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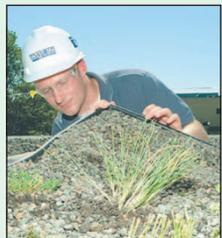
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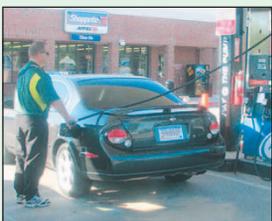
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# Explosive course for war fighters

Training with realism on improvised bombs

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Improvised Explosive Devices have become the largest threat to servicemembers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since the Global War on Terrorism began. From July 2003 through September 2004, there have been 973 deaths attributed to IEDs, according to the Iraq Coalition Casualty Count.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialists have been adapting to the threat and the advancement of IEDs by attending the Global Anti-Terrorism Operational Readiness Training Course offered by the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, EOD Training Department.

The insurgents have made the improvised explosive device one of their main weapons against coalition forces. The purpose of this course is to ensure Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel know the intelligence, tools and procedures, needed when dealing with these devices.

"All the training scenarios are based on lessons learned



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

**SUITABLE GEAR**— Sgt. Eric Kelley dons a Bomb Suit with the help of Staff Sgt. Robert Jackson. Both Soldiers are with the 753rd EOD Team attending the Global Anti-Terrorism Operational Readiness Training Course.

and incident reports from Iraq and Afghanistan," said Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Robar, GATOR noncommissioned officer in charge. Prior to Sept. 11, 2001, this was a refresher course for EOD personnel who were deploying overseas or on stateside missions. When the

war began, the theater of operation and the threats changed so the course evolved to support the new mission.

"The course has been brought more into line with what the current threat is for servicemembers overseas," Robar said. "If the threat and theater change, the course will adapt to support the change."

Robar would know about the benefit of the training; although he is currently the NCO-in-charge of the course, he has also been a GATOR student. He attended the course before both of his deployments overseas and said the training he received helped prepare him and his Soldiers to handle different situations they faced while deployed.

Almost all EOD servicemembers, including the Army, Air Force, and Marines, active duty, National Guard or Reserve, are required to attend the nine-day course prior to deploying overseas. The hands-on training ensures servicemembers learn to not only dispose of improvised explosive devices but to identify them and to identify what IEDs

caused certain explosions, Robar said.

As Staff Sgt. Robert Jackson, 753rd EOD Team, Camp Dawson, W.Va., completed the last week of GATOR training on McKinley Range Sept. 19, he said he felt more confident and ready for his deployment.

"The hands-on training allowed me to think outside the box while also working in the field with my team member (Sgt. Eric Kelley), with whom I will be deploying," Jackson said. "The best part about the training is that the main focus is on IEDs, which is something that we all have to face eventually. The fact that the training is scenario-based helped us see situations other EOD teams overseas have faced and has given us the opportunity to see how we would handle them differently."

The students have more than 20 IED-based scenarios laid out on McKinley Range. They are divided into teams with an instructor and handed missions. Some of the instructors, like Robar, have actually responded



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

**MANEUVERS**— Sgt. Brandon Koon and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Chebahtah, both with the 753rd EOD Team, National Guard, Camp Dawson, W. Va., maneuver an EOD robot on McKinley Range during a Global Anti-Terrorism Operational Training Course scenario.

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# An open lane random survey

*What one improvement would you like to see at Redstone?*

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**Pvt. Aaron Vaughan**  
"More taxis — there never seem to be enough. Sometimes you're just standing around waiting on a taxi to get here."

**Pvt. Gary Barrett**  
Charlie Company  
"There's nothing I'd really want to change. I've found everything I needed here."

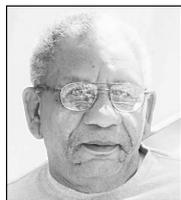


**Sgt. 1st Class Charles Morelli**  
HHC 59th



"A laundromat. When you PCS here you have to go downtown to wash your clothes."

**George Boyer**  
retiree  
"An indoor pool would be good so we could use it all year-round."



## Quote of the week

Once you can accept the universe as matter expanding into nothing that is something, wearing stripes with plaid comes easy.

— Albert Einstein

## Letters to the Editor

### Energy independence depends on us

October is National Energy Awareness Month and this year's theme is "Energy Independence Depends on US." This annual event promotes a greater awareness of energy consumption, wiser use of limited energy resources, and highlights the importance of energy to the economic prosperity, security and growth of America. Keeping America competitive and independent requires conservation to reduce demand on limited energy resources as well as increased use of renewable and alternative energy solutions.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 charges each of us to significantly improve our energy management in order to save taxpayer dollars and reduce environmentally harmful emissions. The Department of Defense is the nation's single largest energy user. The Army is the largest utilities consumer and therefore we must be the leader in energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy products and emerging technologies.

We are proud of many of the accomplishments made in promot-

ing energy awareness on our installations. Since 1985, the Army has reduced energy consumption by 29.4 percent by increasing awareness and improving the energy efficiency of our facilities. Unfortunately, from 2003 to 2005 we increased energy use by 3.5 percent due to the Global War on Terrorism and a loss of focus on energy conservation. We must continue to excel in this area to exceed the mandate of a 2 percent reduction per year from 2006 to 2015 to meet EPA Act '05.

This October, I ask each member of the Army community to enhance their energy awareness and improve energy conservation. As energy users, we all have the power to make this program a success. Let's continue to make smart energy choices and improve our energy independence.

For more information about energy, visit the Army Energy Program home page at <http://army-energy.hqda.pentagon.mil/>.

**Francis J. Harvey**  
Secretary of the Army

### Club appreciates library hospitality

I would just like to publicly thank the Redstone MWR library for hosting the Officer and Civilian Women's Club's Book Club on Sept. 26. They were most gracious in offering to let us meet there and in providing information to and answering questions from the book club members. I urge anyone who has never visited the post library to

stop by there. I think they would be surprised at how much they have to offer from books, both fiction and non-fiction, to their DVD and audio book collections to Internet computers and the children's area. Again, I thank them for their hospitality.

**Martha Morin**

### Golfer sees field of dreams

I could not help noticing the land located at the southwest corner of Goss Road and Vincent Drive. I believe this is the old housing area for the troops stationed at RSA. It has been cleared for the most part, but looks as though work is still being done. What if any are the plans for this land? I would like to

make a suggestion to the Garrison for this acreage to be set aside for an old style 18-hole golf course. The land is perfect for this with all the mature oak and maple trees. A professional golf course designer would have a field day with this

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### Policy on driving without insurance

On Friday, Sept. 15, I was involved in an accident that occurred just outside Redstone Arsenal near Gate 9. Both vehicles involved were on post prior to the accident. The police report stated that the other person, the

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### Required reading for suicide prevention

As a counselor with Crisis Services of North Alabama, I was heartened to see Dr. Daniel Laeupple's article, "What to do when someone loses all hope," in the Sept. 27 issue of the *Rocket*. This article, with its excellent information and advice, should be "required reading" for everyone, and I would like to thank Dr. Laeupple for submitting it.

However, one of the statistics accompanying the article is misleading. While Dr. Laeupple does not himself state that young adults are the most at-risk group for suicides, the headline on page 7 reads "Teenagers to young adults commit most suicides." Actually, seniors (ages 65 and up) commit the most suicides in America.

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### Family's last visit to festival

Saturday night (Sept. 16) my family and I grabbed our Oktoberfest coupons from the *Redstone Rocket* and headed out for a night of family fun together. I'm fairly new to Redstone Arsenal, but had thoroughly enjoyed Oktoberfest in previous years. It was my saving grace substitute to the local fair, which had always left me feeling ripped-off. We paid our \$24 and headed for the nearest ride. My daughter, Madison, who is 11, always enjoys riding those rides. We noticed unusually long lines and began to walk toward the back hoping to catch a ride with less of a wait. When we arrived at the back side of the park, I noticed the Ferris wheel ride was broken, which I immediately figured added to the long ride lines.

We finally gave in and got in line to ride the Merry Mixer. This ride had three seats which

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Steve Duncheskie

**Job:** Supply management specialist, Sparkman Management Office

**Where do you call home?**  
 Fort Campbell, Ky., and Clarksville, Tenn. (Grew up in military family.)

**What do you like about your job?**  
 Everyday's different. Job taskings are different daily. Interface with different people.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
 Fly powered parachutes. I'm a sport pilot and basic flight instructor for powered parachutes.

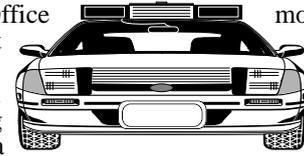
**What are your goals?**  
 Be able to continue to successfully sup-

port the troops. (He helps the Marine Corps and Soldiers stationed in Al Qaim, Iraq, where his brother, Tom, works as a contractor.)

**What's your favorite type of music?**  
 Light jazz

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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



**Sept. 22:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after stopping at Gate 3 and stating he was lost. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 25:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after stopping at Gate 1 and stating he was lost. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 25:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license when he was stopped for speeding. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 25:** After stopping at Gate 10, an individual was found to be operating her

motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and was under a warrant from Huntsville Police Department. She was issued a violation notice and released to a Huntsville police officer.

**Traffic accidents reported:** five with out injuries, none with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 3 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 expired tag, 3 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 inattentive driving, 1 parking violation.

## Defense personnel demo spirals to later date

The Department of Army's National Security Personnel System program management office has announced a change to the Spiral 1.2 deployment date for Army employees covered by the DoD Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project.

All non-bargaining DA AcqDemo employees previously scheduled to transition to NSPS Spiral 1.2 on Jan. 21, 2007 will now deploy on Feb. 18, according to the Aviation and Missile Command's G-1 (*Human Resources*).

# Drivers should accept responsibility for safety

Garrison gives advice to avoid accidents

At least two traffic accidents have occurred at Gate 9 during the past few weeks, according to the Garrison Safety Office.

There has been more traffic at the gate because of closure of Gate 7 and the Indian Creek/Martin Road Bridge work project, with completion scheduled in January. Also people who aren't familiar with Redstone are using the visitor center and then trying to either continue onto the post after getting their temporary pass or exiting without being aware of the steady traffic headed north, the safety office said.

Oct. 2-6 is Drive Safely Work Week; and the safety office provided the following 10 steps which drivers should follow:

- Plan your route. Are there known detours ahead? Did you check weather and traffic announcements? Will you take rest breaks en route?
- Maintain your vehicle. Check tire tread wear, air pressure and coolant levels. Are the windshield and rear window clean? Are brakes adjusted?



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**WATCH FOR OTHERS—** More accidents are likely at Gate 9 because of increased traffic.

- Focus your attention. Watch out for the other guy; you may be a safe driver but what about others on the road?

- Minimize your distractions. Stop cell phone use while driving. Is the radio

loud and rocking away? Are you putting on makeup, etc.?

- Know your surroundings. Are you traveling into a new area with unfamiliar roads, congestion, one-way streets? Pre-

pare in advance.

- Share your space. Courtesy and safety go hand-in-hand; let the other person go ahead. Prevent a road rage situation from developing.

- Watch your speed. Drive the speed limit; you can't react to a driving emergency when going too fast.

- Keep your distance. Tailgating is a no-no. If the vehicle in front of you slams on their brakes and you hit them, guess who's at fault?

- Signal your intentions. Use turn signals; they are put there for a purpose.

- Always wear your seatbelt. Make sure everyone in your vehicle buckles up. Use child car seats when appropriate.

## Quick response helps worker having seizure

*Co-workers provide assistance during afternoon emergency*

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Russ Medley was going through his regular late afternoon security check through the offices of the Space and Missile Defense Command's Advanced Technology Division when he came upon a co-worker who seemed in trouble.

"It was about 3:30 and I was checking

the offices for security reasons before leaving for the day when I saw Gary (Chambers) standing in his office looking real somber," recalled Medley, an engineer with SMDC's Advanced Technology Division, Interceptor Center of Excellence.

Medley approached his co-worker, greeting him with "Hello, short timer."

"He was in the process of retiring, so I was teasing him a bit," Medley said of the 55-year-old Chambers, who retired Sept. 1.

"But, he just stood there. I thought he was mad. So, I said 'You're not speaking.' He looked at me kind of mad. He was really out of it. But, I didn't know it at the time."

Medley went back to his cubicle office. But, he kept an eye on Chambers over the cubicle partitions.

"All of sudden, he started making an eerie noise, like 'oo, oo, oo' and then he disappeared," Medley said. "(Co-worker) Shan (Chiyvarath) said 'What was that?' I said 'Gary is having a seizure.'"

The two men rushed to Chambers' cubicle. They discovered him on the floor, shaking and foaming at the mouth. Chiyvarath found a small pad of paper and put it in Chambers' mouth.

"I was afraid he was going to swallow his tongue or bite it," Chiyvarath said.

"I kept watching real close to make sure Chambers kept breathing," Medley said.

While the two men tried to help Chambers, co-workers Tim Cowles, Clyde Elliott and Jean Williams also lent their aid. They quickly called 911 and Chambers' wife.

"It was a team effort to take care of Gary," Medley said.

And, a quick team effort at that.

"Everybody's reflexes were real quick," said Jean Williams, the Advanced Technology Division's office automationist. "We were all there right away to help him."

A Redstone Arsenal fire truck, manned with first responders, arrived about 10 minutes later. By then, Chambers' seizure was over and he was waking up. His co-workers were calmly talking to him.

"There was really nothing anybody else could do at that point," Medley said.

A Huntsville Emergency Medical Services Inc. ambulance arrived about 25 minutes after the 911 call to transport Chambers to a local hospital. Chambers' co-workers stayed with him until he was safely in the ambulance.

"It all happened as I was going out the door," recalled Cowles, who is also a city councilman for the City of Madison.

"I had a city council meeting that night, but I didn't want to leave until HEMSI got there and Gary was in their hands. I felt an obligation to be there just in case I was needed."

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TO THE RESCUE**— On a recent workday, Shan Chiyvarath, Russ Medley and Jean Williams, all of the Space and Missile Defense Command's Advanced Technology Division, got together to recall the efforts they made to assist a co-worker who suffered a seizure in the workplace. The team, which also included Tim Cowles and Clyde Elliott, quickly and calmly worked together to help Gary Chambers, who spent 26 days in the hospital and is now recovering at home from viral encephalitis.



Fox Army Health Center logo

### *Holiday plans*

**Fox Army Health Center will be closed on Monday, Oct. 9 for Columbus Day. All clinics and the pharmacy will be closed. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments. Fox doesn't have emergency room or emergency medical services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.**

# Put safety first at home

These 10 tips offered by the Home Safety Council will let you know what you need to accomplish to have your family stay safe at home.

- Have smoke alarms installed on all levels of your home. Test each smoke alarm every month.
- Have a fire escape plan for your family that shows two ways out of every room and a place to meet outside. Practice your plan two times a year with your family.
- Always stay in the kitchen while food is cooking on the stove or oven.
- Have lots of light near all stairways, paths and walkways.
- Have grab bars in bathtubs and showers. Use a non-slip mat or safety

strips inside bathtubs and showers.

- Put emergency numbers, including the Poison Control Hotline number (1-800-222-1222), next to every phone in your home.
- Have child-safety locks on all cabinets used to store dangerous items.
- Set your water heater at 120 degrees Fahrenheit or less. (This will also save you money.)
- Have four sided fencing with self-locking and self-closing gates.
- If you have a pool, install fencing that completely isolates the pool from the home and is at least 5 feet high. Watch children who are playing in or near water such as pools, ponds, bathtubs and even buckets. *(Garrison Safety release)*

# Enlightenment about energy

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

**Myth:** Why make such a big deal out of turning off lights and buying expensive new bulbs? Lighting has to be such a low-cost expense that it's hardly worth trying to save money in this area.

**Fact:** In reality, the average homeowner spends about \$130 each year on household lighting costs, and even more if you have much outdoor lighting. Putting in compact fluorescent lamps in place of the incandescent you have now that you use at least two hours per day will cut your lighting costs by around 70 percent. Compact

fluorescent lamps not only use up to a third less electricity than the conventional bulbs, but they last up to 10 times as long. And don't forget the environmental benefits, either. Installing a 17-watt CFL in place of a 75-watt incandescent gives you the same amount of light at a lot less cost, keeps half a ton of carbon dioxide and 20 pounds of sulfur dioxide out of the air, and also keeps nine bulbs out of the landfill. In addition, all that lighting energy has to be removed by the air conditioner, so every 3 watts you save in lighting energy produces another watt of saved air-conditioning energy.

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

## Workers advised to prepare for medical emergencies

### Emergency

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Medley followed the ambulance to the hospital.

"I went because I knew Gary's wife would want to know what happened," he said. "When I got there, he was going in and out of consciousness. When he was awake, he would claw at his oxygen mask. He still didn't know what was going on."

The seizure, which occurred Aug. 14,

kept Chambers in the hospital for 26 days. He is now recovering at home. Doctors said the seizure was caused by viral encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain caused by a virus or by bacteria, fungi or parasites, such as mosquitoes or ticks. Infants and adults age 55 or older are more vulnerable to the illness.

"The seizure was a side effect from an infection in his body," said Chambers' wife, Pat, who was reached at home where she is caring for her husband.

"Seizures are a symptom of viral encephalitis. It was undetected at the time of the seizure. It's going to take awhile,

but he will make a full recovery."

Pat Chambers is grateful to her husband's co-workers who worked together quickly to help him.

"People definitely need to know what to do when a person is having a seizure," Pat Chambers said.

Though it doesn't happen often, employees in the workplace should be aware of signs that a co-worker could be having a seizure, heart attack, cardiac arrest or stroke, said John Zuber, Garrison safety specialist.

"It's very important to pay attention to your fellow workers," he said. "Because of the aging population, it is a good idea for people to get trained on how to handle emergencies in the workplace as well as at home."

Signs that a seizure is about to occur include staring or appearing confused or in a hazy state, no response to noise or words, jerking movements of the arms and legs, stiffening of the body, nodding the head, periods of rapid eye blinking and staring, loss of consciousness, breathing problems, loss of bowel or bladder control, falling suddenly for no apparent reason, no response to noise or words and sleepiness or irritability upon waking in the morning.

During a seizure, a person's lips may become bluish and breathing may not be normal. The jerky movements of a seizure are often followed by a period of sleep or disorientation.

Signs of a heart attack include complaints of pain in the chest, arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach that lasts for more than a few minutes, shortness of breath, profusely sweating or a cold, clammy look, nausea, lightheadedness or fainting, anxiety or nervousness, paleness or pallor, increased irregular heartbeat and a feeling of impending doom. Signs of a cardiac arrest include loss of responsiveness and no normal breathing.

Signs of a stroke include sudden droopiness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and complaints of a sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

In all the described situations, Zuber said it is important for co-workers to remain calm.

"First thing they should do is call 911," he said. "They need to stay calm, and tell the operator what the problem is and

where they are located. The first people on the scene will be firefighters who are AED and first aid qualified to treat patients. They are our first responders on post."

If a co-worker is having a seizure, they should be made to lie down. Their airways should be cleared by putting a Popsicle stick or anything firm, but soft, such as a pad of paper, in their mouth, Zuber said. Under no circumstances should co-workers place their fingers in the mouth of a seizing person.

"Stay with them, let them know you are there for them," Zuber said. "If you can, turn them on their side. But, a lot of times you can't because they are seizing."

Putting a seizing patient on their side is a precaution in case the victim vomits.

Victims of heart attacks, cardiac arrests or strokes should be laid on their left side, their airways should be clear and all restrictive clothing should be loosened.

"In any of these cases, if the person is not breathing, then by all means start CPR," Zuber said. "Hopefully, someone in your office area has CPR training. Basically, knowing what to do before help arrives greatly increases the chance of survival."

While 95 percent of people experiencing cardiac arrest die before reaching the hospital, victims of seizures, heart attacks and strokes have a much better chance of survival, especially when they are cared for by a CPR-trained person immediately following the attack, Zuber said.

"If a person isn't breathing, if CPR is started within four minutes, they have a much better chance of surviving," he said.

Whether or not employees in the workplace have CPR and emergency safety training is left up to each military command. But, Zuber said people can easily volunteer to take CPR and first aid training classes through the American Red Cross in Huntsville. People can call 536-0084 for class information.

Some offices on Redstone Arsenal are equipped with automated external defibrillation, Zuber said, which is used to regain a heartbeat. However, to use AEDs, people must go through AED training with the American Red Cross.

When Williams looks back on Aug. 14, she is thankful Chambers was in his cubicle when he started seizing, and that she and others were there to help him. She said the situation could have been much worse.

"It's just a blessing he wasn't in his vehicle because he was getting ready to leave when this happened," she said.

# Stand by your pan, and other fire prevention tips

*Fire Prevention Week observed Oct. 8-14*

You awaken to the smell of smoke in your house. Oops, you forgot to turn off the oven before going to bed last night.

That could be your worst nightmare. The Fire Prevention Office points out that Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8-14 with this year's theme, "Prevent Cooking Fires ... Watch What You Heat!"

More fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home, according to a fire prevention release. Why is the kitchen such a danger zone? Too often people fail to pay attention to what's cooking, and the consequences can be far worse than burned food.

Like any home fire, cooking fires spread quickly, leaving you just minutes to escape safely. Fire and Emergency Services advises you to follow these tips for safer cooking:

- **Stand by your pan.** Most fires in the kitchen occur because cooking is left unattended. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. If you are simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food,

check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.

- **No kids allowed.** Keep kids away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet around the stove. When young children are in the home, use the stove's back burners whenever possible, and turn pot handles back to reduce the risk that pots with hot contents will be knocked over. Never hold a small child while cooking.

- **Keep it clean.** Keep anything that can catch fire – pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from the stove top. Clean up food and grease from burners and the stove top. Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking. Loose clothing can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

- **Kitchen fires 101.** While the following tips can help you put out a small kitchen fire, never forget how dangerous fire can be. If you are unable to put out the fire, get out of the home and call the fire department. When in doubt, get out! Here are the tips for putting out small fires: If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immedi-

ately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out. Unplug the appliance if you can safely reach the outlet. Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you

are wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner. To keep the fire from restarting, don't remove the lid until the pan is completely cool. In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing. Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of an emer-

gency. Make sure that you know what type of fire the fire extinguisher will put out and how it works before an emergency occurs.

The Fire Prevention Office is in building 4488, suite B-175. For all fire prevention questions or assistance, call 876-7005. (*Fire Prevention Office release*)

## Breast cancer focus of awareness month

*Fox Army Health Center schedules wellness fair*

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Since the program began in 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and older and breast cancer deaths have declined.

This is exciting progress, but there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all and others who do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals.

Women 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women, even though breast cancer risk increases with age. A woman of 70 has twice as much of a chance of developing the disease as a woman at 50.

Here are more facts:

- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African-American women.
- Women below poverty level are less likely

than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years.

- Mammography use has increased for all groups except American Indians and Alaska Natives.

- Eighty percent of women who get breast cancer have no family history of the disease.

- African-American women suffer a 30 percent greater mortality rate from breast cancer than Caucasian women.

- In 2006, it is estimated 212,920 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 40,970 will die from the disease.

- Senate Resolution 508 has designated Oct. 20 as "National Mammography Day."

Fox Army Health Center is sponsoring a "Women's Wellness Fair" on Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Military beneficiaries can have a clinical breast exam and schedule their mammogram. Women will be educationally informed on breast cancer awareness and other health promotion/wellness activities. Bone density screenings will also be offered.

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# Tobyhanna gets green – up on the roof

*Garden planted  
on building top*

By **JACQUELINE BOUCHER**  
*Tobyhanna Public Affairs*

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Tobyhanna environmentalists believe they are the first to plant a garden on the roof of a Department of Defense building.

Funding from the Joint Services Initiative allowed depot officials to install a vegetative (green) roof on one wing of the Headquarters Building this summer. The Joint Services Initiative provides funding for projects that would save money, positively impact the environment and be transferable across the services.

The demonstration project is part of a plan to improve the energy performance of buildings, reduce storm water runoff, extend roof life and contribute to a healthier environment.

A green roof, as the name implies, is a roof covered in plants.

“Whoever thought your roofer would one day be a botanist?”

said Randy Didier, Environmental Management Division chief.

Workers covered the 14,141 square foot roof space with about 1,500 pre-planted modules; recycled black plastic trays measuring 4 feet long, 2 feet wide and 4 inches deep. Sixteen plants were placed in each module at the nursery and cared for until they were shipped here.

“We asked for sedum perennials because they are drought and flood resistant, retain water, and have shallow root systems. Sedum is a low-maintenance shrub that does well in this climate,” said Mike Parrent, pollution prevention program manager, Industrial Risk Management Directorate.

The green roof technology offers a flexible and modular design that can be adjusted and rearranged after installation. Modules can be moved to deal with a maintenance issue and then put back in place.

“Anytime you can save the government money and cut back on energy consumption, especially in this day and age, it’s a plus,” Didier said. “Research suggests we can expect up to a 30-percent

reduction in energy costs down the road.”

Reports also claim a green roof will extend the life of the existing rubber roof covering. Didier indicated the rubber roof is reported to last up to three times longer than the stone ballast it replaced. The stone was removed and will be used in a variety of depot projects.

“Ultraviolet rays break down the rubber and sealants on ballast-type roofs,” said Don Rusnak, engineering technician for the Public Works Directorate. The green roof modules should provide better protection once the plants spread out and cover the area, he said.

The environmental staff will monitor the savings and health of the roof for a full year, ensure the plants remain viable and then analyze the results before proposing future roof replacements.

“If this works as expected, the technology will be incorporated into the depot’s master plan,” Parrent said. “We will be comparing the green roof to another wing of the building.”

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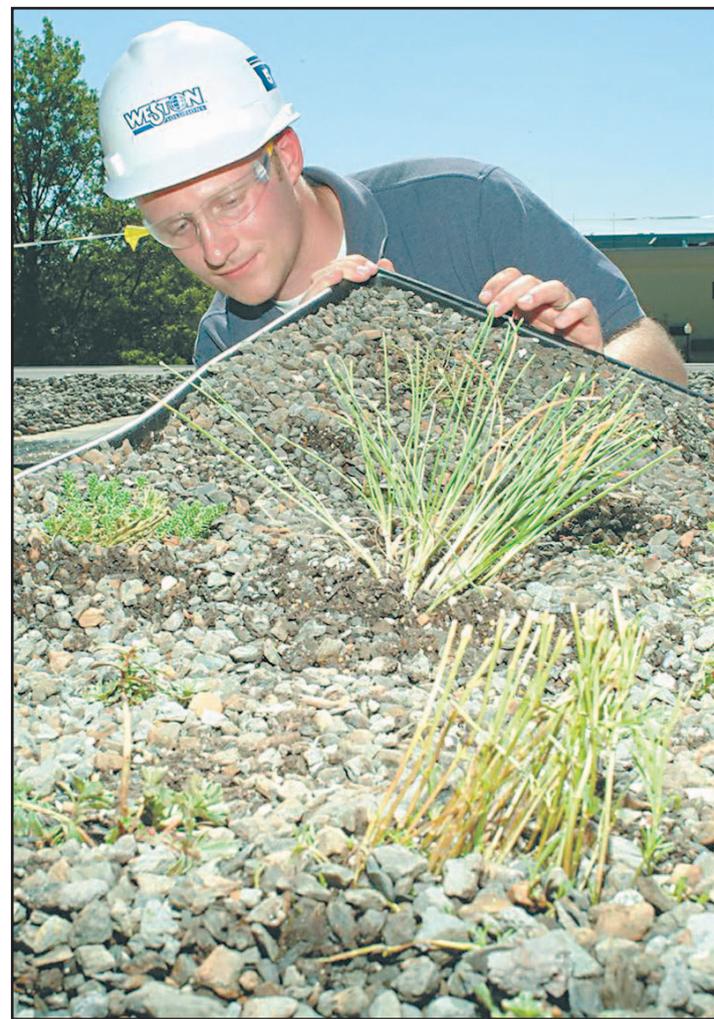


Photo by Steve Grzezdinski

**RESILIENT CROP—** As the sedum plants grow they will spread out and cover the entire module. The plants are drought resistant, flood resistant and able to stand up to high winds.



Courtesy photo

## Bless 'Petey' and friends

The Blessing of the Animals will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the west courtyard of Bicentennial Chapel. Bring your horses, dogs, cats, ferrets, birds, snakes, guinea pigs, hamsters, fish and any other pets as well as stuffed toy animals if you do not have live ones. Live animals must be leashed or caged for the safety of all. "Please be on time, as the event will begin promptly as scheduled," a prepared release from the chapel said. Refreshments will be available for humans as well as for the animals. For more information, call 876-6874.

### ■ Depot receives green light for green roof project

## Roof

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Shortly after the project was completed, Didier noticed a marked difference in temperature from the green roof and the control roof. At the time, he estimated it was 80 degrees on the green roof and close to 120 on the rock ballast (control) roof.

"When you're walking up there, it's comfortable, cooler," he said.

Soil and dense vegetation cover have a great insulation value, according to the Maryland Department of Environment web site. Working together, the two elements enhance the energy efficiency of a building and reduce noise. Department documents also noted that the vegetation cover protects the roof from direct sun exposure and prevents the roof surface from heating up. The growing media, plants and layers of trapped air in a green roof system serve as sound insulators.

The modular system can be installed on any new or existing roof surface in good condition with structural capacity.

EMD personnel worked closely with the Public Works Directorate's Engineering Division, which manages all depot facilities to include 1 million square feet of flat roofs.

"We wanted their input as soon as we started considering the idea of the vegetative roof," Didier said. "If we could, we'd put green roofs wherever possible, but we have to make sure the roofs can hold the additional weight and provide a short pay-back period."

Standard practice at the depot is to perform a structural analysis on any building to ensure the roof can handle added weight. However, since parts of Building 11 were designed to accept a third floor, it was the logical choice for this green roof demonstration project.

There was no question the roofs would have enough load capacity to support the



Photo by Tony Medici

**BIG JOB—** It took workers seven days to cover the 14,141 square foot space with about 1,500 pre-planted modules.

vegetative roof, according to Ed Kovaleski, Engineering Division chief. "Plus it (Building 11) offered the perfect opportunity to use the other wing as a control, because the features are so similar," he added.

Installation work performed on the building was also the least intrusive to the mission and took fewer steps to ready the roof, according to Rusnak.

Rusnak and Kovaleski visited other companies that used this type of technology.

"We didn't want to take any chances with safety or risk that structures could be damaged," Rusnak said. "So far everything looks pretty good."

The depot submitted three proposals to the Joint Services Initiative and was given the green light to install the roof and begin using fuel cell generator.

"Our green roof idea was number one on the funding list," Parrent said. "It'll be nice to look back on this one day and realize our work had a positive impact on the planet."

The fuel cell generator proposal involves replacing a diesel backup generator with a fuel cell generator that will serve as the division's source of backup power. If technology proves out, the long-term goal is to replace all the depot's backup generators, which use diesel fuel, with fuel cell generators.

# Domestic violence victims given more options



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**CALLS AGAINST ABUSE**— Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program and Crisis Services of North Alabama want to put a cell phone in the hand of every victim of domestic violence at Redstone Arsenal and throughout North Alabama. Old cell phones can be donated and then given to domestic violence victims to be used to call 911 in an emergency situation. Holding cell phones are, from left, Liana Hill of Crisis Services of North Alabama, and Heather McCaulley and Virginia Dempsey of ACS's Family Advocacy Program.

*Reports of abuse can be limited*

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The 1984 made-for-television movie "The Burning Bed," starring actress Farrah Fawcett, told the real-life story of Michigan housewife Francine Hughes, who suffered 13 years of domestic violence at the hands of her husband.

Hughes tried to escape her husband several times, seeking help from lawyers, judges, social service agencies and the police. But she couldn't find the support she needed to make a successful escape.

The mother of four children, Hughes felt trapped in an emotional and physical roller coaster of abuse that would have probably ended in her death if she hadn't killed her husband first. She killed him in 1977 by setting him on fire while he slept.

Hughes was prosecuted for murder. The jury found her not guilty by reason of temporary insanity.

Today, there are services and resources available to women and men who experience domestic violence that can keep abuse from ending in the death of a victim or their abuser. On Redstone Arsenal, they are offered through the Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Throughout the Army, the month is being recognized with the theme "Stand Up to Prevent Domestic Abuse."

At Redstone, officials with the Family Advocacy Program are using the month-long awareness campaign to publicize new reporting options for domestic violence that were implemented in April.

"The newest development in the Army

# Ring up emergency response

Your old cell phone can still do a lot of ringing for a good cause.

Old cell phones are at the top of the list of things Crisis Services of North Alabama needs to provide services to victims of domestic violence. Old cell phones donated to the organization can be used by victims to dial 911 in an emergency situation.

Besides old cell phones, Crisis Services also needs phone cards, store gift cards, batteries, diapers, night lights, hair dryers, over-the-counter medicine, toddler clothes, canned food items and hygiene items. Many of these items are used by domestic violence victims who seek shelter at Hope Place.

Army Community Service will accept donations of these items on behalf of Crisis Services. Any monetary donations should be made directly to Crisis Services.

For more information, call Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Program, at 876-5397 or Crisis Services at 716-1000 or check out its web site [www.CSNA.org](http://www.CSNA.org). Monetary donations can be mailed to: Crisis Services of North Alabama, P.O. Box 368, Huntsville, AL 35804.

concerning domestic violence are the two types of reporting options that are meant to provide the kind of help and support victims want when they need it," said Heather McCaulley, the Family Advocacy Program domestic violence victim advocate.

The Department of Defense Domestic Violence Reporting Policy now offers

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# Abuse cases by the numbers

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence provided the following statistics:

## Domestic Violence in Alabama

- Of the 19,101 violent offenses reported in 2004, 13 percent were incidents of domestic violence.
- In 2004, 2,398 of the offenses reported indicated incidents of domestic violence.
- The 2,398 domestic violence offenses included 33 homicides, 246 rapes and 1,969 aggravated assaults.
- In 2004, there were 26,599 domestic simple assaults, constituting 34 percent of all simple assaults for the year.
- Fifty percent of reported domestic violence victims suffered injuries in 2004.
- Domestic violence homicides in 2004 accounted for 12 percent of all homicides reported in North Alabama.

## Domestic Violence in America

- 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

- In 2001, 20 percent of violent crime against women was intimate partner violence, compared to 3 percent of violent crime against men.
- In 2001, there were 691,710 nonfatal incidents of violence committed by the current or former spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends of victims.
- In 2001, 85 percent of victims of domestic violence were women.
- Young women age 16 to 24 experience the highest rate of domestic violence – 16 per 1,000 persons.
- In 2000, 1,247 women and 440 men were killed by an intimate partner.
- The cost of intimate partner violence annually exceeds \$5.8 billion, including direct health care expenses, lost productivity and lifetime earnings. That figure increases to \$67 billion when costs of direct property loss, ambulance services, police response, pain and suffering, and the criminal justice process are added.
- Domestic violence has been estimated to cost employers in the U.S. \$3 billion to \$13 billion each year.

## ■ Training provided on improvised explosive devices

# Course

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to the incidents that are simulated during the course. Currently, all GATOR instructors have been deployed to either Iraq or Afghanistan and are familiar with the situations their students may face and can make suggestions on how things may be handled differently, Robar said.

Sgt. 1st Class Albert Wass De Czege, 221st EOD Team, National Guard, Fla., is entering the third deployment in his 17 years of military service. This is the first time, however, that he goes through the updated GATOR course as he prepares for his deployment overseas.

"The training has changed tremendously in a positive way from what it used to be," Wass De Czege said. "It's more hands-on as opposed to classroom

instruction. It's been a great eye opener because it has given us an idea on what to expect overseas in an outstanding, realistic and challenging manner. It's a great prep course for deployments to any theater of operation."

Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School is the only place that offers GATOR training; and the schoolhouse has been host to several EOD teams from other countries including the Netherlands and Norway. All EOD teams train on the various obstacles and scenarios placed throughout McKinley Range.

"(As an instructor) you get a really good feeling when your guys come back from a deployment or when they send you an e-mail saying they experienced something we covered in the training and that it really helped them out," Robar said. "Our goal is that our guys are safe and that they come back in one piece."

## ■ Additional golf course suggested

# Field

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property. I am not sure how many acres of land it would take to build a nice golf course, but it looks as though there are at least 150-175 or more acres currently at this location.

Now some would ask why the need for an additional golf course on RSA? Well let me start by saying golf has really become popular in the last few years, and I realize the RSA golf course is currently adding an additional nine holes to make it a 36-hole golf course. However, with the addition of several thousand new jobs coming to RSA with BRAC in a few years, the current RSA golf course could become even more crowded than it is now. It is very difficult to get on the RSA course with the retired military, active duty, civilians and contractors that use it weekly. There is league play every afternoon during the week, so if you don't play in a league, it is very hard to get 18 holes of golf in during the after-

noon on any given day of the week. Golf is so popular these days, that I believe the revenue generated by a new 18-hole course on this potential property would mean it could become self sufficient in a very short period of time. In addition, the property is so different than the current 27 holes and even the newest nine under development, this course could become a favorite of many golfers in North Alabama.

What are the possibilities of the aforementioned becoming a reality?

### Name withheld by request

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The site you mention is indeed a fantastic looking site however this site is earmarked for future construction as well as RV sites. The Links at Redstone studies show that with another nine holes added to the current 27-hole facility there should be no problem handling the increase in play that BRAC is sure to bring."*

## ■ Mammograms provide early detection of breast cancer

# Wellness

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Health Promotion is encouraging everyone to team up with your friends and co-workers to fight breast cancer in the third annual Liz Hurley Ribbon Run on Oct. 21. The men's race begins at 9 a.m., the women's at 10; and a Survivors Walk begins at 10 at the Huntsville High School track. Go to the following web site for more information and to sign up: <http://www.huntsvillehospital.org/educationandevents/ribbonrun/>.

The main risk factors in men — estimated 1,690 new cases of invasive breast cancer with 460 deaths in 2005 — and women include aging, heavy alcohol intake, radiation exposure, physical inactivity and obesity.

"If all women age 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods — mammography plus clinical breast exam — breast cancer death rates would drop much further, up to 30 percent," Army public health nurse Maj. Angelique Likely said. "The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely — once is not enough." (Fox Army Health Center release)

## ■ Traffic accident occurred outside gate

# Insurance

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person at fault, had insurance. However, upon further investigation, it was found that this person did not, in fact, have insurance. I contacted the Provost Marshal to report this finding. The officer stated that they do not do anything about a person not having insurance and that the State of Alabama will handle it, with the SR-13.

My question is to the Provost Marshal, what if this person has access to other vehicles, continues to have access to the Arsenal, and drives on post without insurance? It would seem that they should have some kind of policy to regulate against known offenders.

### Name withheld by request

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Local law enforcement is under no obligation to notify the Directorate of Emergency Services of misdemeanor accidents off post even if they involve Redstone Arsenal employees. That being said, the following are excerpts from the Alabama Traffic Code in reference to maintaining insurance on motor vehicles.*

*"No person shall operate, register, or maintain registration of, and no owner shall permit another person to operate, register, or maintain registration of, a motor vehicle designed to be used on a public highway unless the motor vehicle*

*is covered by a liability insurance policy, motor vehicle liability bond, or deposit of cash.*

*"If the department determines that an owner has registered or maintained the registration of a motor vehicle without a liability insurance policy in accordance with Section 32-7A-4, the department shall notify the owner that such owner's vehicle registration shall be suspended 45 calendar days after the date of the mailing of the notice unless the owner within 30 calendar days furnishes proof of insurance in effect on the verification date, as prescribed by the department. The notice shall be in writing and shall be mailed by first class U.S. Postal Service or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner's last known address."*

*"We can assure you that if the individual involved in the traffic accident does not have proper insurance that the vehicle registration will be suspended unless they can show that there was insurance in effect at the time of the accident. When the registration is suspended, that individual will not be able to bring an unregistered vehicle onto the installation.*

*"Your specific concerns have been addressed with the Redstone Arsenal Staff Judge Advocate office to determine what recourse, if any, we have. We do not have authority or jurisdiction to act upon a misdemeanor traffic accident occurring off of the installation. However we can enforce the suspension when imposed."*

# Corpus Christi manager cited for process improvements

*First winner selected for maintenance award*

By JAMEY GIDDENS  
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CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT, Texas – Corpus Christi process optimization manager George Kunkle III has won the inaugural Joint Depot Maintenance Excellence Award-Individual.

Kunkle will accept the award Oct. 26 in Reno, Nev., as part of the 2006 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium, Oct. 23-26.

According to a release from Les Campbell, deputy director of the Joint Depot Maintenance Activities Group, Kunkle was selected as a result of his outstanding performance while serving as process manager for Corpus Christi's Air Force HH-60 Pavehawk line.

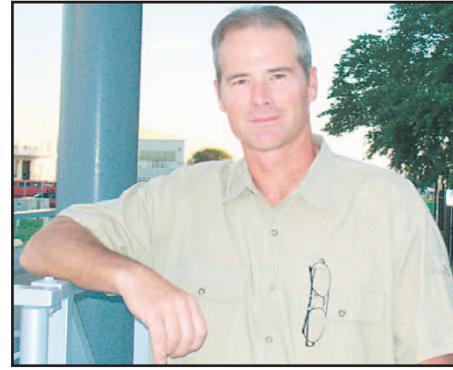
The Air Force Pavehawk is derived from the UH-60 Black Hawk, manufactured by Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation. Its primary function is to conduct day and night operations in hostile environments in order to recover downed aircrew or other stranded personnel during wartime.

In peacetime the Pavehawk is used in civilian search and rescue missions, such as in the aftermath of natural disasters; to provide international aid; to help in counter-drug operations and to provide space shuttle support for NASA.

Kunkle's leadership proved instrumental in the implementation of Lean Six Sigma principles used to revolutionize the Pavehawk line at Corpus Christi.

Lean Six Sigma is a process improvement philosophy that combines the principles of Lean manufacturing — a Toyota management philosophy concerned with removing waste from a process — and Six Sigma, a Motorola-trademarked methodology that strives to control variation.

"I was pretty excited," Kunkle said on hearing he had won the award. "There's a lot of stiff competition out there throughout the entire Department of Defense.



Courtesy photo

**George Kunkle III**

Most of all I am just thrilled because this gives CCAD recognition for all the work that has been done here. It has been an amazing last two to three years with the turnaround we've seen on our production lines due to the depot embracing Lean Six Sigma initiatives."

Under Kunkle's guidance and execution of Lean Six Sigma tenets, turnaround time for repair work done on the Air Force HH60 Pavehawk was reduced from 240 days to an average of 114 days, thus reducing cost to well under or at scheduled funding levels and allowing Corpus Christi to take on additional workload.

Kunkle also conducted a review of the 700-plus page Statement of Work for the Pavehawk line. He consulted with both Corpus Christi technical experts and Air Force officials to remove excess waste and over-processing, resulting in a tighter, more streamlined and efficient documentation of the process.

Other Lean Six Sigma implementation on the Pavehawk line under Kunkle's direction included:

- Merging process optimization with Lean Six Sigma practices, coaching every aspect of product flow from pre-shop analysis to flight test, ensuring the integration of Lean Six Sigma concepts and practices to promote sustainability.

- Producing the first Air Force aircraft at Corpus Christi with a turnaround time less than 120 days and \$50,000 under budget.

Held annually, the DoD Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition allows government and industry executives the opportunity to come together and explore the latest developments and advancements in DoD weapon systems and equipment maintenance. Kunkle will receive his award during a session on Depot Contributions to Weapons Readiness in the Global War on Terrorism.

Corpus Christi commander Col. Timothy Sassenrath, who will be present at the symposium to take part in discussions on DoD's continuing commitment to provide the war fighter with sustained materiel readiness, will also get the chance to see Kunkle receive his citation.

"It was a great privilege for CCAD to nominate such an outstanding individual as George Kunkle for this award," Sassenrath said. "George has played a lead role in helping to Lean out processes depot-wide. This award is a testament to his dedication to improving processes and reducing waste via Lean Six Sigma initiatives."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## *Norway bound*

AMCOM operations officer Lt. Col. Gary Hill is congratulated upon receiving the Meritorious Service Medal from Col. Bill Marrero, deputy for Current Operations Directorate, AMCOM G-3 (Operations), on Friday at the operations center. Hill, at the Aviation and Missile Command since August 2005, is leaving for Norway in October. "Thank you for your efforts and thank you for your support," he told his co-workers. "It's been fun."

# Options

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domestic violence victims both unrestricted reporting and restricted reporting options.

Unrestricted reporting is done by the victim when they want to pursue an official investigation either through the chain of command, the Family Advocacy Program or law enforcement. When the report is made, the victim is eligible for the Army's victim advocacy and clinical services.

Restricted reporting allows an adult victim to disclose the details of the abuse to a victim advocate, victim advocate supervisor or health-care provider. The victim then receives medical treatment and victim advocacy services without requiring that notice be provided to the victim's or offender's commander or law enforcement.

"It is important for the victims to come forward," said Virginia Dempsey, manager of the Family Advocacy Program. "With these options, we are hoping that victims will come forward to get the services they need. We want to help reduce the harm that comes to them in a domestic violence situation, we want to help them get to know themselves and their situation, and we want to give them the tools they need to make decisions for themselves and their family."

The new options allow the Family Advocacy Program to come to the aid of victims, regardless of whether or not they

want to report the crime.

"If they don't want to report it, then we can document it so that we have the history. If they don't want law enforcement involved, we can keep them out," Dempsey said. "The first time they might not want to call the police. But, if there are two or three incidents they might decide to report them. It's up to the victim to decide when the time is right to file a police report."

ACS works closely with Liana Hill, a sexual assault and domestic violence nurse examiner with Crisis Services of North Alabama, to provide victims with forensic evaluations.

"I'm the only nurse in North Alabama that does domestic violence forensic evaluation," she said. "A lot of victims don't want to prosecute. Mainly, they want the forensic evaluation for documentation if they do decide to prosecute. Documentation can validate that abuse has gone on for some time."

ACS works with victims as long as they are needed.

"We provide support and services to them until they are ready to go to law enforcement," McCaulley said. "You have to give the power to the victim. They have to make the decision. They have a right to decide if they will report the crime and the information that is reported. They've already been abused by their abuser. We don't want them to get abused by the system."

Even so, working with victims that don't want to report the crime and that continue to be abused can be like walking on a tightrope between victim's rights and law enforcement.

"The Army would prefer for all domestic violence calls to be unrestricted so that the police and command can get involved, help the victim, and provide services for both the victim and their abuser," Dempsey said. "But, there is concern that an unrestricted report of the abuse as a crime will affect a Soldier's career and promotions, and then that affects the family. If the victim calls us with a restricted report, then the command will not be made aware of the situation."

In no way, though, does the restricted report ensure the Soldier will not be held accountable for their actions at some point in time.

"If a Soldier makes the decision to abuse, they need to realize they are responsible both to the U.S. Army as well as their family," Dempsey said. "They must bear the responsibility for their actions and the results of those actions."

For most domestic violence victims, it is guaranteed there will come a point when they will want to report the crime.

"Until they can really see themselves in a domestic violence relationship they may not be willing to make a change," McCaulley said. "We give them the information, tools and support they need so that when they are ready to make the change, they know there are people who will help them. We want to help them before the situation becomes life threatening."

Besides the fear of hurting a Soldier's career and, consequently, a family's earning power, victims also choose not to report domestic violence because they are scared to leave a relationship where the abuser provides the family's main income, they are scared of starting over on their

own and they don't have support system to help them through the situation.

"A lot of these victims have low self-esteem. It takes years to build self-esteem up," McCaulley said. "Until they decide to report the abuse, I follow the victims lead and only do what they want done because I don't want to jeopardize them getting hurt any further."

With the number of domestic violence cases growing – there are 350 reported cases in Huntsville each month, 175 in Madison County and 50 in Madison – local law enforcement agencies don't have the manpower to work cases where victims don't want to press charges. For those cases, Crisis Services and the Family Advocacy Program on Redstone Arsenal are invaluable.

"Police don't have the time and resources if the victim doesn't want to pursue charges," Hill said. "They are overwhelmed investigating cases where victims are pursuing charges."

While ACS and Crisis Services do have leeway in whether or not to report domestic violence, local hospitals are required to report domestic violence cases to law enforcement. All agencies, including the Family Advocacy Program, are required to report domestic violence cases where children are endangered.

To contact Redstone Arsenal's victim advocate, call the 24-hour hotline at 508-6613. To contact Crisis Services, call the 24-hour hotline at 716-1000 or call 717-4052, ext. 118. Crisis Service can be reached outside Madison County by calling 1-800-691-8426. The web site is [www.CSNA.org](http://www.CSNA.org). The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE).

# Gas pumps within reach at Shoppette

Service station service  
made more accessible

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Army & Air Force Exchange Service is in the business of customer service, whether that means lower prices, better service or simply finding a way to give customers what they want. The Shoppette, on the corner of Vincent and Goss roads, is doing just that in both large and small ways everyday.

In the past some customers have complained about the layout of the gas pumps. Since traffic is allowed through them in only one way, customers had to choose a pump that was on the same side of their car as their tank. This sometimes made for longer and uneven lines. The installation of longer hoses has now made it possible for any vehicle to use any pump, regardless of which side the tank is on



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**FILL 'ER UP— The new longer hoses make gas pumps accessible for cars with tanks on either side.**

while still observing the one way traffic flow.

"We put them on just the regular unleaded in July, but in August we put them on every grade. We went from 10-and-a-half to 12 foot hoses," store manager Eileen Berth said.

"They can reach either side of the vehicle. I've seen people out there with SUVs use them."

Gas sales are big business at the store, built in large part on the reputation for having the best prices in town. Berth said that's not a coincidence. The Shoppette

works hard to ensure its customers get as great a deal as they've come to expect from AAFES locations.

"We go out at least three times a day to do our gas surveys. I have a price surveyor who goes out early, about 5:30. Then she comes here and we change the gas prices in the morning. When she leaves around lunch, she checks them again. Then I check them later in the afternoon. We are watching them everyday, several times a day," Berth said. "If someone complains that it's cheaper downtown, then I'll send someone downtown just to verify the price. We're only supposed to change prices at the close or beginning of the business day, but as a benefit to my customers I will drop the prices in the middle of the day to stay competitive."

In an effort to further streamline gas purchases, the Shoppette is working on customers' second largest complaint – credit card scanners and receipt printers on the pumps. Berth said an

upgrade is in the making for all the pumps at the location. She blames the delays and repeated breakdown of the equipment on its age.

"They just get jammed up," she said. "We're working on getting new ones in here to eliminate the problem."

They do sell more than gas at the store, although the petroleum products get most of the attention. Inside customers can take advantage of AAFES pricing on grocery, health and beauty and general merchandise. The mixture of frozen foods and convenience items makes the Shoppette more of a general store than a simple convenience store. The location also has a large selection of movies for rental.

"We have them cheaper than downtown," Berth said. "You get to keep them two days and have them back by noon on the third day."

Another big draw for the store is its liquor, wine and beer sales.

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# Don't miss casting ballot this election year

## Answers provided for absentee voting

Redstone senior voting assistance officer Joe Winston provided the following information on absentee voting for Absentee Voters Week, Oct. 8-14:

### Can I vote absentee?

**Answer:** Generally, all U.S. citizens 18 years or older who are or will be residing outside the United States during an election period are eligible to vote absentee in any election for federal office. In addition, all members of the uniformed services, their family members and members of the Merchant Marine and their family members, who are U.S. citizens, may vote absentee in federal, state and local elections.

### How do I apply for an absentee ballot?

**Answer:** Use the Federal Post Card Application. The FPCA is accepted by all states and territories as an application for registration and for absentee ballot. It is postage-free when placed in the U.S. mail. You may also send a written request for a ballot to your county, city, town or parish clerk. The online version of the FPCA is available at the Federal Voting Assistance Program's web site, [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), but must be completed, printed, signed, dated and placed in an envelope affixed with proper postage, and mailed to your local election official. All the states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, with the exception of American Samoa and Guam, accept the OFPCA.

### I would like to vote but don't know how. Where can I find assistance?

**Answer:** Specific information on applying for absentee registration and a ballot is contained in the Voting Assistance Guide. Voting assistance officers assigned to units at military installations and at each U.S. embassy or consulate

have a copy of the Guide to assist you in completing your FPCA. U.S. citizen organizations overseas and many corporate offices of U.S. companies also have copies of the Guide to assist you. Members of the uniformed services and U.S. embassy/consulate personnel may request hard copies of the Guide through their normal distribution channels or by contacting their service or Department of State voting action officer. Other overseas citizens may request these materials by contacting the FVAP directly at [vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov). You will find PDF versions of the Guide as well as other voting related information and links on the FVAP web site.

### Do I have to be registered to vote absentee?

**Answer:** Registration requirements vary from state to state. States and territories allow the citizen to register and request an absentee ballot by submitting a single FPCA during the election year. If you are permanently registered, you should submit an FPCA early in the election year. Consult Chapter 3 of the Guide for specifics.

### Where do I send my FPCA?

**Answer:** Chapter 3 of the Guide outlines absentee voting procedures for each state and territory. In section IV, under the heading "Where to Send It," you will find a list of addresses for county and local election officials for your state or territory of legal residence. These officials may need to contact you for further information or clarification. If available, please provide a current e-mail address, phone and fax number on the FPCA.

### Must I submit a separate application for each election?

**Answer:** In all states and territories, one FPCA will secure for the applicant both primary and general election ballots for federal offices for an entire calendar year. The Help America Vote Act of Octo-

ber 2002 has extended the effective period of the FPCA through two regularly scheduled general elections for federal office. However, due to the transient nature of many UOCAVA citizens, FVAP continues to recommend that each citizen submit an FPCA to their state or territory of legal residence in January of each year and again each time there is a change in the citizen's mailing address.

### If I am required to have my FPCA or ballot notarized, how do I do it?

**Answer:** Generally, election materials may be witnessed or sworn to before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, embassy or consular officer, or other officials authorized to administer oaths. Most states and territories do not require notarization of the FPCA or ballot. Therefore, consult Chapter 3 of the Guide to determine your state or territory's requirements. In all instances, you must sign and date the FPCA.

### When mailing an FPCA or other election materials to my state or territory, do I have to pay postage?

**Answer:** Generally, all election-related materials are mailed postage-free from any APO or FPO mail facility, all U.S. embassies and consulates and any post office in the U.S. You must pay postage if the materials are mailed from a non-U.S. postal facility. The online version of the FPCA must be printed, signed, dated and mailed in an envelope with proper postage affixed. Ensure that your ballot or FPCA is postmarked.

### When is the best time to apply for an absentee ballot?

**Answer:** Generally, the FPCA used to request only a ballot should be received by election officials at least 45 days before election day to allow ample time to process the request and mail the ballot. If applying for both registration and an absentee ballot, the FPCA may have to be mailed earlier. FVAP recommends submitting the FPCA in January of each year. Consult Chapter 3 of the Guide for further information on state or territorial registration deadlines. Be sure to notify your elec-

tion official of any change to your address.

### When should I receive my ballot?

**Answer:** Under normal circumstances, most states and territories begin mailing ballots to citizens 30-45 days before an election. If you have not received your ballot two weeks before the election, contact the FVAP Ombudsman Service. They will assist you in determining when your ballot was mailed. Always execute and return your absentee ballot regardless of when you receive it. Court decisions sometimes require the counting of ballots voted by election day, but received late.

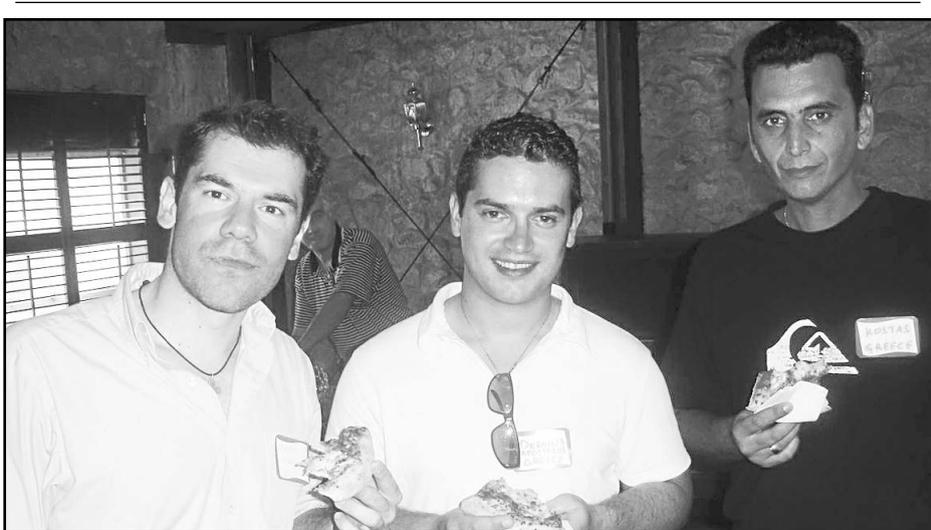
### What is an election for federal office?

**Answer:** An election for federal office is any general, special, runoff or primary election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting, nominating, or electing any candidate for the office of president, vice president, presidential elector, member of the Senate, member of the House of Representatives, delegates from the District of Columbia, Guam, Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, and resident commissioner of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

### What is the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot?

**Answer:** Military personnel and their voting age dependents both in the United States and overseas, and U.S. citizens overseas may be able to use a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot available through voting assistance officers at military installations or at U.S. embassies/consulates. To be eligible for this ballot, a citizen must:

- Be located overseas (including APO/FPO addresses), or member of the uniformed services (including eligible dependents) absent from their voting residence.
- Apply for a regular ballot early enough so that the request is received by the local election official at least 30 days before the election or by state deadline, whichever is later.
- Not have received the requested regular absentee ballot.



Courtesy photo

## International picnic

The International Military Student Office held a picnic Sept. 23 at the Rustic Lodge for 10 international students and members of the International Services Council of Huntsville. The 45 attendees included several student sponsors from the Huntsville community. Enjoying pizza from left are Atanasios Kirykos, Sgt. Maj. Apostolos Dervilis and Warrant Officer Konstantinos Iosifidis. Kirykos is assigned to Redstone Arsenal from Greece as a foreign liaison officer. IMSO invited him to the picnic to meet the two Greek students, Dervilis and Iosifidis, who are attending the Ammunition Specialist Course.

## Hungarian soldier enjoys repeat visit

Master Sgt. Krisztian Toth of Hungary knew what to expect when he arrived at Redstone in July for training.

"Actually this is the second time I have been at Redstone Arsenal, and as two years ago I enjoyed myself," he said.

Toth will complete the Ammunition Technician Warrant Officer Basic Course on Oct. 13. He is assigned to Headquarters & Alpha Company during his stay.

"I tried to visit as many places as I could and to get to know more about the USA," the 29-year-old said. "I worked out at the gym almost every day to keep myself in shape.

"America is a land of opportunities," he said of what he learned about this country. "I really like America and think Huntsville, Ala., is a great place."

The International Military Student Office provides activities and field trips for students from other countries. Toth said he enjoyed white water rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee, but most of all his four days at Fort Walton Beach, Fla.



Courtesy photo

### Master Sgt. Krisztian Toth

"They (the members of IMSO) have kept in contact with me since the last time I was here for training," Toth said. "They are more than just an International Military Student Office. I consider them my lifetime personal friends and in my personal opinion they (take) care of the students more than they have to."

## Signup in full swing for benefit golf tournament

### Organization sponsors Big Oak Scramble

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There's nothing like a good game of golf – especially for a worthy cause.

Golfers are invited to compete in the Big Oak Scramble, a Combined Federal Campaign fund-raiser sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center, on Oct. 27 at 8 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. All proceeds will benefit the Big Oak Ranch.

“As far as I know, it's the first golf tournament that's been linked to CFC,” tournament director Taylor Vinson, a logistics management specialist, said.

CFC coordinator Donna Johnson, in her third campaign, also said this is the first such tournament she knows of. Organizations have done activities like dunking booths and hot dog sales. Such events go toward the individual organization's financial goal for CFC. In this particular case, the tournament participants realize that this is a fund-raiser for the Big Oak Ranch, Johnson said. The tournament committee decided on the funds recipient.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**TEE TIME—** Tournament director Taylor Vinson wants to drive up participation for the Big Oak Scramble scheduled Oct. 27 at the Links at Redstone. Looking on is volunteer assistant Ben White.

The Big Oak Ranch, founded by former Alabama football player John Croyle, is a children's home with three facilities in Northeast Alabama: Big Oak Boys' Ranch in Gadsden, Big Oak Girls' Ranch in Springville, and Westbrook Christian School Inc. in Rainbow City.

“Just by having the tournament and putting on the tournament on behalf of Big Oak Ranch, it'll raise awareness,” tournament volunteer assistant Ben White, a logistics management specialist, said. “It'll highlight their name and what they're doing for those kids out there.”

The format is 18 holes, four-person scramble. Cost is \$50 per person which includes the cart, greens fees and lunch. Entry cutoff is Oct. 20 with a 30-team limit. The rain date is Nov. 3.

“It's a chance for us to come together and volunteer some time for a good cause,” Vinson said.

His father, Ranny Vinson, also a logistics management specialist, applauds the effort. “I think it's great,” Ranny Vinson said. “It's another way for the CFC program to expand in their donations and help, kind of like the AER (Army Emergency Relief) program, other than just the (individual) donations. This is another way to participate for a good cause.”

It's open to anyone with Arsenal access. Prizes – merchandise or gift certificates – will be awarded to the top three teams. There will also be longest drive and closest-to-the-pin competitions.

A team from Avion Inc. and a team from IMMC's cargo helicopter division were the first to sign up by last week.

“We probably have a decent chance (of winning),” Alan McCandless, chief of the CH-47 airframe division, said. His teammates include Gaylen Bush, Tom Neupert and George China. “I think this is great,” McCandless said of the tournament.

The tournament will be played on the Meadowview and Hillside courses, according to Sue Daniels, administrative assistant for the Links at Redstone. The long drive competition will be the eighth hole at Meadowview; and the closest-to-the-pin is Hillside's sixth hole.

The Links at Redstone averages two tournaments each week. September and October are its busiest months of the year for tournaments as many organizations try to get their events in by the end of the season.

“It's a great way to raise money for organizations and have some fun,” Daniels said.

Croyle, whose son Brodie plays quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs, plans to attend the tournament along with some of the children and host parents from Big Oak Ranch. Some Alabama football memorabilia will be auctioned off at the event.

“Hopefully this'll turn into an annual event we can put on,” White said. “Hopefully the tournament itself will get bigger over the years.”

To sign up, or to volunteer to help, call Taylor Vinson at 313-1196 or e-mail shawn.vinson@peoavn.army.mil.

# Georgia should topple Tennessee

## Bulldogs picked over Volunteers

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Skip's Picks went 119-35, 77 percent, for the first four weeks of the college football season. Here are my predictions this week:

Navy at Air Force — **Navy**  
Duke at Alabama — **Bama**  
Southern at Alabama A&M — **A&M**  
Tennessee at Georgia — **Georgia**  
Arizona at UCLA — **UCLA**  
Arkansas at Auburn — **Auburn**  
North Alabama at Quachita Baptist — **UNA**  
Virginia Military at Army — **Army**  
Baylor at Colorado — **Colorado**  
San Diego State at Brigham Young — **BYU**  
Oregon at California — **California**  
Clemson at Wake Forest — **Clemson**  
Virginia at East Carolina — **Virginia**  
LSU at Florida — **Florida**  
Florida State at N.C. State — **FSU**  
Fresno State at Utah State — **Fresno**  
Furman at Coastal Carolina — **Furman**  
Maryland at Georgia Tech — **Ga. Tech**  
Indiana at Illinois — **Indiana**  
Purdue at Iowa — **Iowa**  
Nebraska at Iowa State — **Neb.**  
Texas A&M at Kansas — **Texas A&M**  
Oklahoma State at Kan. State — **K-State**  
South Carolina at Kentucky — **S.C.**  
Louisville at Middle Tenn. State — **Louisville**  
Memphis at UAB — **Memphis**  
North Carolina at Miami — **Miami**  
Michigan State at Michigan — **Michigan**  
Penn State at Minnesota — **Penn State**  
Vanderbilt at Ole Miss — **Vandy**  
West Virginia at Miss. State — **W.Va.**  
Missouri at Texas Tech — **Texas Tech**  
Northwestern at Wisconsin — **Wis.**  
Stanford at Notre Dame — **Notre Dame**  
Bowling Green at Ohio State — **OSU**  
Pittsburgh at Syracuse — **Syracuse**  
Rice at Tulane — **Rice**  
SMU at Texas-El Paso — **UTEP**  
TCU at Utah — **TCU**  
Texas at Oklahoma — **Texas**  
Washington at USC — **USC**  
Wash. State at Oregon State — **Oregon State**

# Personnel recovery training slated for all Soldiers

*Army reinforces commitment to 'never leave fallen comrade'*

By J.D. LEIPOLD  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON – The Warrior Ethos, “I will never leave a fallen comrade,” makes clear the Army’s commitment to recover Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and its contractors should they be lost, isolated, missing, detained or captured while in an operational environment.

## ■ Shoppette extends its customer service

### Shoppette

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Besides the regular discounts, Berth works with vendors to give customers an even better deal whenever she can. She also keeps a close eye on prices off post to ensure her customers are getting the most for their money.

“I know we’ve got the best prices on beer in town,” she said.

The Shoppette will host another of its twice yearly tent sales Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In addition to great pricing on beer, wine and spirits, they will offer extra discounts on cases. To add to the festive atmosphere, show cars from vendors like Crown Royal will be on display Friday and Saturday. There will also be door prizes and raffles all three days.

“We do a lot of tastings and give-

Beginning in November, the Army’s Personnel Recovery Branch will kick off formal personnel recovery training to all units slated for deployment. The goal is to train all Soldiers in personnel recovery tactics, techniques and procedures within the next 24-48 months, according to Col. Timothy Waters, chief of Personnel Recovery Branch.

“The chief of staff of the Army and the director of the Army staff find personnel recovery training to be a vital requirement for every operations plan,” Waters said.

aways,” Berth said. “We do giveaways every hour. I’ve got a television, digital camera, DVD player and a Playstation 2 to give away.”

The Shoppette also runs the tire store located just across Vincent Road. While they will meet or beat prices on tires off post, there are sometimes certain brands or sizes they don’t have. In order to still give customers the best deal possible, many of those tires can be purchased directly from AAFES through its web site [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com). Customers can have them installed at the tire store facility once they arrive.

Sales at the Shoppette, as with other AAFES locations, are limited to active duty and retired military, National Guard, Reserve and their family members. Exchange employees may not purchase alcohol or tobacco products from the store, but are welcome to buy any other merchandise.

“Even though we can train all Soldiers initially, training will have to be maintained.

“Personnel recovery training will be included in all Soldier readiness programs, in unit training, drill schedules for the Reserve and National Guard, and in monthly training schedules for the active component so it becomes second nature,” he said.

Personnel recovery training will eventually be taught at basic and advanced individual training, as well as officer basic and advanced training.

**“We’ve always gone after those who are isolated, missing, detained or captured; there’s no change in mindset. We now recognize all Soldiers to be at risk because of a battlefield that doesn’t have lines and an enemy who could be around the corner.”**

— Col. Timothy Waters  
*Personnel recovery chief*

In the past, personnel recovery was relegated to a specific force, but publication of Field Manual 3-50.1, “Army Personnel Recovery,” makes it official doctrine that applies to all Soldiers. This is a significant change, Waters said, because now a procedural system will be in place that is understood at individual to command levels.

Waters said the first 15 of 60 Reserve and National Guard Soldiers are in the

final stages of their formal training as instructors in personnel recovery tactics, techniques and procedures. Following completion, they will be deployed to force deployment platforms and continental U.S. replacement centers to train Soldiers preparing to deploy, and in-theater to train Soldiers already deployed.

Personnel recovery training will include such recovery tasks as reporting, locating, supporting, recovering and returning/reintegrating.

Individual training will also be available in classified and unclassified formats and include survival, evasion, resistance and escape techniques, as well as the Code of Conduct.

Today, in an asymmetric battlefield where it’s hard to distinguish friend from foe, FM 3-50.1 formally acknowledges it’s no longer solely special operations or aviation units at risk of capture or detainment, it’s all Soldiers – including transportation specialists, military police, civil affairs units and transition teams.

“We’ve always gone after those who are isolated, missing, detained or captured; there’s no change in mindset. We now recognize all Soldiers to be at risk because of a battlefield that doesn’t have lines and an enemy who could be around the corner,” Waters said. “Before, when you put a Soldier in Baghdad in a truck and he made a wrong turn he could, in fact, fall into enemy hands without our expectation of that. Now, we’ll be preparing for those things to happen through the training starting in November.”

# Suicide

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Suicide rates among the 15-24 age group have fortunately decreased 28.5 percent since 1992. Suicide rates among the 65-plus age group, however, have steadily remained high. White males age 65 and up are especially at risk for suicide, as 85 percent of suicides in this age range are male. Suicide rates for senior-citizen males remain at approximately 32 per 100,000 per year. (Compare this statistic with that of the 15-24 age range, which had 9.7 suicides per 100,000 in 2003.)

One of the leading causes of suicide in seniors is depression, which often goes undiagnosed and/or untreated. Other contributing factors to suicide in this age range are social isolation and loneliness, major life changes (such as retirement), and poor health or fear of poor health.

Anyone who is having suicidal thoughts, or who suspects that a loved one or co-worker may be having such

ideation, should seek help. Dr. Laeupple gave excellent resources in his article. He mentioned the national suicide hotline: by calling 1-800-SUICIDE, anyone anywhere in the United States will be connected with the closest available American Association of Suicidology-certified suicide crisis center. Those in Madison, Limestone and Jackson counties can call CSNA's HELPLine, which is AAS-certified, directly at 716-1000.

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*Editor's note: Dr. Daniel Laeupple's article states in part, "The highest number of suicides can be found in two groups with the first group among teenagers to young adults in their early 20s, and the second group among senior citizens above 65. For the first group, suicide is now reported to be the third leading cause of death; and this is the primary age group for our military population."*

## ■ Better rides eyed for next year's Oktoberfest

# Festival

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were broken leaving the ride to be only filled to three-fourths capacity. After waiting in line for an hour and a half, and enduring all the cigarette smoke I could stand, the gentleman operating the ride abruptly closed the ride down. He knew very little English and could not give anyone an explanation for the sudden closing. He hand signed 30 minutes and basically disappeared. We'd been in line so long another 30 minutes didn't seem too much to endure. Everyone standing in line around us seemed as disappointed in Oktoberfest as we were.

Forty-five minutes later, a gentleman showed up and did a test run without anyone actually loading onto the ride. He did nothing mechanical to the machine, yet he began to load people onto the ride. We were astonished. Needless to say, my family and I spent more time standing in line to ride the few rides available than everything else combined. We asked to speak to the manager of the carnival; and he was totally uncaring about our tribulations.

In total we spent six hours in the park, but were only able to ride three rides. My husband was thankful vendors were walking around selling beer. I was thankful my daughter wasn't burned by people carrying around lit cigarettes. On our way out of the park my daughter chose to play the Goldfish game, where you throw a ball in the tank. Bryan, while eating curly fries, rudely informed us

that they had ran out of plastic bags for the Goldfish and a live rabbit was the only available prize. He continued to eat the whole time. I was beside myself at what a horrible evening this had turned out to be.

We were all tired and frustrated as we made our way to the gate to exit. However, as we were leaving the gate one teenage boy began a verbal assault using every curse word imaginable to drive someone else into the parking lot. Oktoberfest 2006 was a total disappointment. I know Redstone Arsenal and the others involved in the Oktoberfest celebration would not have wanted families to be unhappy with their Oktoberfest visit. I think this will be my family's last visit to Oktoberfest.

**Amanda Baxter**

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Redstone MWR is extremely sorry for your unpleasant experience at this year's Oktoberfest. The Carnival hired by MWR did experience problems with two of their rides and this did cause longer than normal lines for all rides. MWR assures you and all of our valued patrons that this is below the level of service we strive to deliver everyday. In order to alleviate the long lines and poor service offered by this year's carnival vendor we are already looking for a new vendor, with more and better rides, for next year's Oktoberfest. We hope you will give the Redstone Oktoberfest another try. If you would like to discuss further, please contact Derrick Gould at 876-2073."*

## Sports & Recreation

### Halloween 5K

The Acquisition Center will sponsor a Halloween 5K run and 1 Mile Walk for the Combined Federal Campaign. The event Oct. 31 is open to all employees on Redstone Arsenal. It starts at 8 a.m. for runners and 8:10 for walkers. Runner and walker check in will be at the entrance to building 5303 at the Sparkman Center. Numbers will be issued to runners beginning at 7:30. Please arrive early to check in. The 5K route will be along the running trail near the Sparkman Center. The walk route will be a 1 mile loop around the Sparkman Center. All donations will go to the Combined Federal Campaign. It is suggested that walkers and runners donate what they can to support the cause (\$5 is recommended). Costumes are encouraged. Prizes will be awarded to overall male and female runners, and best costume. To sign up, contact Maj. Ralph Borja 842-7535 or ralph.borja@redstone.army.mil.

### Hunter safety

Outdoor Recreation is having a Hunter Safety Orientation this Thursday and Oct. 19, 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 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 regis-

tered. 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.

### CFC golf tournament

The Big Oak Scramble, a Combined Federal Campaign fund-raiser sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center, is 8 a.m. Oct. 27 at the Links at Redstone. All proceeds will benefit the Big Oak Ranch. The format is 18 holes, four-person captains choice. It costs \$50 per person which includes the cart, greens fees and lunch. Entry cutoff is Oct. 20 with a 30-team limit. For information call tournament director Taylor Vinson 313-1196.

### Soccer camp

The Madison Soccer Club is conducting a soccer camp during fall break, Oct. 9-13, for boys and girls age 7-15 in Madison at Palmer Park from 8 a.m. to noon. Both three-day and five-day camps are available. The cost is \$70 for the three-day camp and \$95 for the five-day. For more information, or to register, visit the web site [www.madisonsc.org](http://www.madisonsc.org).

## 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

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Photo by Kim Henry

## Birthday ladies

Mary Williams and Ruby Smith, both custodians for the command group, celebrate their 70th birthdays Sept. 26 and 27, respectively. Both say they continue working because they enjoy the people — Soldiers and civilians alike — who “are like our family.” Besides providing custodial support for the command, they are also known for their words of wisdom. Smith says that a lot of people ask them questions about a little bit of everything.

# Rocket Announcements

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](http://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](mailto:amy.donlin@us.army.mil).

## 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.

## 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@spar-ta.com](mailto:Janett.Beasley@spar-ta.com).

## 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.

## Parliamentarians

American Institute of Parliamentarians, Region 5, will meet Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. at Eleanor E. Murphy Library (Meeting Room), 7910 Charlotte Drive. There is no cost, but RSVPs are desired. Call 541-4395.

## Mechanical engineers

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers North Alabama Section will meet today at 11:30 a.m. in conference room M 50 at Von Braun Hall on the UAH campus. Dan Dumberger, NASA's deputy manager for Exploration Launch Projects, is scheduled speaker. Box lunches will be served for \$10. For reservations call James Denson 883-2531.

## Test/evaluation group

The Rocket City Chapter of the International Test & Evaluation Association will hold a membership drive meeting Oct. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Radical Systems Inc., 289 Dunlop Blvd, Building 300, Suite K. Map provided upon request. Free lunch will be provided, sponsored by Radical Systems Inc. and Westar Aerospace & Defense Group. Lorrie T. Freeman, executive director of ITEA, is to speak on the vision and mission of ITEA, and the benefits of membership/scholarship opportunities. Radical Systems and Westar Defense Group will also present brief summaries of their capabilities. RSVP is appreciated. Call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

## Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St., north entrance. Professor Robert Scott Davis is to speak on "Defending Atlanta From itself, Col. G.W. Lee's 'Civil War' Against Subversion." The meeting is free; and visitors are

welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for \$6.95. Call 858-6191.

## Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Users Group will meet at 10:45 a.m. Oct. 14 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Glenn Nettleton is to speak on digital photography. Preceding his presentation, HPCUG president Kevin Wangbickler and Ron Schmitz are to present a preview of Microsoft's latest version of its operating system, Vista. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 830-2232.

## Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society) will meet Thursday night at 7 at Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Craig Sumner, technical director for Space Shuttle propulsion elements, United Space Alliance, will give a free public talk on "The Recent Successful Mission to the Space Station." A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie 461-5934 or visit [www.HAL5.org](http://www.HAL5.org).

## 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](mailto:cpurifoy@bellsouth.net).



## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to

obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cook 876-8710 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

## Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraq 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](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

## Surplus sales

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

## Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. The shop will be open Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10-2. It 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

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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.

### **Merit awards**

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

in each category. In addition, students receiving full scholarships (defined as a scholarship that covers tuition, books and related expenses) are not eligible to apply for a Merit Award. Applicants must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college or vocational school prior to April 13, 2007. For more information on the Merit Award Program, call K.C. Bertling 325-0490, or e-mail samnkc@knology.net.

### **Volunteer opportunities**

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

### **IMMC picnic**

The entire Integrated Materiel Management Center family is invited to the 2006 IMMC Fall Festival Picnic on Thursday 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.

### **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.

### **Union web site**

AFGE Local 1858 invites everyone to visit its web site at [www.local1858.com](http://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.

### **Meal fund-raiser**

The Hyun's Korean Garden Restaurant will donate 10 percent of gross sales earned this week through Sunday 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.

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

### **Missouri-Rolla scholarship**

The North Alabama MSM-UMR Alumni Section announces its annual scholarship to prospective students who intend to enroll at the University of Missouri-Rolla. This is an annual \$1,000 renewable scholarship that is contingent on the student maintaining a 2.75 grade point average. Any prospective UMR student desiring to apply for this scholarship and who meets the UMR qualifications for admission should begin the process by contacting either the UMR Office of Admissions, 106 Parker Hall, 1870 Miner Circle, Rolla, MO 65409, phone 1-800-522-0938 (toll free) or 573-341-4166 (direct), e-mail [admissions@umr.edu](mailto:admissions@umr.edu) or Cathy Tipton at [crowell@umr.edu](mailto:crowell@umr.edu). Prospective students can learn more about UMR at [www.umr.edu](http://www.umr.edu).

### **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

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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.

#### **Civil War re-enactment**

The 51st Alabama infantry will provide a "living history" of a Confederate soldier's life in the 1860s on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the park at the Clay House Museum, Main Street in Madison. The public is welcome; and admission is free. For information call Robin Brewer, director of Clay House Museum, 325-1018.

#### **Hispanic festival**

The Alabama Hispanic Association invites everyone to its biggest cultural event of the year, the eighth annual Hispanic Community Festival on Oct. 21 from 1-8 p.m. at Big Spring Park in downtown Huntsville. There is no admission charge. You are encouraged to bring your lawn chairs or blankets, but no pets or outside coolers will be allowed on the festival grounds. The festival will go on rain or shine. For information on the association, call 325-4242.

#### **PX holiday hours**

The Post Exchange will operate with the

following holiday hours on Columbus Day, Oct. 9: Main Store — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All concessions — closed. Barbershop — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. GNC — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Furniture Store — closed. One Stop Goss Road — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tire Store — closed. Burger King — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Military Clothing — closed. Barbershop at building 3479 — closed. Food Court — Anthony's — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cinnabon — closed. Baskin Robins — closed. Robin Hood — closed. Churches — closed. American Eatery — closed.

#### **Exceptional family members**

If you are interested in being a part of a Redstone Exceptional Family Member Program parent support group, call EFMP manager Natalie Taylor at Army Community Service 876-5397.

#### **Wedding party**

The Women's Guild of the Huntsville Museum of Art will present the seventh annual Wedding Party on Oct. 15 from 1-4 p.m. at the museum on Church Street. "This event will help you plan special events such as weddings and anniversary parties by answering questions about caterers, flowers, photographers, musicians and the latest in bridal party fashions," a prepared release said. The event is free, and brides-to-be are eligible for door prizes. For more information call the museum 535-4350, ext. 217.

#### **Engineering lecture**

Dr. Hans Schantz, chief scientist of the Q-Track Corporation, will present a noon

lecture on "Near-Field Technology: An Emerging RF Discipline" from noon to 1:15 p.m. Friday at BizTech conference room, 515 Sparkman Drive. Schantz is an IEEE senior member who chairs the Huntsville JCAM Chapter. For more information, call 489-0075.

#### **Mental illness awareness**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Huntsville/Madison County is celebrating Mental Illness Awareness Week through Saturday. A free and confidential screening for depression and other disorders will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday at Huntsville Hospital Dowdle Center, 109 Governors Drive. The screening is sponsored by Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville-Madison County Mental Health Center, the Mental Health Association and NAMI Huntsville. For more information, call Laura Densford 705-6328.

#### **Warrant officer recruitment**

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team member from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will conduct briefings Oct. 11-12 at Heiser Hall. Briefings are scheduled 1:30 p.m. Oct. 11, and 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Oct. 12. The team member will brief on qualifications and application procedures to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines interested in becoming Army warrant officers. Current shortages include Military Intelligence, Ammunition Technician, Criminal Investigations, and Special Forces. For more information, call Chief

Warrant Officer A.J. Williams of USAREC (502) 626-0271 or local contacts Master Sgt. Timothy Carlile 842-0870 and Staff Sgt. Tamara Price 876-0923.

#### **Calhoun classes**

Calhoun Community College, Redstone Arsenal Extension, offers eight-week sessions with classes at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. This Servicemembers Opportunity College has a VA-approved curriculum and is fully accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It also offers online courses. Registration for second minimester fall 2006 continues through Oct. 11. Classes are Oct. 16 through Dec. 14. For more information, call 874-7431 or visit [www.calhoun.edu](http://www.calhoun.edu).

#### **Community play**

"The Church" will be performed Oct. 26-29 at the Von Braun Center Playhouse. Show times are 7 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Prices are \$15 for general admission or \$18.50 VIP. Thursday is student night (for ages 13-18) at \$12 per ticket, \$15.50 VIP. Seniors age 55 and over have a discount of paying \$10 per ticket any night. "This play is fit for family viewing of all ages," a prepared release said. It's described as "comedy, drama, suspense." For tickets call Horace Wilson 417-0087 or Attitudes Day Spa/Salon 534-7007.

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## Green to gold

The Army ROTC at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana seeks talented young enlisted Soldiers who want to earn baccalaureate degrees. If you are a quality enlisted Soldier with officer potential and have served at least two years on active duty, then you are allowed to voluntarily participate and enroll in Army ROTC through these Green to Gold Programs. For more information call toll-free (877) 863-4768, e-mail arotc@uiuc.edu, or visit the web site <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/army-rotc/>.

## Lateral entry

If you are qualified prior service or a member of the National Guard or Reserve and wish to become an officer, the University of Illinois Army ROTC Lateral Entry Program may be for you. The Lateral Entry Program allows eligible students to contract into the Reserve Officer Training Corps as cadets when they are academic juniors, seniors or graduate students with four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation. Call us toll-free (877) 863-4768, e-mail arotc@uiuc.edu, or visit the web site <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc/>.

## Halloween parade

A Halloween parade on the Huntsville Square will be held for military and area children Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. at Harrison Brothers Hardware, 124 South Side Square downtown. This event is sponsored by Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, and Historic Huntsville Foundation/Harrison Brothers Hardware. Special recognition will be given to military children and deployed families. For reservations, please call 536-3631 or 530-0097 with numbers of attendees.

## Wine tasting

The Officers and Civilians Club is holding a Wine Tasting Class tonight from 5-7. Space is limited. Cost is \$25. For more information, call 830-2582.

## Postwide garage sale

The Diane Campbell Recreation Center is once again holding a postwide garage sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon in the PX parking lot. Permits to sell items may be purchased at the center, building 3711, for \$7. For more information and guidelines, call 876-4531.

## Young Marines

The Young Marines of North Alabama will hold winter boot camp beginning Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, 3506 South Memorial Parkway. The Young Marines, founded in 1958, has been operational in Huntsville since 1995. Recruits will complete an intensive course of training in citizenship, drug abuse prevention, close order drill and physical fitness. Young Marines stresses academic achievement, service to others, devotion to God, country, community and family. Young Marines is open to boys and girls ages 8-17. For more information, call James Newell 682-4835 or Chuck Gentry 882-0848.

## Physics lecture

The ninth annual Putchu Venkateswarlu Memorial Lecture is 3 p.m. Oct. 20 at the James I. Dawson Auditorium, Cooperative Extension Building, on the campus of Alabama A&M University. Nobel Prize

winner Frank Wilczek of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is to speak on "The Universe is a Strange Place." He was a co-recipient of the 2004 Nobel Prize in Physics. A reception will follow at 5 in the Clyde Foster Multi-Purpose

Room in the School of Business. Everyone is invited. For information call professor Ravi Lal 372-8148.

## Resume writing tips

A workshop on "Resume Writing Tips"

will introduce participants to basic resume writing, cover letters, networking cards and thank you letters Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																			
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U								
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<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																											
SCBK06530297	Secretary (OA)	4-Oct-06	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0318	8	8	39,1770 - 50,929	X																			
SCBK06548002	Lead Budget Analyst	4-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0560	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X																		
SCBK06551089	Mgmt Supp Spec	4-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-0301	7	11	35,375 - 68,066	X	X																		
SCBK06544047	Electronics Engineer	4-Oct-06	AMCOM, TMDE ACTVY	GS-0855	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X																		
SCBK06535591	Health Physicist	4-Oct-06	AMCOM, TMDE ACTVY	GS-1306	12	12	62,721 - 81,572	X	X																		
SCBK06521250	General Engr	4-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838												X		X						
SCNAFBK06110	Hotel Desk Clerk	4-Oct-06	Bus Oper Div	NF-0303	1	1	5,15 - 10,63	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06201975DR	General Engr	5-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06544010	Administrative Supp Assistant (OA)	5-Oct-06	AMCOM, TMDE ACTVY	GS-0303	6	6	31,834 - 41,383	X																			
SCBK06489330	Training Instructor	6-Oct-06	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	7	7	35,375 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06545652	Equip Spec (Aircraft)	6-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	55,360 - 81,572	X											X	X	X						
SCBK06568473	General Engr	6-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06568473D	General Engr	6-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06547930	Mgmt Analyst	6-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X																			
SCBK06557156	Electronics Engineer	6-Oct-06	USADTC	GS-0855	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X																			
SCBK06437436D	Deputy for Prgms and Tech Mgmt	10-Oct-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0340	15	15	103,723 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06541574	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X																			
SCBK06541542	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X																			
SCBK06556437	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X																			
SCBK06400953	Secretary (OA)	10-Oct-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0318	3	4/5	22,738 - 37,128	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06579814	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X																			
SCBK06516127	Strategic Integration Spec	10-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X											X	X	X						
SCBK06515046	Secretary (OA)	11-Oct-06	USADTC	GS-0318	9	9	43,271 - 66,258	X																			
SCBK06553392	General Engr	11-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06553392D	General Engr	11-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06516128	Strategic Integration Spec	12-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0301	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X											X	X	X						
SCBK06532355R	Quality Assurance Spec (Metrology)	12-Oct-06	AMCOM, TMDE ACTVY	GS-1910	11	12	52,355 - 81,572	X		X																	
SCBK06565149	Staff Actions Spec	12-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0301	11	11	52,355 - 68,066	X											X								
SCBK06541558	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X																			
SCBK06571690	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X																			
SCBK06571749	Inventory Mgmt Spec	12-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-2010	11	11	52,355 - 68,066	X		X	X	X								X	X						
SCBK06507352	Secretary (OA)	12-Oct-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0318	5	5	28,559 - 37,128	X																			
SCBK06405989	General Engr	13-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06405989D	General Engr	13-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06519816	General Engr	14-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06519816D	General Engr	14-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06529393	Chemist	14-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-1320	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06529393D	Chemist	14-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-1320	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06521565	Lead Electronics Engr	15-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06521565D	Lead Electronics Engr	15-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06561423	Electronics Publications Spec	16-Oct-06	TMDE	GS-0301	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X																		
SCBK06549859	Contract Spec	20-Oct-06	AMC	GS-1102	12	12	62,751 - 81,572												X	X	X						
SCBK06549855	Contract Spec	20-Oct-06	AMC	GS-1102	13	13	74,621 - 97,003												X	X	X						
SCBK06548318	General Engr	23-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0801	15	15	103,723 - 134,838			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06548318D	General Engr	23-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0801	15	15	103,723 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06566780D	Electronics Engineer	27-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOB.S. OPM.GOV</b>																											
SCBK06201975DR	General Engr	5-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06568473D	General Engr	6-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06437436D	Deputy for Prgms and Tech Mgmt	10-Oct-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0340	15	15	103,723 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06553392D	General Engr	11-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06405989D	General Engr	13-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06519816D	General Engr	14-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06529393D	Chemist	14-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-1320	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06521565D	Lead Electronics Engr	15-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06548318D	General Engr	23-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0801	15	15	103,723 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06566780D	Electronics Engineer	27-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						

**WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)**

**A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees served by Redstone CPAC.**  
**B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).**  
**C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).**  
**D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required)**  
**E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)**  
**F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)**  
**H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)**  
**I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)**  
**R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)**  
**T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)**  
**V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).**  
**U - All U.S. citizens**

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