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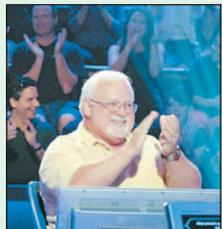
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Saluting families of the deployed

Banner ceremonies
planned in October

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The families of three local National Guard units – the 152nd Military Police Company from Scottsboro, and the 128th Military Police Company and the 1169th Engineer Group, both of Huntsville – will stand proud for their Soldiers in Blue Star Service Banner ceremonies scheduled in October.

Family members will not only stand proud, but they will also stand strong as they vow to keep the “home fires burning” during their Soldiers’ deployment in Iraq. Each family will receive a Blue Star Service Banner to hang on their front door or in a window as a remembrance of the sacrifices both they and their Soldiers are making for American freedom and liberty.

“These ceremonies were scheduled in October because as of these dates every unit will actually be in Iraq or in Kuwait waiting to go into Iraq,” said organizer David Carney, a retired Alabama National Guard sergeant.

“These ceremonies will take place just days after the Soldiers have departed. Families will be in a great emotional state and they will need all the support we can possibly give them.”

During the summer, local communities honored the National Guard Soldiers from the three units in separate deployment ceremonies. Each unit then underwent training at various military installations in preparation for their deployment. During that time, they had some leave days to make visits to their families and some families were able to travel to their Soldier’s training installation for visits.

Now, though, families will not see their Soldiers again until after their tour of duty in Iraq, which, for most, will last a year. The Blue Star Service Banner ceremonies are the first



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TRIBUTE— Blue Star Service Banners will be presented in October to families of Soldiers from three deployed National Guard troops.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

OFFICIAL HONOR— Madison Mayor Sandy Kirkindall holds a Blue Star Service Banner presented at a June ceremony in Madison for families of 30 Soldiers deployed from the Reserve’s 108th Division (Institutional Training). The local chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army and the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition are hosting three additional Blue Star Service Banner ceremonies in October to honor the families of Soldiers from three deployed National Guard troops. The ceremonies give the community an opportunity to show its support to the families of deployed Soldiers.

of several family support activities planned by the local chapter of the Association of the

U.S. Army and the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition. The

ceremonies are scheduled for:

- Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. — Goose Pond Civic Center, Scottsboro, for the families of 180 deployed National Guard Soldiers from the 152nd Military Police Company.

- Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. — Lockheed Martin Drolet Towers, 4800 Bradford Drive, Cummings Research Park, Huntsville, for the families of 175 Soldiers deployed with the 128th Military Police Company.

- Saturday, Oct. 28, 1 p.m. — 1169th Armory, Green Cove Road, Huntsville, for the families of 75 Soldiers deployed with the 1169th Engineer Group.

The Huntsville community is invited to attend the ceremonies.

“This is a chance for us to show these families that we care,” Carney said. “This is a chance for the community to show they are behind these families. The families of these Soldiers need all the support they can get.”

Blue Star Service Banner ceremonies, which often include

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An open lane random survey

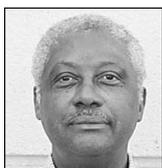
How can civilians best support the military?

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Amy Brown
badge checker at building 5303
"Giving time and money maybe to their families."

Charles Smith
contract specialist
"Make sure that they get all the equipment that's needed on the front. Make sure that the cost is fair and reasonable and that the delivery is on time."



Pvt. Joshua Hartmann
Bravo Company
"Keep doing the good job they're doing at training us. We get trained by civilians every day."

1st Sgt. Stanley Parker
Bravo Company
"The best way for civilians to support the military would be to be understanding of the job that the military has to do on a day-to-day basis and not judge from a distance. The perception of the war going on in Iraq and Afghanistan is that we're not doing what we should be doing, when we're doing exactly what we should be doing. And the media only covers the negative. And that gives the military a bad perspective of civilians in general. I just think they need to be more supportive on a day-to-day basis."



Stand up to prevent domestic abuse

Every October, we in the Redstone community join in the Army's Domestic Violence Prevention Month campaign. This effort is one of my command programs. In our own community, we see this campaign as a year-round commitment. The Army policy is to prevent domestic abuse, including domestic violence, in all its forms, and to intervene and provide protection to victims.

Every member of this community needs to know the official definitions of domestic abuse and domestic violence:

- Domestic abuse is (1) domestic violence or (2) a pattern of behavior resulting in emotional/psychological abuse, economic control, and/or interference with personal liberty that is directed toward a person of the opposite sex who is: (a) a current or former spouse; (b) a person with

whom the abuser shares a child in common; or (c) a current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile.

- Domestic violence is an offense under the United States Code, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or state law that involves the use, attempted use, or threatened use of force or violence against a person of the opposite sex, or a violation of a lawful order issued for the protection of a person of the opposite sex, who is (a) a current or former spouse; (b) a person with whom the abuser shares a child in common; or (c) a current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile.

- Domestic abuse is the umbrella definition, describing acts that are

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Backed up at Redstone gate

I travel in on Redstone Road daily at 5:30 a.m., and again this morning the guards can't seem to open the gates at 5:30. It was nearly 5:45 when they did so and one morning earlier this year it was even closer to 6, and cars were backed up to English Village entrance. And then when it does open, I have noticed that they sometimes only open one lane and that further causes backups.

Name withheld by request

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

Directorate of Emergency Services personnel, police and security, pride themselves on being at the right place at the right time. This extends to ensuring that all Access Control Points are opened on time. During peak hour traffic onto the installation, 5:30-9 a.m., Gate 3 should have three lanes in operation, one lane (closest to the Guard Shack) to process visitors and the remaining two lanes to regular through traffic. Please call the DES Police Desk, 876-2222, to report ACPs that are not opened on time."

First aid instructor responds

As a CPR/first aid instructor, I felt compelled to comment on the article about the man who suffered what sounds like a Grand Mal seizure. It is a common misconception that a person experiencing a seizure will swallow their tongue. It is actually physically impossible to do so. I applaud the efforts of Mr. Chambers' co-workers, but some of the information in the article was misleading. No objects (including Popsicle sticks) should ever be put in

a person's mouth that is suffering from a seizure as it can damage the teeth, gums or jaw. The object could also break and be swallowed, which could result in a breathing emergency. While the tongue can't be swallowed, it can loll back into the airway cutting off the oxygen supply. In this case, the rescuer should roll the victim on his or her side to get the tongue out of the airway.

Name withheld by request

Poem: 'When I grow up'

When I grow up I want to be Superman.
Mommy, I want to save the world.
You will always be Superman to me my son.
You've rescued my heart with a whirl.

When I grow up I will change things, mama.
I'll make this world a better place.
My world you have changed my son.
The moment I first saw your face.

When I grow up I will take care of you, mama.
No sorrow or fear you will feel.
I'll protect and keep you safe forever.
I will make my promises real.

As I grew up the Superman dream
Gradually began to fade.
And I realized that to save the world
I must leave my home someday.

To change the world I must go, mama.
I will make our home a better place.
And each and every morning
I will envision your loving face.
I'm a man now, mama.
I have to leave now and fight.
But I will hold onto our love eternally.
I know in my heart this is right.

I'm leaving to take care of you now, mama.
Love and honor you will feel.
For sleep in peace tonight, mama.
Knowing your son's promise is real.

Even though we will be parted
For just a little while
Each day I will be counting
Until once more I see you smile.

As I fight for our freedom
With my brothers in our convoy
I will love you forever and
Will always be your little boy.

Samantha Tomlin

Quote of the week

'Golf appeals to the idiot in us and the child. Just how childlike golf players become is proven by their frequent inability to count past five.'

— John Updike

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Getting to know you

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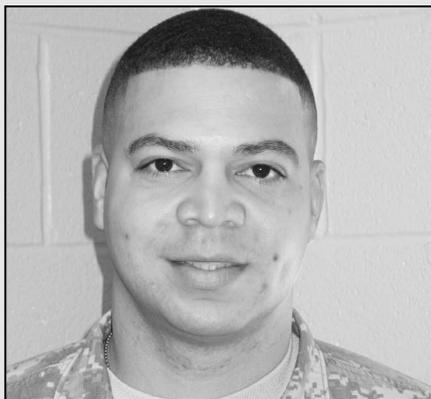
Where do you call home?
Montgomery

What do you like about your job?

I like to meet new Soldiers. Helping them transition into the military. Helping new Soldiers transition into the military.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to go to the (Alabama) A&M football games. Just a current student right now, so I'm working on my master's in leadership through Webster University (online).



What are your goals?

My goal is to be a future company commander.

What's your favorite type of music?
R&B

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Sept. 29: An individual was arrested by Redstone Police Department and released to Huntsville Police

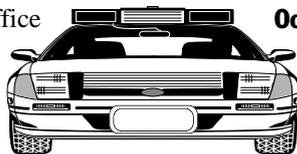
Department on a misdemeanor warrant. The warrant was issued by Huntsville Police Department; the subject was then transported to Huntsville Metro Jail.

Sept. 29: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after he stopped and said he was lost at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Oct. 1: An individual was arrested by Redstone Police Department for an outstanding warrant, when police checked on a suspicious person at Gate 8. The subject was released to Huntsville Police Department.

Oct. 2: An individual surrendered after learning of a warrant from Virginia. The subject was transported to Huntsville Metro Jail, awaiting extradition to Virginia.

Oct. 3: An individual was arrested on a warrant from Mississippi at Gate 8. The subject was transported to Huntsville Metro Jail, awaiting extradition to Mississippi.



Oct. 3: An individual stopped at Gate 9, stating they were lost. When they showed an expired driver's license, a check was run, and a warrant from Marshall County was found. During the arrest, two

packets of crystal Meth and \$7,476 in cash were found. The subject was processed by Redstone police and released to a Marshall County deputy. Investigation continues by the local CID and FBI offices.

Oct. 3: An individual was found to be operating their motor vehicle with a suspended license, after stopping at Gate 8, stating they were lost. The subject was issued a violation notice and released.

Oct. 3: An individual was stopped for speeding on Goss Road; and during a routine check, it was discovered that they were driving with a suspended license. The subject was issued two violation notices and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 8 speeding, 3 failure to obey traffic control device, 4 driving with a revoked/suspended driver's license, 1 possession of marijuana, 1 expired driver's license, 1 improper backing.

Reservists' town hall scheduled Friday

A Reserve Soldiers' town hall meeting will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. Friday at Bob Jones Auditorium on behalf of the Garrison.

All Soldiers currently on active duty orders — mobilized, TTAD and EAD, etc. — are encouraged to attend to receive updated information concerning entitlements, benefits and other essential

information.

All Reserve personnel are asked to provide a current set of orders bringing them on active duty to ensure their records jacket is updated in a timely manner during sign in.

Please make arrangements to clear schedules and be in attendance. (*Garrison release*)

Flu shots available to servicemembers

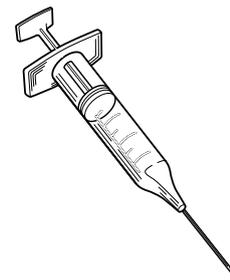
Fox Army Health Center will provide flu vaccinations at Heiser Hall on Friday as follows:

- 832nd Ordnance Battalion (individual entry training Soldiers), from 5:30-7 a.m.; and Marine Detachment/all other active duty at Redstone, from 7-10 a.m.

Heiser Hall, formerly the post theater, is building 3712

on Patton Road next to the Recreation Center, across from the new bowling center.

More dates will be published when enough vaccine for non-active duty personnel is received. Enough vaccine has been ordered to vaccinate the entire eligible Redstone population. (*Fox Army Health Center release*)



Fire prevention advice offered

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8-14.

Fires and burns continue to be a major cause of unintentional injury death at home. Particularly at risk are the very young and the very old.

Follow these safety tips for smoke detectors to help protect yourself and your family:

- One smoke detector is definitely not enough. Every home should be equipped

with smoke detectors on every level, particularly outside of sleeping areas.

- Ensure that your smoke detectors are tested monthly and batteries are replaced twice a year. Change batteries when you change your clocks.

- Encourage children to help test the smoke detectors. Familiarize them with the sounds of the alarms. (*Garrison Safety release*)

Unmanned aircraft systems ready to join fight

UAS-equipped company in combat division

By **TARAH HOLLINGSWORTH**
For the Rocket

Like our forefathers, nine Soldiers headed out west to become pioneers in unknown territory. They were part of the Army's first company of Unmanned Aircraft Systems to be fielded in the division's Combat Aviation Brigade.

The first company to initially be based out of Fort Hood, Texas, stood up Sept. 22 in California. In addition to forming the first UAS company, these nine Soldiers are the first to be trained on the Warrior Alpha UAS, the first version of the Extended Range/Multi-Purpose Warrior manufactured by General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc.

"The Warrior A system is the second spiral in a planned series, leading up to the fielding of the Army's MQ-12 Warrior Program of Record," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Gabbert, Warrior A product manager. "The Army will field one company of Warriors to each of its 10 divisions."



Photo by Tarah Hollingsworth

ROLLOUT— Warrior A Air Vehicle 102 rolls out on the runway during sunrise in California for its first flight.

Two more classes will graduate within the next few months to bring the new UAS company's total to 31. The most recent class lasted for seven weeks. The

training was intense with little room for mistakes. The backgrounds of the Soldiers range from UAS to manned aviation experience, which allowed the accelerated program to be effective.

"This system is light years beyond the other systems. I don't know why the Army didn't do this sooner," said Sgt. Christopher Garrett, a Shadow instructor at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The significant difference between the Warrior A and the other Army unmanned aircrafts is its endurance, range and reliability. The Warrior A can stay in the air for approximately 30 hours. It can operate by satellite communications meaning it can go beyond "line-of-sight" and remain in contact with the operator, a first for the Army. This is especially useful in rugged terrain and when the range of the mission is unknown.

It is also more reliable than any other system because it has backup systems that help prevent accidents. "You trust that it will work," said one Soldier referring to the backup systems that have been implemented on the system.

The Warrior A UAS Air Vehicle 102, the second of its kind, rolled down the



Photo by Tarah Hollingsworth

TOP GRADUATE— The UAS Warrior A Company honor graduate, Sgt. 1st Class Brady Warren, right, receives a framed photo and coin from John Talley, the training leader, on behalf of the UAS Project Office for his hard work.

runway just after sunrise in California for its first flight with its new company Sept. 21. It stayed in the air for approximately 45 minutes, flying as if it had been flying for years. The much anticipated Warrior system was approved by the Army in late 2005. True pioneers in aviation, the new UAS Company will go to Operation Iraqi Freedom with its new Warrior A UAS within the next month.



Courtesy photo

Shadow knows

The Shadow Unmanned Aircraft System is among several UASs that participated in the Counter-Rocket and Mortar demonstration in Arizona. The primary goal was a system demonstration to conduct aerial reconnaissance in support of the Brigade Defense Operation Center and On-Order transition to target acquisition and battle damage assessment.



Photo by Jack McIntyre

Facility tour

Lt. Col. Dave O'Connell, deputy program manager of the Prototype Integration Facility, discusses current projects with Kathryn Condon, executive deputy to the commanding general of Army Materiel Command, during her visit Sept. 26.

Retiree gets chance at 'final answer'

Local contestant wins
on national television

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Trivia information may seem insignificant to some, but for one retired Redstone employee it was the key to \$100,000.

"I know a lot of useless stuff, but I never envisioned all of this happening," said John Vile, former assistant product manager for AH-1 Cobra Helicopter.

Vile got the opportunity of a lifetime to sit in America's infamous hot seat on the nationally televised game show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." Vile, of Lacey's Spring, walked away with his winnings in the Sept. 29 episode of the game.

"Redstone is a big reason I was on the show," said Vile, who retired April 1.

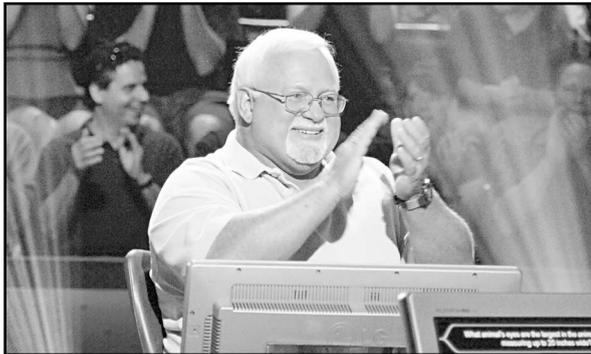


Photo courtesy of Valleycrest Productions

HOT SEAT— John Vile, former Cobra assistant product manager, appears on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" Sept. 29.

"The show doesn't pay any expenses so my VSIP (Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay) gave me the extra cash to go to New York City."

Vile's wife Pam, also a retiree from Redstone, sent an e-mail to the show's

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Do you think you could be a millionaire?

Take this test
to find out

Here are the questions that John Vile correctly answered until the \$250,000 query, when he decided to walk with the money. Keep in mind that you have three life lines: Ask the Audience, 50-50, Phone a Friend and, after correctly guessing the answer to the \$25,000 question, the additional lifeline: Switch the Question.

1. \$100 — "Most medical schools require incoming students to have taken which of these subjects? A) Economics, B) Biology, C) Poetry, D) Advanced scribbling."

2. \$200 — "Which of these U.S. cities is served by an international airport boasting more than 1,000 slot machines? A) Chicago, B) Atlanta, C) Las Vegas, D) Boston."

3. \$300 — "A person who talks a lot without getting to the point is said to 'beat around the' what? A) Bush, B) Shed, C) Well, D) Stump."

4. \$500 — "The chorus of the song 'Home on the Range' mentions what pair of playful animals? A) Coyote and wolf, B) Deer and antelope, C) Gopher and mole, D) Raccoon and beaver."

5. \$1,000 — "In 2005, what TV network aired its final 'Monday Night Football' game, ending a 36-year run? A) CBS, B) NBC, C) FOX, D) ABC."

6. \$2,000 — "Because direct exposure to light will decompose it, what household chemical is commonly sold in brown plastic bottles? A) Rubbing alcohol, B) Nail polish remover, C) Hydrogen peroxide, D) Ammonia."

7. \$4,000 — "Featuring former Vice President Al Gore, the 2006 documen-

tary 'An Inconvenient Truth' tackles what heavily debated issue? A) Global warming, B) Sex education, C) Immigration, D) Stem cell research."

8. \$8,000 — "In 1988, midwesterners Mark Badgley and James Mischka joined forces to become famous names in what industry? A) Interior design, B) Fashion, C) Cosmetics, D) Advertising."

9. \$16,000 — "What tiny country, which claims to be the oldest republic in Europe, is entirely surrounded by Italy? A) Liechtenstein, B) San Marino, C) Monaco, D) Luxembourg."

10. \$25,000 — "With its acronym fully spelled out, which of these frequently used terms does not use the same word twice? A) ATM machine, B) IRA account, C) NASA astronaut, D) PIN number."

11. \$50,000 — "John Lennon's first wife, who penned the 2005 memoir 'John' about her life with the former Beatle, has what first name? A) Kristin, B) Cynthia, C) Diane, D) Patricia."

12. \$100,000 — "Which of these McDonald's menu items was not introduced in the 1990s? A) McDLT, B) Arch Deluxe, C) Fajita Chicken Salad, D) McLean Deluxe."

13. NEW \$100,000 Question — "What animal's eyes are the largest in the animal kingdom, measuring up to 20 inches wide? A) Giant squid, B) Komodo dragon, C) Blue whale, D) African elephant."

14. \$250,000 — "The first Miss Universe, crowned in 1952, was a woman from what country? A) France, B) Thailand, C) Brazil, D) Finland."

Answers: 1) B, 2) C, 3) A, 4) B, 5) D, 6) C, 7) A, 8) B, 9) B, 10) C, 11) B, 12) A, 13) A, 14) D.

Contestant

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web site and he was approved for an audition on June 13 or 14.

"I really didn't want to go because it is a lot of money, but I thought, 'hey it's a vacation,'" Vile said. He also found it as an opportunity to spend time with his brother in New Jersey who had recently suffered the loss of a son.

After a few days of sightseeing, Vile went to ABC studio's cafeteria to take the test with approximately 100 others. He likened the test to the SAT because of its Scantron format. After 10 minutes, Vile submitted his answers to the 30 questions for grading.

Vile was among 20 individuals who passed and proceeded to the next phase of the process. After getting his photo taken, he was interviewed by an associate producer.

Wearing his Cobra shirt, Vile believes it was his former job that got him on the show. "I told her I was a used helicopter salesman for the Army; she had never heard that before so I believe that caught her attention," he said.

After a second interview with another associate producer, Vile finished up his trip to NYC and headed back to Alabama to wait for a yea or nay from the show.

"For whatever reason, I got the phone call 15 days later saying 'you're in,'" said Vile, explaining that the typical progression is to get a postcard weeks later. He also noted that when he got the call at the end of June that he was asked to appear on the show less than a month later; some contestants have waited up to a year to get on the show.

Before the offer of the show, Vile and his wife had planned on spending July at a golf community in Florida where his sister lives and where they were considering moving. Vile decided to cut his vacation short to take a chance at the million.

"Once I knew I was going, I would watch the show twice a day (one was a rerun) while in Florida to develop a strategy," he said.

As a part of the show, Vile picked five 'phone a friends' to help answer a question if he got in a bind. One of Vile's 'phone a friends' was John Guenther, Scout Attack deputy product manager and Vile's former supervisor.

"When John called and asked me if I would be one of his 'phone a friends' for

the Millionaire show, I said yes without hesitation," Guenther said. "I was glad that John had the opportunity to compete on the show and that he was able to do well. He certainly represented Alabama, as well as U.S. Army Aviation, admirably. I'm proud to call him a friend and to have been there, had he needed me."

On July 25, Vile and his wife flew out of Orlando to New York for the show. The next day, John arrived at the studio at 6 a.m. where he met 12 other contestants. To preserve the integrity of the show, Vile said the contestants did not know when it would be their turn and he watched eight others go before him.

"I sat in the wings while others came and went," Vile said. "It didn't lessen my nerves, but I got experience watching others play."

When it was finally his turn, Vile said he was numb. In retrospect he has trouble even remembering the first few questions; it is only the ones he struggled with that he can think about.

As for sitting across from the host, Meredith Vieira, Vile said she kept him at ease. "I prayed for focus of mind and the ability to concentrate because it's easy to get awestruck," Vile said.

Though he didn't remember until his episode aired, Vile had no qualms about talking with Meredith. "I told a story about how my wife bought me a brand new bathing suit for a trip. We went to the hot tub and when I stood up it was like a white T-shirt contest — you could see through them, but luckily the big convention at our hotel was for blind people."

Vile said that Meredith was so quick witted that on his next questions she made a crack about white shorts like they were old friends.

"I have family up and down the East Coast, so as the show aired I kept getting phone calls from them saying 'did you two know each other?'" Vile said. "She is a genuinely warm person."

Vile made it to the \$250,000 question, using all of his life lines before he decided to walk with the \$100,000. As for his future, his winnings will help pay for his new home in the Sunshine State.

Even with his recent local fame for his appearance on television, Vile said it is his work on the divestiture of the Cobra helicopters that make him proud.

"The final one (Cobra) went to the Smithsonian," he said. "Something I worked on is preserved and will forever show what a great instrument the Cobra aircraft was."

Command's chief of staff settles into community

*Newcomer hails
from Philadelphia*

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The new chief of staff for AMCOM says he's glad to be here, but he misses one staple from his Philadelphia, Pa., roots.

"I'm still looking for a place that serves real Philly cheesesteaks outside of Philly," Col. Tom Newman said laughing. "Hadn't found it yet, been all over the world."

Newman arrived in September after a year as deputy chief of staff at headquarters Army Materiel Command at Fort Belvoir, Va. He was deputy to Lt. Gen. Bill Mortensen, who also serves as AMC's deputy commanding general, which means Newman handled the daily duties of chief of staff.

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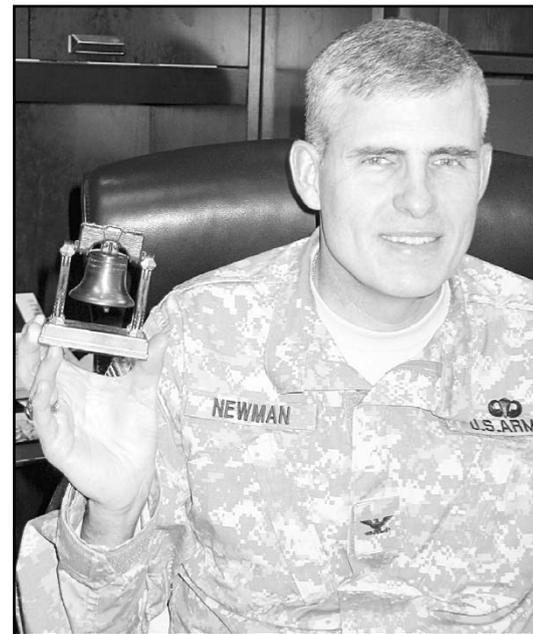


Photo by Skip Vaughn

NEW HOME— Col. Tom Newman shows a miniature Liberty Bell memento from his Philadelphia, Pa., hometown.

Units add 21 Soldiers in month

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

- Col. Thomas Newman, Aviation and Missile Command; Capt. Jeremy Brunet, Program Executive Office for Aviation; Chief Warrant Officer Alan Kyle, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Vickie Vachon, Logistics Support Activity; Lt. Col. Bennie Simmons, PEO C3T Panama City; Lt. Col. Alan Statham, Ground-based Missile Defense; Lt. Col. Kina Swayney, Space and Missile Defense Command; Maj. Yolanda Frazier, PEO STRI Orlando; Maj. Charles Howald,

Theater High Altitude Area Defense; Maj. Alex Robinson, SMDC;

- Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Anzo, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Bryant Burdell, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Sgt. 1st Class Damon Clifton, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Warnie Stokes, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. Anthony Matthews, HHC 59th; Sgt. Joseph Zustra Jr., Garrison; Staff Sgt. Michael Alexander, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Staff Sgt. Matthew Hurt Jr., HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Demeta Levatte, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Staff Sgt. Marcus Lockett, Headquarters & Alpha Company; and Staff Sgt. William Thompson Jr., HHC 59th.



Photo by Kim Willingham

Future leaders

Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon, program executive officer for missiles and spaces, addresses Senior Service College Fellowship students at the Defense Acquisition University in Research Park. He stressed the importance of leadership and how important it is for future leaders to take initiative in both their personal and professional lives.

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He succeeded Col. Bob English as the Aviation and Missile Command chief of staff. English is retiring with nearly 30 years service; and the retirement ceremony is Nov. 3.

"I'm very excited about taking over and I'm very happy to be here," Newman said. "This is a great command, doing an important mission for the Army. And it's a great community. So I'm thrilled being a part of it all."

His goal as chief of staff is "just to assist everybody, from the commanding general down through the staff, in performing their jobs," he said. "There are a lot of people doing an important job very well. My role as the chief is to just help facilitate communication across the staff, facilitate communication through the program executive offices and command, and through higher headquarters and the staff, and to help support the depots and other reporting activities."

Newman, 49, is a Quartermaster officer, a logistician, with 27 years service. He served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990-91 with the 1st Cavalry Division

out of Fort Hood, Texas.

He graduated from Drexel University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and was commissioned through ROTC. He attended school at night and earned a master's in business administration from Chapman College in 1988.

Married 26 years, he and his wife, Yong Sun, who goes by "Sunny," have three sons. Their oldest, Tony, 25, is a first lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. Their middle son, Paul Newman – "not the actor, the other one," Newman quipped – is 23 and married to a Navy officer. "So, he's going to be a military dependent in Japan, which is interesting," Newman added. Their youngest, Matt, 21, is a member of the Newman household in Huntsville.

Newman likes riding a bicycle, reading and running; and he hopes to resume a past pursuit of playing tennis.

Before his assignment here, his only visit to Redstone was when he attended a conference in October 2003.

"I like the weather. I like the cities, Huntsville and Madison," he said. "I like the absence of traffic compared to D.C. People are very friendly, helpful."

Now, if he could just find a good Philly cheesesteak.

From China to America with love

Family adopts toddler despite challenges

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When Capt. Jim Sword and his wife, Valerie, began searching for an adoptable child from a foreign country they thought they would add a little girl to their family.

But, things changed when they saw the picture of a little 2-year-old Chinese boy known as Shenying.

A picture of the toddler's sweet face was among those on China's special needs waiting list, a list of hard-to-adopt children who suffer from a birth defect or disability. In Shenying's case, his ears are deformed, it was reported that he was deaf and there were "suspicious developmental delays."

As their search continued, the Swords kept coming back to Shenying's picture.

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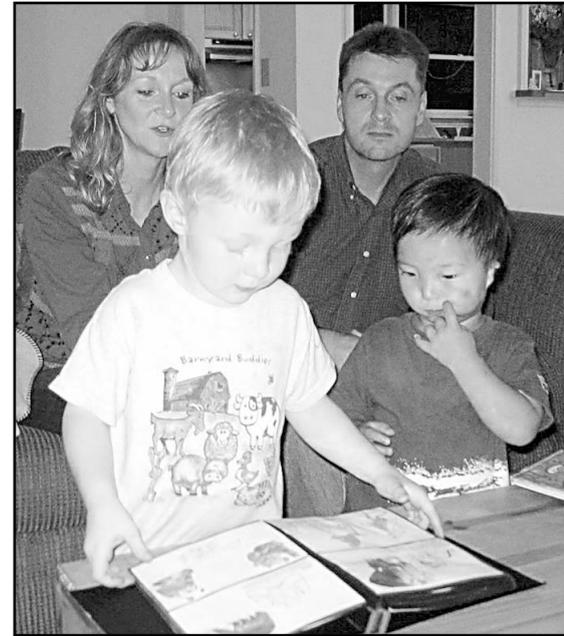


Photo by Kari Hawkins

FAMILY PORTRAIT— Sterling and Pierce Sword look through a book put together by Valerie Sword to introduce Pierce to his new family and everyday life in America. Each picture includes words in English, Chinese and sign language. Jim Sword took the book with him to China when he went on a 15-day mission to adopt Pierce, whose Chinese name is Shenying.

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They talked about the difficulties bringing Shenying into their family. His deformity and deafness would create challenges both at home and, later, when he went to school. He would have to go through medical testing and, possibly, surgeries to help correct his physical handicap. There would be insurance to deal with, doctors to consult, and hospitalizations and rehabilitation.

Yet, the Swords kept coming back to Shenying's picture.

And, then there were concerns about their own family situation. They already had a toddler boy. Could they cope with two boys in the household who were only a few months apart in age? Even if they got through the terrible twos, could they make it through the threes, fours and into the teenage years?

But, the Swords kept coming back to Shenying's picture.

The couple finally pushed their doubts aside and began an adoption process that brought their newest family member home to their Redstone Arsenal residence on June 15.

Even though they had a child of their own, the Swords began to seriously consider the possibilities of an international adoption after arriving at Redstone Arsenal in January 2005. They felt adoption was a way they could make a difference, a way they could share their blessings and love of family.

"I guess we always felt we could do something for somebody less fortunate than us," Valerie Sword said. "We wanted to help a child who would be better off if someone intervened in their life. We wanted to provide that intervention."

They found Shenying, whose American name is now Pierce, through Children's Hope International, an adoption agency they found and researched through the Internet.

"They have years of experience," Valerie Sword said. "They worked very hard for us. They knew what could be a problem and they worked hard to make sure that in the end there were no problems. When you adopt from another country, there are a lot of different bureaucracies that you have to go through. They were very good at knowing what was needed by which bureaucracy."

After more research through Children's Hope International, the Swords decided to adopt a child from China.

"The one thing about China is that adoptions have been going on there a long time now, so the process is fairly straightforward," said Jim Sword, who works in the Staff Judge Advocate office. "Some countries have abruptly cut off their adoption programs, leaving families who have gone through all the paperwork and not been able to complete the process."

The Swords were patient with the lengthy paperwork requirements. Every document had to be notarized, certified and authenticated with the Chinese consulate. There was also paperwork required on the Alabama side of the adoption.

Once the paperwork was done, the Swords were ready for the process to end in an adoption. Yet for various reasons, it

was taking longer than they expected to get a match.

"Usually, they just match you. They take your dossier and make the match. You don't get to pick your child from pictures," Jim Sword said.

In November 2005, the Swords asked to look at the list of children who were harder to place. In the case of these children, adopting parents can look at pictures and be involved in the matching process.

In Shenying's picture, the little boy had on a big winter suit, and was holding a Kermit the frog. As in many of the pictures they saw of Chinese children, firecrackers were placed around Shenying in an attempt to "dress up" the photograph. Shenying's picture stayed with the Swords.

"We just made that human connection with his picture," Valerie Sword said. "I don't know. We just kept going back to him."

They discussed the challenges they would face as the parents of a handicapped Chinese boy who was only five months younger than their own son, Sterling. But, that was something Valerie Sword felt comfortable in dealing with as a stay-at-home mom. Shenying was reported to be legally deaf and even slightly retarded with speech problems. But, Valerie Sword's experience as a social worker gave her insight into working with handicapped children. The couple didn't know how Sterling would react to the new family member. But, they had taught Sterling some sign language at a young age, and they felt his temperament along with the family's dynamics could be of benefit to Shenying.

So, Jim Sword made the trip to China to bring Shenying home. His 15-day stay began in Beijing, where paperwork was completed, and continued to Shenying's home in Nanchang. It ended in Gungzho where Sword visited the U.S. embassy for passports.

"I got Pierce on the third day I was there," Jim Sword said. "There was no transition. I went into a big room with other parents where there were a bunch of children and I was told 'There's your kid.'"

Even at the age of 2, Pierce had been in the care of so many different people that he wasn't afraid of going away with Jim Sword. He gladly took his new father's hand and unknowingly stepped into a new life full of opportunities and possibilities.

"He'd never had a family, so he never met a stranger," Jim Sword said. "Because he was shipped around so much he would go with any stranger. He would just grab anyone's hand. He's gotten better. Now, he'll at least look for us."

Jim Sword and Pierce spent their days in China going to parks. At first, Pierce wanted to be held all the time, but Jim Sword encouraged him to walk on his own during their outings.

"He just didn't walk much," he said. "But, I knew I had to change that because I couldn't take him to the airport and have him lying on the ground crying while I'm trying to take care of our luggage. I think a lot of Pierce's problems were because the people who cared for him didn't expect anything from him. He spent most of his days being held and he didn't play very much."

Pierce will grow up in America in a family that won't label him because of his handicap. Rather, they will encourage him and get him the medical and developmental attention he needs.

"We will expect him to do the same things as any other 2-year-old as long as he is capable," Valerie Sword said. "My hope is that Pierce will be happy and that he will have friends. My hopes are the hopes of any mother for their child. We want to love and care for him. We want to teach him. And, we want to give him expectations that he can live up to."

Pierce's good nature has made him an easy fit with the Sword family.

"We were worried about Sterling because he was an only child," Valerie Sword said. "But, he probably adapted the best. Sterling will sign for Pierce. And, Pierce will copy Sterling, so it has helped Pierce learn sign language."

Of course, Sterling has had to learn to share his toys. But, that adjustment hasn't been too bad because, at first, Pierce didn't even know how to play with toys.

The Swords were also worried that Pierce's hearing problems may have stunted his mental development. But, in just a few months, Pierce has learned between 40 and 50 signs.

"He's made a lot of progress," Valerie Sword said. "He is really independent. He helps to dress himself. He knows the routine pretty well. He's got great adaptive skills. Or course, it would be easier if he could hear."

The Swords hope to change that. There are plans to look into medical treatments and hearing aides that can help develop Pierce's hearing ability. The Swords believe he does have some audi-

tory nerves because he can hear loud noises.

"His medical records are all in Chinese and they aren't very thorough," Valerie Sword said. "It's hard to track where he's been. He was dropped off when he was a couple days old and he probably spent time in an orphanage before he was put in the care" of an elderly lady.

It will be a few months before the Swords look into medical options for Pierce. Until then, the spry little boy will spend his time getting to know his new family, and playing with his new brother, the family dog Nola and a house full of toys. He will learn about sports and how to play fair from his new dad, and about a mother's love from his new mom. He will visit local parks with his family.

On a recent evening, Pierce and Sterling played with toys and a wagon in their back yard. They then went inside to look through a book of pictures that Valerie Sword compiled and Jim Sword took with him to China to help introduce Pierce to his new life. Included in the book are pictures of his new family, favorite American foods, animals and pastimes, and other things that have to do with everyday life. Words in English, Chinese and sign accompany the pictures.

Pierce eagerly signed the words for mom, dad, Sterling, the family dog, happy and sad, pizza, banana, pig, cow and ice cream as he and Sterling flipped through the pages.

Then, as they tired of that activity, Jim Sword directed them outside. Down the street, the park was waiting for two brothers eager to resume their play.

Wildlife management like juggling act

Redstone biologist balances game and nongame animals

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David Nixon spends his work days seeking balance.

Whether it be leasing Redstone Arsenal's farm acreage, eradicating kudzu and bush honeysuckle in favor of more native browsing-type undergrowth or planting food plots for wildlife, Nixon's efforts work to ensure there is a good balance of wildlife – both game and nongame animals – on the Arsenal.

These days, Nixon, the Garrison wildlife biologist and agricultural program manager, is focused on the Arsenal's deer crop. Saturday, Oct. 14, begins bow and spear season for deer hunters throughout the state, running through Jan. 31. Gun season for deer hunters begins Saturday, Nov. 18, and extends through Jan. 7.

"Deer is our biggest focus simply because it's the big game animal in Alabama," Nixon said. "We manage it to keep the deer population down."

Hunters on Redstone Arsenal have enjoyed a bountiful harvest of deer each season.

This season will be no different. Nixon estimates there are between 2,400 and 3,000 deer roaming the Arsenal's forests and fields. That figure is based on spotlight counts and hunter harvest data.

"This should be a good year," Nixon said. "But, we are no where near the carrying capacity of what the Arsenal can handle in terms of deer population. As a military installation and with about 68,000 cars traveling on and off the Arsenal each day, we have to be concerned about deer vehicle strikes. For that reason, our deer population is about where it needs to be. With an increase in deer population, our number of vehicle strikes is higher."

From March to November 2005, there were 26 accidents on the Arsenal where deer struck vehicles. That number is significantly lower than in earlier years.

There are 37,910 acres on Redstone Arsenal. Of that, hunters have access to about 28,000 acres that are in the forestry and wildlife program managed by Nixon. Hunting programs are offered on Redstone Arsenal by Morale Welfare and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation, which oversees hunter licensing and registration, checks hunters in and out of hunting areas, and provides facilities for butchering game.

As in years past, Nixon's quest for balance during deer season involves the number of bucks and does killed on Redstone Arsenal. Nixon has set the maximum number of bucks that can be harvested during this year's hunting season at 90 with does at 300. If hunters reach 90 bucks, then deer season becomes strictly doe season.

"Last year, the quota was 100 bucks and hunters killed 89," Nixon said. "But, we didn't kill anywhere near our quota of does. If the hunters were killing the quota on does I would be tickled to death."

Whenever he gets a chance, Nixon



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST— David Nixon, the Garrison wildlife biologist and agricultural program manager, explains the benefits of planting food plots that provide high "browse" nutrition for deer and other wildlife. Nixon works to keep a balance of wildlife on the Arsenal so hunters can enjoy a good harvest during all the hunting seasons.

encourages hunters to hunt the doe on Redstone Arsenal.

"From a balance standpoint, our buck to doe ratio should be three to one," he said. "We would like to have it one to one, but that's never going to happen. Based on data, it's been as high as 8 to 1 and 13 to 1. When you have high ratios like that you delay the breeding season later into the year. You have fawns dropping in the September/October time frame when what you want is fawns to drop in the July/August time frame."

It is in the best interest for fawns to be born in mid-to-late summer.

"Fawns born within two weeks of hunting season are still very dependent on their mothers, so instead of killing one doe, a hunter is killing two," Nixon said. "We want the fawns to be able to make it on their own in case their mother gets shot. We can do that if they are born in the July/August time frame."

Nixon has to rely on hunters to help lower the ratios so fawns have a better chance of surviving.

"With the ratios where they are now, does are being bred. But, it's taking three months or better to get the job done," Nixon said. "That reflects two things – either the quality of the habitat is downgraded or there aren't enough bucks to service the does."

Redstone Arsenal has some of the best deer habitat in the state because of the programs Nixon uses to enhance the already rich acreage.

"So, our problem is we don't have suf-

ficient bucks for the does," he said. "We are encouraging doe hunting for that reason. We are asking hunters to kill does."

Of course, nabbing an antlered buck comes with a certain amount of prestige, making it difficult to convince hunters to hunt doe.

"The bragging rights go with a set of antlers," Nixon said. "When a hunter kills a deer, they want it to be a buck and preferably a buck of substantial size. And, we do have some pretty good antlered bucks running around on the Arsenal. We'll probably take between six and eight antlered bucks that I consider are in an age class and group that should be harvested."

But, once a hunter gets one antlered buck, Nixon doesn't understand the drive to nab even more. He would like to see hunters who already own a set of mounted antlers to focus on hunting the Arsenal's large doe population.

When a hunter kills a deer, Nixon meets them at Outdoor Recreation on Sportsman Drive to take the deer's measurements. He uses the jaw to age the deer, takes the antler measurements of bucks, weighs both bucks and does, and checks the does to see if they were lactating.

Throughout Redstone Arsenal, Nixon uses a combination of chemical applications and a burn program to encourage the growth of high quality "browse" that attracts wildlife and provides them with nutrition.

"We want to stimulate growth of high protein browse food for the deer, turkey,

quail, rabbits and other small mammals," Nixon said. "Deer really don't like grass. They aren't grazers. They are browsers who like honeysuckle, greenbrier and shrubs."

The food plots are a mixture of seed from three species of clover, oats and wheat.

"Deer are attracted to it in the winter months," Nixon said. "So are turkeys because of the insects. Deer will eat this high protein stuff when what they normally eat during the winter months has been depleted."

The food plots are a wildlife management tool, drawing deer and concentrating them for hunters.

"This is a legal way to bait deer," Nixon said. "Hunting is a form of wildlife management and the primary management tool for deer."

Editor's note: Hunters on Redstone Arsenal must have a Redstone Arsenal hunting permit. To get one, they first must have an Alabama state hunting license, a hunting education card from any state and a certificate from Redstone Arsenal's hunter safety orientation. Safety orientations are now being offered through MWR's Outdoor Recreation at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. The remaining orientations are scheduled for Oct. 19, and Nov. 2 and 16 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 876-4868 or 876-6854 or check out the MWR web site at www.redstonemwr.com. Alabama's hunting web site is outdooralabama.com.

Communications support contract awarded

Analytical Services Inc. has received a task order award from the Research Development and Engineering Center's Engineering Directorate. Awarded under AMCOM's Expedited Professional and Engineering Support Services contract, the total task order award includes performance options for up to five years.

ASI is teamed with the Russ Edwards Group to develop and deliver a range of strategic communications media and tools designed to promote stakeholder awareness and visibility for the engineering

directorate. These deliverables include web site development, graphic design, integrated video/DVD presentations, facilities, displays and pamphlets.

"The right communication tools are an essential element to a comprehensive communications program," ASI vice president of strategic services Cynthia Achorn said. "We are looking forward to helping their organization identify and develop the most effective tools for maximum results and stakeholder awareness." *(Analytical Services Inc. release)*



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Graduating class

The Integrated Materiel Management Center recognizes its fall 2006 graduating local interns Oct. 3. From left are IMMC executive director Ronnie Chronister, who presented certificates to supply interns Jennifer Lynch, Shaunonne Bonds, Brittany Walsh, Matt Delaplane and Angela Byrd.

Don't help thieves steal your identity

Suggestions identified to prevent ID theft

Protecting your I's — Identity and Information — will draw the focus next month during the AMCOM G-2 annual Security Awareness Week, beginning Monday, Nov. 6.

The question 'How can I protect myself?' will be answered with emphasis as well on protecting governmental information.

But until then here are some ways to protect yourself and your family from identity thieves considering the following dialogue.

'Honey, did you apply for a new credit card? I just got a bill for a credit card I don't recognize and it has an outstanding debt of \$10,000.'

Have you ever heard anything like this or are you afraid you will hear words similar to these? How many of you get e-mails about the different identity theft scams?

One employee just got one recently about the Jury Duty Scam and there have been recent reports about the dangers of people taking a picture of your information from your credit/debit

cards with their cameras on their cell phones.

Plus, many employees get phishing e-mails on their government computers. It is amazing how many different ways people are trying to steal our identities. Identity theft is a fast growing white collar crime that affects all of us. Whether or not you have been the actual victim of identity theft; we all pay for the results of identity theft. We all pay for the increase cost to credit card companies and to other businesses that lose money from fraudulent purchases and the cost of cleaning up the trail after the identity thieves have gone on their spending spree.

Here is a cautionary tale of an AMCOM employee whose identity was stolen. In the mid-1990s, a purse was left hidden under the driver's seat in the family van, which was parked in a public parking area. All doors to the van were locked by remote control. When the employee returned to the van two hours later, the passenger side of the van had been unlocked, with no evidence of tampering, and the purse had been stolen. Nothing else in the van was stolen.

The employee immediately called the police and the credit



card company in order to close the card; there had been one credit card/debit card to the person's main account in the wallet in the purse. Four hours later, the police called and said the purse had been turned in. Someone had found the purse in the bushes near an ATM machine. The wallet was still in the purse, but cash had been taken, plus the checking/debit card.

Once the credit card company was notified, it took 24 hours to actually close the account on that card. In the meantime, that evening, the thief drove an hour north and went to a large mall, visiting seven main stores in the mall and purchased numerous items in each store. The account was complete-

ly drained of all funds, overdraft was exhausted, plus additional large amounts/purchases were placed on the card, above the card's limits.

The thief then went to a local chain restaurant and ordered a \$300 meal, presumably feeding

the entire family. None of the stores or the restaurant requested identification to verify the credit card. Even though the account was supposedly closed right away, it took 24 hours to go into effect, thereby allowing the thief to spend all funds and more in the account.

Also, the bank conducted an investigation — which takes time — and they did not restore the lost funds until almost two months later. Because of this delay, it took about four months to get the account straightened out.

Bottom line: Never leave a purse or wallet unsecured when outside the home. Always keep the purse or wallet on you, and positioned so that a thief cannot

“grab and run” with it.

Shred or tear up any credit card applications, and cut up the cards that come in them.

Watch your credit/debit card whenever you are out shopping. Look at when it is returned to verify that it is yours.

If the clerk or cashier has to use the old carbon forms, ask for the carbons or watch them get torn up or destroyed. If someone calls for any reason and at any point asks for your Social Security number or credit card, ask them for a contact number to call back to verify that they are working for a legitimate company.

If you are going to purchase something over the Internet, make sure you are using a secure and trusted site for making payments. When making purchases or getting money out, block the area with the key pad when entering your PIN.

Put “See ID” in the signature block on the back of your credit or debit cards, and have your ID ready to show the clerk.

Keep your wallet or purse with you at all times when away from your home.

Lock your doors and make sure you have deadbolts for your house doors. (G-2 release)



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Organization picnic

Rick Gray waits in the lunch line at the Integrated Materiel Management Center's picnic held Thursday at the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area. Working the ticket table are Jaclyn Tippie, center, and Samantha Smith.



Courtesy photo

Rocketry for kids

Ray Cole, vice president of the Huntsville Area Rocketry Association, speaks at School Age Services on Sept. 15. His topic was "Experience a New Hobby in Rocketry." About 45 people attended.

■ Domestic violence prevention month observed

Abuse

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both criminal (part one of the definition) and non-criminal (part two of the definition) in nature.

- Domestic violence focuses on acts that qualify as offenses or crimes.

I expect everyone — every day — to Stand Up to Prevent Domestic Abuse.

Within relationships, prevention is based on love, respect and trust.

Within the Army community, prevention starts with intensive public awareness, coordinated community education, and effective military and civilian partnerships. As individuals, Soldier or family member, prevention starts with modeling correct behavior, demonstrating leadership support, and using the system to assure protection of victims and hold offenders accountable. Any domestic abuse should be reported.

In the Redstone Arsenal community the Army Family Advocacy Program is charged with this prevention mission. Contact the FAP at 876-5397 to help you Stand Up. Anyone in our community can also use the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury
commander, AMCOM
and Redstone

Star

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Soldier videos, patriotic music and community representatives pledging support for Soldier families, recognize the sacrifices families make by presenting them with a red, white and blue banner adorned with one or more blue stars at its center. Each blue star represents a deployed Soldier.

The heart of the ceremonies, though, is the families themselves.

"It's an emotional event," said Emily Vandiver, president of AUSA's local chapter. "But, it's also a very inspiring event because you see the strength of the families and the pride they have in their Soldiers."

Because of the large number of Soldiers deployed from the North Alabama area, Joe Fitzgerald, coalition president, said community support is more vital than ever.

"This is the most Soldiers from the North Alabama area, specifically, that have ever been deployed in recent times," he said. "There are probably 1,000 Soldiers from this area deployed, either active duty or through the Reserves or National Guard. The war has fallen more and more every day on the shoulders of the citizen Soldier who has a civilian job one day and is a Soldier the next. It's very important for us to show our appreciation to them and their families."

One "citizen Soldier" who was determined to make it through physical rehabilitation so that he could be deployed with his unit is Sgt. 1st Class Ralph Wayne "John Wayne" Hunter Jr., of the 1169th. He was injured in an explosion during a training exercise at the Anniston Depot in March and underwent surgery to remove shrapnel from his knee. But the Soldier, who has been in the Guard for 22 years, was determined to deploy with his unit.

"It's ironic that I helped him to get better so he could go to Iraq," said Hunter's wife, Julie. "I told him 'This is crazy. But, I love you so much that I will help you do what you want to do.' That's the caliber of the person I married. He is a wonderful blessing, a gift from God ... I told him 'I support you 100 percent. Others might not understand. But, that doesn't matter. I understand and I'm the one who's married to you.'"

Even so, Hunter does know that the separation will create challenges for her as she manages a household with three children – ages 13, 9 and eight weeks – and her job in their hometown of Clanton.

"I'm new to the military way of life," said Hunter, who married her husband two years ago. "By the grace of God is how I've been able to do it up until now."

She has lots of support from family and friends – who tied bows on the trees in the Hunter's front yard to surprise the couple after the birth of their 8-week-old son – and she plans to bring a large contingent of family members to Huntsville for the 1169th's Blue Star Service Banner Ceremony. As the unit's Family Readiness Group coordinator, she is also encouraging other Soldier families to attend, no matter how far away they live from their unit's home base in Huntsville.

"It's just simply an honor to be able to be there at the ceremony and have that banner in the window," Hunter said. "Both of John Wayne's grandfathers served in World War II. He told me 'They had to fight for freedom. This is my war, and I have to go and fight for freedom.' And, we will be right there with him."

Besides community support, families of deployed Soldiers also often rely on their Family Readiness Group coordinator to steer them to resources and information. Cindy Floyd, the FRG coordinator for the 152nd, is planning several get-togethers for the families of the

unit's deployed Soldiers, and is in constant contact with them through e-mail, phone calls and a monthly newsletter.

Like the 1169th, Soldiers from the 152nd are spread throughout Alabama, with about 125 from the greater Scottsboro area. And, Floyd is determined to make sure all feel the support of the 152nd's FRG.

"We want to do things to help our families stand strong through this journey. We want to help and encourage each other," said Floyd, whose 18-year-old son Michael is the newest member of the 152nd. "If a wife sees a lot of reports about bad things in Iraq, she may have negative thoughts and need someone to talk to. If a Soldier's child is acting out, the parent who is here with the child may need some help handling the problem. Everyday life goes on whether the Soldier is here or away in a sandbox. We need to meet those needs of everyday life and pull each other through this."

Floyd will get a lot of help with her volunteer job from her husband, Pastor Kevin Floyd, who is a music minister at Calvary Baptist Church.

"We will pray for our Soldiers and families. We will listen and encourage our families. We will walk through this with them," she said.

Even though her son is deployed in a dangerous country, Floyd is comforted in knowing the National Guard has given him a sense of direction and purpose in his life. And, in its own way, that knowledge will help her through the deployment.

"My son truly believes in world peace. But, when the towers were hit, something in him just triggered," Floyd

recalled. "He told me 'If I stay in my little town with my kind of drive and attitude I will find trouble. I need to be accountable. I need to have a purpose. Let me find God in my own way ... I believe in my country. I believe in freedom. Those people in Iraq need to be set free, too. I feel it in my heart.' ... At his graduation from basic training, I saw a man with an absolute foundation and purpose."

Karen Owen, wife of 1st Lt. Jeff Owen, commander of the 128th, says the Blue Star Service Banner and its ceremony represent a lot to her and her family.

"It's an awesome project and tangible proof that the community respects what we're doing," she said. "This community doesn't see these deployments as ho-hum. People here appreciate every single solitary Soldier that goes to fight for freedom."

Other events planned for the families include a special place of honor in Huntsville's Veterans Day Parade, a holiday get-together known as "Operation Christmas Bear," a holiday event at Santa's Village and a spring picnic. In addition, Redstone Arsenal's Army Community Service organization works with groups and agencies to provide the families with any support needed during the deployment.

Editor's note: Besides Soldier families from the 152nd, 128th and 1169th, families of other deployed troops from any service branch can also be recognized at these ceremonies. To participate in one of the ceremonies, call David Carney at 217-6311.

Troop flag football rolling into view

*Headquarters & Alpha Company
beat Marines in last year's final*

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Are you ready for some (flag) football?

The troop flag football competition is ready to kick off, sports fans. The preseason tournament is scheduled to start Monday night, Oct. 16 at the field off Patton Road.

"It's double-elimination, so it'll take a little over a week," sports director Gaylene Wilson said. A coaches' meeting is planned at 5:30 on opening night followed by the first game at 6. About six teams were expected to compete.

Games during the preseason and season are planned for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at 6, 7 and 8. The season is expected to start about Oct. 30 followed by the postseason tournament.

Headquarters & Alpha beat the Marines 14-8 last Dec. 15 for the 2005 championship. The Gators finished

the year at 12-2. The Marines went 2-8 in the regular season but won 4-of-5 in the postseason tournament before falling in the final and finishing at 6-10.

"We're going to have as good a team as we can," Headquarters & Alpha sports coordinator Joshua Latham said. "We've got some highly-motivated (reclassification) students. We definitely want to retake the championship this year. When you've got the trophy, you don't want to relinquish it. I'm going to tell you we're very highly motivated this year."

The Gators are starting over after losing key players from last year's championship team. But they expect good things from newcomer Yancy Windham and returnee Reginald LeDay. "They're good quality players," Latham said of the pair.

The Marines should also be competitive again, with returnees like Marvin Fletcher. Marines coach Lee Burket had surgery on his right shoulder in August, so he's unsure whether he'll play quarterback.

"We have a real strong core of permanent personnel," Burket said. "We're trying to build the nucleus of our team around permanent personnel and supplement it with incoming students or students on hand."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

NUMBER ONE— Headquarters & Alpha players celebrate their 7-6 overtime win over MEDDAC last Dec. 12. They won the championship against the Marines three nights later.

Alabama, Auburn both picked to win

*Auburn over Florida,
Bama over Ole Miss*

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Skip's Picks went 148-41, 78 percent, for the first five weeks of the college football season. Here are my predictions this week:

- Florida at Auburn – **Auburn**
- Ole Miss at Alabama – **Bama**
- Colorado State at Air Force – **Colo. State**
- Stillman at Alabama A&M – **A&M**
- Ark.-Monticello at North Ala. – **UNA**
- Arizona at Stanford – **Arizona**
- Ariz. State at USC – **USC**
- Southeast Missouri State at Arkansas – **Ark.**
- Army at Connecticut – **Army**
- Baylor at Texas – **Texas**
- Boise State at New Mexico State – **Boise**
- Virginia Tech at Boston College – **Tech**
- California at Washington State – **Calif.**
- Temple at Clemson – **Clemson**
- Texas Tech at Colorado – **Texas Tech**
- Florida State at Duke – **FSU**
- Hawaii at Fresno State – **Fresno**
- Vanderbilt at Georgia – **Georgia**
- Houston at Southern Miss – **SM**
- Iowa at Indiana – **Iowa**
- Iowa State at Oklahoma – **Okla.**
- Okla. State at Kansas – **Kansas**
- Nebraska at Kan. State – **Nebraska**
- Kentucky at LSU – **LSU**
- Cincinnati at Louisville – **Louisville**
- Maryland at Virginia – **Maryland**
- Michigan at Penn State – **Michigan**
- Minnesota at Wisconsin – **Wis.**
- Jacksonville State at Miss. State – **MSU**
- Missouri at Texas A&M – **Missouri**
- Rutgers at Navy – **Rutgers**
- Wake Forest at N.C. State – **Wake**
- Purdue at Northwestern – **Purdue**
- Ohio State at Michigan State – **OSU**
- UCLA at Oregon – **Oregon**
- Oregon State at Washington – **Wash.**
- UAB at Rice – **Rice**
- Syracuse at West Virginia – **W.Va.**

New exercise equipment arrives at gyms

Weights expected by November

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Pagano Gym's popularity grew as soon as the word spread.

The gym replaced its workout stations with new hardware Sept. 6-8. Redstone

Fitness Center did the same last week.

"I think it's great," Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Heard of the Garrison said while lifting weights Oct. 4 at Pagano Gym. "Once I found out they have new equipment, I started coming over here. It's working out real well so far."

New dumbbells and weight plates are expected to arrive by November. Morale Welfare and Recreation spent about \$265,000 to replace the equipment at both Pagano Gym and Redstone Fitness Center.

Sports director Gaylene Wilson was told that the old equipment will be shipped to the troops in Afghanistan.

"We've really been busier (at Pagano), you can definitely tell the word is out," she said of the new equipment. "And we just encourage everybody to come take a look-see. I think we definitely can compete with any outside source."

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Evans Marbrey works out at Pagano about three times a week. He likes using the back extension machine for his lower back.

"This is good," he said after doing a set on the new machine. "It gives you a better stretch. I've got a bulging disc in the back, and this is better for it."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BACK ON TRACK— Retired Sgt. 1st Class Evans Marbrey does back extensions at Pagano Gym.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AMEN CORNER— Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Heard does preacher curls at Pagano Gym.

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Boating safety

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights from Oct. 12 through Nov. 22 at 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at Stillwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621 or cell phone 527-4475.

Halloween 5K/mile walk

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 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 registered. The fee includes the uniform. Volunteer coaches are always needed and greatly appreciated. A current Sports Physical must be on file at CYS CER or presented at time of registration. Confirmation of a Physical appointment from Fox Army Health Center at time of registration is also acceptable.

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.



Conferences & Meetings

Aviation summit

Corpus Christi Army Depot is hosting the fourth annual Luther Jones Aviation Summit Oct. 18-20 at the American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, Texas. The keynote speaker on Oct. 18 is Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of Army Materiel Command, with Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, scheduled to speak Oct. 20. The exhibit hall will feature an unmanned aerial vehicle static display. Detailed information, to include registration forms, agenda, and lodging information can be found at www.ccad.army.mil. Click on the fourth annual Luther Jones Aviation Summit block in the center of the web page to access information.

Bible studies

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

Toastmasters

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

Artillery defenders

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

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.

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.

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. Thursday 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. Saturday 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.

American legion

The Madison American Legion Post 229 will hold an open forum at its monthly meeting Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Madison Senior Center, next to Discovery Middle School on Hughes Road. Brad Jones, Crestwood Medical Center's chief executive officer, will have a presentation on the services provided by Crestwood Medical Center through the Tricare program to members of the active military, their families and veterans. He will also discuss "why a facility in the Madison area is desirable to meet growing needs," a prepared release said. The meeting is open to the public at large, as well as the active and retired military and veterans communities.

Active/retired employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Hospice Family Care's Ginny Crank and Marsha Farrell are the scheduled speakers. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

Technical symposium

The ACDM Technical Symposium is Nov. 1 at the Holiday Inn Research Park (Madison Square Mall). Invited are government and industry configuration and data managers,

software development professionals and practitioners, information technology professionals and practitioners, and project managers. Register online by Oct. 23 at www.acdm.org. Checks may be sent to the following address: ACDM Regional Symposium, c/o Cynthia Hauer, 481 Brenda Drive, Madison, AL 35758. Cost is \$100 per person, \$75 per person with three or more from the same organization. Checks or credit cards may be used to register. For more information, contact Cynthia Hauer hauercc@aol.com.

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.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

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

www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. The shop is accepting fall/winter items. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

Water cooler refills

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

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

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

Volunteer opportunities

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

Merit awards

Don't stop thinking about tomorrow in continuing your education for a brighter future. The Officer and Civilian Women's Club's Merit Award Program is here to energize you to be all you can be and aim high in pursuit of your education. Merit Award application forms will be available at all OCWC monthly luncheons, the Redstone Arsenal Education Center and Army Community Service. Applicants for OCWC Merit Awards must be a member, spouse or the dependent of a member in good standing as of Oct. 17, 2006 to be eligible. Merit Awards are based on the applicant's scholastic achievements, citizenship and desire to pursue higher education. Applicant categories include: one, High School/GED — Must be a graduating high school senior or have obtained a GED; two, College — Must be pursuing an undergraduate/graduate degree; and three, Member, Dependent or Spouse — Must be pursuing an undergraduate/graduate degree. Applicants must live within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. The deadline for OCWC Merit Award consideration is Feb. 3. Remember that previous winners may compete in succeeding years; however, they may only win once in each category. In addition, students receiving full scholarships (defined as a scholarship that covers tuition, books and related expenses) are not eligible to apply for a Merit Award. Applicants must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college or vocational school prior to April 13, 2007. For more information on the Merit Award Program, call K.C. Bertling 325-0490, or e-mail samnkc@knology.net.

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 or Cathy Tipton at crowell@umr.edu. Prospective students can learn more about UMR at 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 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.

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.

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 from 1-4 p.m. Sunday 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.

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 semester fall 2006 continues through today. Classes are Oct. 16 through Dec. 14. For more information, call 874-7431 or visit www.calhoun.edu.

Warrant officer recruitment

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team member from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will conduct briefings today and Thursday at Heiser Hall. Briefings are scheduled 1:30 p.m. today, and 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday. The team member will brief on qualifications and application procedures to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen

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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.

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.

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 located at <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc/>.

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.

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 Putcha 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 Thursday at 10 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

Health screenings

Fox Army Health Center announces the following schedule for community blood pressure and bone density screenings. Today from 9-11 a.m. at Redstone Fitness Center. Oct. 19 from 9-11 a.m. at the Commissary. Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Pagano Gym. Oct. 31 from 9-11 a.m. at the Commissary. Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Sparkman Fitness Center. Nov. 15 from 9-11 a.m. at the Commissary. Nov. 29 from 9-11 a.m. at the Wellness Center.

Dunking booth benefit

You're invited to "come dunk the boss" Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Sparkman Center parking lot in front of the cafeteria. All proceeds will go to Junior's House Inc., in care of the Combined Federal Campaign. Cost is \$5 for three balls. Hamburger or hot dog, chips and drink cost \$3. An extra hot-dog or hamburger is \$1.50; and an extra drink is \$1.

Book fair

The CYS Parent Advisory Council is sponsoring a book fair Oct. 17-19 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. "We have a great selection of books for young children and they make wonderful gifts - so start your holiday shopping early," a prepared release said. "All proceeds are returned to the teachers as books for the classrooms."

Disability awareness month

Team Redstone's Cultural Awareness Committee will hold a luncheon to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month on Oct. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The ticket price is \$10. This year's theme is "Americans with Disabilities: Ready for the Global Workforce." Featured speakers are commissioner Christine Griffin of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Becky Pillsbury, vice president of Still Serving

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Veterans. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon 876-8648.

Logistics awards luncheon

The 2006 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award luncheon/ceremony is Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Two awards will be presented: the Management/Executive Award to GS-13s and above (or military equivalents) and the Professional/Technical Award to GS-13s and below (or military equivalents). Tickets, which cost \$14.25, can be purchased through Oct. 30. For tickets call Kathy White 876-1757, Cindy Campbell 842-0848 or Jan Pickard 842-6625.

Respite providers

Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program is recruiting respite providers. This is emergency child care for special needs children in a time of urgent need. A home must be certified by the EFMP manager to qualify as a volunteer respite care home. If interested in this program, call EFMP manager Natalie Taylor 876-5397. The next training/certification is Oct. 30 from 9-11 a.m. at ACS, building 3338.

Quarterly retirements

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is scheduled Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are encouraged to participate. If you would like to participate, call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969. Deadline for signing up is Nov. 30. Subsequent retirement ceremonies are March 22 and June 21.

Comedy night

The Officers and Civilians Club is bringing three acts for the third Comedy Night on Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$12 at the door. For more information, call 830-2582.

Right arm night

Right Arm Night is coming to the Officers and Civilians Club on Friday at 5 p.m. The theme is 1920s Chicago "Speak Easy" Night. Wear your favorite costume from that time period. There will be a DJ and door prize drawings, heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert and more. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door. For more information, call 830-2582.

CFC weekend

The Costco on North Memorial Parkway in Huntsville will allow people who contribute to the Combined Federal Campaign - via pledge card - to shop at its store Nov. 17-19 without paying a membership fee. "All you have to do is bring in your copy of the pledge card and they will let you in," a prepared release said.

Administrative professionals

Oct. 16 is Boss's Day. The Redstone Arsenal International Association of Administrative Professionals Chapter will honor bosses with the Manager's Awareness Luncheon on Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club, Big Spring Lounge. Lunch is \$13. Linda Readus, AMCOM secretary of the general staff, is scheduled speaker. For more information, call Hillary Clay 313-1349 by Thursday.

Still serving benefit

The November donation from the Hyun's Korean Garden Restaurant will go to the Still Serving Veterans in conjunction with Veterans Day. Ten percent of the gross sold during Nov. 7-12 will be donated to SSV. The restaurant is at 7500 South Memorial Parkway in the Main Street Shopping Village. For more information, or if any organization wishes to have a fund-raiser activity with the Hyun's, call K.C. Bertling 876-1195.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK06515046	Secretary (OA)	11-Oct-06	USADTC	GS-0318	9	9	43,271 - 56,258		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
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
SCBK06516128	Strategic Integration Spec	12-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0301	12	13	62,751 - 97,003							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								
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	
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
SCBK06561423	Electronics Publications Spec	16-Oct-06	TMDE	GS-0301	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X										
SCBK06538473	Mgmt Analyst	16-Oct-06	USAOMEMS	GS-0343	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X										
SCBK06586720	Electronics Engineer	16-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06586720D	Electronics Engineer	16-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06584467	Procurement Analyst	16-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	62,751 - 81,572		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06568314	Inventory Mgmt Spec	16-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-2010	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X											
SCBK06571721	Logistics Mgmt Spec	16-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	
SCBK06564750	Program Supp Assistant	16-Oct-06	USACE Prof Dev Supp Ctr	GS-0303	7	7	35,375 - 45,985	X											
SCBK06571738	Logistics Mgmt Spec	16-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	
SCBK06571713	Logistics Mgmt Spec	16-Oct-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X											
SCBK06516126	Supervisory Strategic Integration Spec	17-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0301	14	14	88,178 - 114,631							X		X		X	
SCBK06596871	Electronics Engineer	17-Oct-06	USAASC	NH-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X											
SCBK06586755	Aerospace Engr	18-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06586755D	Aerospace Engr	18-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06551610D	Secretary (OA)	18-Oct-06	PEO AVN	NK-0318	2	2	28,559 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06551610	Secretary (OA)	19-Oct-06	PEO AVN	NK-0318	2	2	28,559 - 45,985	X						X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06568682	General Engr	19-Oct-06	USAASC	NH-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06568682D	General Engr	19-Oct-06	USAASC	NH-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06571547	Oper Research Analyst	19-Oct-06	USAASC	NH-1515	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06571547D	Oper Research Analyst	19-Oct-06	USAASC	NH-1515	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06549859	Contract Spec	20-Oct-06	AMC	GS-1102	12	12	62,751 - 81,572			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06549855	Contract Spec	20-Oct-06	AMC	GS-1102	13	13	74,621 - 97,003			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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
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
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
SCBK06566780	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
SCBK06587949	Landscape Architect, Architect, Civil Engr, Environmental Engr, Mech Engr, Elect Engr, Chem Engr	1-Nov-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0807,0808,0810,0819,0830,0850,0893	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK0655450	General Engr	3-Nov-06	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631							X	X			X	
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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
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
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
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
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
SCBK06586720D	Electronics Engineer	16-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06586755D	Aerospace Engr	18-Oct-06	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06551610D	Secretary (OA)	18-Oct-06	PEO AVN	NK-0318	5	7	28,559 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06568682D	General Engr	19-Oct-06	USAASC	NH-0801	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06571547D	Oper Research Analyst	19-Oct-06	USAASC	NH-1515	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	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
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
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 documenting service required).																			
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																			
U - All U.S. citizens																			
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																			