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German tradition lives in festival

Oktoberfest delivers music, entertainment

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It's polka time at Redstone Arsenal!

The sounds, tastes, smells and dances of Germany will come alive once again this weekend during the 11th annual Oktoberfest.

And, back by ever popular demand will be Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express, America's premier Oktoberfest band combining performance, audience interaction and lots of fun.

Although the band is the centerpiece of the weekend's festival, it's not the only German-inspired event Oktoberfest has to offer. Redstone Arsenal's Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation will offer an entire smorgasbord of "oompah" family fun – from German cuisine and beers to carnival rides and vendors – to please all members of the family.

Courtesy photo

FUTURE MUSICIAN— A young patron at the 2004 Oktoberfest tries blowing into an Alphorn with the help of Alpine Express musician Michael Hoffer.

"This is a family event that celebrates the German heritage in North Alabama," Adrian Baker, director of MWR Sales and Marketing, said.

"The German heritage is huge here because you have so many Soldiers and Soldier retirees and their families who have lived in Germany. They have a real appreciation for German cuisine and German culture. Combine that with the legacy left here by Wernher von Braun and his German rocket team, and you can see why Oktoberfest is a natural fit for Redstone Arsenal and North Alabama."

For 11 years (with the exception of 2001) Oktoberfest has been an event open to the entire North Alabama/South Tennessee community. Upwards of 13,000 people attended last year's event at the MWR Activity Field with about 15,000 expected this year.

The opening ceremony – a traditional German keg tapping – will take place in the Papa John's Fest Hall Tent at 6 p.m. at the activity field, located at the corner of Patton and Aerobee roads just inside Gate 10.

"Keg tappings are the official start of Oktoberfest wherever they are celebrated around the world," Baker said. "It involves busting open a keg of beer, putting a spout in it and then dispensing it to the crowd. We have invited several Redstone Arsenal dignitaries and all our corporate sponsors to the event."

Thursday night will also bring a new performer to Oktoberfest — Huntsville's very own Four Door Rambler.

"They draw a younger crowd, so we wanted them to perform on Thursday night, which is traditionally school night when kids from throughout Huntsville wear their school T-shirts to Oktoberfest," Baker said. "Four Door Rambler will bring their own mix of rock, pop, blues and jazz to Oktoberfest."

Four Door Rambler also introduces a bit of musical variety to the festival for those who attend all four days of the festival.

"A lot of people like to come to the 'Fest on multiple days," Baker said. "If they attend Thursday night, they can hear a different band than what we will offer on Friday and Saturday night. Terry Cavanagh does an incredible set of authentic music. But, we wanted a little variety in the music offering this year."

Oktoberfest will be open from 5 to 11 p.m. Thursday, reopening from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, noon to 1 a.m. on Saturday and 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express will perform their Bavarian music in the Papa John's Fest Hall from 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday.

"Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express is very popular with folks here," Baker said. "They are very authentic to German music. The festival wouldn't be the same without them."

What: Oktoberfest 2006
Where: MWR Activity Field
When: Thursday from 5-11 p.m., Friday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday from noon to 1 a.m. and Sunday from 1-8 p.m.
Cost: $8 on Thursday, $10 on Friday and Saturday, $8 on Sunday ($2 off coupons in *Redstone Rocket* and *The Huntsville Times*)

The internationally recognized group is known for its Old World Germany entertainment, which includes yodeling, foot-stomping polkas, audience interaction and performances on the accordion, keyboards, Alphorn, tuned cowbells, singing saw, button box and other traditional instruments.

Tickets to Oktoberfest are $8 on Thursday and Sunday, and $10 on Friday and Saturday. Coupons for $2 off can be found in Oktoberfest ads running in the *Redstone Rocket* and *The Huntsville Times*.

"The gate admission price covers all entertainment and carnival rides," Baker said. "Kids can ride the carnival rides over and over again without paying for ride tickets, and there will be more than 20 rides at this year's 'Fest. Families only have to pay for their food and midway games."

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An open lane random survey

How do you safeguard information on your computer?

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Charles Gully
contractor
"I ensure that I don't download viruses from unknown web sites. I also don't open unknown e-mail attachments."

Phillips Laboy
contractor
"Change passwords periodically. Be aware of who's around you and make sure people can't see your screen."

Col. Bob English
AMCOM chief of staff
"I depend on the computer geeks to do that for me. They have safeguards in place, like logging on and CAC card scanners."

Kathy Stephens
DoD civilian
"When I step away from my computer, I always have it on lock and turn it so that people can't see my screen."

Quote of the week

'The game of life is the game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later, with astounding accuracy.'

— *Florence Shinn (1871-1940) writer*

Letters to the Editor

Sound reason for fire alarm test

Could last Wednesday's fire alarm buzzer test (at the Sparkman Center) have been conducted after hours or on the weekend?

Bob Baccus
contractor

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "We understand that testing of the fire alarm systems can be an annoyance but the reason we test the alarm systems and the procedures associated with the tests are to help us protect the life, health and safety of employees who work in our buildings and structures. The tests are for the safety of all building occupants and it's not practical to test after normal duty hours or on the weekends because we would be unable to assess the true impact of a fire in the structure during normal working hours. During testing, every space including locked offices, limited access areas, secured areas and SCIFS have to be accessed to ensure that all alarm devices are working properly. Defective/non-operating devices are required to be repaired at time of test. We learn from these tests if our systems are operating properly and we determine if employees with special needs will be properly accommodated during a real emergency. We hope this answers your question and we thank you for your interest and concern."

Sept. 11 milestones through the years

Public affairs specialist Julie Frederick compiled the following list of Sept. 11 events throughout history:

- **1776 –** British-American peace conference on Staten Island fails to stop nascent American Revolution.
- **1789 –** Alexander Hamilton is appointed as first Secretary of the Treasury.
- **1814 –** The climax of the Battle of Plattsburgh, which ended the War of 1812.
- **1847 –** Stephen Foster's most well-known song, Oh! Susanna, is first performed at a saloon in Pittsburgh.
- **1906 –** Mahatma Gandhi starts Non-Violence movement.
- **1911 –** Middle Tennessee Sate University is founded in Murfreesboro, Tenn., as Middle Tennessee Normal School.
- **1918 –** Baseball: The Boston Red Sox won the World Series; they would not do so again until Oct. 27, 2004.
- **1941 –** Ground broken for the construction of the Pentagon.
- **1962 –** The Beatles record their debut single, "Love Me Do."
- **1970 –** The Ford Pinto is introduced.
- **1985 –** Baseball: Pete Rose gets his 4,192nd career base hit, breaking Ty Cobb's record which stood for more than 60 years.
- **1987 –** President Reagan proclaimed the day as 9-1-1 Emergency Number Day.
- **1990 –** President George H.W. Bush delivers a nationally televised speech in which he threatens the use of force to remove Iraqi soldiers from Kuwait, which Iraq had recently invaded.
- **2001 –** The Sept. 11 attacks destroy the World Trade Center in New York City, part of the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., and crash a passenger airliner in Shanksville, Pa. In total, almost 3,000 are killed.
- **2005 –** The State of Israel officially declares an intent to leave the disputed territory, the Gaza Strip after 38 years.

Births

- **1913 –** Paul "Bear" Bryant
- **1967 –** Harry Connick Jr.

Deaths

- **2005 –** Johnny Unitas
- **2003 –** John Ritter

Exploring space race history

We are coming up on the 50th anniversary of the launch of the world's first space launch vehicle – Sept. 20, 1956 — an Army accomplishment. From that point on in history, the arms race spun off as a byproduct the Year of the Space Race (1957), which led the nation through the excitement and heartbreak of Sputnik and Vanguard and the eventual U.S. response on Jan. 31, 1958.

It is a thrilling story as it lines up the personal lives of those at ABMA and the world's greatest rocket scientists. It leads us up to the launch of Sputnik and the Soviet propaganda machine that immediately followed, the Eisenhower administration's response, and how it all influenced international relations, weapons development, finally with the signature achievement of Explorer 1.

This was a period marking the crowning achievement of Maj. Gen. John Medaris and ABMA. My father (the late Donald Kohler) was on his personal staff and kept his own and Medaris' notes made at the time the events were unfolding.

I am submitting this to you in the hopes you will print it … as a tribute to my father, class of '45, and the rest of those at the Arsenal endowed with the right stuff.

David Kohler
chief of training development,
Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Chill out, homeowner

The Redstone Arsenal Energy Management Office provided the following energy consumption information.

Myth: To cool a house faster, turn the thermostat down lower.

Fact: It's amazing how many people think that this is the way to get a house cool quickly. However, studies have found without any doubt that these people are wrong. The air conditioner works at maximum output until it satisfies the thermostat anyway, so set the thermostat where you want the temperature to end up. Setting it lower doesn't get the house any cooler any quicker, but it does help increase your power bills. Every degree cooler that you set the thermostat increases cooling costs by 10 percent. Turn the thermostat down low and forget to return it to the usual setting when the house is comfortable and you can run up a pretty hefty – and pretty unneeded – increase in your air-conditioning operating costs.

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

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
St. Louis

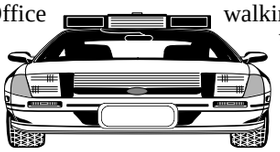
What do you like about your job?
I like the challenges to learn and do new things.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to work with Scouts (Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts) and my church.

What are your goals?
My goal as a newlywed is to build a happy home and marriage — and to get the combined households organized (laugh). (Got married Aug. 12 to Huntsville native James Williams; and they reside in Madison.)

What's your favorite type of music?
I have many favorites. I love classical and jazz as well as soft rock and piano music. I play the piano.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences



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

Aug. 31: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Aug. 31: An individual was observed concealing a Sony Play Station in the PX garden shop, then later concealing it in their pants and walking out of the Post Exchange without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Aug. 31: An individual was arrested for passing worthless checks by the local District Attorney's office. Investigation continues by the local DA's office.

Sept. 1: An individual was observed concealing a Sony Play Station, then walking out of the Post Exchange without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 3: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license when stopped at Gate 9, stating they were lost. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Sept. 5: An individual reported they had lost their checkbook, and when it was returned a check was missing. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

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

Violation notices issued: 9 speeding, 3 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 illegal parking.

Purple Heart chapter contributes to VA clinic

Outpatient facility receives televisions

Courtesy photo

GIFT APPRECIATED— From left are Dutch Holland of the Military Order of Purple Heart, Chapter 2201; Rekena Davis, nurse manager of the VA Outpatient Clinic; Al Rose, chapter's executive committee member and past commander; Geraldine Draper, president of the chapter's Ladies Auxiliary; Oscar Draper, commander of the chapter; Scott Earp, medical clerk at the clinic; and Richard Payne, chapter's junior vice commander.

Patients and staff members at the local Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic can better relax these days, thanks to the Military Order of Purple Heart.

Chapter 2201 of the Military Order of Purple Heart presented three televisions Aug. 25 to the clinic on Governors Drive. There is now a 20-inch, color flat-screen television for each of the three outpatient clinics at the site.

"Thank you to the Purple Heart association for the TVs and for what they've done," health technician Jeff Marable said. "On behalf of the staff here, we're very appreciative for what they've done."

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. Maj. James McLinnaham, a professor of contracting at the Defense Acquisition University's local campus, became the chapter's first member from the Global War on Terrorism.

Former Soldier dies in hospital

Athens resident Douglas Wayne Greene, who served in the Army and National Guard, died Sept. 5 at Huntsville Hospital. He was 66.

Greene was a senior data analyst for United Space Alliance in Huntsville. He was a member of the Class of 1957 at East Limestone High where he excelled in basketball.

He was a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Athens.

Survivors include his wife, Terry Greene of Athens; sons, Erin Eppling and Evan Eppling, both of Madison; daughters, Cheryl Green of Texas and Melissa Green of Athens; a sister, Annette Barnard of Athens; and three grandchildren.

Retiree becomes ill while exercising

Recreation assistant uses defibrillator

A recreation assistant at Pagano Gym used a defibrillator on a retiree who became stricken while playing racquetball at 6 p.m. Sept. 6.

Retired Chief Warrant Officer John Goins, 58, was taken to Crestwood Medical Center by ambulance. He was on a respirator in the intensive care unit the following morning, according to Redstone sports director Gaylene Wilson.

She said Joe Reed responded with the defibrillator, a device designed to shock the heart into working again. A firefighter told her this was the first time a defibrillator had been used on Redstone by anyone other than the emergency medical people.

"We keep a portable one in all the gyms, but we've never had to use one," Wilson said. "And we hope we never do again."

By Friday morning, Goins was in much better condition and fairly stable, according to a Crestwood nurse.

Looking *back*

Fifty years service and still towing the line

TOW missile reunion marks anniversary

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Seven of the Army's finest Soldiers from Fort Benning, Ga., spent part of their week at Redstone Arsenal to prepare for demonstration firings of the TOW missile in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the TOW missile system.

About 400 people attended the Association of the U.S. Army-sponsored TOW Reunion on Friday and Saturday in honor of the system's anniversary.

Soldiers conducting the demonstration firings at Test Area 1 were Staff Sgts. Larance Washington, William White, Paul Carrisoza, Jessie Cole, Joseph Lebron and Larry Cason, and Sgt. William Zacharda, all of the 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry, Bravo Company, from Fort Benning. Zacharda was the gunner for the firings.

"A lot of these Soldiers have fired and engaged the enemy in combat," said retired 1st Sgt. John Mark, technical engineer for the Close Combat Mission Systems at Fort Benning.

The three TOW firings scheduled Friday were launched to hit a T72 Russian tank positioned 1,800 meters down range. It took about eight seconds from launch to impact. The system's maximum range is 3,750 meters with improvements ongoing to extend the range.

TOW, which can be fired from several different platforms, has a 98.99 percent reliability rate. It currently is guided by two wires that connect it to its launch platform. But, engineers are designing a TOW system that relies on an RF link for guidance, which will eliminate problems with wire breakage and wire drooping into water sources or power lines, said Claude Higginbotham, product director for the TOW Weapon System, Close Combat Warfare Systems Project Office.

The base design of the TOW developed in the early '60s is still very robust and effective in the field, Higginbotham said. The TOW system will be in the military arsenal at least through 2025, he said.

Soldiers continue to have a lot of input in improvements in the TOW.

"I have had no system that I've been more comfortable with than the TOW," said Mark, who led a TOW missile team during his service in Operation Desert Storm.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

HEARING PROTECTION— Spectators participating in the 50th Anniversary TOW Reunion cover their ears during one of three TOW demonstration firings Friday at Test Area 1.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

WAITING FOR A FIRING— Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 29 Infantry, Bravo Company from Fort Benning, Ga., review the questions they received from spectators after the first of three firings of a TOW missile during the TOW 50th Anniversary Reunion. From left are Staff Sgt. Joseph Lebron, Staff Sgt. Larry Carson and gunner Sgt. William Zacharda.

Fifth Tuesday brings fun for cadets

Civil Air Patrol goes bowling

Civil Air Patrol cadets meet every week of the month on Tuesday night. Four of those weeks are about taking care of business, but fifth Tuesday is special.

Fifth Tuesday gives the cadets a chance to have fun such as cooking out or bowling. On fifth Tuesday Aug. 29, the cadets decided to go bowling at Redstone Lanes.

From 6-8 p.m. the cadets bowled, ate pizza and had soft drinks. Everyone had fun – including the adult CAP leadership that oversaw the activity.

During the four other meetings of the month, CAP cadets participate in a structured program through group and individual activities that include aerospace education, physical training, leadership, and moral and ethical values. The program encompasses 16 achievement levels that include study in these four areas. Each week cadets focus on one of these four areas.

Week one is for leadership drill and ceremonies; week two, aerospace education; week three, leadership skills and physical fitness; and week four, character development known as moral leadership and drug demand reduction.

Upon completion of each of the 16 achievements, the cadet earns increased cadet rank, decorations, awards, eligibility for national and international special activities, and an opportunity for flight and academic scholarships. The program aims to produce well-rounded, confident young people equipped to meet the challenges of adulthood.

The cadets meet every Tuesday night from 6-8 at the CAP building behind the Flying Activity at Redstone Airfield. For more information about the Civil Air Patrol cadet program, call Capt. Dani Richard at 726-2076.

Space/missile defense event draws record crowd

Nearly 1,300 people, nearly half from out of state, registered for the Space and Missile Defense Conference and Exhibition held Aug. 14-17 at the Von Braun Center.

There were also about 3,300 exhibitors and another 1,200 walk-in visitors. The global technology lectures and other free educational presentations drew more than 1,500 people. News media represented local, national and international publications.

"This year definitely marked a record high of total participants onsite – a great sign of the growth and importance of the space and missile defense community to a variety of audiences," the Space and Missile Defense Command said in a prepared release.

The conference included military, government, academia and industry presenters who provided the latest information in the areas of global ballistic missile defense system development and operation, emerging technologies, and integration of cruise missile defense.

"Global Missions … Meeting the Challenges" was the theme for the ninth annual event.

Speakers included Air Force Lt. Gen. Trey Obering, director of Missile Defense Agency; Lt. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of Space and Missile Defense Command; Maj. Gen. Kevin T. Campbell, chief of staff, U.S. Strategic Command; Maj. Gen. James Armor, director, National Security Space Office; Rear Adm. Alan Hicks, commander and program director, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense; and Gil Nolte of the National Security Agency.

The conference also offered exhibits and other free learning opportunities. For the first year ever, the SMD Conference and Exhibition took up the entire Von Braun Center for activities. *(From an SMDC release)*

Deployed from depot

Courtesy photo

WORLD TRAVELER— Rick Hunter, Corpus Christi's chief of aviation readiness division, is responsible for regional aviation support managers worldwide. Shown at Udairi Air Field, Camp Arifijan, Kuwait, he has routinely been deployed to Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

Name: Rick Hunter
Job title: Chief of aviation readiness division
Duty station: Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas
Deployed as: Corpus Christi's aviation readiness chief deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc.

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

■ Weekend festival brings touch of Germany

Festival

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Although schnitzel, brotchen and a variety of German wursts and beers will be the festival fare served up by Redstone Arsenal's Soldatenstube, there will also be available pizza sold by Papa John's and concession foods — hamburgers, hot dogs, snow cones and cotton candy – sold by MWR's Child and Youth Services. Authentic German glass steins will be available for purchase.

Home Depot will have a kids' building workshop again in their tent. The Huntsville Humane Society will have animals available for adoption through their Pet Adoption Center. Bill Heard Chevrolet will have the newest in cars and trucks on display. There will also be arts and crafts vendors selling their original creations.

In addition, the Antique Tool Show & Sale, hosted by MWR Arts and Crafts at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center (building 3711 near the Oktoberfest site), will include 30 table displays of antique tools for sale, free market appraisals of antique tools, daily door prize drawings, seminars, and hand-cut dovetail and chair caning demonstrations.

The Antique Tool Show & Sale will be open to the public during festival hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The following preview hours are only for members of the Redstone Arsenal community: Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Admission is $2 for those attending the festival and $3 for those who only attend the tool show. A $1 off coupon is available in Oktoberfest ads.

Baker said it will be easier than ever for visitors to get on the Arsenal this year to enjoy Oktoberfest.

"Our attendance was down from highs of 15,000 or 16,000 after 9/11 because we canceled the event in 2001, and then with gates closed to public traffic on a regular basis, people either didn't think they could get on the Arsenal or they didn't want to bother trying to get on the Arsenal," Baker said.

"But, we've been building those numbers back up every year and we've been working the security issues. The Arsenal has never been as secure and as convenient as it is now."

Visitors should arrive on the Arsenal through Gate 10, located at the south end of Jordan Lane. They will be directed to free parking around the festival area.

Baker and the MWR staff along with its volunteers have been working on Oktoberfest 2006 ever since the day they finished the 2005 festival.

"Our first meeting was an after-action meeting in the field," Baker said. "Derrick Gould, our new MWR director, got us all together within an hour of the conclusion of the festival and asked us what we could do better. Even though Oktoberfest was a success, there are always ways to improve. We talked about our ideas, reviews of different activities, thoughts about improvements and our general observations with the hopes of applying them to this year's event to make it the best 'Fest ever."

About 300 MWR staff and volunteers assist with planning and coordinating Oktoberfest. Organizations assisting MWR with Oktoberfest include Garrison, Chugach Land Management, Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Emergency Services, Directorate of Logistics, 832nd Ordnance Battalion and the Marines, Thrift Shop, Redstone Arsenal Public Affairs Office, Enlisted Spouses Club and Butler High Junior ROTC.

Besides adding a new musical sound to the festival, improvements include more serving stations for food and beverages, better signage marking specific festival areas and an increased level in sponsorships. This year's sponsors are Papa John's Pizza, News Channel 19, The Huntsville Times, WZYP, Bill Heard Chevrolet, Knology, The Home Depot, Redstone Federal Credit Union, Supreme Beverage Co., Crestwood Medical Center, Coca Cola, Sprint and Tom Jeffries' Sign and Banner.

"These sponsors have put up cash and enhanced support to really make this event even more of a stellar event," Baker said. "The amount of sponsorships is unparalleled, and we'll see their impact in the festival tent, and in the look and scope of the festival."

For more information on Oktoberfest, call 876-5232 or visit the web site at redstonemwr.com.

Editor's note: The Garrison Safety Office wants you to enjoy the festival, but also encourages people to drink responsibly.

Volunteers help break language barrier

Center in community provides translators

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

REVIEWING LIST— Sheila McFerran, executive director of the Volunteer Center of Madison County, reviews the Language Bank's volunteer list with volunteer coordinator Anita Daniel (standing). The Volunteer Center relies on volunteers from Redstone Arsenal to provide reliable translation services through its Language Bank. There is a growing need for more volunteer translators.

The Volunteer Center's Language Bank is looking for a few good translators.

Since establishing its Language Bank in 2002, Army Community Service and the Redstone Arsenal community have been sources for some of the bank's most dedicated and knowledgeable translators.

"We've had a real good partnership with Army Community Service as a great resource for us," said Sheila McFerran, executive director of the Volunteer Center of Madison County.

"Because of ACS we have a core of volunteers in the Language Bank that we can always rely on. They know the importance of a translator because many have been in similar situations themselves in a foreign country. They can relate to families that are having a hard time understanding a situation because of the language barrier."

Redstone Arsenal volunteers "are consistent, wonderfully supportive and always willing to help in a pinch," added the center's volunteer coordinator Anita Daniel.

Volunteers from the Redstone community make up about one-third of the 110 volunteers working through the Language Bank. Many are Soldier wives who have either grown up in a foreign country or who have lived in a foreign country long enough to understand the country's language and culture.

The Volunteer Center would like to see an increase in the number of Language Bank volunteers from Redstone Arsenal to help the center meet an ever-growing community-wide need.

"There are 25 languages now represented in our community. Last year, there were over 50,000 people in this community who spoke English as a second language," McFerran said.

"With BRAC (base realignment and closure) we're going to have an even greater need for bilingual services. There are two for-profit translation services in Huntsville, but the majority of the people who come to our community and don't speak English don't have the money to pay translators."

Translators from the Volunteer Center's Language Bank are called on to serve

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Test range lifts war fighting technology

White Sands called 'national treasure'

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

File photo

Maj. Gen. James Myles

Emphasizing that White Sands Missile Range, N.M., is a "national treasure as the Army's premier national missile testing site," the Army's Test and Evaluation commander Maj. Gen. James Myles said that White Sands answers two important questions: "Does it work, and how do we know?"

Myles' comments were delivered at the White Sands Range Control Center before the Aug. 31 successful PAC-3 intercept test.

"The uniqueness of being able to fire missiles at their full ranges and then conduct post-test analyses here at White Sands is absolutely invaluable," he said. "The fact that the Army is able to control its own air space here and has this large area and safety fan means that we can be committed to uniquely supporting Soldiers with important, real-time missions."

Testing is important to Global War on Terrorism efforts.

"The relationship between Redstone Arsenal, the Redstone Technical Test Center and White Sands is nothing short of phenomenal," Myles said. "Plus, all services use and recognize as well how important the work is here at the range."

Nearby Fort Bliss, Texas, also benefits from the unique capabilities available at White Sands.

"The fact that the Future Combat System Experimental Brigade Combat Team can take advantage of the large footprint for experimental testing here at White Sands is a key asset," Myles said. "There is a natural fit between Fort Bliss and White Sands. Soldiers can actually test – on the ground – the FCS System of Systems."

The ATEC commander also stressed the importance of teamwork.

"All key elements – project managers, TRADOC systems managers, user Soldiers – can be collocated in a positive family atmosphere, here at White Sands, to take advantage of the synergy needed to support the joint war fighting effort," Myles said. "That synergy, then, results in the best possible equipment going to the next level."

A nationwide command, ATEC has overall responsibility for all Army developmental and operational testing. The command plans, conducts and integrates developmental testing, independent operational testing, independent evaluations, assessments and experiments in order to provide essential information to decision makers. ATEC is the premier test and evaluation organization within DoD, valued by customers and decision makers for providing essential information that ensures war fighters have the right capabilities for success across the entire spectrum of operations.

The Patriot PAC-3 program is managed by the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space and executed by the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office with Lt. Col. Anthony Brown serving as the product manager.

Busted at building 4488

Garrison friend returns to wild

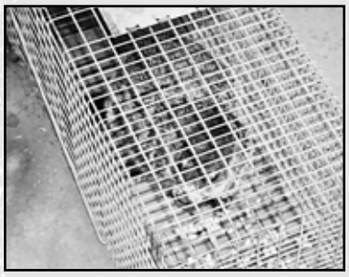
And it wasn't even Groundhog Day.

A ground hog had taken up residency in the "C" wing courtyard under the east end air handler at Garrison building 4488. It gained popularity because it would come out in the open and didn't appear to be too afraid of people, so several people saw it and were talking about it.

But of course, an office building isn't the place for this creature of the wild. Wildlife biologist David Nixon harmlessly captured the groundhog and released it on the south end of Redstone Arsenal.

Jeff Cosby/Amtec Corp.

FOOTLOOSE— Building 4488's ground hog is back in the great outdoors after a temporary stay at Garrison headquarters.



Jeff Cosby/Amtec Corp.

BAIL ME OUT, PLEASE— The ground hog was harmlessly captured and released on the south end of Redstone Arsenal by wildlife biologist David Nixon.

Language

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as interpreters in situations where it is important for a non-English speaking person to understand instructions or procedures, such as medical appointments, teacher or school conferences, and court proceedings. Or, translators may be needed to simply translate documents, forms and brochures.

"Some of our requests are kind of a one-shot deal," Daniel said.

"The translator comes in and takes care of the need, and then is free of any obligation until they are called again. But, there are also situations where translators establish an ongoing relationship with a family or child who needs their services. We get a lot of calls from Children's Rehabilitation Services and we try to link those up with a regular interpreter so that there is a comfort level there."

Volunteer translators can choose their level of involvement with the Language Bank and its clients.

"We are very vigilant in making sure we find the right role a volunteer wants to play," McFerran said. "Some translators enjoy being involved in the court system and, if they do, they will be called on again and again to help in that area. Some like to work with children and their families. Some just want to help here and there with translations."

Most requests are for Spanish-speaking translators, but there are also requests for translators who speak German, French, Japanese and Russian. Daniel recently received a request for a translator who speaks Mandarin.

"We're getting all kinds of people in this community who are coming from different cultures and languages," Daniel said. "We have a very international community. We need volunteers who can speak any language because you just never know when a need for a certain language will come up."

Before 2002, there was no non-profit Language Bank in Huntsville or Madison County. A survey completed by the National Children's Advocacy Center indicated the need for translation services. The first year, the advocacy center funded a Volunteer Center staff person to develop a Language Bank that could be utilized by the community.

Now, several local agencies rely on Language Bank volunteers, including the advocacy center, the Mental Health Center, United Cerebral Palsy, Huntsville Police Department, Huntsville and Madison County court systems, Department of Human Resources and the Children's Rehabilitation Center.

Even when a family does understand some English, they may request a translator because they feel more comfortable discussing situations or concerns in their native tongue.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone involved," Daniel said. "There's an increase in enhanced communications with the family that helps provide them with better services. The family is grateful for the help with understanding what could be an emotional situation. And, the volunteer has found a wonderful way to be supportive in making their community a better place to live."

Language Bank volunteers are also called on to help with international programs at local schools, or to talk with students about different languages and cultures.

"All of these services we offer through the Language Bank help to make our community hospitable and help people feel very, very welcomed here," McFerran said.

"If you can help one person in a day, it's like saving a life, especially when it comes to helping them understand what is going on in a courtroom, at the police station, in school or at any of the community's social service agencies."

Volunteers for the Language Bank go through a training session that reviews cultural differences and ways to establish rapport with a client.

Besides translators, the Volunteer Center could also use office volunteers who would help coordinate the Language Bank. For more information or to volunteer, call Daniel at 539-7797 or check out the Volunteer Center web site at www.volunteerhsv.org.

Cafeteria patrons to eat up discount

Half price meals on menu Sept. 21

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The Civilian Welfare Fund is in the business of keeping employee morale full. The Post Restaurant Fund is in the business of keeping employee stomachs full. The two have joined forces to do both at once on Sept. 21.

The CWF lends a hand and a little cash to organizations for employee picnics and other activities designed to bolster morale, such as their buyout nights for local sporting events and discounted tickets to others like the Big Spring Jam. In addition to managing the Rustic Lodge, they contribute a portion of event costs so that offices can keep their workers feeling connected and happy without breaking the bank. In a large scale event, they have put together a buyout day for the Post Restaurant Fund cafeterias across the installation. Participating locations include cafeterias in the Sparkman Center, building 5250, building 5400 and building 6263. Snack bars and AAFES locations are not included in the event, neither are NASA locations.

Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

CHECKOUT SAVINGS— Bill Bullen, right, checks in with cashier Debbie Desgranges during lunchtime at the Sparkman Center Food Court.

"It's a way for CWF to let people know what they're doing," Bill Bullen, Post Restaurant Fund business manager and operations manager for CWF, said. "They've been doing it at other posts for years."

Patrons will receive half price meals at any of the participating locations during normal lunch hours. That will be 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Sparkman Center. The other locations have hours that differ slightly, but will be maintaining their usual schedule.

Bullen is planning for a large turnout.

"We should do double or even triple the business that day," he said.

While that may seem like a costly venture for CWF, it is one they will see a return on.

"Post Welfare Fund gives 20 percent of our profits to CWF by regulation," Bullen said. "Drawing in more customers for us means more profit, with a large piece going back to CWF."

Just because the meal is half price doesn't mean it's going to be half as good, he added. Each cafeteria will be serving different menus for the day. Each will consist of the same kind of popular and tasty lunch dishes that diners have come to expect from their cafeterias. To meet the higher demand, menus will carry items that suit the busy schedule of the day, steering clear of items that won't hold up under the hectic schedule.

"We're planning menus that prep fast, hold well and store easily," Bullen said.

Workers will begin preparations for the buyout the day before, making desserts and preparing meats for cooking the next day. It will mean longer hours, but some help will be on the way. To keep things running smoothly for diners, extra staff is being brought in to accommodate the workload. Bullen expects even the office staff to be pitching in.

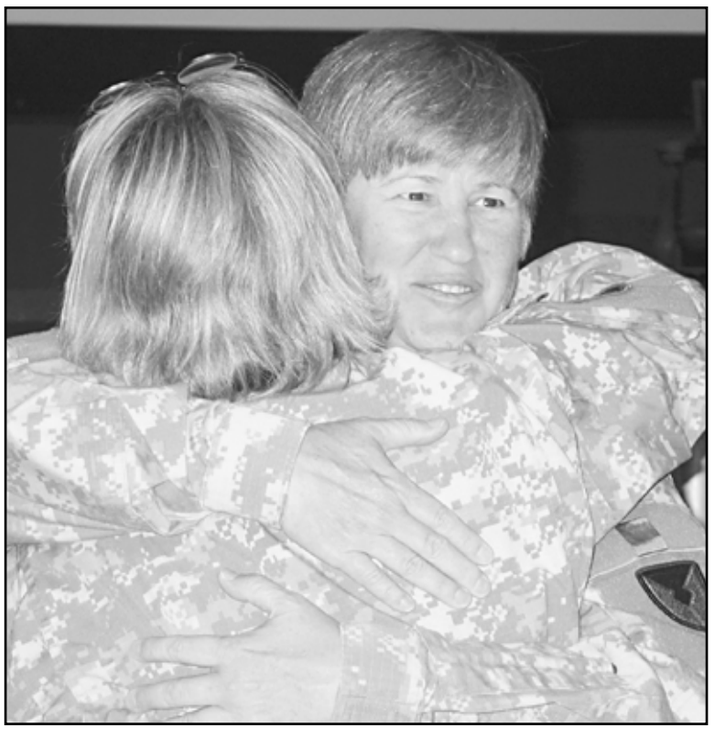
"It might be a bad day to call the office," he said laughing. "There might not be anyone there to answer it."

Bullen also wants customers to know that the discount price isn't limited to full meals, although he encourages everyone to take advantage of the savings. The half price buyout applies to everything from just a glass of tea to a four course meal. No matter how big or small the appetite, the discount will be the same.

For information, hours or menus at a specific location, customers should visit the location in question. All locations will have menus posted early on the morning of the buyout, along with their regular posted hours. To find the location nearest you, simply follow your nose.

Hail *and farewell*

Berry good career ends on high note



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ALL THE BEST— Col. Jan Berry hugs one of many well-wishers after her retirement ceremony and the LOGSA change of command.

Colonel retires from 'A Team'

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Jan Berry has more time now to work on her golf game.

She's no longer a colonel leading an organization of more than 600 Army civilians, contractors and military members which has a worldwide support mission. Berry was the commander of the Logistics Support Activity until she retired Sept. 6 with more than 28 years service.

"It's just been a great ride," Berry told the estimated 450 people at the change of command and retirement ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium. "It's hard for me to believe that 28 years has passed."

Berry, who commanded LOGSA since July 2004, was succeeded by Col. James Rentz.

"James, you have inherited the A Team," she said.

In 2001, Rentz was assigned as commander of the 4th Infantry Division Support Command. He deployed the 4th Infantry Division Support Command in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003. In August 2003, he was assigned to the Army G-4 where he served as chief of the staff initiatives group, deputy director of operations and readiness and executive officer to the Army G-4.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

NEW RESPONSIBILITY— Col. James Rentz, incoming commander of Logistics Support Activity, accepts the LOGSA colors from Brig. Gen. Robert Radin, deputy chief of staff, G-3 for Army Materiel Command.

"OK, LOGSA and Team Redstone, let's get out there and make a difference for our Soldiers," Rentz said.

He and his wife, Melinda, have two daughters, Brittani, 18, and Kristina, 21.

Berry, 49, said she will remain in Madison and probably be involved in volunteer activities and doing things for her community.

"I haven't made any plans," she said. "I'm going to enjoy family and friends and I'm going to relax. I'm going to find something that I feel as passionate about as serving my country. So, all doors are open. And I'm going to figure out how to conquer putting – which is the scourge of my (golf) game."

Win *or lose*

Bravo shows bite entering postseason tournament

Bulldogs close season on 5-game win streak

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Watch out for Bravo Company.

The Bulldogs were on a roll entering the postseason volleyball tournament this week at Pagano Gym. Bravo won five straight games to finish the regular season with a league best 7-3 record.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

SERVE'S UP— Bravo's Darren Kolbe prepares to serve against the Marines on the final night of the regular season Sept. 6 at Pagano Gym.

Two wins came on Sept. 6, the final night of the season. The Bulldogs completed an Aug. 28 protest game against HHC 59th 25-16, 19-25, 15-6. Then they beat the Marines 25-9, 17-25, 15-11.

"We started off (the season) a little shaky — winning a game, losing a game," Bravo player Lynn Palcowski said. "But we've come together as a team. We've learned how each player plays on the floor. And the outlook for the postseason I'm sure looks bright for us."

HHC 59th player/coach Jason Wryn was optimistic about his 6-4 team's chances, too, in the postseason tournament scheduled Sept. 11-20.

"I think we've got a good chance," Wryn said. "We're just as good as any team out here. It depends on the day."

Also on Sept. 6, defending champion Headquarters & Alpha beat 326th Chemical 25-22, 25-14 and HHC 59th stopped NCO Academy 1-0 (forfeit), 25-9.

Here are the final standings of the regular season:

Eastern Conference — Bravo (7-3), NCO Academy (6-4) and HHC 59th (6-4).

Western Conference — Marines (6-4), Headquarters & Alpha (4-6) and 326th Chemical (1-9)

Gators have upper hand at Rocky Top

Florida favored over Tennessee

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Skip's Picks went 30-6 in the first week of the college football season. Here are my predictions this week:

LSU at Auburn — **Auburn**
Florida at Tennessee — **Florida**
Louisiana-Monroe at Alabama — **Bama**
Arkansas at Vanderbilt — **Vandy**
Army at Texas A&M — **Texas A&M**
Baylor at Washington State — **Baylor**
Brigham Young at Boston College — **BC**
Cincinnati at Ohio State — **Ohio State**
Clemson at Florida State — **FSU**
Wake Forest at Connecticut — **Wake**
Duke at Virginia Tech — **Va. Tech**
Grambling State at Houston — **Houston**
Syracuse at Illinois — **Illinois**
Iowa State at Iowa — **Iowa**
Kansas at Toledo — **Kansas**
Ole Miss at Kentucky — **Ole Miss**
Miami at Louisville — **Miami**
Maryland at West Virginia — **W.Va.**
Memphis at East Carolina — **Memphis**
Michigan at Notre Dame — **Notre Dame**
Temple at Minnesota — **Minnesota**
Tulane at Mississippi State — **Miss. State**
Ala. A&M at Mississippi Valley State — **A&M**
Arizona State at Colorado — **Arizona State**
Furman at North Carolina — **North Carolina**
Michigan State at Pittsburgh — **Mich. State**
N.C. State at Southern Miss — **Southern Miss**
Missouri at New Mexico — **Missouri**
Navy at Stanford — **Stanford**
Oklahoma at Oregon — **Oklahoma**
Texas at Rice — **Texas**
Wofford at South Carolina — **S.C.**
Texas Tech at TCU — **TCU**
Troy at Georgia Tech — **Ga. Tech**
UAB at Georgia — **Georgia**
Nebraska at USC — **USC**
Utah at Utah State — **Utah**
Fresno State at Washington — **Fresno**
San Diego State at Wisconsin — **Wis.**

Digital product: Don't leave home without it

Carter takes command for Huntsville office

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For the Rocket

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ASSUMING THE CHARTER— Maj. Gen. Michael Mazzucchi, left, program executive officer for Command, Control and Communications – Tactical, presents the A2C2S charter to Lt. Col Chip Carter, the new product manager of A2C2S.

Lt. Col. Chip Carter assumed leadership of the Army Airborne Command and Control System Product Office in a ceremony Thursday.

The A2C2S Product Office manages the Army's modernized helicopter-borne digital command and control system, scalable for use by commanders at various levels of command. The system is currently installed on UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters; and the product office will field 108 systems.

"I have a lot of acquisition experience, but this is the first time I can make a difference in making systems better for the Soldier," Carter said.

He has two visions for A2C2S. "The first is that A2C2S becomes the 'American Express' card for battle command systems … don't leave home without it," he said. Carter said he wants A2C2S to become the essential tool for conducting airborne battle command on the move in Iraq, Afghanistan and in response to natural disasters, like Hurricane Katrina.

"My second goal is to make the A2C2S product office the best place to work in the Army," he said. "I want to retain and attract the best and brightest to ensure the rapid production, fielding, training and support of A2C2S throughout the Army." Carter came to Huntsville from Fort Bragg, N.C., where he was a systems acquisition manager for the Army Special Operations Command.

He succeeds Al Abejon, product director of Blue Force Tracking – Aviation, who was dual-hatted, serving also as acting product manager for the A2C2S Product Office since October 2005. Abejon will remain in his position heading the Blue Force Tracking – Aviation Product Directorate.

Carter and Abejon will work together in a newly renovated building located at 650 Discovery Drive in Huntsville. Both men participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday for the building, which collocates both offices in a facility that consolidates the Army's aviation battle command programs.

The Blue Force Tracking Aviation Product Directorate manages an aviation tailored battle command system that provides two-way situational awareness and messaging among aircraft, ground vehicles and tactical operations centers. With over 2,000 systems fielded in Army, Marine, Air Force and allied aircraft, the product directorate continues to improve the system and expand its proliferation.

Carter said the building represents three important things for the two organizations. "It is an investment in the future of aviation battle command by our leadership; it represents the teamwork that these two organizations foster on a daily basis; and it is a single point of entry for commanders to get support at home station or deployed worldwide," he said.

"The collocation of both of these offices enables us to work more closely and more efficiently with our industry partners, and to produce better command and control tools for our war fighters," Abejon said. "It also presents us the opportunity to become the center of gravity for airborne battle command products and systems."

Maj. Gen. Michael Mazzucchi, program executive officer for Command, Control and Communications – Tactical at Fort Monmouth, N.J., presided over the charter assumption ceremony Thursday.

Col. Ray Montford, project manager for Force 21 Battle Command Brigade and Below at Fort Monmouth, presided over the ribbon cutting ceremony Friday.

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RENOVATED DIGS— Al Abejon, left, product director of Blue Force Tracking – Aviation, and Lt. Col. Chip Carter, right, product manager of A2C2S, watch as Col. Ray Montford, project manager for Force 21 Battle Command Brigade and Below, cuts the ribbon to their newly renovated facility at 650 Discovery Drive in Huntsville.

Sports & Recreation

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

Special Olympics track
More than 300 special athletes from the Madison County area will meet at Milton Frank Stadium on Oct. 24 to participate in the 39th annual Special Olympics track and field events. United Space Alliance is coordinating this event for the 22nd year with help from the Huntsville City Schools, Madison County Schools, Madison City Schools and the Opportunity Center. Approximately 600 volunteers — comprised of Army and a variety of local businesses — will be on hand to make this a memorable event. The opening ceremonies begin at 9:30 a.m. and the games conclude at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Joni Haas 544-8352.

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

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.

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.

Motorcycle ride
The "Ride for Kids" motorcycle road ride is Sunday starting at the Pelham Civic Complex, 500 Amphitheater Road in Pelham, and ending at the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum and Motorsports Park in Birmingham. Registration is from 8-9:45 a.m. The event benefits the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, 302 Ridgefield Ct., Asheville, NC 28806. For more information, call (800) 253-6530.

Memorial golf tourney
Register now for the second annual Sara Copeland Memorial Golf Tournament. Applied Data Trends Inc. will kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a Golf Scramble on Sept. 25 at Valley Hill Country Club. All proceeds will benefit the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund at the Huntsville Hospital Foundation. Registration for the four-man scramble will be from 8-8:45 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9. The scramble will end at 2 p.m., followed by lunch, door prizes, and an inspirational message from Liz Hurley, a breast cancer survivor and local television personality. For more information, call Kristine Spellerberg 319-0684 or e-mail kspellerberg@adt-it.com.

Hunter safety
Outdoor Recreation is having a Hunter Safety Orientation Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and 19, and Nov. 2 and 16. All classes will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 on Aerobee Road. You must attend one of these classes to be eligible to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call 876-4868 or 876-6854.

Youth golf league
Youth Sports is starting a youth golf league for ages 8-11.The league starts Sept. 23, and the cost is $85 per player. The fee includes 10 rounds of golf, league shirt and awards. Players will need to have a basic knowledge of the rules of golf, etiquette and skills. This is not an instructional program. Age groups and format will depend on those that register for the league. To register or get more information, call 313-3699 or 313-2177.

Speedway tickets
The MWR ITR Office and the Talladega Super Speedway have teamed up to offer tickets to the Nextel Cup Series race to be held Oct. 8. Tickets with reserved seating in both the Gadsden and Talladega grandstands are $55. Tickets are only available through Friday or while they last. For more information, call 876-4531.

Garrison classic
The Links at Redstone will host a four-man Garrison Classic, Sept. 23 at 8 a.m. The cost is $35 plus greens fees. The cost includes a golf cart, food, drink and door prizes. This tournament is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 883-7977.

Conferences & Meetings

Aviation summit
Corpus Christi Army Depot is hosting the fourth annual Luther Jones Aviation Summit Oct. 18-20 at the American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, Texas. The keynote speaker on Oct. 18 is Gen. Benjamin Griffin,

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commander of Army Materiel Command, with Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, scheduled to speak Oct. 20. The exhibit hall will feature an unmanned aerial vehicle static display. Detailed information, to include registration forms, agenda, and lodging information can be found at www.ccad.army.mil. Click on the fourth annual Luther Jones Aviation Summit block in the center of the web page to access information.

Bible studies
The Protestant Women of the Chapel have Bible studies each Thursday at Bicentennial Chapel. The morning Bible studies are at 9:30 a.m., the lunch Bible study at 11:30 a.m., and the evening Bble study at 6:30 p.m. Nursery care is provided for all Bible studies. For more information, call Erica Hobbs 489-3018 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404.

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.

Resource managers
The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will have a luncheon today at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. Everyone is invited. To purchase a ticket, call Jessica Dunaway 842-7107.

Civil War discussion
The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table is Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St., north entrance. Daryl Carpenter will speak on "Aeronautics During the Civil War." A sale of donated Civil War books will follow the presentation. The meeting is free; and visitors are welcome. A chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for $6.95. For information call 858-6191.

Officers association
The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast Sept. 23 at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. The chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Dave Jones, administrator, Crestwood Medical Center, is scheduled speaker. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited to attend. For more information, call retired Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

University women
American Association of University Women will have a dinner meeting Oct. 3 at the Bevill Center, University of Alabama-Huntsville. Social is from 5:45-6:30 p.m., and dinner — chicken $17, vegetarian $16 — at 6:30. Dr. Joan Williamson is to speak on "The New Skinny on Weight Loss." There are seats available for non-eaters. For more information, call Lois Guendel 880-8643.

Computing society
Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Sue Purves is to speak on "Family Research at LDS, Find out what's New in Family Research at LDS." For information call 883-5650.

Artillery defenders
The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association invites all active and retired ADA officers, members and friends of the association to its annual Dinner Dance Honoring the Army Air Defense Artillery Branch on Nov. 4 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The chapter will salute the Air Defense Artillery Branch and honor significant contributors to ADA through Order of Saint Barbara Award presentations. The scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. Kevin Campbell, chief of staff for the commander of U.S. Strategic Command. The cocktail period begins at 6 p.m. with a pay-as-you-go bar. Dinner is served at 7:15. Dancing follows dinner. For those with special dietary concerns, an alternative vegetarian meal is available upon request. Cost is $30 per person for members and their guests or $60 per couple, and for non-members $40 per person or $70 per couple. Payment options are either by check payable to ADAA RSA/HSV Alabama Chapter or by credit card against the RSA Club Card Account. Payment must be received by noon Oct. 24. No cancellations will be accepted after Oct. 27. Phone or e-mail your reservation by Oct. 20 to Janett Beasley 837-5282 ext. 1524, fax 830-0287, and e-mail Janett.Beasley@sparta.com.

Sergeants major
The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 21 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Officers and Civilians Club, Regimental Room. The association is open to membership for all 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.

Engineering society
IEEE Huntsville Section, Engineering Management Society will meet Sept. 28 from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Alabama-Huntsville Engineering Building, conference room 258. Daniel T. Chang of Adtran Inc. is to speak on "Team Learning and Knowledge Creation." If planning to attend, call Sonya Hutchinson 544-3312.

Airborne association
The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Greenbrier Restaurant on I-565 in Limestone County. All active duty and veteran Airborne and Glider qualified individuals are eligible to become members and are invited to attend. For more information, call Barry Simpson 651-8665.

Women engineers
The Society of Women Engineers, North Alabama Section will meet Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Porter's Restaurant in the Huntsville Marriott. BRAC will be the topic of discussion. The group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call C. Purifoy 651-3621 or e-mail cpurifoy@bellsouth.net.

Conference call
The Metamaterials and Nonlinear Materials Conference, scheduled April 4-5, 2007, has issued a call for papers. For more information, call Angie Cornelius 876-6483.

Strategic speakers
Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 meets each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in room 3018 of building 5225 (Von Braun Complex). Toastmasters is a non-profit organization that assists with the development of communication and leadership skills. For more information, call C. Purifoy 651-3621or 313-4696 or e-mail cpurifoy@bellsouth.net.

Business leaders
Young Business Leaders for North Alabama, a group for men in business, will have its fall breakfast Oct. 6 at 6:30 a.m. at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. Scheduled speaker is Jeff Struecker, the Humvee captain who went into Mogadishu and saved the pilots in the now famous movie "Black Hawk Down." The pilot that Struecker helped rescue, Mike Durant, lives in Huntsville and plans to attend. Cost is $12 per person or $96 for a table of eight. RSVP required by Oct. 2 by calling Bob Boerner 882-6003 or e-mailing ybl@arilion.com.

? Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings
A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cook 876-8710 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment
Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

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

Thrift shop
The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. No clothing items will be accepted through this Thursday. The shop will take fall/winter items starting Sept. 19. 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.

Merit awards
Don't stop thinking about tomorrow in continuing your education for a brighter future. The Officer and Civilian Women's Club's Merit Award Program is here to energize you to be all you can be and aim high in pursuit of your education. Merit Award application forms will be available at all OCWC monthly luncheons, the Redstone Arsenal Education Center and Army Community Service. Applicants for OCWC Merit Awards must be a member, spouse or the dependent of a member in good standing as of Oct. 17, 2006 to be eligible. Merit Awards are based on the applicant's scholastic achievements, citizenship and desire to pursue higher education. Applicant categories include: one, High School/GED — Must be a graduating high school senior or have obtained a GED; two, College — Must be pursuing an undergraduate/graduate degree; and three, Member, Dependent or Spouse — Must be pursuing an undergraduate/graduate degree. Applicants must live within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. The deadline for OCWC Merit Award consideration is Feb. 3. Remember that previous winners may compete in succeeding years; however, they may only win once in each category. In addition, students receiving full scholarships (defined as a scholarship that 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 on the Merit Award Program, call K.C. Bertling 325-0490, or e-mail samnkc@knology.net.

Community chorus
The Huntsville Community Chorus will present its first concert of the 2006-07 season, "American Spirit II," on Saturday night at 7:30 in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Ticket prices are $17 for adults, $15 for senior citizens and college students. Youngsters in 12th grade and under are admitted free; but ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a paying adult. For this concert, there is a military discount ticket price — including firefighters, police, Huntsville Emergency Medical Services Inc., plus military family members — of $12.75. For tickets and more information, call 533-6606 or e-mail info@thechorus.org.

Cold War museum
The Cold War Museum will convene a gathering of diplomats, officials and historians Oct. 14 in Fairfax County, Va., to discuss the 1956 Polish and Hungarian uprisings against the Soviets and communism. The daylong program will be at the South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, in Lorton, Va. South County students are assisting with conference logistics and 250 are scheduled to attend the event. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with the program starting at 9. The fee is $25 per person, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, call (703) 273-2381.

Crafts show
The Northeast Alabama Craftsmen's Association fall crafts show is Friday through Sunday at the Von Braun Center South Hall. About 150 vendors from Alabama and surrounding states are expected to participate. Admission is free. The show times are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Elizabeth Crum 423-4312 or the show chairperson Jeanne Chandler 883-4048.

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IMMC picnic
The entire Integrated Materiel Management Center family is invited to the 2006 IMMC Fall Festival Picnic on Oct. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. There will be food, games, live entertainment and sporting events throughout the day. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3.50 for children (under 12). Tickets may be purchased by calling Eric Cowan 313-1572 or Jan Pickard 842-6625.

UAH alumni benefit
"Alumni bucks" will be the medium of exchange at the annual UAH Alumni Association Casino Night fund-raising event Sept. 30 at Huntsville Country Club. Proceeds will benefit the association's scholarship and program funds. Everyone is welcome. The event begins at 7 p.m. and also includes a buffet supper and silent auction. Items up for bid include a collectible Honda 1974 CL125 Scrambler motorcycle, dinner for six at the home of Maj. Gen. Jim and Becky Pillsbury, an original watercolor by Janet Milly, a three night ski package including lift tickets at Peek'n Peak Ski Resort, Findley Lake, N.Y., as well as a host of local services ranging from restaurant dinners to grooming for Fido.Tickets are $30 per person and can be purchased at the Alabama Credit Union, Regions Banks, at the Alumni Office, 300 Shelbie King Hall on campus; or from alumni board members. Or, purchase online at www.uah.edu. Click on "alumni association." The non-profit association serves more than 25,000 University of Alabama-Huntsville graduates and awards grants and $30,000 in scholarships annually.

Inspirational workshop
Unity Church on the Mountain, at 1328 Governors Drive, will host the workshop "Turn Your Dreams into Reality," which is hosted by life coaches Marnie Johnson and Tim Loomis, on Sept. 23 from 1-5 p.m. Cost $20 per person. For more information call Rev. Carol Landry, Monday through Thursday, 536-2271. To register, call 348-6829.

Singles seminar
"Be the Chooser," a free seminar, is Oct. 8 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Huntsville/Madison County Public Library. "Learn to choose the right relationship before the wrong one chooses you," a prepared release said. For more information, call 895-6833.

Oktoberfest
The 11th annual Oktoberfest is Thursday through Sunday at the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field. Festival hours are 5-11 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, noon to 1 a.m. Saturday and 1-8 p.m. Sunday. The tapping of the first keg is Thursday at 6 p.m. Admission is $8 Thursday and Sunday, and $10 Friday and Saturday. For information call 876-5232.

Lunch buyout
Join the Civilian Welfare Fund for the first-ever Half-price Lunch Buyout, Sept. 21 at any Sparkman Cafeteria in buildings 5250, 5400 or 6263. The CWF will be paying for half of your lunch. Note: You must have a Redstone Arsenal badge or CAC card to access the Sparkman Center. For more information, please call 876-8741.

Memorial dinner
A dinner in memory of former AFGE president Dennis Garrison will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Research Park (across from Madison Square Mall). The cost is $15. Garrison, a charter member of AFGE Local 1858, died June 9 at Huntsville Hospital. Charlotte Flowers, AFGE Fifth District national vice president, received a plaque from AFGE national president John Gage in memory of Garrison at the AFGE National Convention in Atlanta in August. She is to present this plaque to Mrs. Dennis Garrison on Thursday. Local 1858 will also have a presentation during the dinner. RSVP at 876-4880 or e-mail vicki.fuller@redstone.army.mil.

Union web site
AFGE Local 1858 invites everyone to visit its web site at www.local1858.com. Besides information regarding labor issues, the web site has many useful links to include MyPay, Army Benefits Center, Thrift Savings, RFCU, etc. The union is open to suggestions for improving the site. Call 876-4880.

Red Cross blood drives
Thursday – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4488, call Tammy Bratton 842-6476. Friday – from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316, call Amy Rape 544-7002 or Rick Wallace 544-8885. Sept. 21 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at SMDC building 5220, call Dorothy Sandifer 955-5895; and from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at buildings 5300/5309, call Betty Mountain 313-1779. Sept. 22 – from 7 a.m. to noon at Corps of Engineers, 4820 University Square, call Ray Waits 895-1583 or Wanda Griffin 895-1225. Sept. 28 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 7613, call Rif Ajjuri 876-4960 or Pam Evans 313-6888.

Business breakfast
The Madison Chamber of Commerce Business Development Committee has its "Business for Breakfast" this morning from 7:30-8:30 at Holiday Inn, Highway 20 in Madison. Scheduled guest speaker is Madison Mayor Sandy Kirkindall, giving a community commerce update.

Jam tickets
The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has Big Spring Jam three-day passes for the discounted price of $40. Children 10 and under are admitted free with a paid adult. Call any of the CWFC members listed as follows to purchase your three-day pass. Make your check payable to BSJ or pay with exact amount cash. Last day for advanced ticket sales will be Sept. 21. The contacts are: building 5303, Charles Urban 955-7662: building 5400, Bob Olson 876-4993: building 5220, Yancy Mitchell 955-5476: DAU, Don Clark 722-1035; building 5302, Jan Pickard 842-6625; building 3325, Karen Scott 955-8888 (ext. 1932); and building 7804, Sue Urban 842-1276. Passes will also be available at the Sparkman Cafeteria. For event details, visit www.bigspringjam.org.

Diabetes walk
The American Diabetes Association is sponsoring a Walk for Diabetes, themed "Together We Will Find a Cure," on Sept. 30 at UAH-Lakeside. Check-in time is from 8:30-10 a.m. Fox Army Health Center

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Preventive Medicine and Health Promotion are encouraging Team Redstone personnel to walk for the cure. Every 21 seconds someone is diagnosed with diabetes. A study of about 2,900 adults with diabetes indicated those who walked at least two hours a week had a 39 percent lower risk of death from any cause than adults who didn't walk at all. People who walked more — at least three hours a week — had a 54 percent lower risk of death from any cause. Another study found that walking for 30 minutes per day is twice as effective as the prescription drug Metformin in preventing diabetes, according to a Fox release. "Please join us for the Walk for Diabetes on Saturday, Sept. 30," the release said. There will be a fitness and wellness festival along with free health screenings and free vendor promotional items. Also, along with children's activities, breakfast and lunch will be provided. You may register individually or as a work group team directly with the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org/walk or (888) DIABETES. The local ADA representative is Doris Lewis 539-4404.

Employment briefing

The Federal Employment Briefing is designed to give an understanding of the federal application process. A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct this session Sept. 28 from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Topics will include recruitment sources, Resumix procedures, candidate evaluation and the referral process. Call ACS at 876-5397 to reserve a seat.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF 07 Sept 06	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION LOCATION	PAY PLAN & SERIES	GRADE LEVEL	POT GRD	PAY RANGE (FROM - TO)	WHO CAN APPLY? A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK06443459	Inspector	13-Sep-06	AMC	NH-1801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003		X						X			X	
SCBK06506475	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	13-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DK-0303	2	2	28,559 - 41,383	X	X				X						
SCBK06506475D	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	13-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DK-0303	2	2	28,559 - 41,383	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06431039	Ballistic Missile Defense Analyst	14-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	74,621 - 97,003			X			X		X	X		X	
SCBK06504922	Logistics Mgmt Spec	14-Sep-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003				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	
SCBK06475987D	Safety Engr	15-Sep-06	AMC	GS-0803	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06407689	Facility Mgmt Spec	15-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-1640	9	11/12	43,271 - 81,572		X										
SCBK06431020	Military Integration Analyst	15-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	74,621 - 97,003			X			X		X	X		X	
SCBK06515989	Supervisory Contract Spec	15-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-1102	15	15	102,964 - 134,838			X	X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK06515989D	Supervisory Contract Spec	15-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-1102	15	15	102,964 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEAL06457101	Supervisory Product Ofcr	15-Sep-06	Prgm Exec Ofc (PEO) C3T	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,888						x		x	x		x	
NEAL06457101D	Supervisory Product Ofcr	15-Sep-06	Prgm Exec Ofc (PEO) C3T	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,888								X				X
NEAL06413625	Prgm/Acq Mgmt Ofcr	15-Sep-06	PEO C3T	NH/GS-0301	4	14/15	88,178 - 134,888						X		X	X		X	
NEAL06413625D	Prgm/Acq Mgmt Ofcr	15-Sep-06	PEO C3T	NH/GS-0301	4	14/15	88,178 - 134,888								X				X
SCBK06461156	Supervisory General Mngr	18-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X		X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK06461156D	Supervisory General Mngr	18-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838								X				X
WTST06483872	Electronics Engineer	18-Sep-06	PEO, SIM, Trng & Instrumentation, Threat Simulation Mgmt Ofc	GG-0855	7	12	35,375 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06467255	Training Spec	18-Sep-06	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	9	11	43,271 - 68,066	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK06484223	Strategic Planning/Oper Ofcr	18-Sep-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X		X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK06484223D	Strategic Planning/Oper Ofcr	18-Sep-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06516118	Safety & Occupational Health Mngr	18-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-0018	14	14	88,178 - 114,631		X										
SCBK06532355	Quality Assurance Spec (Metrology)	18-Sep-06	AMCOM, TMDE ACTVY	GS-1910	9	11/12	43,271 - 81,572		X		X								
NCBV06506287	Supv General Engr	19-Sep-06	PM, Unit of Action/SFAE	NH-0801	14	15	88,178 - 134,834	X	X										
SCBK06431025	Mgmt Analyst	19-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-0343	12	12	62,751 - 81,572			X	X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK06519722	Secretary (OA)	19-Sep-06	LOGSA	GS-0318	6	6	31,834 - 41,383	X	X										
SCBK06501389	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	19-Sep-06	Electro-Mech Test Div	GS-0303	6	6	31,834 - 41,383	X											
SCBK06201975R	General Engr	21-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK06511036	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	21-Sep-06	IMMC	GS-0303	6	6	31,834 - 41,383		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	
SCBK06266183D	Electronics Engineer	30-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855-3	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK06475987D	Safety Engr	15-Sep-06	AMC	GS-0803	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06515989D	Supervisory Contract Spec	15-Sep-06	SMDC	GS-1102	15	15	102,964 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEAL06457101D	Supervisory Product Ofcr	15-Sep-06	Prgm Exec Ofc (PEO) C3T	NH-0301	14	15	88,178 - 134,888								X				X
WTST06483872	Electronics Engineer	18-Sep-06	PEO, SIM, Trng & Instrumentation, Threat Simulation Mgmt Ofc	GG-0855	7	7	35,375 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06461156D	Supervisory General Mngr	18-Sep-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838								X				X
SCBK06484223D	Strategic Planning/Oper Ofcr	18-Sep-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	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

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.