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Survivor of 9/11 recalls images

Helped victims in Pentagon

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It took retired Lt. Col. Adrian Erckenbrack about an hour to share his firsthand story of the death, destruction and chaos he witnessed as a rescuer at the Pentagon on 9/11.

And, when he was done talking to the somber audience of about 200 local residents at the Huntsville Museum of Art the Sunday afternoon before the five-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, Erckenbrack reminded them that they now serve as lifelong witnesses of the events of 9/11 and the people who perished that day.

"We, in Huntsville, Alabama, must resolve that they shall not have died in vain," he said. "We must resolve that this great nation under God will not fall in the darkness of terrorism.

"When historians look back over the years I hope they see not a victory for Islamic fundamentalists, but an awakening of the American spirit of freedom, a quickening of our will to stand on the wall of freedom."

Erckenbrack, who received the highest military award for heroism given in peacetime for his efforts in rescuing victims of the Pentagon attack, said Americans honor the victims as well as the survivors of 9/11 when they take the time to remember and contemplate the events of that day.

"It is a moment in history which we will always remember," he said, comparing it to other events such as Pearl Harbor and the Kennedy assassination that forever define America.

"My office was on the edge of the fireball. Everything turned into total chaos. You saw the whole spectrum of human reaction from calm to unspeakable terror."

— Adrian Erckenbrack
retired lieutenant colonel,
worked in Pentagon on 9/11



Photo by Kari Hawkins

EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT— Retired Lt. Col. Adrian Erckenbrack shares his thoughts about faith, hope and courage during his presentation about what he experienced trying to rescue victims at the Pentagon following the 9/11 attack. He was serving as a Special Forces officer at the Pentagon when it was hit by American Airlines Flight 77, killing 59 people aboard the aircraft and 125 people at the Pentagon. Erckenbrack wants to ensure that all Americans serve as lifelong eyewitnesses of the events of that day.

"We will always remember where we were at, what we were doing and what we were thinking on this particular day."

Erckenbrack, who now lives and works in Huntsville, made his comments during a presentation titled "A Journey of Faith, Hope and Courage" at the museum Sept. 10. The presentation was in conjunction with the exhibit "Aftermath: Images from Ground Zero by Joel Meyerowitz," which is open at the museum through Oct. 22.

For Erckenbrack, 9/11 was a day that started like any other day. He reported to work at 6:30 a.m. and was getting ready for a morning meeting when he

heard a scream down the hall. That scream brought reality crashing in as he and others at the Pentagon saw the first television images of the World Trade Center under attack.

"My first thought was this is a terrorist attack that occurred on American soil," he said.

Erckenbrack was at his desk when a plane — American Airlines Flight 77 — crashed into the Pentagon.

"My office was on the edge of the fireball," he said. "Everything turned into total chaos. You saw the whole spectrum of human reaction from calm to unspeakable terror."

As he ran toward where the plane had hit, Erckenbrack happened to see an arm sticking out of the rubble. It was moving. Erckenbrack worked to uncover a man, who was completely naked, with his pants hanging only by his belt. He picked the man up and took him to a paramedic.

Erckenbrack then hurried again toward the impact area. But, fears of another plane traveling toward the Pentagon caused him and others to run from the building. As he was leaving, Erckenbrack happened to meet a doctor who had been driving by when the attack occurred. The two heard screams for help and ran back into the melee surrounding the crash site.

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Staff Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess/Army Public Affairs

WORKING TOGETHER— Military personnel from throughout the Pentagon work together to assist a casualty on Sept. 11, 2001.

An open lane random survey

What is the best way to honor the victims of 9/11?

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*1st Sgt. Kevin King
4th of the 321st*
"The things they've already done, like the memorial, are great. Our Soldiers continue to fight the Global War on Terror. Those people paid the ultimate price — not just the military, but the civilians, too."

Byron Smith
DoD civilian

"The memorial is good. I also like the way they do every year by reading the names of the victims so we can continue to pray for the families. You never get over losing a loved one. It keeps their names and faces in the public."



*Spc. Elisa McWhorter
Headquarters & Alpha Company*
"All the memorial services are great. They last all day. I don't know what else we could do except remember."

Pfc. Erika Ford
Headquarters & Alpha Company

"The day having been set aside gives us a chance to remember them."



Quote of the week

'Nobody ever plans to fail. They just fail to plan.'

— Anonymous

Letter to the Editor

Best pharmacy in town resides at Redstone

I have known what the best pharmacy in town is for nearly 10 years. It is the pharmacy at Fox. Those folks that complain about waiting for that GI to get waited on ahead of you need to remember: what we have here at RSA and what it is meant to do is to support the troops. I have never waited more than 20 minutes and if that breaks you, you need to chill out. If you can get a better deal,

go downtown; it might be quicker at that and you can't blame the Army. That said, I now want to deal with the military and civilian staff at our pharmacy. Only one way to sum these folks up and that is "Outstanding." Never have I or my wife been treated rudely, or have they not addressed our questions and concerns — just plain professionals and great folks.

I am in the people business and deal with customers daily here on Redstone, so I know what it is to be treated politely and professionally. And these folks at Fox do just that. Thank you "Fox Staff" for the continued support and quality service.

Robert Davenport
retired Air Force

Commentary: Drawing strength from generations

Soldier's spouse says she appreciates what wives of past wars went through

By **KAMRYN JAROSZEWSKI**
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Deployments are a drag, and I'd be hard-pressed to find someone willing to argue against that.

With that in mind, I've been building my "wish" list for my husband's trip back to Iraq.

- I hope they have a decent phone center.
- I hope his job will allow him to use the computer every two or three days.
- I hope they have web cameras.
- I hope the shower facilities are set up near his sleeping quarters. Apparently, there's nothing worse than taking a shower and getting covered in Iraq's powder-like sand on the way back to your tent.
- I hope the food is decent for him.
- I hope the mail runs quickly.
- I hope the digital videotapes we plan on mailing back and forth don't get damaged.

And then I stopped and looked at how selfish my list is. How can I look at all the negatives of a deployment when we have computers and phone centers?

The longest Jared and I have ever gone without talking during a deployment was 10 days.

Ten days. Does anyone remember how long World War II wives went without talking to their husbands? Or how long it took to get mail to Soldiers in Vietnam?

That is, if they were lucky enough to

get mail.

Military spouses didn't have high-tech opportunities until as recent as 1991.

They didn't have e-mail. Heck, even snail mail was spotty. I've heard stories of wives getting letters in the mail months after their husbands came home.

And I find myself complaining because Jared may be sent to a place that only has a handful of computers, instead of the super-duper communications center set up at Camp Victory.

We all complain about deployments, but there are more fast food restaurants in some locations in Iraq than in rural towns across America.

Soldiers can now relax — as much as one can in a place like Iraq — in Morale, Welfare and Recreation tents. They can watch movies and waste hours of downtime on Play Stations. If crowds aren't their thing, they can catch a flick on a portable DVD player from the comfort of their own bunk.

I'm not trying to paint a rosy picture of deployment — there's nothing easy about any of it. But if you watch movies like the "Band of Brothers" series, it's clear the military has made advances in making combat tours more bearable.

At least through digital pictures and web cams, my husband will be able to keep up with our daughter's milestones. Because of my cell phone, I'm not tethered to the house waiting for Jared to call.

And when I'm sad or lonely, I can call my family. I can hop in my truck, drive to a friend's house and watch a movie. I can surf the Internet.

I won't be able to get back the 12 months Jared will be away. We can never recreate the events that happened in his

absence. But I can document it and show him. I can still keep him involved so Lilah knows who her daddy is.

In the next year, I will throw pity parties from time to time. I will gorge myself on chocolate and cry in my Diet Coke. I will also remember the generations of strong military wives before me.

A few precious letters were all that linked a Soldier to his wife in 1942. They made it through the war, and so can I. (*Army News Service*)

Corrections

In an article which appeared in the July 12 issue of the *Redstone Rocket*, Pfc. Cindra Smith incorrectly stated that her daughter, Tracy Branton, served in the Army.

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Getting to know you

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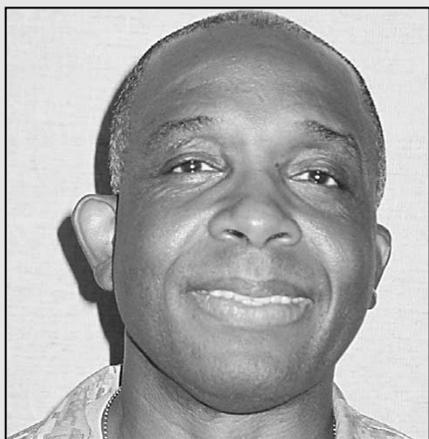
Name: Sgt. Maj. Gregory Knight

Job: Directorate of Instruction sergeant major, 59th Ordnance Brigade

Where do you call home?
Sanford, Fla.

What do you like about your job?
Opportunity to train entry level Soldiers in the various MOS's (military occupational specialties) prior to going to the operating force.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to watch sports – all kinds of sports. Run. And I guess just relax (laugh). You know, from running all week your battery sort of runs down. You've got to give it a chance to recharge. And the weekend gives me an opportunity to do that.



What are your goals?
My near-term goal is to retire within the next year, to transition into the civilian sector. And I'd probably like to continue to work with the government or the military in some form or capacity.

What's your favorite type of music?
Gospel and jazz. Those two.

Target missile fails test

The Missile Defense Agency was unable to complete a planned flight test of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system Sept. 13 due to a target missile failure at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

An anomaly occurred shortly after the target missile was launched. The Hera target missile was destroyed by range

safety officers approximately two minutes after it was launched. The THAAD interceptor missile was not launched due to the target failure. Program officials will analyze telemetry data from the target missile to determine the cause of the anomaly. A decision on rescheduling the test will be made after the mission review is completed.

Good Morning America welcomes troops home

WASHINGTON — After more than a year in Iraq, Sgt. 1st Class Peter Moran was ready to get back to his family and friends. Little did he know his return festivities would include Christina Aguilera and the Good Morning America crew.

Moran was one of 80 Soldiers who were recognized and welcomed home

during Good Morning America's summer concert series June through August.

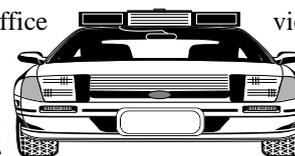
The concerts were coordinated through Operation Tribute to Freedom, an Army community relations program designed to connect Soldiers coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with the American public. (*Army News Service*)

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Sept. 10: An individual was found to be operating her motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol at Gate 1, when she ran over the traffic cones at the gate. She was issued a violation notice and placed into the detention cell until her alcohol level reached an acceptable level.

Sept. 10: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a



violation notice and released. **Sept. 11:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license when he stopped at Gate 10 and asked for directions. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Traffic accidents reported: one without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 10 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired tag, 2 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 driving under the influence, 1 inattentive driving.

Supply store promises eye-opening convenience

Were you aware that Alabama Industries for the Blind operates your Base Supply Store?

Here's a little background information, courtesy of Alabama Industries for the Blind.

In the wake of realignment throughout the services, many military installations found themselves without an on-site office supply center. Seeing an opportunity to create retail jobs for people who are blind or have other disabilities in stores stocked with quality Javits-Wagner-O'Day products, the JWOD Program stepped in.

Since 1938, the JWOD Program has been the preferred source, and Skilcraft the brand choice, for federal purchasers. The reasons are many, according to Alabama Industries for the Blind.

"Skilcraft offers great selection and over 3,200 products," AIB said in a prepared release. "We also partner with other companies to provide you anything from

office furniture to tools.

"We understand your need for timely delivery," the release continued. "On our non-stock items or special orders just be sure to let us know in advance what your needs are so that we can have your supplies ready when you need them."

And then there's the convenience, according to AIB. The program enables the federal government to purchase quality products and services, while saving time, money and personnel on contracts and paperwork.

"The Redstone Base Supply Center has nine employees, five of whom are vision impaired, who will greet you with a smile and are there to earn your business," the release said.

Editor's note: October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The Alabama Industries for the Blind said it's a good time to get acquainted with the people and products at your Base Supply Center.

HHC 59th sweeps brigade organizational day

'Raise Up' bunch tops competition

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For the first time in three years, the Soldiers and civilians of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, 59th Ordnance Brigade, took time off from training for a day of mandatory fun during the OMEMS, 59th Ordnance Brigade Organizational Day Sept. 8.

Although the first event was the platoon run at 5:30 a.m., the day's official ceremony was held on softball field 13 and was headed by brigade commander Col. Jose Enriquez whose big message was safety.

"We are here to have a safe and fun day and to promote unit cohesion and esprit de corps," he said to the brigade formation in front of him. "The biggest and most important factor today is safety. So go out there and have fun in a safe manner."

With the reading of the brigade's history and the ringing of the brigade bell, several events kicked off throughout the school training areas including the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, the Fitness Center and the Vincent Park swimming pool. Some of the events included track and field, a swim meet, basketball, softball, golf, ping pong, pool, card games and a tug-of-war game to close off the competitions.

The day offered a way for everyone to relax, talk and have a good time. It even made it easy for the

Soldiers to not feel so intimidated by those who outranked them.

"I'm usually (intimidated) by anyone who outranks me," Pvt. Aaron Long of Charlie Company said. "(Organizational Day) gave us the opportunity to relax. We all had the 'I'm not going to let you win because you outrank me' attitude. I had a good time."

One competition put the brigade officers against the brigade sergeants major and senior enlisted personnel. Although the officers won the match, they then had to face off against the brigade drill sergeants who had the entire enlisted portion of the brigade rooting for them. Without a struggle, the drill sergeants beat the officers within seconds.

"My favorite event was the tug-of-war competition against the officers and the drill sergeants," Pvt. Alex Russell of Charlie Company said. "It was cool to have the drill sergeants and all the Soldiers call out the Hard Work cadence when the drill sergeants won."

After all the events were over and all the points won, it was time to award the trophies and streamers to the winners. The company to sweep all the events was Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade, who "Raised Up" and still had "Power to Spare" at the end of the day, taking home five trophies, including the overall trophy, and three streamers, including the overall streamer.

"This is not all about competition," said Enriquez, during the closing remarks. "It's about going out there and having a good time as a team."



CHEERING DRILL— Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle, right, and the rest of the 59th Ordnance Brigade enlisted personnel, cheer on Sgt. 1st Class Rochelle Witherspoon, Charlie Company drill sergeant, center, and all the brigade drill sergeants during a tug-of-war event against the brigade officers. The cheering helped, as the drill sergeants beat the officers.



FRONT-RUNNERS— Staff Sgt. Reginald Leday, left, gets tagged by Spc. Jarkayzio Frank during the one mile relay at the 59th Ordnance Brigade Organizational Day. 1st Sgt. Daniel Teats, HHC 59th first sergeant, cheers his Soldiers on.



HELP WANTED— Marine Pfc. Kenneth Rodgers, center, passes the basketball to Marine Pfc. Christopher Sannicolas, while Pvt. Anibal Rodriguez, left, defends during a game between the Marines and Charlie Company.

Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

Incurable disease patient takes one day at a time

Darin Kruse continues his fight against Lou Gehrig's disease

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The house sits on a cul-de-sac in a quiet neighborhood in southeast Huntsville with a manicured lawn. Someone rides by on a bicycle.

This is the home of Darin and Rachel Kruse, both 41, and their two young daughters. Rachel works in the THAAD Project Office as the deputy director of systems engineering. Darin was an engineer at the Research Development and Engineering Center until his career ended on medical disability in September 2005.

There was no way he could continue working – not with this disease, the same incurable ailment that killed Lou Gehrig 65 years ago. Darin has Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, which is a fatal neuromuscular ailment characterized by progressive muscle weakness resulting in paralysis.

"Sorry but I am not feeling well right now," Darin tells a visitor through a computer attached to his wheelchair. The voice message is conveyed by the computerized communication system which was donated by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Darin selects a message by moving his head. He can type words a letter at a time, and then he hits a button and the computerized voice speaks for him. He can also control the television to change channels and watch sports.

"It's become a lot harder," Darin says of his daily routine.

"It takes him a long time to get up out of bed," Rachel says. "He's almost not able to eat anymore. Just last week he got a feeding tube put in."

He takes some vitamins and some symptomatic prescription drugs each day; these help address the symptoms but there's nothing modern medicine can do to stop the disease. Things most people take for granted – eating, taking a shower, using the bathroom and so on – take Darin hours to accomplish.

"I think the pleasurable things he has now are watching TV, getting on the Internet, and water therapy twice a week," Rachel says.

"One day at a time," Darin says.

But he's taking the fight to this disease with the same spirit he used to show while running long-distance races and competing in triathlons. He's among 12 board members of the Huntsville-based ALS Association — Alabama Chapter, the only such chapter in the state. This year, for the first time, the organization is among the agencies that can be helped through the Combined Federal Campaign. The Kruses, who spoke at last year's CFC kickoff, planned to have an informational table at this year's event scheduled Sept. 19 at the NASA picnic area.

"There's no cure, there's no treatment," Rachel says of this devastating disease. "It's very frustrating. I think this disease tends to be ignored because the patients can't speak for themselves. The care givers can't speak for them because they (the care givers) are so worn out. The patients can't get out. They can't be seen. You've got cancer survivors; there are no ALS survivors."

Besides support from the ALS chapter, the Kruses have received help from many other people. These include Leisa Teed and Jane Smith, both of their church (Latham United Methodist), who have started a support group of probably 50 people. These helpers do such things as mow the lawn, deliver meals twice a week, and provide rides to the two daughters. Monica, 15, is a sophomore at Grissom High; and Michelle, 13, is an eighth-grader at Whitesburg Middle. Rachel's co-workers have also been supportive and accommodating. She doesn't have to travel, so she can be at home with Darin.

"We get so much help from family members, friends, neighbors, church, because it's so devastating, so consuming," she says. "I don't know how you do it without help."

Darin is sweating in his wheelchair in his living room. He struggles to communicate. Finally the voice message is heard.

"Long time no see," Darin says. "Take care."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AT HOME— Darin and Rachel Kruse encourage support for the ALS Association — Alabama Chapter.

Ringing up guidelines for exchange shopping

DALLAS — From Fort Bragg to Baghdad, military installations the world over are home to more than 3,000 Army & Air Force Exchange Service food, entertainment and retail options. From contractors to tourists to guests, Army posts and Air Force bases host a variety of visitors who often ask, “Who’s authorized to shop these facilities?”

“That’s probably the most common question I receive,” said AAFES’ senior enlisted adviser Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton. “It stands to reason that visitors want to take advantage of the tax relief and competitive prices they’ve heard so much about, but AAFES doesn’t decide who is or isn’t authorized.”

Exchange service authorization actually begins with the House Armed Services Committee and ultimately ends with the installation commander. The guidelines, as prescribed by Army Regulation 60-20 and Air Force Joint Instruction 34-210, require proper identification of authorized customers including uniformed personnel and members of the Reserve Components and family members, applicable Department of Defense civilians, exchange associates and retirees who possess a basic exchange purchase privilege authorization card. Some gov-

ernment civilians also enjoy exchange shopping privileges when they are assigned or TDY overseas; or “TDY and residing” in government quarters on posts/bases in the United States.

The access of authorized customers’ guests is regulated by installation commanders who are empowered by service regulations to determine the guest policy for the main exchange at their respective base/post.

While authorizations governing who can buy merchandise and services can vary from location to location, the doors to AAFES’ 2,109 food facilities, including 1,806 name and signature brand outlets, are open to virtually anyone. In fact, DoD policy allows all federal government employees and even installation visitors to dine at AAFES restaurants as long as their orders are consumed on the installation.

Anyone who believes they may qualify for exchange benefits including access to the main exchange should contact their local AAFES manager for additional guidance as well as information regarding possible exceptions at specific PX/BX locations. Store-level contact information is available online at www.aafes.com under the BX/PX “Store Locator” link. (AAFES release)

Electrical outlets unplugged

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

Myth: Installing foam gaskets in electrical outlets will significantly reduce air leakage.

Fact: Measurements have shown that less than 1 percent of a home’s air leakage is due to electrical outlets.

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

■ Retired Soldier remembers those lost in Pentagon fireball

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Erckenbrack entered a hole in the side of the building that ended up being a hallway. Screams were everywhere. While the doctor went one way, Erckenbrack went another. He was able to rescue one man who was on fire by dousing the flames with a coat. He pulled the man down the hallway to three firemen who helped him get the man out of the building.

“One of the things the man said is why I’m here today,” Erckenbrack said. “He was extremely burned and his lips were moving. His one comment was ‘save the others.’”

But, there were no others Erckenbrack could save. The area where he found the man was ablaze. Erckenbrack worked his way back into a large hole looking for survivors.

“The only sound was of electrical sparking,” he said. “There were no screams for help, there was no one crawling out to the light because they had all perished.”

Although Erckenbrack has always had faith in God and a belief that people are all good at their core, the events he experienced on 9/11 changed his faith in a very profound way.

“After witnessing 9/11, after breathing jet fuel, after seeing women and men burned alive, after

realizing I could only help a few of them, after living and breathing some of the destruction, after losing people close to me, I am sure of Satan. I am sure he showed himself to the world on 9/11,” Erckenbrack said.

And, although Satan – a figure Erckenbrack had often thought of as a character out of medieval times — became a present day reality on that day, so, too, did hope.

Erckenbrack felt hope in the embrace of friends who were concerned about his welfare. He felt hope in the story of retired Lt. Col. Brian Birdwell, who was in the path of the plane when it hit. Engulfed in jet fuel and praying for death, Birdwell was miraculously saved when the sprinkler system went off. Still, he spent two years recovering from his injuries.

“Hope can never be taken away ... It truly is one of the greatest gifts from God,” Erckenbrack said.

Courage also became a present day reality to Erckenbrack as he watched survivors of 9/11 and those who lost loved ones on 9/11 rebuild their own lives, and as he witnessed young men and women signing up to defend America and fight for freedom.

“As long as there are good men and women in the U.S. and the world, we will surely endure and overcome an ideology of hate and fear ... We must remember 9/11 and rededicate ourselves ... Freedom is still worth fighting for,” he said.

Morning shattered when 'evil took flight'

*Team Redstone remembers
9/11 at Patriot Day tribute*

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In carefully chosen words, Garrison worker Ed Benefield juxtaposed an image of Sept. 11, 2001 – a beautiful, bright morning sky that served as a backdrop on a day when “evil literally took flight.”

During opening comments at Redstone Arsenal’s fifth annual Patriot Day Tribute, narrator Benefield went on to balance that evil against the good of the day – courage and heroism, compassion and generosity, unity and resolve.

“We were attacked for not what we had done,” he said of that day. “We were attacked for what we are – a people united by a kinship of ideas ... united in purpose.”

Benefield’s comments set the scene for an emotional Patriot Day Tribute for a standing room only audience in Bob Jones Auditorium. The tribute included two video presentations – one of 9/11 images to the song “Have We Forgotten” and another of images of today’s Soldiers on the battlefield to the song “Until Then”

– along with the lighting of candles representing first responders, a scroll of honor of Alabama and Tennessee Soldiers killed since 9/11, the presentation of a wreath to the Huntsville family of 1st Lt. Scott Love who died in combat and a rendition of “God Bless America” by Redstone Arsenal’s Rocketeers.

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, thanked the audience for attending the tribute, going on to say the employees of Redstone Arsenal have his “undying respect” for their hard work every day in support of Soldiers.

“Your presence here means you haven’t forgotten, that you care that our country is under attack, that our way of life is under attack,” Pillsbury said.

“Each of you that has a family has the ability to raise your children the way you want to, to attend the church of your choice, to get the kind of education you want, to live your life free.”

Pillsbury’s words turned harsh as he described the 9/11 attackers as “vile and vicious and evil, a valueless, morales enemy using our technology” to strike a country that was at peace.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

WREATH OF REMEMBRANCE— Tears and soft words of appreciation went along with a wreath presented to Mac and Lydia Love in memory of their son, 1st Lt. Scott Love, who was killed in Iraq on June 7. Friends of the family are establishing a Lt. Scott Love Memorial Scholarship that will be awarded to children of U.S. servicemembers who are pursuing a degree in fine arts. To learn more about the Army Scholarship Foundation or to make a donation, call Jeff Gault at (703) 451-0221.

Sustainment command takes on materiel management

Revamped organization assumes logistics duties

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Army Materiel Command

WASHINGTON — Army Materiel Command's new major subordinate command, Army Sustainment Command, will stand up Sept. 22 — and with it comes several new missions to support the war fighter.

One of the new missions, materiel management, is a phase of military logistics which includes managing, cataloging, disposal, procurement, distribution, overhaul and determining requirements of materiel. This mission is done at many different levels of AMC; however, under ASC the efforts will be streamlined and focused on the war fighting units.

“Materiel management tasks that were previously conducted by materiel management centers under the former Army logistics structure will now be executed by ASC,” said Lt. Col. Dennis M. Thompson, director, Distribution Management Center, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

ASC, working in close coordination with AMC's Life Cycle Management Commands, will be the Army's single materiel manager for units stationed in the continental United States until they deploy. ASC will conduct centralized materiel management through the Distribution Management Center, part of the upcoming ASC, according to Thompson.

The transition of Army Field Support Command to ASC allows CONUS-based forces to be supported by a Theater Sustainment Command — equivalent logistics command that can leverage AMC's LCMCs, the national sustainment base and the capabilities of strategic partners.

“Through the operational lines of materiel readiness, integration, supply, and mobility we will reduce the workload from the field and provide the war fighter with near-real-time readiness posture, and anticipate and avoid problems,” Thompson said.

Working with the Logistics Support Activity, ASC aims to improve logistics situational awareness by providing automation tools such as the Logistics Information Warehouse. LIW will provide logisticians with a clear picture of where supplies are located or en route within the distribution pipeline.

“We will support our Army Field Support Brigade and Logistics Support Element commanders in the field as they work with the units to assist them in the Army Force Generation process,” Thompson said. “Centralized materiel management from Rock Island will use common logistics information systems and will eventually allow us to draw down our costs in the field.”

As part of the revamped command, ASC will work in coordination with U.S. Army Forces Command to recommend major end items for CONUS forces to Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. In addition, Installation Management Agency will partner with ASC to lead the reset and regeneration process for redeploying units.

While ASC will not officially stand-up until late September, Soldiers may already see the efforts of the new command. With the deactivation of Corps Support Commands and Division Support Commands, Army units were facing a gap in support while waiting for the ASC to achieve full operating capability. To counter this, AFSC began deploying initial capability teams in mid-July at every corps and division to provide a bridge during the transition from AFSC to ASC.

The new materiel management mission will provide a better system for the war fighter, ultimately enhancing his abilities and readiness, a vital effect during the Global War on Terrorism, according to Thompson.

“ASC's assumption of the materiel management mission in the continental United States will allow the war fighter to better focus on their core competencies,” he said. “ASC presence throughout the world will enable the war fighter by providing enhanced readiness.”

Put safety first when running

The Garrison Safety Office wants to give a heads-up to runners.

A few weeks ago there was an accident on Neal Road involving a runner. A vehicle stopped suddenly because the runner just ran out into traffic, according to the Garrison Safety Office. Another driver failed to see the stopping vehicle and rear-ended it.

The outcome of this incident was minor injuries and property damage. Near the accident site there's a sign on the fitness trail warning runners to stop and use caution before proceeding forward.

AMCOM Regulation 210-2, states “Runners cannot run on any roadway where the speed limit is greater than 25 mph.” This includes the shoulder and 6 feet off the asphalt.

“Near misses” are increasing around Redstone where runners and vehicles are coming too close to one another, the safety office said in a prepared release. Runners are using heavily traveled roadways like Neal Road (45 mph and hilly) and Patton, also 45 mph.

Large vehicles don't discriminate between lean or overweight exercisers. The “fitness gain” in running along a dangerous route is not worth it when the risk of being hit is far greater. Exercise is great — let's just do it safely, the safety office said.

The office provided the following advice for Redstone runners:

- Use sidewalks, running or exercise paths and look both ways before crossing streets or intersections;
- No headphones while running;
- Runners will wear a reflective material during the hours between sunset and sunrise or when inclement weather reduces visibility;
- Individuals are not authorized to skate, skateboard, jog, run or walk on roadways during peak traffic periods;
- Yield the right-of-way to all roadway traffic; and
- Vehicle drivers and runners should look out for one another. (*Garrison Safety release*)

Mentoring participants visit Arnold Air Force Base

The People Empowering People participants and members of the Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders went on a staff ride Aug. 30 to the Arnold Engineering Development Center at Arnold Air Force Base in Tullahoma, Tenn.

The PEP Mentoring Program is a six-month cycle which consists of a variety of educational and guided learning experiences to include mentor/protégé training, monthly lunch and learn programs, independent mentoring sessions, and a culminating capstone experience. Staff rides have a specific focus such as leadership, continuous improvement or application of a specific technology.

The staff ride to Arnold Engineering

Development Center focused on their support of the war fighter, their unique testing capabilities, as well as their implementation of Lean principles in a manufacturing and administrative setting. The center is the nation's largest aerospace ground test facility complex. The complex includes 58 aerodynamic and propulsion wind tunnels, rocket and turbine engine test cells, space environmental chambers, arc heaters, ballistic ranges and other specialized test units.

AEDC has played a key role in the development of high performance military jet aircraft, missiles and space systems used by the Air Force, Navy, Marines and Army, including all the

manned space programs from project Mercury to the Space Shuttle and many commercial aircraft. The center's unique test facilities simulate flight from sea level to space and from subsonic to hypersonic speeds.

The staff ride participants toured the Propulsion Wind Tunnel and the Aero-propulsion Systems Test Facility to learn how AEDC employees simulate wind speeds and space environments to test rockets, turbine engines and space-flight systems. The Propulsion Wind Tunnel is composed of the 16-foot transonic, 16-foot supersonic, and the aerodynamic 4-foot transonic wind tunnels. The tunnel is used to provide AEDC's customers with complete testing and analysis capability. The Aeropropulsion Systems Test Facility provides the unique test capability of simulating flight conditions at altitudes up to 100,000 feet, at speeds up to Mach 3.8, for engines rated up to 100,000 pounds of thrust. After touring the facilities, the group received a briefing on AEDC's implementation of Lean Six Sigma.

If you are interested in being a mentor or a protégé, consider applying for the PEP Mentoring Program during the next

application period in mid-December. (G-1 Human Resources release)



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International space

Warrant Officer AbdulKarim Alymany of Saudi Arabia tries his hand on simulators at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center during the International Military Student Office's field trip Sept. 7. The office took six international students who are from Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt.

Student from Egypt completes first trip to U.S.

Learns about culture, goes on field trips

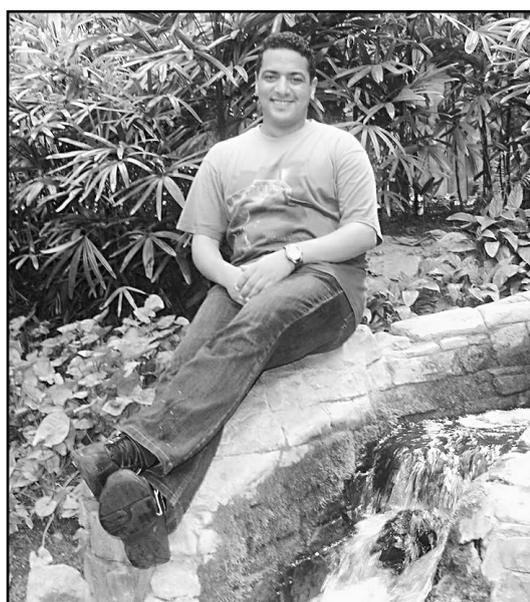
Capt. Gamal Farag of Egypt didn't know what to expect when he arrived in June for an ammunition specialist course at the NCO Academy.

He wasn't disappointed.

"It's the first time to visit USA and I am very happy," he said before graduating Sept. 15. "Time has truly gone by quickly and I am jealous. I had a very nice time here."

The International Military Student Office provides activities and field trips for Redstone students from other countries. Farag, 27, visited Atlanta, San Antonio and other places with these international students. He said he learned about American culture.

"American people are very nice, very friendly and love to help each other," he said.



Courtesy photo

ENJOYING VISIT— Capt. Gamal Farag of Egypt has attended an ammunition specialist course at the NCO Academy.

Letterkenny wins another Shingo Prize

Only Army depot cited two years in a row

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Letterkenny has again won the Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing, the only Army depot to win this top-flight award two years in a row.

The depot won the Silver 2006 award for work on tactical vehicles, specifically the High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicle, while the 2005 award

was for Patriot.

The 2006 Shingo Prize Public Sector Award is offered for achievement in implementing lean systems in support of the maintenance, repair and overhaul of war fighter equipment.

"The 2006 recipients are not only saving American taxpayers' money, but increasing the quality and availability of military weapons that protect Americans at home and Soldier abroad," North American Shingo Prize director Ross Robson said.

"I am very proud of our folks in AMC whose extraordinary efforts are providing our war fighters with the highest quality equipment, ahead of schedule and at a reduced cost," Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of Army Materiel Command, said. "The Shingo Award recognizes the extraordinary performance by our depot work force — for it is the workers on the shop floor who are using Lean and Six Sigma techniques to enable us to better meet the needs of our men and women serving on point for our nation around the world fighting the global war on terror."

AMC organizations are evaluated by on-site examiners and scored in the following areas: cost improvement; leadership; empowerment; vision and strategy; innovation and development; partnering practices with suppliers and customers; environmental practices; quality and results; and consistent improvement in each of those areas, according to Shingo Prize officials.

Letterkenny deputy commander Dr. John Gray accepted the award at the second annual Shingo Prize Public Sector Conference on Sept. 7 in Las Vegas. A ceremony to commemorate this prize was to be scheduled at the Humvee line in building 350.

The Shingo Prize is managed by Utah State University's College of Business. (Letterkenny release)



Photo by Ron Garrett

Distinguished grad

Pei-Chen Wu from Taiwan was the Distinguished Graduate from the Avenger System Repair Course on Sept. 7. She scored 100 percent for the entire course.



Courtesy photo

Nashville sights

Maj. Mohamed Shehata of Egypt and Capt. Faisal Kanju of Pakistan visit the Opryland Hotel during the International Military Student Office's field studies program trip to Nashville Sept. 1.

Touching hearts for foster children

Local television news anchor reaches out to women's club with personal testimony

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With her own brand of personal testimony, silly stories and Christian music, Lee Marshall touched the hearts of her captivated audience during a presentation at the 2006-07 kickoff luncheon meeting of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club.

Known throughout North Alabama as WAFF-TV's morning and noon co-anchor, Marshall is a familiar face to many. But, it's her cause that she hopes leaves a lasting impression.

"Why do I get up at 3:30 every morning to report on news that's mostly bad? I do it because I feel that's exactly where God has put me," Marshall said. "He put me there for a reason, and that reason is adoption ... I'm in a position where I can tell the stories of foster kids and help them find their forever family."

Marshall began her crusade for foster children seven years ago when she introduced a weekly segment on WAFF-TV profiling foster children who were ready for adoption. In those seven years, she has profiled 183 children. Of those, 155 have been adopted.

Marshall, who was herself adopted at the age of six weeks, is the founder and spokesperson for the Kids to Love Foundation, a two-year-old program supporting the needs of Alabama's foster children. It has been a launching pad for several community programs to aid foster children, including Bible donation, Meth Ophans, foster child scholarships and Christmas for the Kids. Marshall has also launched an international music career, which allows her to share her Christian testimony and earn funds that are used to support the programs of her Kids to Love Foundation.

At the OCWC luncheon, she not only spoke, but sang about her cause. Her first selection was "You Rescued Me," a song

that speaks of her own personal testimony of being rescued by her adoptive parents as a baby and also by God in her life.

"Over 6,000 children are in foster care (in Alabama) today waiting to be rescued," Marshall said. "All they want is someone to love them. It is just a simple requirement that has been, so far, out of their reach. I want to use the power of the media to do good for these children."

Although Marshall felt she was doing just that with WAFF's foster children profiles, a couple of years ago she felt a calling to do more. In November 2003, she met a CPA with a local accounting firm that wanted to help her grow her efforts into a foundation for foster children.

"He told me 'I've heard you speak. I've heard you sing. And, I really hear your heart to help these children,'" she recalled. "And, that's how Kids to Love was born ..."

"God has opened the doors, absolutely blown the door off the hinges of the opportunities for this foundation and the children it helps."

Besides publicizing the need for foster parents and adopting families, the foundation also helps foster children with ongoing needs. The foundation helps provide school supplies for foster children. Last year, 766 foster children received school supplies through the foundation. This past year, the foundation helped more than 2,000 foster children with school supplies.

The foundation also provides Christmas presents for foster children. Last year, 541 foster children received presents through the foundation. This year, Marshall hopes to see that number grow.

"This luncheon actually kicks off this year's Christmas efforts," Marshall said, looking over the hundreds of gifts OCWC women donated to the foundation at the luncheon.

"We are providing Christmas for foster children as young as six weeks and as old as 18. Last year, the children didn't even know where the presents came from and that was the point. We didn't want them to know. We just wanted them to be there."

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

CHRISTMAS FOR FOSTER KIDS— Members of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club donated presents for foster children at their first luncheon meeting of 2006-07 held last week at the Officers and Civilians Club. Looking over the toys, games, bikes and stuffed animals are, from left, Lee Marshall, WAFF-TV news anchor and founder of Kids to Love; Becky Pillsbury, wife of Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury; and Faye Wishik, OCWC president.

Fort Lee invites schoolhouse from Redstone

59th Ordnance Brigade members get information about Virginia

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About a third of Redstone's respondents to an online survey said they would be uncertain about moving to Fort Lee, Va., and would require more information.

The Army tried to meet that need Sept. 12-13 with the Fort Lee Expo held at Heiser Hall and the Redstone Fitness Center. The Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School will move to Fort Lee under the 2005 base realignment and closure decisions.

"This is the start of a process that will be ongoing," Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, the Army chief of Ordnance, told OMEMS civilians and Soldiers gathered in Heiser Hall on Sept. 12.

Referring to the survey about moving to Fort Lee, he said, "We want to give you the information that you can use to make those decisions."

The 33rd chief of Ordnance was accompanied by a briefing team from the Fort Lee community. He was introduced to the audience by Col. Jose Enriquez,



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ARMED WITH INFO— Chief of Ordnance Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles talks with civilians and Soldiers about the pending move of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School to Fort Lee, Va.

commander of OMEMS, 59th Ordnance Brigade.

A similar expo was held Sept. 5-6 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where the Ordnance Center and Schools will

move to Fort Lee by July 2009. The Aberdeen school will join the Army Logistics Management Center, Quartermaster Center and School, U.S. Army Transportation Center, and Air Force and

Army Culinary Training to form the Sustainment Center of Excellence. By law, base realignment and closure actions must be completed by 2011.

"It (Fort Lee) will become the logistics hub of the United States Army," Boles said.

That hub will include the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School and the 59th Ordnance Brigade.

Sgt. Lakeshia Dunigan, of 59th S-1 (personnel), said she agrees with the pending consolidation. The 32-year-old Soldier is from Mobile.

"I think it'll be good because everything will be collocated in one area," she said.

The 59th has 2,267 Soldiers, including about 1,100 at Redstone. The 832nd Ordnance Battalion is here along with the Marine Detachment and the NCO Academy. The battalion's three detachments include a radar repair training detachment at Fort Sill, Okla.; a Patriot training detachment at Fort Bliss, Texas; and an explosive ordnance disposal school at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Headquarters & Headquarters Company 59th has a directorate of instruction which includes civilians and permanent-party Soldiers. The 73rd Ordnance Battalion is located at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Marine commander takes major step in his career

Detachment leader promoted to major

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The few, the proud, the Marines at Redstone Arsenal, gathered to witness the accomplishments and promotion of their leader, now Maj. Timothy Collins, Marine Corps Detachment commander, Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, who was promoted from captain to major Sept. 1, by his friend Tangie Walker and the 59th Ordnance Brigade commander Col. Jose Enriquez.

“The military promotes each individual on their potential to excel in the new rank or position,” Enriquez said. “Major Collins has proven himself to be more than capable of accomplishing the duties and responsibilities of a field grade officer.”

Collins has worked his way up the ladder since he enlisted in the Marine Corps more than 20 years ago to become an infantryman. As an infantryman, Collins deployed to the Persian Gulf and participated in various campaigns including Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Upon return from his deployments, Collins chose to become an ammunition technician. His first assignment took him to Somalia. In 1994 he went to Okinawa, Japan, where a new chapter in his career began as he was promoted to warrant officer Feb. 1, 1996. He worked his way up to chief warrant officer 3 and was promoted to captain in April 2002. Now a field grade officer, Collins fills one of only eight field grade positions in the Marine Corps for ground ammunition officers.

“This is quite an accomplishment,” Collins said, “but it’s not all me. I owe it to the Marines that I’ve served with who have taught me how to become a good leader.”

Collins said he learned to recognize good leadership skills as he grew as a leader, gathering the ones he valued and using them to create his own leadership style. Good leadership and various deployments, including two Iraq tours, have helped Collins gather the leadership skills that have gotten him to this point in his career.

Throughout his journey as an enlisted Marine, a warrant officer and a limited duty officer, Collins’ leadership has



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

OFFICER OATH— Marine Maj. Timothy Collins, right, reaffirms the Oath of the Officer during his promotion ceremony Sept. 1, outside Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, Marine Detachment. Collins, commander of the Marine Detachment, was promoted by Col. Jose Enriquez, commander of OMEMS, 59th Ordnance Brigade, left, and Tangie Walker.

impacted many Marines, some of whom were present during his promotion ceremony — like Marine Staff Sgts. Christopher McNally and Chris McCarthy.

McNally’s first duty station was Okinawa in 1994 and his first interaction with a noncommissioned officer was with Collins who was then a sergeant.

“He was always extremely hard on me and expected the best of me at all times,” said McNally, an ammunition instructor and platoon sergeant at the Marine Detachment. “He set the standard pretty high for me and wouldn’t allow me to cut any corners. He built the foundation for success in my military career. Thanks to his leadership, my average or normal performance was better than most.”

McCarthy also met Collins 12 years ago in Okinawa and has served with him three times since then. Although he was not under his direct supervision as McNally was, McCarthy said Collins was well known.

“He was very knowledgeable about his job considering he had made a lateral move from the infantry,” McCarthy said. “He was and still is, very professional and troop oriented. He always takes care of the Marines under his charge whether it’s

professionally, academically or personally. Knowing him as long as I have and knowing where he came from I am very proud of him. He is very deserving of this promotion and the position that he is in.”

McNally still remembers the day when Collins told him he wanted to become a captain. “I’ve seen him become a captain

and go the extra mile and become a major,” he said. “Being witness to his success and to him exceeding his own goals further motivates me to succeed in my own career.”

Although Collins’ favorite assignments have been with West Pacs, expeditionary units that respond to various locations around the world as a show of force, one thing he’ll always appreciate is his troops and watching them grow.

“Military life is not easy, you have ups and you have downs,” Collins said. “But you have to stay focused and remember the oath to protect the U.S. against all enemies foreign and domestic, to bear true faith and allegiance and to obey the orders of the president of the United States of America. It comes down to our way of life and ensuring that freedom is given to every human being.”

Following Collins’ promotion, nine Marine Detachment students were promoted to private first class. Collins and 1st Sgt. Orlanda Grimsley, Marine Detachment first sergeant, pinned the Marines with their newly appointed rank.

“Once I became an officer one of the greatest rewards was the opportunity to watch young Marines grow,” Collins said. “I’m proud of their accomplishments, of how much they’ve grown and knowing that I had a piece in that. There are a lot of times, however, when I wish I could be that private first class again just to live through that experience and relive those memories. It’s a piece of you that will never go away.”

Community stands tall in remembrance of 9/11

Ceremony notes
times of 4 attacks

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Images of 9/11 permeated the Huntsville Depot Roundhouse in the early morning hours of Sept. 11, 2006.

Outside, firefighters stood as sentinel, waiting to blast their sirens to signify the four deadly points in time when commercial airplanes struck the World Trade Center towers, the Pentagon and a field in Shanksville, Pa. Inside, Soldiers joined city officials, local residents, and students from Meridianville Middle School and the Sparkman High School Junior ROTC to remember that morning of terror in 2001.

The first ever Patriot Day Memorial Event hosted by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition began at 7:43 a.m. with a simulated radio transmission of the first air traffic control communication that signaled a potential problem.

"American Flight 11. New York Center - acknowledge."

Those words were repeated three times. Then, precisely at 7:46 a.m. (8:46 Eastern time), Becky Pillsbury, the wife of Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, rang the ceremonial bell six times, signifying the crash of American Air-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

NATION OF PATRIOTISM— Maj. Gen. Mike Sumrall, assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard matters at the Pentagon, speaks about patriotism at the Patriot Day Memorial Event. He urged attendees to support returning Soldiers and to aid those who are injured in the defense of the nation. Sumrall was the adjutant general of the Alabama National Guard at the time of the 9/11 attacks.

lines Flight 11 into the north tower of the World Trade Center.

The bell was followed by an Old Towne Brass bugler sounding attention on his horn and an assembly drum roll. Outside, fire truck sirens blasted out the alarm. At the direction of organizer David Carney, the audience of about 150 bowed their heads for a moment of silence.

The color guard made up of fire and police officers then presented the colors. The national anthem was sung by the Huntsville Police Department's Blue Notes and Old Towne Brass. A video of President Bush's comments on the evening of Sept. 11, 2001, was played.

And, then came the memories.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

GOING OVER PLANS— Reserve Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry reviews plans for the Patriot Day Memorial Event at the Huntsville Depot Roundhouse with Sgt. Jeff Payne of Charlie Company, 926th Engineering Battalion, Redstone Arsenal.

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer spoke to the audience about where she was on that day, finding out about the attacks as she went about the city attending an international event and a leadership meeting.

Her office fielded numerous calls that day, one of the first being from the commanding general at Redstone Arsenal, who had taken over command just before Sept. 11, 2001. Another came from a minister with the Interfaith Mission Service, which wanted to organize a community memorial event.

"It was a sad day for us in Huntsville because we've

always had so many ties to New York City and the Pentagon," she said.

By Sunday night after the attacks, Huntsville had a community-wide event to remember the lives lost on 9/11, and city officials had begun to restore confidence in its residents.

Sept. 11, 2001, "was a day in which the people of a nation stopped in shock to grieve together," said Carney, a retired Alabama National Guard sergeant.

"Today, America pauses to remember the heroes that emerged and the innocent lives that were lost five years ago amid the destruction in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. I hope we can all appreciate, especially today, the security we enjoy in this great nation and the selfless individuals who serve to protect it."

Again, at 8:03 a.m. (9:03 Eastern), the bell was struck, this time by Huntsville firefighter Jay Gates. Again, the sounds of the bugle, drum and sirens pierced the air, followed by a moment of silence, all signifying the crash of United Airlines Flight 175 into the south tower of the World Trade Center.

Retired Marine Lt. Gen. Frank Libutti told the audience that the ceremony on the five-year anniversary of 9/11 was significant for two reasons - "to celebrate (the victims) lives in our own respectful, humble,

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Tribute recalls terror of attack, courage of America's heroes

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He compared 9/11 to the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, which steered America away from an isolationist policy and into a war that had to be won.

In 1941, "we went from a military that was small and ill equipped to a military that became the largest and best equipped of mankind," Pillsbury said. "We got off the floor and went and defeated our enemy."

Fast forward to nearly 60 years later to the surprise attack of 9/11, and the results are similar, yet different.

"The country came together for about six months ... We have gotten off the floor and we've taken the fight to our enemy," Pillsbury said.

But, this enemy target is much more evasive than what America faced during World War II.

The enemy - terrorists - "hide behind nations and get support from nations, but they transcend boundaries," Pillsbury said.

American Soldiers are deployed to 120 countries.

"That's boots on the ground, and

your Soldiers are doing what they are told and doing it very well," he said.

"I'm proud to be in the Army. I'm proud to be here at AMCOM. I'm proud to be an American. And, your Soldiers are making me prouder every day."

Young Americans are pledging to serve their country in such large numbers that the Army has been able to meet its recruiting goals during the last 14 months. These young Soldiers are driven by a desire to make a difference, Pillsbury said.

"There's not a person here that wants to go to war, that wants to go away from their family, that doesn't want peace," he said. "This war was foisted on us. Our enemy came on our turf in a savage attack."

Since 9/11, 2,600 American Soldiers have lost their lives in the Global War on Terrorism. They represent each state and U.S. territory. Pillsbury recalled one such Soldier from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) of the 4th Infantry, Bowling Green, Ky., who was leading a patrol in the streets of Baghdad and handing out candy to a child when an improvised explosive device went off, killing both the Soldier and the child.

"What kind of enemy could kill a

child? That is the caliber of person that we are fighting," Pillsbury said, adding that the Soldier left behind a wife and two children.

At the Soldier's funeral, his widow thanked Pillsbury for his service.

"I have just described to you my American idol, not some idiot that's on TV that can't hit a high note," he said.

Instead of sitting in front of televisions and complaining about the state of America and the war in Iraq, Pillsbury said Americans who truly care will work to make a difference. He urged Americans to debate the issues and vote.

"I'm angry," Pillsbury said, referring to images of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the crash site in Shanksville, Pa.

"I hope you're angry, too."

Editor's note: The following Redstone Arsenal employees were members of the Sept. 11 Committee: Samuel Wright, Patricia Kurth, Bruce Cline, Julie Frederick, Master Sgt. John Kennedy, Master Sgt. Paul Grosch, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker, Richard Ellis and Albert Barksdale. In addition, Claus Martel was the video technician and Creations by Becki of Rogersville donated the memorial wreath.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TOLLING THE BELL FOR 9/11 VICTIMS— First responder Paul Buckner, left, prepares to ring the bell in honor of those who lost their lives to the terrorist attacks of 9/11 during the Patriot Day Tribute in Bob Jones Auditorium. Buckner, a sergeant in the Reserves, is a firefighter at the Rideout Road station. With him is John Holliday of Huntsville Emergency Medical Services Inc., who also served in the Army. Buckner, Holliday and Redstone police officer Christopher Ragucci each lit a candle during the tribute in honor of the first responders who lost their lives on 9/11.

Novel weaves espionage, conspiracy theory

Redstone reader volunteers review

By LINDA ROEBUCK
For the Rocket

Fiction writers who telegraph their plot points make one despair over the state of contemporary fiction. Fortunately, Dan Fesperman's latest novel, "The Prisoner of Guantanamo," doesn't come close to making that mistake.

It is not simple reading – part thriller, part suspense, part spy novel, part mystery, with undercurrents of broken rela-

tionships and past mistakes.

We meet Revere Falk – former Marine and current FBI interrogator at "Gitmo." As a speaker of Arabic, he works with prisoners who may or may not have information about al-Qaida. His particular task at the moment is Adnan, a young Yemeni. Those duties are put partially on hold when he is placed in charge of investigating what "appears" to be the accidental drowning of an American Soldier. Just to keep things cooking, the Soldier's body has washed ashore in Cuban territory.

As fast as you can say "conspiracy theory," we have a team from the Defense Intelligence Agency arriving from Wash-

ington. Add them to the already uneasy relationships of the military, FBI, CIA and Department of Homeland Security personnel working at "Gitmo," and a complex, toxic stew starts bubbling. Then there's the ungodly heat. And, don't forget to keep an eye on the Cubans.

To say much more would do a disservice to this complicated and multi-layered tale. It is a story that takes the reader on a journey filled with deception and intrigue.

An added bonus is the skill with which Fesperman allows a poignant glimpse into the lives of "Gitmo's" Soldiers and prisoners held there.

Fesperman, who works for the Baltimore Sun, has reported from Yugoslavia and Afghanistan. He visited Guantanamo in 2003 with other reporters.

I have read none of his previous novels, but I plan to fix that ASAP.

Strong characters, plot twists and human drama – all that a happy reader could want.

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Center presents quarterly team awards



Photo by Anne Garrison

LOGISTICS ASSISTANCE— The award-winning Logistics Assistance Representative Team includes, front row from left, Bill Presley, Maxine Young, Sandra Patrick, Dale Dawson, Eric Cowan and Ingrid Qualls. In the back row are Robert Dubose, Alphonse Onuszkanycz, Lee Hunt, Harlen Lawrence, Pam Coyner, RT Hughes, Mike Gainey, Shedrick Green, Norbert Lutz and IMMC executive director Ronnie Chronister, who presented the third quarter team award. Not pictured are the more than 200 LARs stationed worldwide.

Ronnie Chronister, executive director of Integrated Materiel Management Center, presented the third quarter IMMC Team Award on Sept. 7 to the Launcher Branch Team of the Precision Fires Rocket and Missiles Systems, Logistics Directorate and to the Logistics Assistance Representative Team, Readiness Directorate.

The Launcher Branch Team demonstrated exceptional performance through the design development of the low signature armored cab for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System. This resulted from an aggressive development and retrofit schedule and was installed in less than one year,

providing assurance the HIMARS will continue to make significant contributions to the Global War on Terrorism.

The Logistics Assistance Representative Team has been a significant factor in advancing the Army's logistical support to the war fighter and has played a major part in supporting the

Global War on Terrorism. During this quarter there were 54 LARs deployed supporting OEF/OIF in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and Kosovo.

"Both of these teams were very deserving of this award," Chronister said. (*Integrated Materiel Management Center release from Kathy Riggs*)



Photo by Anne Garrison

LAUNCHER BRANCH— From left, Integrated Materiel Management Center executive director Ronnie Chronister presents the third quarter team award to Launcher Branch Team members David Shelton, Mark Meyers, Jim Powers, Wendell Lawson and Mike Steelman. Not pictured are Debra Jones and Pat Green.

Aircraft product fielded ahead of schedule

"Success and Survivability for Soldiers" is the motto coined by the Product Manager, Infrared Countermeasures Team highlighting its commitment to providing the Army aviation community with the best Aircraft Survivability Equipment available to date.

The PM IRCM Team, along with BAE Systems, completed fielding in August of the Common Missile Warning System on Army rotary and selected fixed-wing aircraft operating in the Central Command theater of operations.

"This extraordinary achievement, in accelerating the production and fielding of critical force protection equipment to Soldiers supporting the Global

War on Terror, is the result of exemplary cooperation, coordination, and commitment from every element of the combined Government-Industry team," Col Philip Carey, infrared countermeasures product manager, said.

The CMWS program is 13 months ahead of its original fielding timeline, and is five months ahead of the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army accelerated timeline.

"We are here to support the Soldier in the air and on the ground, and this team has risen to the challenge and exceeded all expectations in doing just that," Carey said. (*PM IRCM release from David Weis*)



Army photo

FLARE UP— A UH-60 Black Hawk deploys flares from the Common Missile Warning System while conducting a mission in support of the Global War on Terror.

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compassionate way” and “to rededicate ourselves in the fight against terrorism.”

America, he said, faces a “cunning and diabolical enemy” whose objective is to destroy Americans, the American economy and the American way of life forever.

Libutti retired from the Marine Corps in October 2001, taking on a job as the New York Police Department’s first deputy commissioner of counterterrorism. His first visit to the World Trade Center was wrought with emotion.

“I was immediately overwhelmed with the scope of the devastation,” he said.

“And, I began to cry.”

He returned several weeks later upon the discovery of the body of a fallen police officer.

“Each day, as it passed, I was reminded of the sacrifices and heroic acts of so many American men and women,” said Libutti, who was inspired by other police officers who worked tirelessly to secure and protect their city.

He learned several lessons during his days with the New York Police Department

and later as an undersecretary in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Never give up. Never become complacent. Stay informed. Protect your community. Stand up to the threat. Believe in the American people.

“I believe in the triumph of good over evil,” Libutti said.

Then, at 8:37 a.m. (9:37 Eastern), the third bell was rung by a City of Madison Fire Department representative. The bugle, drums, sirens and a moment of silence followed to commemorate the crash of American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon.

It was after this attack that phone calls from United Airlines Flight 93 started coming in to air traffic controllers and the loved ones of those on the plane. Carney read excerpts from the phone calls – “They’re going to kill us, so we might as well die fighting,” “I love Emmy. Take care of her,” and “The others and myself have voted to attack the terrorists. I have my butter knife from breakfast.”

Madison Mayor Sandy Kirkindall spoke of the “godless acts of violence and destruction” and the demonstration of the nation’s strength that he witnessed as members of the Madison Police Department traveled to New York City to assist with recovery efforts.

“What this nation is all about is God and country,” said Maj. Gen. Mike Sumrall, assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard matters at the Pentagon. He was the adjutant general of the Alabama National Guard at the time of the 9/11 attacks.

Although many other terrorist attacks over the years have influenced America, nothing has changed America like 9/11, Sumrall told the audience. Today, 2.4 million American servicemembers are fighting for the nation’s freedom.

“We are at war,” he said. “There’s no formal declaration of war and the enemy is not another nation. We are fighting a group of covert terrorists ... Our troops are doing a great job. They understand the legacy of those who served before them.”

Sumrall urged the audience to support the Soldiers who return from war with injuries and to visit veterans who have made sacrifices for American freedom.

“They’ll have those injuries for the rest of their lives,” he said. “Take care of the veterans in your town. Find them, ask them how you can help, stick with them for the rest of their lives.”

Other speakers took the podium. Local author Judy Carney read a poem vividly describing the events and emotions of 9/11. Retired Col. John Reitzell, who earned a

Bronze Star with Valor and two Purple Hearts for his service in Vietnam, urged the audience to keep true faith in their country, and to support and defend the idea of freedom worldwide.

And, then at 9:03 a.m. (10:03 Eastern), the bell was rung by students in the audience. The bugle and drum sounded, and the sirens squealed, signifying the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 into a Pennsylvania field, which aborted a planned crash into the White House.

A moment of silence followed. Then, state auditor Beth Chapman spoke of patriotism and public service. Old Towne Brass played “God Bless America.” “Amazing Grace” was played on the bagpipes, the colors were retrieved and firefighter Jay Gates called out over a radio “All units. Let’s roll.”

Editor’s note: The following organizations assisted the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition with the Patriot Day Memorial Event: Team Redstone, Garrison-Redstone, Alabama National Guard, Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Madison County Sheriff’s Department, City of Huntsville Police and Fire Departments, City of Madison Police and Fire Departments, Madison County Rescue Squad, Huntsville/Madison County International Airport Emergency Response Team and Huntsville Emergency Medical Services Inc.

Television personality gives personal testimony

Children

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One 15-year-old Muscle Shoals girl had a high school ring on her wish list last Christmas. Knowing how important that ring can be in a child’s life, Marshall put the request aside because she wanted to take it on as her own personal mission.

Marshall called a Muscle Shoals jewelry store and told them of the request.

“I wanted her to be able to walk into the jewelry store with confidence to pick out the ring that she wanted, and then we would pay for it,” Marshall said.

The jewelry store said they would sell the ring at cost. But, they went a step further and called the school ring distributor, who also offered the ring at their cost. And, it was shipped in two weeks in time for Christmas.

“It was then that I found out the child had Down’s syndrome,” Marshall said. “She probably won’t graduate from high school, so this was very special to her. I got to present her with the ring. It had a beautiful blue stone. When I reached for her hand to check the size, she pulled her hand away. She thought I was going to take the ring back.”

The girl later sent Marshall a thank you note with pictures she drew of the ring.

“A lot of days I think ‘I’m tired. I can’t do this anymore,’” said Marshall, who juggles her work as a news anchor with being a wife and mother to her 2-year-old daughter.

“But, if we don’t do this, who will? The number of kids coming into foster care is doubling and we’re seeing that because of the abuse of methamphetamines.”

To help combat meth, the foundation started a Meth Orphan Program that provides \$50 vouchers to provide for the immediate needs of children taken out of homes contaminated by methamphetamines.

“Everything in meth is poison,” Marshall said. “It’s about backyard chemists cooking it in their house in the presence of

their kids. Kids are breathing in toxic meth. It soaks into their skin. Everything in the home is contaminated.”

Marshall told of a five-week-old baby who was recently pulled out of a meth lab in Morgan County. Children taken out of that environment must leave all their personal items behind and undergo a toxic poison evaluation at a local hospital.

“Imagine you’re a 7-year-old whose parents choose meth over you,” Marshall said. “The best thing is to get that child out of the environment. But, it is hard to tell the child that.”

The Meth Orphan Program was launched in Jackson County in 2004. Now, it is in 23 counties in Alabama.

“We fed and clothed 40 local kids in the past two years,” Marshall said. “We’re being part of the solution and that’s huge to know. We’re making a difference in the lives of kids.”

But, the investigation of meth labs was on the decline last year because of reduced funding. Although law enforcement may no longer have funds to initiate investigations, they must respond to tips from the community. So, Marshall’s foundation launched the “See Meth. Stop Meth.” campaign as a tip line (866-303-METH). So far, the tip line has received 303 anonymous tips with 229 of those putting children at risk. Madison County has fielded the most tips.

“We’re offering a way to get these kids out and then helping them,” she said. “There’s been over 100 arrests as a result of the ‘See Meth. Stop Meth’ tip line. It might not seem like it’s a community-wide problem that will affect you. But, if a child spends the night in a meth lab and then sits next to your child at school the next day your child can become poisoned through their skin.”

The foundation also raises funds to put a Bible into each foster child’s hands. So far, the foundation has placed 4,000 Bibles with foster children. It also raises funds for a foster scholarship program. In its second year, the program provided 16

foster children from Madison, Marshall, Jackson, Etowah and Lauderdale counties with college scholarships.

For her efforts, Marshall has been recognized by Congress as an “Angel in Adoption” through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The foundation needs donations and volunteers, particularly to assist with

shopping and wrapping gifts for its Christmas program. To contact the Kids to Love Foundation, call 1-877-KIDS2LOVE or visit the web site at www.kidstolove.org. Marshall’s two CDs can be purchased at Railroad Bazaar or AB Stephens, online at www.leemarshallmusic.com or by mail, Lee Marshall Music, P.O. Box 4871, Huntsville, 35815.

Volleyball teams head toward final

Championship match set Thursday night

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The defending post champion hoped to start the postseason volleyball tournament on a winning note Sept. 11.

Headquarters & Alpha isn't the same team that won the 2005 championship. It has an entirely new roster and struggled to a 4-6 record in the regular season.

But the Gators got the start they wanted in the tournament opener by beating HHC 59th 25-16, 25-15 at Pagano Gym. The final of the six-team, double-elimination tournament is scheduled Thursday night at 6.

"First of all it was just (good) communication in the first set; we had great sets and good execution," Headquarters & Alpha coach Craig Thomas said. "The second set, we had a good recover on defense. And I have to give it to our captain John Bannister and assistant coach Dana Green."

The rest of the roster includes Terre Warren, Edgar Lopez, Noah Koendarfer, Edward Diaz, Aaron Williams and Josh Lacasse.

On the other side of the net, HHC 59th player/coach Jason Wryn was disappointed in the play of his team which was 6-4 entering the match.

"We didn't have it tonight," Wryn said. "We didn't have our heads in the game."

Here are the tournament results last week:

• **Sept. 11** — Headquarters & Alpha def. HHC 59th 25-16, 25-15. 326th Chemical def. Marines 25-18, 25-22.

• **Sept. 13** — Bravo def. 326th Chemical 25-21, 25-10. NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-20, 25-8.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

UPPER LEVEL— Headquarters & Alpha's Terre Warren (11) battles HHC 59th's Bryant Burdell on Sept. 11 in the postseason tournament opener at Pagano Gym.

Alabama should hog-tie Arkansas

Crimson Tide sharper than the Razorbacks

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Skip's Picks went 59-13 for the first two weeks of the college football season. Here are my predictions this week:

- Air Force at Wyoming — **Air Force**
- Alabama at Arkansas — **Bama**
- Alabama A&M at Texas Southern — **A&M**
- USC at Arizona — **USC**
- Arizona State at California — **Calif.**
- Army at Baylor — **Baylor**
- Buffalo at Auburn — **Auburn**
- North Alabama at Southern Ark. — **UNA**
- Hawaii at Boise State — **Boise**
- Boston College at N.C. State — **BC**
- Utah State at Brigham Young — **BYU**
- Cincinnati at Virginia Tech — **Va. Tech**
- Citadel at Pittsburgh — **Pitt**
- North Carolina at Clemson — **Clemson**
- Colorado at Georgia — **Georgia**
- West Virginia at East Carolina — **W.Va.**
- Kentucky at Florida — **Florida**
- Rice at Florida State — **FSU**
- Western Carolina at Furman — **Furman**
- Virginia at Georgia Tech — **Ga. Tech**
- Oklahoma State at Houston — **Houston**
- Iowa at Illinois — **Iowa**
- Iowa State at Texas — **Texas**



- Louisville at Kansas State — **Louisville**
- Tulane at LSU — **LSU**
- Wisconsin at Michigan — **Michigan**
- Notre Dame at Mich. State — **Notre Dame**
- Middle Tenn. at Oklahoma — **Okla.**
- Minnesota at Purdue — **Minnesota**
- Wake Forest at Ole Miss — **Ole Miss**
- Miss. State at UAB — **UAB**
- Ohio at Missouri — **Missouri**
- Tulsa at Navy — **Tulsa**
- Troy at Nebraska — **Nebraska**
- Northwestern at Nevada — **Nevada**
- Penn State at Ohio State — **OSU**
- Howard at Rutgers — **Rutgers**
- Fla. Atlantic at South Carolina — **S.C.**
- South Florida at Kansas — **Kan.**
- Wash. State at Stanford — **Stanford**
- Marshall at Tennessee — **Tenn.**
- Louisiana Tech at Texas A&M — **A&M**
- UCLA at Washington — **UCLA**



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Hall of fame

Maj. James McLinnaham, third from left, a professor of contracting at the Defense Acquisition University, is inducted into the Winston-Salem State University sports hall of fame Sept. 8. The Fayetteville, N.C., native wrestled for Winston-Salem State 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.

Honoring those who wear the color of sacrifice

Purple Heart monument puts city on national trail

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*“My stone is red for the blood they shed.
The medal I bear is my country’s way to show they care.
If I could be seen by all mankind, maybe peace will come in my lifetime.”*

— Purple Heart Memorial

The battle scars of a Soldier are lined with purple.

When they are wounded on the battlefield, Soldiers become a member of an elite group who forever are honored with the color purple. The deep rich hue puts them in a place of honor among all veterans.

They are the Purple Heart medal recipients.

The Purple Heart worn on the breast of battle-scarred veterans or given posthumously to those Soldiers who die in battle stands for “pain and sacrifice,” said Jeff Wishik, a Vietnam veteran who wears the Purple Heart.

“This is a proud and humble group of Soldiers who are proud to serve a great nation. They are proud to serve a great nation, but they are also humble because they remember our lost, our missing ... Sadly, the road to freedom is paved with Purple Hearts and history suggests it will remain that way forever.”

In Huntsville, there is a group of Purple Heart veterans – mostly from the Vietnam War, but also from World War II and the Global War on Terrorism — who make up the local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, known as George A. Rauh Chapter 2201. Wherever they go in public, the members often wear purple blazers, a simple purple ribbon, a purple keystone cap or the prestigious Purple Heart medal that bears an image of President George Washington.

Last week, local military and civilian leaders as well as veterans came out in full force despite a rainy day to honor the local chapter and its members at the dedication of a Purple Heart Monument at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Rain kept the monument from officially being unveiled in a public ceremony, but the dedication ceremony was held in the center’s auditorium.

Speaking at the ceremony, Wishik said nearly 500,000 Purple Heart medals were manufactured by the U.S. government near the end of World War II in anticipation of the casualties resulting from Operation Downfall, the planned invasion of Japan that was not executed. Despite the 2.8 million Soldiers who fought in the Korean conflict (33,600 killed in action and 103,000 wounded in action), the 4.3 million in Vietnam (47,000 killed and 153,000 wounded), 540,000 in the first Gulf war (147 killed, 467 wounded) and those in the Global War on Terrorism, American casualties have not reached that initial stockpile number of 500,000.

The Purple Heart medals awarded to today’s Soldiers come from the same “patriotic stockpile” of those who fought for freedom 60 years ago, he said.

Soldiers who have fought for freedom “will shape the lives of Americans forever,” Wishik said.

“They stepped up and stepped



Photo by Kari Hawkins

MOMENT OF REFLECTION— Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski stops at the Purple Heart monument outside the U.S. Space & Rocket Center to reflect on those Soldiers who have been wounded or killed in combat. The monument was dedicated by Chapter 2201 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart on Sept. 12.

forward as Soldiers always have to protect, defend and, if necessary, sacrifice for all. Purple Heart recipients have made the ultimate sacrifice. It is and will always be a responsibility of this country to support these protectors whenever, wherever, forever because they continue to sacrifice for you, for me and for America.”

Harold Meeker, a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the original organizer of the local Veterans Day Parade, said Huntsville’s Purple Heart monument “was quite an undertaking ... There’s quite a history

in getting the monument here.”

The Huntsville chapter was inspired to dedicate a Purple Heart monument by Purple Heart recipients in Hartselle who are working to raise funds for their own monument. The Huntsville monument, which officially puts the city on the nation’s Purple Heart Trail, is the second such monument in the state. Tuscaloosa unveiled the state’s first Purple Heart monument in 2003, which is in the city’s Veterans Memorial Park.

Nationwide, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is working to establish a Purple

Heart Trail in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Earlier this year, Gov. Bob Riley declared Interstate 65 and Interstate 10 from the Alabama/Tennessee state line to the Alabama/Mississippi state line as the “Purple Heart Trail in Alabama.”

The 1.5 ton red granite monument on the east side of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center is a symbol that “freedom is not free,” said Oscar Draper, commander and chaplain of the local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

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Retirees appreciate their annual day

Military retirees get information update

By **ANDY ROAKE**
For the Rocket

Nearly 3,000 military retirees and their spouses gathered for Retiree Appreciation Day on Sept. 9 at the Sparkman Center to get updates on entitlements and to fellowship with old friends.

"The greatest benefit of this event is that it keeps retirees informed on their entitlements and benefits," said Andy Pike, lead transition services specialist for Redstone Arsenal. "A nice side benefit is that it allows people to get reacquainted. It's like a family reunion."

Retirees were treated to a free breakfast before the official start of the event. Speakers discussed the Survivor Benefit Plan, pay issues, recent legislative changes, and new programs being developed that will have an impact on the retiree population. Redstone Arsenal services and changes coming to Redstone due to base realignment and closure were also addressed.

"It's what us old guys need to keep up with current affairs," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Churchwell, who has been attending the annual event for the past three years. "It's outstanding; I wish they held it more often."

Information booths lined the walls outside Bob Jones Auditorium and inside the Sparkman Cafeteria. Private organizations like Association of U.S. Army, Veterans of Foreign Wars and others shared about their mission and canvassed for new members. Other booths touted services available to retirees on Redstone Arsenal and in the Huntsville area.

"I think we may have some new members," said Andy Lewallen, president of Branch 278 of the Fleet Reserve Association. "This is a great way to boost our membership and to give retirees information about our organization."

The Retiree Services Office sent out 74,449 newsletters about the event to retirees in the Redstone Arsenal service area, according to Pike. Nearly 3,000 people attended this year, up approximately 500 from last year.

On the third floor, Fox Army Health Center provided a variety of medical



Photo by Andy Roake

GETTING CUFFED— Pauletta Hands, left, watches as Christel Jones, licensed practical nurse at Fox Army Health Center, checks her blood pressure at the 2006 Retiree Appreciation Day.

screenings, including cholesterol, bone density, blood pressure and eye screening. The Legal Assistance Office prepared simple wills, provided notary service and drafted powers of attorney. The Provost Marshal Office offered vehicle registration service for post decals and Redstone's Military Identification branch made new identification cards.

The services were popular throughout the day.

"There is always a lot of public benefit from doing this type of preventive medicine screening," said Maj. Angelique Likely, chief of preventive medicine at Fox Army Health Center. She said that nearly 600 people took advantage of the medical services available. "Everyone I met was extremely nice and had a lot of great stories to tell."

Pike said they are already planning next year's Retiree Appreciation Day, scheduled Nov. 3, 2007. "I started three weeks ago on it, reserving the facilities."

For those interested in participating in retiree activities or helping to plan the next Retiree Appreciation Day, the Retiree Services Office recommends joining the Military Retiree Advisory Council. The council is made up of retirees and their spouses, active and Reserve, from all branches of service. The group meets every other month. They address retiree issues and bring the issues to the attention of Redstone officials. For more information, call the Retiree Services Office at 876-2022 or 842-2718.



Photo by Andy Roake

BOOTH SPACE— People at the 2006 Retiree Appreciation Day visit information booths to learn about services available to military retirees and their spouses.

Veteran motorcyclists experience safe course

Training emphasizes accident prevention

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There were motorcycles revving up at the Heiser Hall parking lot Sept. 7, as the first Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved Experienced Riders Course kicked off at Redstone Arsenal. The beginning of the course at Redstone signifies all Army installations now offer the training which emphasizes motorcycle safety and accident prevention.

"The course is designed to reinforce safety techniques while riding your motorcycle," ERC coordinator Keith Coates said. "We began by offering the experienced riders course but are working on starting the basic riders' course and the traffic safety course in the near future."

In the past years, motorcycle popularity has increased and so have the accidents and fatality rates. During a motorcycle safety class provided to the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School Soldiers and civilians in July, Keith Katz, safety chief of the Ordnance Center and Schools, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., said there are more than 34,800 registered motorcycle riders in the Army and 2 percent of those riders die in motorcycle accidents.

"We want to instill a sense of responsibility and safe riding," said Bill Gleason, MSF and Traffic Safety Course Program coordinator with Cape Fox Professional Services L.L.C. "It's a fun sport as long as you do it safely and responsibly."

A total of 18 riders took the course Sept. 7-8; and most had been riding for more than five years. Sgt. 1st Class



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

INSPECTION— Mike Tyler, instructor, coach and rider, with Cape Fox Professional Services L.L.C., shows Sgt. 1st Class Michael Harrington how to properly inspect his motorcycle during the first Motorcycle Safety Experienced Riders Course at the Heiser Hall parking lot Sept. 7.

Michael Harrington started riding dirt bikes as a kid and has been riding on and off for 20 years. He took the MSF course Sept. 7, in hopes to improve his motorcycle skills and become a better rider.

"It was a really good course," Harrington said. "They put in different situations to teach us how to react to them if we ever come across them. You may ride your bike your whole life and never run into a situation like that but at least you're prepared to handle it."

Cape Fox provides Army installations with the required Motorcycle Safety Course and the Army Traffic Safety Program, which encompasses basic and experienced motorcycle training as well as privately owned vehicle safety instruction. More classes will be available to ensure all motorcycle riders have the MSF approved course required for them to ride on post. For more information or to sign up to take the next motorcycle riders' course, call Coates at 876-3383.

■ Purple Heart monument dedicated in Huntsville

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The monument is "dedicated to those who were awarded the Purple Heart for defending the freedom of this nation," he said. "It is clear evidence that we have not forgotten the price of liberty paid by these Soldiers in the past and the sacrifices made by Soldiers today."

Soldiers who wear the Purple Heart "faced some folks who wanted to kill you and you did that voluntarily," said AMCOM and Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, who spoke at the ceremony.

"Some of you went back and back again. You have made a difference in our country ... There are two types of people. Men and women of action and everyone else. And, I will follow you anytime. I will lead you anytime because you got off the couch to support and defend our country. You are my American idol."

In the audience with Huntsville Major Loretta Spencer was one of the youngest recipients of the Purple Heart – Sgt. Michael Braswell. The 22-year-old, a graduate of Grissom High, has served in Afghanistan and Iraq. During his last deployment in Baghdad, he was hit by shrapnel in the back of his head.

Gen. George Washington established the Purple Heart decoration on Aug. 7,



Photo by Kari Hawkins

DEDICATING MONUMENT FOR HEROES— AMCOM and Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury shares the podium with Oscar Draper, commander and chaplain of Chapter 2201 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, during a dedication ceremony for a Purple Heart monument outside the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. The ceremony was held inside at the center due to rainy conditions. The monument officially places Huntsville on the nationwide Purple Heart Monument Trail.

1782. Since then, 1.635 million Purple Heart medals have been awarded to America's military. Today, there are more than 500,000 living veterans who are Purple Heart recipients.



Sports & Recreation

Falcon open

Friends of Catholic High School at Bicentennial Chapel will sponsor a golf tournament Friday. 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.

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.

Scholarship benefit

The Huntsville Post, Society of American

Military Engineers will hold a golf tournament to benefit its scholarship fund Thursday 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.

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 Saturday, 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.

Garrison classic

The Links at Redstone will host a four-man Garrison Classic, Saturday 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.

Youth basketball

Child and Youth Services' Sports is registering youngsters through Nov. 3 for the 2007 Youth Basketball League. Practices begin the week of Nov. 13. A preseason tournament for ages 7 and up will begin in December. League play starts in January and runs through February. Fees are \$45 plus \$18 CYS fee, if not already registered. The fee includes the uniform. Volunteer coaches are always needed and greatly appreciated. A current Sports Physical must be on file at CYS CER or presented at time of registration. Confirmation of a Physical appointment from Fox Army Health Center at time of registration is also acceptable.

Pineapple open

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its 12th annual Pineapple Open Charity Golf Tournament on Sept. 29 at the Links at Redstone. The format is a four-person scramble with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The event is open to the public. The individual entry fee, which covers breakfast, lunch, golf and a cart, is \$50 for Morale Welfare and Recreation golf members and \$65 for non-MWR golf members. Sponsorships are available at various levels, and all proceeds from this event benefit the OCWC Welfare and Scholarship Committees. Last year, the OCWC returned more than \$5,000 in scholarships and donations to organizations and individuals on Redstone Arsenal and around Madison County. In addition, door prizes donated by local businesses

will be awarded to participants. "If you aren't in the mood for golf that day but would still like to be involved, the club is seeking volunteers to help out with tournament activities," a prepared release said. For more information on sponsorships or participating individually in this fun day of golf, call Kirsten Germonprez 325-6967.



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, 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 Bible 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.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday 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 Beville 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.

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 Thursday morning from 6:30-7:30 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.

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.

Genealogical society

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. The topic is "Introduction to Family Tree Maker, Video." For information call 883-5650.

Parents committee

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Committee will meet Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. in the Redstone Room, Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 (phone 876-7952). All parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance - five points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. "Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Child

and Youth Services facilities and to provide your ideas, opinions or concerns," a prepared release said.

Regional chapter

The Huntsville Regional Chapter of INCOSE will meet Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the SAIC Millennium Room, 4901 Corporate Drive, building B. Scheduled speaker is Roy Malone, director of safety and mission assurance directorate at Marshall Space Flight Center. If planning to attend, please reply by e-mail to chester.williams.jr@saic.com (preferably) or call Williams 971-6703 by noon today. INCOSE covers member meal costs and those for first time non-INCOSE guest attendees who confirm attendance by the response date. Meal and event charges are \$20.00 for others.

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 651-3621 or 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.

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Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. The shop is now accepting fall/winter items. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. 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.

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.



Courtesy photo

Glad to help

Officer and Civilian Women's Club members Deb McDaniels and Liz Blackmon, along with other members, represented the club at Retiree Appreciation Day on Sept. 9 at the Sparkman Center. OCWC was a sponsor of the event. For more information about the club, call president Chris Swart at 881-8501.

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.

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.

Lunch buyout

Join the Civilian Welfare Fund for the first-ever Half-price Lunch Buyout, Thursday 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.

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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.

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 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.

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 Thursday. 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.

Meal fund-raiser

The Hyun's Korean Garden Restaurant will donate 10 percent of gross sales earned during the week of Oct. 3-8 to the Combined Federal Campaign. The restaurant is located at 7500 South Memorial Parkway in the Main Street Shopping Village. For more information, call K.C. Bertling 876-1195.

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.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for September are as follows: Unit – Marine Detachment, building 3412. Area 1 – Spc. Matthew Hudnall, 509-C Walnut Circle. Area 2 – Sgt. 1st Class William Plummer, 1026 Buffington Road. Area 3 – Capt. Timothy Snider, 45 Ripley Drive. Area 4 – Staff Sgt. John Barrett, 675 Dyer Circle. Area 4A – Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Bean, 621 Wesson Circle. Area 5 – Capt. Peter Rangel, 453 Simpson Drive. Area 6 – Staff Sgt. Daniel Irizarry, 374 Roberts Drive. Area 10A – Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Wilks, 467-B Tripp Drive. Area 10B – Lt. Col. Brian Tachias, 486 Cooke Drive.

Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on Oct. 10 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records

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are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Youth transition expo

The Youth Transition Expo, a resource information fair for teens with disabilities, will be held Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Children's Rehabilitation Service, 3000 Johnson Road in southwest Huntsville. For more information, call Rita Cobbs 1-800-283-9352.

Ornament benefit

The Spirit of Liberty Foundation, a non-profit organization, has announced the release of the 2006 commemorative Freedom Ornament that will benefit U.S. military men and women serving in more than 177 countries, and their families. Proceeds from the ornament will benefit the work of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Fisher House. Nicholas Cretan, president of the Spirit of Liberty Foundation, said, "for every ornament purchased, a Freedom Ornament will also be given to a member of the American armed forces. Our goal is that over the next 12 months, Americans will order the Freedom Ornament so that the 2.4 million men and women serving our nation in more than 177 countries around the world will receive an ornament as a gift from a grateful nation." The inaugural, limited edition ornament is priced at \$9.95 each, plus \$2.95 shipping and handling. To order an ornament, send a check or money order to Freedom Ornament, P.O. Box 3010, Fullerton, CA 92834-3010. The web site is www.freedomornament.com.

Hispanic dance

SaborLatino invites you to the "Hispanic Heritage Dance" on Friday at Home Port International Bar and Deli, 2007-L North Memorial Parkway. The party is 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Cover charge is \$5 for ages 19 and up. Latin food will be \$6 a plate. For more information, call hostess SaborLatino 783-5756.

Home alone class

Child and Youth Services is holding a Home Alone class for ages 10-13 on Sept. 27 from 4-5 p.m. at the Child-Wise building, 1413 Nike St. This class will include discussion on Internet safety, taking telephone calls, handling visits from strangers, activities to do when home alone, and

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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.																											
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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.)																											
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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.																											

preparing snacks and meals. There is no fee to attend this class. Youth must be registered in Child and Youth Services in order to attend. For more information, call 313-3609.

Security awareness week

All AMCOM, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, PEO Aviation, and Missile Defense Agency employees are invited to fulfill their annual security awareness training requirement by attending the AMCOM G-2 Security Awareness Week from Nov. 6-9 in Bob Jones Auditorium. This year's theme is "Protecting Your I's from Thieves (Information and

Identity)"; and it will focus on protecting professional information and personal information from identity thieves. Signers for the hearing impaired will be available at the 1-4 p.m. sessions on both Nov. 6 and 8. Any security related business that would like to set up a display during the week, or for more information, call Susan Bradshaw 842-6552.

Counseling opportunity

The Directorate of Human Resources, Army Substance Abuse Program, Garrison will provide a special employee assistance counseling and training opportunity with emphasis on stress

management, anxiety and depression on the following dates, time and location: Employee counseling/assistance will be provided by a licensed psychologist from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Sept. 25 at building 3204. Employees will be seen on a first come, first served basis. Employee counseling/assistance will be provided by licensed psychologists who will provide counseling and training on stress management, anxiety and depression today from 9-11 a.m. at Heiser Hall. This training will be offered again Sept. 27 from 9-11 a.m. at building 3301 auditorium. For more information, call Ruby Turner 842-9895.