25-23 as the night began.

But the academy rallied in the nightcap. "We just gave the first two games away, then we played like a team the last," NCO Academy player/coach Vernon Wise said. Both teams should have momentum as the regular season began Aug. 14.

"We just made too many mistakes," Marines player/coach Sean Newsom said. "They capitalized on them."

The win was especially sweet for the academy's Jeremy Donovan, who graduated the next

day from the Basic NCO Course. He was scheduled to leave Aug. 12 to return to his unit, the 587th Signal Company, in Stuttgart, Germany.

"I was trying, I really wanted to win," Donovan, 27, from Ridgecrest, Calif., said. He had been at Redstone for training since June 27.

Playing spiker, he had two kills and a dig as the academy rallied from an 11-7 deficit to win the night's final game 15-13.

"It was rough at the beginning because the team we were playing was a good team," Donovan said. "But at the end of the game, we got together and pulled it out. It was a close game. I think everybody did a good job. I think the difference was at the end we started playing as a team. They were starting to get a little frustrated, I think. And at the end, our teamwork and communication helped us pull out the game."

Tournament results from last week included:
• **Aug. 7** – Marines def. 326th Chemical 25-17, 25-21; and Marines def. HHC 59th 19-25, 26-24, 15-6.

• **Aug. 9** – Marines def. NCO Academy 25-19, 25-23. NCO Academy def. Marines 25-20, 18-25, 15-13 for championship.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
AIR BATTLE— The NCO Academy's Steven Norman (52) goes up against the Marines' Jared Griffith during the preseason volleyball tournament final Aug. 9 at Pagano Gym.

Youth basketball camp draws future stars

Twenty-two youngsters participated in the first Omega Stars Basketball Camp Aug. 5-6 at the Butler High gym.

The camp, which is to become an annual event, resulted from an effort by the Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. in partnership with the YOUTH Friendship Foundation Inc. It was sponsored by the Investing in Our Youth Partnership.

The youngsters were from the Huntsville Boys and Girls Club, Mason Court Homes and other surrounding areas.

Robert Brickey, who played at

Duke University from 1986-90 and is now the head coach of Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., coached the camp.

The two-day camp was supported by sponsors who provided food, drinks and T-shirts to the participants.

"It is the focus of the camp to not only make better athletes out of the kids but to teach them the value of education, character and leadership in the accomplishment of their life endeavors," said Maj. Alonzo McGhee, president of Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter. (*Chapter release*)

Water sport banned for safety reasons

Tube kiting won't float

The Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, has banned tube kiting on all waters under its jurisdiction in the Southeast.

Tube kiting is a new form of extreme water sport that recently emerged in the region. The large inflatable kite tubes have a solid fabric floor that the rider stands on while being towed behind a boat. The front of the tube begins to lift into the air at speeds above 25 mph. As speed increases, the entire

tube is lifted into the air like a kite with the rider on top. The lack of stability and control often results in the tube slamming hard into the water surface, overturning or throwing the rider.

"This product is described by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission as 'extremely dangerous' and nationally has already caused two deaths and numerous injuries, including one serious injury at Lake Lanier," said E. Patrick Robbins, chief of public affairs for the Mobile District, Corps of Engineers. "The hazards and potential liabilities of allow-

ing tube kiting on public waters outweigh the benefits of unrestricted use."

Southeast Region areas where tube kiting is prohibited include Mobile District rivers and lakes – Allatoona Lake, Ga.; Lake Sidney Lanier, Ga.; Alabama River Lakes, Ala.; Okatibbee Lake, Miss.; Black Warrior and Tombigbee River Lakes, Ala.; Walter F. George Lake, Ala. and Ga.; Carters Lake, Ga.; West Point Lake, Ala. and Ga.; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, Ala. and Miss.; and Lake Seminole, Ga. and Fla. (*Garrison Safety release*)

Middle school coach used to military formations

Retired Soldier commands Chapman football team

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When Chapman Middle School football coach Gary Shelby tells his players to stretch their necks by looking to the sky, he also tells them to pray to God for a safe practice.

When he instructs them to jog in place, Shelby tells his players to think about running into the end zone for a touchdown.

When Shelby congratulates his players on a practice well done there are a lot of “high fives,” back pats, smiles and “brotherhood” hugs.

And, they all come from a Soldier’s heart.

Shelby, a Desert Storm veteran with 20 years and 23 days as a Soldier, is still leading troops, despite being retired for close to 10 years now. Yet, these are troops of another kind. They are middle school football players.

From the looks of Shelby’s program at Chapman Middle School, the players are well led. They are strong, yet polite. They are proud, yet friendly. The Indians are winners both on and off the field.

And, that’s the way Shelby wants it. “The focus is not winning the championship,” he said. “I want to win some citizenship. On the field, we are teaching basic fundamentals and a love for the game. We are also teaching leadership and character. We want to build good players, good students, good citizens.”

The Chapman Middle football team is entering its fourth season with Shelby, 46, as head coach. Since coming to Chapman, he has led the team to three winning seasons. This year, the talk among middle school coaches is that Chapman has a chance at being the top middle school football team in Huntsville. The team’s first game of the season is on Sept. 5 against last year’s city champ – Ed White Middle School.

But, that game is still three weeks away. Shelby and his coaching staff are using their time to build strength, strategy and team playing on the field. Interwoven in their coaching are words that also help to build the players’ confidence, self-esteem and faith.

“The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a great organization for these boys and it is an important part of our program,” Shelby said. “These boys are physical, but they also have a spiritual side that can’t be ignored. Brotherhood in Christ is number one. You can’t see everything and you can’t touch everything, but you can feel everything spiritually. Together they can grow that spiritual side through student-led activities.”

Shelby first got an inkling that teaching and coaching would be his second profession while serving at Redstone Arsenal, where the sergeant first class worked as an instructor at the then Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

“I found that I had a knack for helping Soldiers who were having trouble passing their course,” Shelby said. “But, I didn’t know then that the Lord wanted me to be



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CHAPMAN HUDDLE— Coach Gary Shelby, a Desert Storm veteran, is all smiles about the toughness of his Chapman Middle School football team. Shelby uses his military background to prepare his players for scoring on the football field. Since becoming Chapman’s coach three years ago, the team has had winning seasons. This year the Indians are expected to give Ed White Middle School, last year’s city champ, some stiff competition. The game is set for Sept. 5.

a teacher.”

After retiring in 1997, Shelby took a different path, graduating with an associate degree in law enforcement from Columbia College.

“I was about to complete my bachelor’s when I went on a practicum exercise to see what the real world of law enforcement was all about,” he said. “I saw so many kids in trouble with the law. I saw so many kids who needed help. So I switched to education and became a special education teacher. I felt that’s what God really had on my heart the whole time.”

After graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree from Alabama A&M University, Shelby taught one year at Davis Hills Middle School. He then transferred to Chapman, where he could not only teach special education but could also be the coach for the football and track programs.

“I asked for the tough schools. I was drawn to be with these kids,” he said. “It was that NCO drive that I got in the military – either lead, follow or get out of the way. Coaching was the easiest way for me to connect with these kids. It became a way for me to reach out to them and provide them with some leadership in their

lives.”

Shelby and his coaching staff — which includes Army retiree Ronald Johnson who volunteers as the assistant head coach and Shelby’s son, Garien, who is also a volunteer coach — are role models for the 55 boys who make up the team.

Discipline is a key to building a strong football team, Shelby said. The coaching staff follows the “three times and you’re out” rule, working with a player to overcome two infractions and then expelling the player from the team if there is a third infraction, regardless of the player’s ability on the field.

“The challenge here is there are a lot of disciplinary problems,” Shelby said. “There are many boys with no fathers in the home. Many live below the poverty line. A lot of times, I and my staff end up not only being coaches, but also fathers, counselors and big brothers.”

Shelby’s military career has helped him fill those roles. His football players are much like new Army recruits, all coming in with their own aspirations, abilities, motivations and problems. From those players, Shelby hones the best to become the team’s leaders. All players must have a good reputation both on and off the field.

“This was a team with a bad reputation four years ago,” he said. “But, we don’t accept a bad reputation for this team. We are now one of the top teams. We want to have the best young men on the best team in Huntsville.”

Shelby’s commitment to Chapman’s students is also evident in the classroom, where he has helped clear the school and its special education program from “alert” status with the state Department of Education.

“Behavior has improved 100 percent at Chapman,” he said. “The success we’ve had on the football field has also been seen in the classroom. Our players are leaders in the school. There is pride here now. Our players have pride in themselves, in their teammates and in their school.”

In the military, Shelby was the Soldier who was seen as the “rescuer,” the one who was always there for someone else.

“I’ve always come to the defense of the less fortunate,” he said. “I know it’s a hard job, but my military background has given me the patience for it and the nerves to go along with it and the mindset that we can make things happen if we work at it.”

Shelby’s military career took him to Desert Storm, where he ran ammunition points for the frontline in the southern part of Iraq.

“We were one of the first units in and one of the last units out,” he said. “We were the most forward ammunition point for the troops. We were constantly under Scud attacks. A lot of nights we had to stay underground.”

Playing football is much like going to war, he said.

“To be successful as a military unit or as a football team, you have to first come together as a family,” Shelby said.

“In both situations, you depend on the guys around you to defend you. On the line, you depend on the guy to your left and you depend on the guy to your right. The whole military philosophy comes into play on the field. We didn’t lose any Soldiers from our team in Desert Storm. Here, there’s no way we can win if we don’t play as a team.”

In his coaching and teaching, Shelby often falls back on the Army slogan “Be all you can be.”

“I tell the kids to stay in school and become a good citizen,” he said. “I tell them not to worry about what other people are doing. They each need to do the best they can because they will be judged on their own ability.”

He does counsel those students who are interested in a future military career, telling them such a choice can bring direction to a young person’s life, offer them a chance at an education and give them a free ticket to see the world.

“The military prepared me for this. I feel like I’m on a mission here,” he said. “I call my students my young Soldiers. Sometimes I feel like I’m still in the military. I’m just not camouflaged. But, the mission is the same – to bring peace, hope and happiness into people’s lives.”

Editor’s note: The Chapman football team is struggling to supply uniforms for all its players. Sponsors for the program are needed. For more information, call Shelby or the school principal, Dr. Jim Waters, at 428-7640.



Sports & Recreation

Stars baseball

The Huntsville Stars will have Military Appreciation Night on Sunday, Aug. 27 at 6:05 when the Stars host the Mississippi Braves at Joe Davis Stadium. "Although we offer a discount to military personnel of half price tickets to any Sunday through Thursday home game, we would like to extend an offer of free general admission tickets (upgrades available to upper reserve or lower box seat locations) to any military personnel who shows their current military ID at the Stars ticket office in advance or on the day/night of Aug. 27," a prepared release said. For more information, call the Stars office 882-2562 or visit the stadium.

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.

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@bell-south.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.

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 Saturday 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 Saturday 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.

Madison Police classic

The third annual Madison Police Foundation "Golf Classic" is Sept. 28 with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. Proceeds benefit the foundation. For more information, call 679-2506.

Bicycle ride

The Leaves of Lincoln Century bicycle ride, presented by Lincoln County Health System Foundation, is Oct. 7 in Fayetteville, Tenn. Cyclists can select from 15, 30, 62 or 100 mile trips all touring the countryside on well-maintained roads. All rides begin at the Fayetteville Square. The cost to participate is \$25 until Sept. 24 or \$30 after that date. If interested in participating or for more information, visit the web site www.leavesoflincoln.com or call event director Amy Higgins (931) 433-3448.



Conferences & Meetings

Toastmasters

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

Enlisted spouses

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

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.

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 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. Thursday 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.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday morning from 6:30-7:30 at the Officers and Civilians Club, Regimental Room, Goss Road. The association is open to membership for E-9s from all services, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guards and Reserves. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Greg Knight 876-8036.

Genealogical society

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. For information call 883-5650.

Management institute

The Project Management Institute North Alabama Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Bill Kessinger will talk about "Developing Your Creativity and Innovation Potential." The cost is \$20. For more information, e-mail www.northalabamapmi.org or info@northalabamapmi.org.

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.

Miscellaneous

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.

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.

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.

Water cooler refills

The Thrift Shop has begun to stock water cooler refills as part of its goal to raise more money to give back to the community. Water cooler replacement bottles, 5-gallon jugs, are available at good prices at the shop. For more information, call Christi Graves 881-6992.

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

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

Volunteer opportunities

There are many benefits to volunteering. One is to make a difference, and at Army Community Service you can do that by giving your time to help Soldiers, family

members and retirees. But you can also help yourself by gaining skills and teamwork experience, boosting your self-confidence in the workplace, and gathering job experience to put in that otherwise blank spot on your resume. ACS has different programs that need volunteers as assistants. The hours and days are flexible and child care is free while you are volunteering. No experience necessary. Be a part of the ACS team. Call Phyllis Cox 876-5397.

TOW system reunion

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

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

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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.

Women's equality day

Team Redstone's Women's Equality Day observance is Aug. 24 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Amanda Goodson, senior manager for mission assurance at Raytheon Missile Systems. RSVP by noon Friday to Sarah Brazzel 313-0546.

Victims' fund-raiser

The Jeffrey Diehl Memorial Homicide Victim's Fund Benefit and Dinner will be held Friday 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 Thursday. For tickets or more information call Gail Elsberry, whose oldest son Jeffrey Lynn Diehl II was slain in December 2000, at 746-9771.

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 community 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: Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pagano Gym; Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Commissary; Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sparkman Fitness Center; Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Commissary; Sept. 27 from 9-11 a.m. at Wellness Center; Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Commissary; Oct. 11 from 9-11 a.m. at Redstone Fitness Center; Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Commissary; Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pagano



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We are climbing

Children play on the rock climbing wall at the new Boundless Playground that opened at Fort Campbell, Ky., Aug. 4. The Boundless Playground is the first of its kind on a military installation.

Gym; Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Commissary; Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sparkman Fitness Center; Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Commissary; 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.

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

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Dog fair

The Huntsville Obedience Training Club is hosting the 2006 Dog Fair, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mount Sano State Park. This is a free community event with information and activities for both current dog owners and for those considering acquiring a dog. There will be games for children, vendor booths, concessions and a radio DJ. All dogs must be on leash. For more information, contact shboyo@knology.net.

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Training mission

Combined forces from the Bulgarian Army, Romanian 26th Infantry Regiment and the 1st Battalion 94th Field Artillery Regiment touch down at the Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria after completing a mock air assault mission.

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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.

Fish fry

The Hazel Green United Methodist Church Men's Group will hold its annual Community Fish Fry on Saturday from 6-8 p.m. in Hazel Green at Carter's Cotton Gin, directly across from the church.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for August include: unit – Headquarters & Alpha Company, building 3413. Area 1 – Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Jones, 543-A Willow Circle. Area 2 – Sgt. Maj. Donald McCormick, 1030 Hof Circle. Area 3 – Capt. Lucilio Mizerani, 17 Ripley Drive. Area 4 – Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Lade, 642 Dyer Circle. Area 4A – Staff Sgt. Michael Milani, 607 Wesson Circle. Area 5 – Chief Warrant Officer Frank Volpe, 451 Simpson Drive. Area 6 – Sgt. Eric Ironsmith, 304 Hughes Drive. Area 10A – Sgt. 1st Class Jason Sokolowski, 471-B

Tripp Drive. Area 10B – Lt. Col. Ronald Mulkey, 493 Cooke Drive.

Military service awards

The GEICO Military Service Awards Program, sponsored by the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation, has kicked off its 19th year. The program honors one enlisted member from each of the five military services, and one enlisted member from the Guard/Reserves component, for outstanding service to his or her military and/or civilian community. Nominations are due to each service by Oct. 31. Locally, applications should be submitted by Aug. 30 to Barbara Moudy of the Military Personnel Office 842-2421. Awards will be presented in three categories: drug and alcohol abuse prevention, fire safety and fire prevention, and traffic safety and accident prevention. Each winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award from GEICO Philanthropic, a plaque commemorating his or her accomplishments, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the award ceremony April 30, 2007. For more information, call GEICO representatives Dorothy Patrick or Louis Zarrilli 837-0551.

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 transi-

tion 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.

Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club announces its annual Merit Award program. Merit Award application forms will be available at OCWC monthly luncheons, the Education Center and Army Community Service. Applicants must be a member, spouse or the dependent of a member in good standing as of Oct. 1, 2006. Merit Awards are based on the applicant's scholastic achievements, citizenship and sincere desire to pursue higher education. Applicant categories include: high school/GED — must be a graduating high school senior or have obtained a GED; college — must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree; and member, dependent or spouse — must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. Applicants must live within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. They must be U.S. citizens and have no prior felony arrests or convictions. The deadline for OCWC Merit Award consideration is Feb. 3, 2007. Previous winners may compete in

succeeding years, however, may only win once in each category. In addition, students receiving full scholarships — which covers tuition, books and related expenses — are not eligible to apply for a Merit Award. Applicants must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college or vocational school prior to April 13, 2007. For more information, call K.C. Bertling 325-0490 or e-mail samnkc@knology.net.

Prayer breakfast

The next LCMC Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast is Aug. 24 at 7:30 a.m. at Sparkman Center building 5308, conference room 8124. No food or drink will be served, but you may bring your own. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. For more information, call Richard Doty 313-1537 or Sharon Board 876-0194.

Staff ride opportunity

The AMCOM Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders program is accepting applications for a Staff Ride opportunity Sept. 21 to Anniston Army Depot. All Army civilian Interns, Fellows, and Student Career Experience Program employees may apply. Participants will observe various Anniston depot manufacturing facilities and processes, understand and compare their implementation of Lean Six Sigma, and learn and understand the depot's mission and role in the Army. Application deadline is Aug. 23. For information call Candice Scruggs 842-6221.

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	
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																				
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	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	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	X
SCBK06414777	Supervisory Logistics Mgmt Spec	18-Aug-06	IMMC	NH-0346	4	4	77,793 - 118,957		X											
SCBK06414777D	Supervisory Logistics Mgmt Spec	18-Aug-06	IMMC	NH-0346	4	4	77,793 - 118,957	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06446803	Logistics Mgmt Spec	18-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003				X									
SCBK06431049	Mgmt Analyst	18-Aug-06	AMCOM	GS-0343	12	12	62,751 - 81,572		X		X									
SCBK06466155	Contract Spec	18-Aug-06	AMCOM	GS-1102	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		X											
SCBK06453347	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003				X									
SCBK06410644	Supervisory Attorney-Adviser (Contracts)	22-Aug-06	SMDC	GS-0905	15	15	103,723 - 134,838				X				X					X
SCBK06410628	Attorney-Adviser (General)	22-Aug-06	SMDC	GS-0905	14	14	88,178 - 114,631				X				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	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	X
SCBK06459122	Industrial Property Mgmt Spec	23-Aug-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-1103	12	12	62,751 - 81,572		X		X		X		X	X		X		
SCBK06459234	Computer Scientist	24-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DB-1550	2	2	28,559 - 68,066		X						X					X
SCBK06453368	Logistics Mgmt Spec	24-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003				X									
SCBK06268541D	Aerospace Engineer	24-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	2	28,559 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06472110	Pharmacy Tech	24-Aug-06	MEDDAC	GS-0661	5	5	28,559 - 37,128		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					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	X
WTST06421864	Supervisory Mech Engr	25-Aug-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GG-0830	14	14	88,178 - 114,631				X									*
SCBK06456111	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	29-Aug-06	AMC	GS-2210	12	12	62,751 - 81,572		X											
SCBK06449656	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Aug-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X											
SCBK06462128	Electronics Engineer	5-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-0855	14	14	88,178 - 114,631			X		X	X	X	X	X		X		
SCBK06462128D	Electronics Engineer	5-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-0855	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06462138	Computer Engr	6-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-0854	14	14	88,178 - 114,631			X		X	X	X	X	X		X		
SCBK06462138D	Computer Engr	6-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-0854	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06443518	General Engr	10-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
SCBK06428288	Equip Spec (Aircraft & Electronics)	15-Sep-06	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	55,360 - 81,572				X				X					X
SCBK06428285	Equip Spec (Aircraft)	15-Sep-06	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	55,360 - 81,572				X				X					X
SCBK06428279	Equip Spec (General)	15-Sep-06	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	55,360 - 81,572				X				X					X
SCBK06428299	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Sep-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	65,832 - 97,003				X				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	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	X

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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	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	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	X
SCBK06268541D	Aerospace Engineer	24-Aug-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	2	28,559 - 97,003	X	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	X
SCBK06410644	Supervisory Attorney-Adviser (Contracts)	31-Aug-06	SMDC	GS-0905	15	15	103,723 - 134,838				X				X					X
SCBK06410628	Attorney-Adviser (General)	31-Aug-06	SMDC	GS-0905	14	14	88,178 - 114,631				X				X					X
SCBK06462128D	Electronics Engineer	5-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-0855	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06462138D	Computer Engr	6-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-0854	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	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 documenting 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 documenting 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 documenting 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 documenting service required)
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
U - All U.S. citizens

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for **Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647**, for more information.