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Red Ribbon Week observed nationally

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It's Oct. 25. Are you wearing your red ribbon?

The Garrison's Alcohol and Drug Prevention Office is distributing red ribbons this week emblazoned with the words "Promise to Be Drug Free" in recognition of national Red Ribbon Week, the annual observance of drug prevention by the National Family Partnership. The Department of Defense theme for the week's recognition is "United Against Drugs."

Ribbons have been distributed throughout the Sparkman Center and at other locations on Redstone Arsenal. Ribbons can also be picked up at the Alcohol and Drug Control Office in building 3204 on Little John Road. The Garrison hopes all Soldiers and employees on Redstone Arsenal will wear a red ribbon throughout the week's observance.

"This is an important time for the Redstone Arsenal community to come together and show their support for living drug and alcohol free. We need to come together to take a stand against drugs," said Ruby Turner, the alcohol and drug control officer for the Garrison's Directorate of Human Resources.

But, red ribbons aren't the only way the Alcohol and Drug Control Office is reaching out to the community with its drug-free message.

The office will also sponsor a series of personal presentations by international education prevention specialist and motivational speaker Dan Davis, a former drug and alcohol addict.

He will share his experience of recovery with Soldiers from NCO Academy on Thursday from 5:30-6:30 a.m. at the DOI auditorium, building 3301, room 213, and with Soldiers from Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade on Thursday from 1-2 p.m. in Heiser Hall. On Friday,



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HALLOWEEN TREATS— Goody bags filled with treats carrying an anti-drug message are available from the Garrison's Drug and Alcohol Control Office, building 3204. Any Redstone Arsenal employee can pick them up and distribute them to young children through schools, neighborhoods, churches and other "kid friendly" outlets.

he will share his story with Soldiers from the 832nd Ordnance Battalion from 5:30-6:30 a.m. in Heiser Hall and then with the Redstone civilian community from 1-3 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Davis will also speak to students at Columbia High School from 10-11 a.m. Friday.

"He will be speaking about the effects of drugs and alcohol on his life," Turner said.

In a message he describes as "hard hitting," Davis will tell his audiences about the experiences he had once he began using drugs at age 14. His drug and alcohol abuse brought an end to his dreams to become a pro football player, and led to many family problems.

"It's an extreme emotional roller coaster," Davis said in a telephone interview last week from central New York state, where he lives and where he was giving a presentation in a high school.

"It's the only way to tell it. There's a boom at the end of my program. My story is important to understanding the consequences of using not only on me



Photo by Kari Hawkins

DEFENSE AGAINST DRUGS— Ruby Turner, the Garrison's drug and alcohol control officer, is coordinating activities during Redstone Arsenal's recognition of Red Ribbon Week, a nationwide movement to present a unified front against drug and alcohol abuse.

but on my family and the people around me. It's emotional and powerful. It's a hard-hitting recovery story."

Now the co-founder and executive director of Youth Educating Society Inc., Davis said his presentations are tailored to his audiences. When he speaks to high school students and young Soldiers, he tells them how easy it is for drugs to influence their peer groups, dominate their lives and steal their dreams. When he speaks to adults, many who

are parents, he tells them the signs and symptoms of drug use to look for in teenagers, and the importance of role modeling for young people.

"Drugs are such a part of society now," Davis said. "It's an epidemic in America and all over the world. Drugs are tearing at the very fiber and consciousness of America. It's going to come to a point when the military will be asking if America is still able to produce drug-free Soldiers."

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Views

An open lane random survey

What is your favorite Halloween memory?

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Debbie Ridgeway
 military spouse
 "I guess it would be our first grandchild's first Halloween. We took her to pick out her first pumpkin."

John Dies
 retiree
 "My favorite memory is spending time with my kids."



Ruby Bishop
 retiree
 "I took our kids trick or treating once, back in the '70s, and it was snowing. It was just a few flurries, but it was so cold."

Hal Meadows
 Fire department
 "My favorite memory is taking my firstborn trick or treating."



Quote of the week

‘Courage is the power of the mind to overcome fear.’

— Martin Luther King Jr.

Letter policy

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President's proclamation for energy month

Our nation is moving toward remarkable technological advances that will make energy cleaner, more abundant, and more affordable for our citizens. During National Energy Awareness Month, we underscore our commitment to a more secure energy future.

My administration is working to improve energy efficiency and conservation, increase our domestic supply of energy, and diversify our energy supply through advanced technologies. Since 2001, we have invested nearly \$10 billion in the development of cleaner, less expensive and more reliable energy sources. We developed a comprehensive National Energy Policy, and last year I signed into law the Energy Policy Act of 2005 — the first comprehensive energy bill in more than a decade.

My administration's Advanced Energy Initiative seeks to diversify energy resources by substantially increasing funding for clean-energy research. To change how we power our homes and

offices, we will invest more in zero-emission coal-fired plants, revolutionary solar and wind technologies, and clean, safe nuclear energy. We will focus on improving hybrid and hydrogen technologies for our automobiles and increasing the use of biofuels. By harnessing the power of technology, we can grow our economy, protect our environment, and enhance our energy security.

Technology is also helping develop new energy-saving products that give our consumers better performance at a lower cost. At home, energy-efficient windows reduce the loss of hot and cold air, and high efficiency light-bulbs last longer than traditional bulbs while requiring less electricity. The Federal Government's Energy Savers web site, energysavers.gov, offers more information about how to use less energy in homes, offices and vehicles, and how consumers can save money on energy costs.

Meeting our growing energy needs will require creativity, determination and disci-

pline. By working together, we can foster economic growth, improve our environment, and leave behind a safer, cleaner, more prosperous world for future generations.

Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as National Energy Awareness Month. I encourage Americans to take steps to conserve energy and develop responsible habits that will reduce energy consumption in their everyday lives.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2006, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 231st.

George W. Bush

Editor's note: Energy manager Mark Smith of the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works can be reached at 842-0014.

Motorcycles have their place as vehicles

As a former motorcyclist, I have noticed the Sparkman Center has reserved parking spots; however, I do not recall ever seeing a motorcycle parked in those spots. There are motorcycles, but they are parked in car spots.

My suggestion is to make new motorcycle parking spots, by pouring a concrete pad in the parking lot closer to the doors, near the handicap parking area.

The idea is to encourage the motorcycle riders to use the provided space instead of taking up a full car space. Furthermore, this may entice more motorcyclists to ride to work, meaning fewer cars in the parking lot and reducing congestion.

The current situation is motorcycles take up any old spot, reducing number of spots available to cars, while the area reserved for motorcycles goes unused as cars cannot park there.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Sparkman Management Office provided the following response. "The Sparkman Management Office is pleased to address the question of motorcycle parking at the John J. Sparkman Complex. Parking procedures for Redstone Arsenal are governed by AMCOM Regulation 210-2b, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the latest AFGE union agreement. All established parking for handicapped, visitors and open employee parking conforms to AR 210-2b. The Sparkman Management Office references the aforementioned directives in our Sparkman Management Office standard operations procedures. Per regulation, there are no established policies, guidelines or regulations specifically governing the designated parking of motorcycles on Redstone Arsenal. Motorcycles are treated as a motor vehicle, period. All parking for the Sparkman Complex is on a first-come, first-served parking basis."

Gate guards keep us safe

As my wife and I are relocating slowly to Huntsville, I spent the early morning hours of a recent workday loading my truck with her nine-drawer dresser, mirror and bedside table. As is typical in do-it-yourself moves, I removed the drawers full of clothing, thus lightening the load and providing useful handholds, hoisted the monster into the bed of my truck, and then put the drawers back in the dresser for transport. Care was taken to cover the dresser so that my dear wife's unmentionables were not scattered by 70 mph wind all along the highway between Muscle Shoals and Huntsville. This process took rather longer than I intended, and I left the house in Muscle Shoals 30 minutes late. I hustled, keeping a watchful eye on the load in my mirrors, and made it to the gate of Redstone Arsenal with a minute or two to spare. "Not bad," I thought. "Maybe it'll be a good day after all."

That was before I encountered the serious looking man grimly guarding RSA Gate 9. He wasn't alone, he had company — a very large handgun, an impressive billy club, and what looked like a handheld howitzer was strapped to his back. I was reminded of the biblical caution to respect men like this because "he does not bear the sword in vain." "Good morning!" I gave him my standard, cheery greeting. "Humph," he said, reaching for my proffered badges. He looked them over (I have four — I'm really important, you know), looked at me and

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Huntsville

What do you like about your job?

Meeting different people and helping them get along, get where they need to be.



What do you like to do in your spare time?

Watch TV, play with my 5-year-old (daughter Elasha) and shoot pool.

What are your goals?

To finish up school (at Calhoun College) and get my master's degree in communications, and become a government worker.

What's your favorite type of music?

Rap, R&B

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

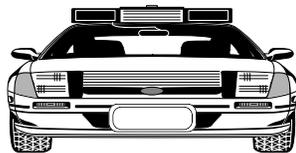
Oct. 15: An individual was found to be operating their motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol after stopping at Gate 10. The individual was arrested, processed and placed into the detention cell until their alcohol level reached an acceptable level.

Oct. 17: A Soldier was shot while waiting for a taxi cab in a parking lot in downtown Huntsville. A suspect was arrested later that night by the Huntsville Police Department. The suspect was later charged by

Huntsville police for attempted murder. Investigation continues by Huntsville Police Department.

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

Violation notices issued: 3 speeding, 4 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 2 expired tags, 1 following too close, 1 no insurance, 3 parking.



Training reminds workers of security awareness

Identity theft protection among scheduled topics

Team Redstone's annual mandatory security awareness training kicks off Monday, Nov. 6, with a variety of activities and training events planned to remind government employees of their responsibility to prevent the loss or compromise of critical information.

Protection against identity theft will also be a key feature during the weeklong event.

Highlighting those key topics are presentations by Charles "Rick" Estberg of the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff and Brian Miller of the Defense Security Service.

Estberg, 30-year DoD veteran, began his career with a four-year stint in the Army, serving as a linguist at the Army Field Station in Berlin, Germany. He has held various technical positions, including work as a German and Russian translator, at Fort Meade, Md., and in Berlin.

From 1989-92 he served as an intelligence adviser to the U.S. European Command, located in Stuttgart, Germany.

As the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff chief of staff, he has addressed audiences covering topics such as the five-step OPSEC process, building an OPSEC program, "the blogs of war" and identity theft.

He holds bachelor's degrees in German and education from Ripon College and from the University of Maryland in history, as well as a master's from Boston University in international relations.

Brian K. Miller is the instructional delivery branch chief at the Defense Security Service Academy, Security Education, Training and Awareness Directorate, Defense Security Service. His responsibilities include program management,

course management, curriculum development, course instruction, curriculum review, and creation of education and awareness materials.

His branch is responsible for Information Security, Personnel Security, including Adjudications and the Joint Personnel Adjudication System, Industrial Security and Special Access Programs Security training.

Miller earned an associate degree from Kansas City Community College and is a graduate of the Army Sergeants Major Academy. He is active in several organizations including the Contractor Special Access Programs Security Working Group and National Classification Management Society.

Miller joined the academy in September 2000 from the Defense Intelligence Agency where he was the program manager and lead instructor for the Sensitive Compartmented Information Security Officials course providing training to government, military and contractor personnel. He retired from the Army in 1995.

New directories arrive

Team Redstone Installation Guides and Telephone Directories have arrived and will be available for distribution through Nov. 10.

Hours for distribution will be from 8-11 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. each day except Fridays.

The directories will be distributed from building 5302 (Sparkman Center loading docks). The same situation exists as last year; each organization must provide its own manpower and transportation when loading directories for transport.

For more information, call Geneva Murphy at 876-6103, Tom Weigand at 876-9111 or Lira Frye at 955-9173.

Missile firing confirms laboratory results



Courtesy photo

PRECISION TEST— The Non-Line of Sight-Launch System fires a Precision Attack Missile during recent tests at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Non-line of sight system on track for fielding

By **JULIE FREDERICK**
For the Rocket

The Non-Line of Sight-Launch System Project Office announces the successful completion of a series of container cover design verification tests last month at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The project office established six test objectives for three single Precision Attack Missile flight tests over three days, and met all six objectives.

The primary test objectives were: successful opening of the all-up-round container cover, proper retraction of the missile restraint system pin, and successful Ballistic Test Vehicle egress. The secondary test objectives were: to collect Container Launch Unit environment data, collect early engineering data to support the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles man-rating tests, and the successful wing and fin deployment on the BTV egress.

“The point that we wanted to prove with this test was that the container cover would come off and the missile would

egress from the container without any problems,” engineer Terry Hice of NLOS-LS Project Office said. “Everything that we wanted to look at during this test went perfect.”

This was considered a risk reduction event to test the pressure required to blow the container cover before the PAM exits the container. As a design verification test, it was performed to verify the contractor’s design and validate numerous lab test results. The container cover came off completely in tact during all three events.

“It was amazing to watch, we really liked how the system performed during this last round of tests,” Hice said. “The project management office is pleased with the outcome because they were ready for

the world to see the CLU on the back of a Family of Medium Tactical Vehicle and the successful egress of the test vehicle out of the container.”

With the Critical Design Review for NLOS-LS coming up in December, these flights tested the system in the real environment to back up the lab test results. For the prime contractors, NetFires LLC, this proved that the design was ready for the CDR.

The NLOS-LS Project Office recently became a Joint Program Office with the Navy. It is also a component of the Future Combat Systems Spinout 1 that is scheduled to begin fielding in fiscal 2011. Training on the system is set to begin in October 2007 and Low Rate Initial Production around the start of fiscal 2010.

Contract awarded for aviation test support

ST. LOUIS— Westar Aerospace & Defense Group Inc. will provide test support services to the Army Aviation Technical Test Center at Fort Rucker under a five-year contract valued at more than \$21 million.

“Westar’s 20-plus years of experience in flight testing, evaluation and analysis fully supports the ATTC’s mission to optimize aviation war fighting capabilities to ensure full spectrum dominance of the battlefield for the Soldier,” said Westar’s Joe Townsend, vice president, Aviation Technical Services.

The ATTC is the Army’s premier aviation developmental flight test organization, internationally recognized as a center of excellence in the test and evaluation of both rotary and fixed-wing aircraft and associated aviation systems and equipment.

Westar has been the prime contractor for the ATTC’s Test Support Services, and for its Reliability, Availability and Maintainability Data Services since

1995. Under these contracts Westar helps the ATTC in planning, conducting, analyzing and reporting on the development and airworthiness qualifications of aircraft, aviation systems and associated equipment throughout their life-cycles.

Under the new five-year contract, Westar will provide the ATTC with various overlapping, but unique services for effective testing. These include RAM Data Services, IT Services, Multi-Media Support & Preparation, and Administrative and Logistic Tasks.

“We are extremely proud of the opportunity to continue our support of the ATTC,” Townsend said. “It underscores the confidence our customers have in the outstanding performance of Westar personnel.”

Headquartered in St. Louis, Westar Aerospace and Defense Group Inc. is a systems engineering contractor with more than \$200 million in annual sales and 1,100 professionals around the world. (*Westar release*)

Hail and farewell

Counselor ready to help with personal issues

Employee contacts kept confidential

By KARI HAWKINS

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Redstone Arsenal has a new counselor on staff who would like to help employees do the best job they can in the workplace.

Richard Lewis of the Garrison's Employee Assistance Program, Directorate of Human Resources, is a licensed professional counselor and a master's level addiction professional. He is trained to help employees work through problems that affect their job performance.

"If you are having a problem that you can't handle on your own or if you have a problem with a child or a spouse that you need help dealing with, then I am here to help you," Lewis said.

"My job deals with anything that needs to be done to help people in the workplace. Employees can come to me if they need help or their supervisor can refer an employee to me if they think they are having a problem that affects their job. I'm here to help employees maintain their emotional balance."

The Employee Assistance Program is a tool

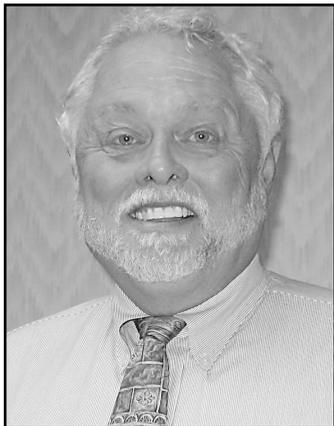


Photo by Kari Hawkins

Richard Lewis

"With each person who comes to us, we do an assessment to determine what kind of assistance they need," Lewis said. "We will do short-term counseling here. But, if the employee needs more in-depth psychiatric assistance then we will refer them to a psychologist or the appropriate professional in the community."

Lewis has been certified as an employee assistance counselor since 1986. He recently worked as a clinical director at the Cullman County Technical Center. He has also worked in other positions as a clinical and program director.

Lewis is located in building 3204 on Little John Road. His phone number is 955-0748.

supervisors can use to help their employees and improve employee performance. Employees can also refer themselves for assistance.

Employee problems that have a negative effect in the workplace include stress, alcohol, drugs, gambling, family issues and financial problems. Early warning signals of a personal problem that an employee is having difficulty dealing with are absenteeism, chronic lateness, personality change, decline in work quality and unusual behavior.

Counseling with Lewis is kept strictly confidential.



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

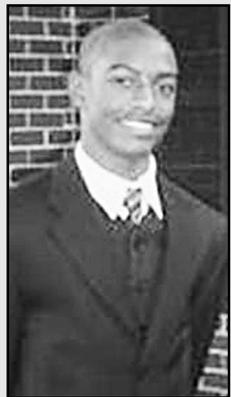
Thanks for service

Lt. Col. Antoine Cheatham, left, 59th Ordnance Brigade chief of staff, presents Sgt. 1st Class Richard Hawkins with his retirement flag during Hawkins' retirement luncheon Friday at the Officers and Civilian Club after 22 years of military service. Hawkins serves as the training management NCO for the Directorate of Instruction training management division. During his retirement ceremony he was presented with a Meritorious Service Medal, his certificate of retirement, a letter from President George W. Bush thanking him for his service, a letter from the governor of Alabama and a forthcoming letter from the governor of Virginia, Hawkins' home state.

International students finish ammunition course

One is from Jamaica, and the other from the Philippines. The two international students had a similar experience at Redstone.

Jamaica army Sgt. Rohan Brown and Philippine air force Staff Sgt. Don Alcid attended the Ammunition Specialist Course from Aug. 14 through Nov. 2. Both said they enjoyed their time here.



Courtesy photos

Homecoming court

Students selected to represent the homecoming court for the sophomore class at Columbia High School are Christopher Dickerson, son of Sgt. 1st Class Henry and Janet Dickerson, and Katelyn Reed, daughter of Lt. Col. Stephen and Debby Reed. Christopher is an honor student, member of student to student, and a member of the football and basketball teams. Katelyn is class president, captain of the volleyball team, and a member of student to student.

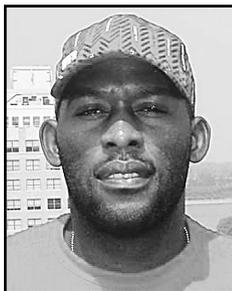
"I had a very good time in Huntsville," said Brown, 35. "Tried to see as much of the USA as possible. I visited Memphis, Atlanta and many places in the Huntsville area."

Alcid, 43, said, "It was great. Everybody is friendly and accommodating. I visited Memphis where I visited Graceland and the Civil Rights Museum. Visited several places in Nashville and visited Lynchburg, home of the Jack Daniels Distillery. I also met many of the members of the local Filipino community."

The International Military Student Office provides activities and field trips for students from other countries.

"Mr. (Scott) Huther and Mr. (Ron) Garrett did everything they could for us," Brown said. "They were always there when I needed them."

"Mr. Huther and Mr. Garrett did everything for us," Alcid said. "Even on Saturday, Sunday and holidays they share their time with us. They were very accommodating. I like them very much and they make sure everything you need is there. I will never forget Scott and Ron."



Sgt. Rohan Brown



Staff Sgt. Don Alcid

■ Hat's off to gate guards for watchful eye

Guards

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looked back at the badges, evidently comparing the photos with the face behind the wheel. Then he looked past me into the cab and saw that the interior of the truck was fully loaded. Scanning rearward, he took in the loaded bed of the truck. "Uh-oh," I groaned inwardly.

"Furniture, huh?" I knew he was going to ask, and I knew exactly how he would ask it. "Um, yeah," was my articulate response. In hindsight I shouldn't have been so articulate. I shouldn't have said, "um." The "um" tipped him off that something was not quite right. He somehow managed to look curious and bored at the same time. "You've got a lot of stuff here." "Yeah," I went on cheerily as if I was talking to my maiden aunt, "I've got a new job." Which was true, but it didn't have anything to do with the all the stuff in my truck. "All this?" he asked. "Well, I've been an Army employee for 28 years. Things accumulate." "Sure," he said levelly. "Hiking boots?" he asked, somehow looking right through me to the jumble of stuff in my truck's cab. "Um, yeah. This new project is heavy work." (I need to break that "um" habit.) "Right," he said flatly. "Let's look back here." My heart sank. "This looks like it might possibly go very badly," I said to myself.

He lifted up the covering, and

there was the nine-drawer dresser. Silent warning claxons were going off inside my head. He made no comment until he pulled out the top left drawer. "Bras?" he asked. I gulped. Pushing that drawer back in, he pulled out the top middle drawer. "Panties," he said inexpressively, as if this kind of thing happens several times a day. I couldn't speak because something had me by the throat and my tongue couldn't move. "Let me see your badge again." I thought, "My next phone call is going to be a doozy." I pulled the lanyard off over my head and handed him the four badges, feeling not so very important after all just at that moment. And there on my badges in all capital letters was my last name, "ASSON." He tried to pronounce it, couldn't, and I had to tell him. "Sure," he said in that flat, grim voice. "What project are you assigned to, anyway?" "It's classified," I answered. He looked back down at the "ASSON" on my badges. Then he handed the badges to me and said... "Right. Have a nice day," and waved me through the gate. It was the first time my last name ever did me any good. I think.

(Note: In actuality I was passed through the gate without incident, but this situation was ripe for a little fictional embellishment. My hat's off to our gate guards. They keep us safe every single day. God bless 'em!)

Russ Asson
CMDS Project Office

Future Soldier Trainer goes to Washington

Redstone research center shows marksmanship tool

The Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center had its boots on the ground at the 2006 Association of the U.S. Army annual convention Oct. 9-11 in Washington, D.C.

AMRDEC participated in the Army Materiel Command exhibit booth during the event at the Washington Convention Center. The theme for this year's meeting and exposition was, "Call to Duty — Boots on the Ground."

Representing AMRDEC was the America's Army Future Soldier Trainer, a portable Lasershot laser tracking system used with inert small arms and other simulated weapons and the America's Army software platform.

Future Soldier Trainer presents the user with realistic Army training or combat exercises on an 8-by-10-foot screen. The Army Recruiting Command uses the trainer at public recruiting events and to teach future Soldiers the fundamentals of marksmanship before they leave for basic combat training.

The system is also being evaluated for training Soldiers to use shoulder fired weapons such as the Bunker Defeat



Courtesy photo

ON DISPLAY— Michael Barnett of AMRDEC's Software Engineering Directorate, right, demonstrates a realistic inert M4 training rifle to Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of the Army Materiel Command, during the Association of the U.S. Army annual convention in Washington. Looking on is David Rosenfeld of Lasershot Inc.

Munition, also demonstrated at this convention. An estimated more than 500 visitors took the opportunity to shoot the rifle and tour the America's Army booth at the event. (AMRDEC release)

Kick the smoking habit for at least a day

Great American Smokeout urged by cancer society

Every year smokers across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout by smoking less or quitting for the day on the third Thursday of November. It is also a day of reflection for those who have quit and stayed quit and have reaped the healthy rewards.

The idea for the great American Smokeout grew out of a 1974 event. Lynn R. Smith, editor of a newspaper in Minnesota, spearheaded the state's first D-Day, or Don't Smoke Day.

The idea may have been inspired by Arthur P. Mullaney of Randolph, Mass., who three years earlier had asked people to give up cigarettes for a day and donate the money saved on cigarettes to a high school scholarship fund. The idea caught on, and on Nov. 18, 1976, the California Division of the American Cancer Society successfully prompted nearly 1 million smokers to quit for the day. That California event marked the first Smokeout, and the society took it nationwide in 1977.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S., responsible for 20 percent of all deaths. Tobacco kills more Americans yearly than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, car accidents, fire and AIDS combined. Smoking is the chief avoidable cause of death in our society.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Manage-

ment supports and encourages agency authorized programs aimed at health promotion and disease prevention including smoking cessation programs.

In 2003, OPM initiated "HealthierFeds" (www.opm.gov/healthierfeds) as part of the broader Presidential initiative, "HealthierUS."

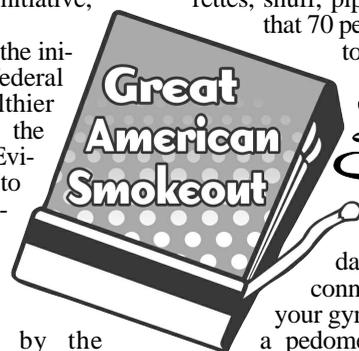
One of the chief aims of the initiative is to encourage federal employees to make healthier lifestyle choices, including the cessation of tobacco use. Evidence indicates, according to the CDC, that tobacco cessation may also contribute to improved organizational performance and productivity.

A decision in 1989 by the Comptroller General held that because smoking is a major contributing cause of illnesses such as cancer, coronary disease and emphysema, agency smoking cessation programs are preventive in nature and authorized under 5 USC 7901(c)(4). Under 7901, federal agencies are authorized to establish health programs within available appropriations to promote and maintain physical and mental fitness of employees.

When you put down that tobacco product on Nov. 16, your heart rate will drop within 20 minutes and within 12 hours the carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal. Nicotine's half life is two hours. Unless replenished, the amount of nicotine remaining in your bloodstream will be cut by one-half every two hours.

Within 72 hours all nicotine and 90 percent of the chemical metabolites will be out of your system. There are more than 4,000 ingredients in a cigarette other than tobacco.

So just for the day put down your cigarettes, snuff, pipe or cigars. It is estimated that 70 percent of tobacco users wish to quit. Prior to the 16th, put down all of the cons of using and make a list of reasons to be tobacco free. Seek out a co-worker for personal encouragement and to be with you during the day. Change your smoking connections for the day. Bring your gym bag or walking shoes and a pedometer. Fill the four Morale Welfare and Recreation gyms or Red-



stone fitness trails. Synergize your work team by helping any smoker/smokers make it successfully through the day.

Research shows that your chances of success more than double if you talk to a trained smoking cessation facilitator/coach, involve yourself in a group smoking cessation program and utilize a nicotine replacement product and/or medication. Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion at Fox Army Health Center will assist anyone or group seeking assistance at any time.

For individual coaching sessions or to schedule classes at your organization call Rick Stock, health promotion educator at Preventive Medicine, at 955-8888, ext. 1443.

Smoking cessation sites to assist you include: www.quitnet.org, www.quitasist.com and www.whyquit.com. (Fox Army Health Center release)

Halloween safety tips for everyone's bag

The little ghosts and goblins will be out in force for trick or treating at Redstone on Oct. 31 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Garrison Safety office provided the following safety tips for youngsters and their parents:

- Have each child carry or wear something lighted — flashlights, glow bracelets/necklaces or light-up shoes.
- Adults should plan out a route in advance. Check for such obstacles as broken sidewalks (or no sidewalks), construction timber, or other obstacles that could trip up trick or treaters.

- Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods or areas.
- Avoid costumes that drag on the ground. Costumes that drag can trip up little feet.

- Pick costumes that are bathroom-friendly as well.

- Be sure a child's mask allows full visibility and breathing.

- Trick or treaters should walk, not run, and should never cut across lawns or driveways. Obstacles could exist that aren't readily visible in the evening.

- Only carry flexible props, such as knives, swords, ninja items, etc., that can't cause injury if a kid accidentally falls. No play prop should resemble the real item; and consider leaving play weapons at home and not part of trick or treat night. Remember, some individuals are offended by seeing small children carry these items; and trick or treating should be a fun and positive experience for everyone.

- Only trick or treat at lighted houses. Residents who do not wish to be bothered by trick or treaters often leave off their lights as a sign; respect their preference by only going to houses that are lighted.

- Be sure kids don't get overheated and keep hydrated.
- Keep track of time and don't trick or

treat after 8 p.m.

- Feed your kids a healthy meal prior to going trick or treating. Your children will be happier, and it will help reduce the temptation of kids wanting to devour candy from the first trick or treat stop.

- Purchased costumes should be made of flame-retardant material.

- Insist that your child goes to the bathroom before leaving the house.

- Never allow children to eat candy before it is inspected.

Here are safety suggestions for residents/homeowners:

- Pick up objects in the yard, sidewalk or driveway that could create safety issues and be sure any tools are safely put away. Check hoses, flower pots and extension cords.

- Think "trick or treat safety" when decorating. Safety experts recommend using plug-in or battery-powered jack-o-lanterns instead of using a live candle. If you do opt for a live flame, make sure it is away from any possible exposure to trick or treaters' costumes or where they will be walking or standing.

- Keep your house well-lighted and inviting, or if going for a spooky home theme, make sure trick or treaters know your house has a welcome-mat extended.

- Be sure your pets are secured and put away, or appropriate arrangements are made. Some pets become frightened; others may become territorial or even aggressive. You don't want your pets scaring trick or treaters any more than you want kids frightening your pets. Be especially careful with cats, who might dart out of open doors.

- Carefully consider treats such as healthier food alternatives than candy. Non-sweet items like crackers, chips, raisins, or popcorn could receive thumbs up from parents. Some also give the "treat" to trick or treat by way of pencil, spider ring, glow in the dark decal, etc. (Garrison Safety release)

Put safety first when lifting

Back disorders are listed in the "top ten" leading workplace injuries by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, according to the Garrison.

They account for 27 percent of all nonfatal injuries and illnesses involving days away from work. Your back is a sophisticated piece of machinery made up of numerous muscles, bones, nerves and supporting tissues. It's a machine you use every day, often in ways you don't even notice.

Your back requires proper care to keep it working right. If it's not, you'll suffer. An injured back affects your ability to move your limbs, hips, neck and head. Back injuries can be very debilitating. They cause a lot of pain, time away from work, and often require physical therapy or even surgery.

Here are some tips to keep your back in optimum condition:

- Don't bend over an object you are lifting. Bend your knees, squatting in front of the object to reach it.

- Lift the object slowly and carefully, using your leg and arm muscles to lift,

not pulling with your back.

- Keep your head up and look straight ahead while making the lift.

- While lifting, keep the object as close to your body as possible.

- Keep abdominal muscles tight while making the lift.

- Use the same techniques when you put the object down.

- If the object is too big or too heavy to lift using these techniques, use mechanical assistance or get someone else to help.

When reaching for objects:

- Do not reach for an object unless you're sure you're strong enough to lift it.

- Use a step ladder to reach objects above shoulder height.

- Avoid awkward stretches while reaching. These stress your back and could cause you to lose your balance.

- Don't depend on structures to support you (e.g., a shelf support, a storage rack, etc.). These could easily give way if you pull or tug on them. (Garrison Safety release)

Beware of deer in headlights this season

Deer-vehicle mishaps continuing concern

Some of them are driven by hunger, others by a much deeper force. And in the end, only one thing is powerful enough to throw them off course – the headlights of your vehicle.

Deer are gutsier this time of year, according to Garrison Safety Office. Fueled by their search for food and mates — mostly mates — the deer are on a mission. But their journeys tend to lead them onto roads and high-

ways in the early morning or night. When the deer see a car approaching, they get caught like, well, themselves in the headlights. And the phenomenon can be deadly for drivers and the deer.

There were 23,694 deer-vehicle accidents reported nationally. That figure was down 8 percent from 2004.

Wooded areas, stream and creek beds, edges of farm fields and parks or forest preserves tend to be the most likely place to find deer.

Here on Redstone Arsenal for

2006, the Provost Marshal Office has records of 27 deer strikes – seven of which were along Patton Road. The rest were spread out around the Arsenal area.

There have been at least 150 deaths a year nationwide in deer-vehicle collisions since 2000. The deer-vehicle wrecks are becoming such a problem, the Deer-Vehicle Crash Information Clearinghouse had to expand. It soon will be a part of the Deer-Vehicle Crash Information and Research Center at the Texas Transportation Institute of Texas A&M University.

One of the goals of the center will be to test different deterrent systems.

“We still haven’t figured out a surefire way to keep the deer off the roads,” center director Keith Knapp said.

The latter half of October and November is the height of deer mating season. Think of it as a last call in the tavern of the animal kingdom. And in the process, the deer are not nearly as wary as they normally would be. They tend to cross roads more than usual.

Drivers encountering deer on

the roadway should try flashing their headlights or honking their horn to scare the deer away. If you do hit a deer, contact the local law enforcement. On the Arsenal call 876-2222, the Provost Marshal Office, and stay away from the deer if it is down and hurt. Just the deer hoofs alone can cut like a knife.

Experts don’t expect the problem to die down any time soon. In fact, the country’s deer population has increased, especially in urban areas where they’re hard to control. (*Garrison Safety release*)

Corpus Christi depot achieves certification

*Independent firm
conducts review*

By JAMEY GIDDENS
Corpus Christi publicist

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Corpus Christi Army Depot has done it again. Just shy of a year after the Army aviation depot's "no deficiencies" certification to the ISO 9001:2000 standard for quality management systems, the depot has been certified to the AS9100 standard for aerospace industry Original Equipment Manufacturers.

The depot's achievement was recognized by its higher headquarters, the Aviation and Missile Command, on Oct. 18 at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi as part of the Luther Jones Aviation Summit.

AS9100 is a continuation of the ISO family of quality management standards from the International Organization for Standardization. The standards are used by organizations as a business improvement tool, focusing on eight key quality management principles: customer focus; leadership; involvement of people; process approach; system approach to management; continual improvement; factual approach to decision making; and mutually beneficial supplier relationships.

Corpus Christi commander Col. Timothy Sassenrath said it was critical for his depot to take the steps necessary to achieve the much sought after certification.

"Not only will this help secure more work for the depot, but it also helps to ensure that we keep our current capacity," he said. "Certification to the AS9100 standard places CCAD in the position of being a prime supplier for — most importantly — the war fighter, but also private industry once the Global War on Terrorism begins to wind down."



Photo by Jamey Giddens

DEPOT AUDIT— Corpus Christi contracting chief Lino Vera watches as Neil Hickey, lead auditor for independent agency QMI, examines paperwork.

AS9100 improves upon the ISO 9001:2000 standard by adding 100 new requirements specific to the aerospace industry. The additional standard is viewed as the benchmark for doing business within aerospace industry circles. Aviation industry giants like Boeing and Sikorsky — which both have partnership agreements with the depot — now require certification to the standard.

Auditors from Quality Management Institute, an independent auditing body which provides registration services globally, performed a final assessment certification audit to the AS9100 standard during the week of Aug. 28 to Sept 1. Representatives from the firm visited all areas of the depot, during all shifts checking for issues regarding safety, airworthiness, product conformity and reliability. The auditors said they were most impressed with the depot's commitment to safety and prevention of foreign object damage.

"CCAD has definitely been one of our stronger customers," lead auditor Neil Hickey said. "We were very impressed by the commitment to achieving certification to AS9100 we saw at CCAD, from everyone to the commander and deputy commander to the workers on the shop floor."

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Prize winners

Door prize winners at the Oct. 20 meeting of the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers include, from left, Lisa Lowry, Ellen Zimmerman, Carolyn Thompson, Virginia Moore, Susan Jester, Don Clingerman and Sue Terry. The guest speaker was Ted Schmidt, logistics chief for the Cargo Helicopter Project Office. The next monthly luncheon is Nov. 16 at Trinity United Methodist Church.

■ Garrison offers red ribbons and national speaker

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While Davis will address teenagers and adults, the Alcohol and Drug Control Office has not forgotten about also getting the message out to younger audiences. With the help of Redstone employees, the

office will distribute Halloween bags filled with drug-free goodies to school-age children.

The bags are decorated with a haunted house and the words "Say Boo to Drugs." Inside, goodies include drug-free coloring books, crayons, a ruler that says "Color Me Drug Free," a pencil that says "There's No Point to Drugs," a button that says "Drug Free & Proud," a piece of chocolate candy with a wrapper that says "Chocolate - Yes, Drugs - No!" and a ribbon that says "Force of the Future Drug Free."

Redstone employees are asked to pick up Halloween bags from building 3204 and distribute them during Red Ribbon Week in their children's classrooms, in their neighborhoods, at their churches or at any other location where children congregate.

"We give out so many bags, it's unreal," Turner said. "Anyone on the installation can pick up bags and give them out to children."

The national Red Ribbon Campaign is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, involving more than 80 million Americans annually during the last week in October. The Red Ribbon Campaign was established in honor of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Marine who later joined the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. In February 1985, he was working undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel when he was kidnapped and tortured to death.

Camarena's friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin in memory of him and his battle against illegal drugs. Anti-drug coalitions across the nation adopted Camarena as their role model and used the red ribbon to symbolize his memory.

In 1980, the National Family Partnership was formed by parents in response to the rising level of youth drug use. In 1988, the organization established the first nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign to present a unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a drug-free America.

For more information about Red Ribbon Week activities on Redstone Arsenal, call the Alcohol and Drug Control Office at 842-9895 or e-mail rturner@redstone.army.mil or rosalyntmassie@redstone.army.mil.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Cha-cha-cha

Local dance instructors Vince Guarin and Mary Jo Blount will teach Cha-Cha lessons on Tuesday evenings beginning on Oct. 31 and ending Dec. 12 (no classes on Nov. 21 or Dec. 5). Guarin describes Cha-Cha as a "spicy" dance that is fun to learn. The couple first performed the Cha-Cha together in 1999 at the televised Millennium Ball at the Von Braun Center. They have continued to perform the Cha-Cha and other dances at various exhibitions. They teach dance to various local groups, on cruises and at Redstone Arsenal. Tuition for the Cha-Cha lesson is \$55 per couple. Classes will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. No experience is necessary, but a dance partner is required. For more information, call 876-4531 or stop by the recreation center anytime Tuesday through Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Field office members dig deeper for charity

Government Accountability Office goes above and beyond goal

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A small office in Huntsville is continuing its fund-raising efforts after exceeding its goal for the Combined Federal Campaign.

Wreaths sell at center

A wreath sale Oct. 18 for the Combined Federal Campaign was a success at the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

"It went really well, made several hundred dollars," said Lynn Moore, a maintenance management specialist who serves as the center's loaned executive for CFC.

The proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the National Greyhound Foundation. The event was held during lunchtime in front of Sparkman Cafeteria.

The 27-member Government Accountability Office has contributed more than \$7,100 against a \$6,523 goal for the annual charity drive. But the local field office, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., wants to do even more.

The workers invited representatives from Girls Inc., a Combined Federal Campaign agency, for a CFC event Thursday.

"I think this is wonderful that you all bring people out to talk to you," Lynn Moore of the Integrated Materiel Management Center told field office manager Bill Graveline.

"There are so many needs," Graveline said.

Moore, a maintenance management specialist, serves as the Integrated Materiel Management Center's loaned executive for CFC. She spoke to the 25 attendees about the importance of giving to the campaign.

"I challenge you to give one dollar more than you think you can," she said.

She showed a video to the attendees who included analyst Tana Davis. "Actually it makes you feel good to contribute to society," Davis said. "Make the world a better place."

Robin Arnold, operations director for Girls Inc., gave an overview of the non-profit youth service organization that

serves local girls. "There are little people in this world who want an opportunity to grow up and have a chance," Arnold said, "and that's what we do at Girls Inc."

Four youngsters from the agency presented their original artwork to the office. The office plans to auction the pictures off to its members and then give the proceeds to Girls Inc., according to analyst Michael Hesse, who is the office's CFC coordinator and a board member of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee.

"We've busted that (CFC) dollar goal



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SOUVENIRS— Bill Graveline, field office manager for the Government Accountability Office, presents GAO pins to youngsters from Girls Inc. From left are Christina Murders, 11, Keneisha Simmons, 8, Destyni Goode, 7, and Ashley Knight, 8.

by a fair amount already," Graveline said. "And we can do even more than that."

Program office gives to Army Emergency Relief

Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office has had a busy year with development and sustainment of components of the ballistic missile defense, a successful flight test, and continued development of new defense capabilities, but it wasn't too busy to take a day for team building, and to make a donation to Army Emergency Relief.

Program director Brig. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly presented a check Oct. 18 for \$1,000 to AER officer Kristi Foster for Army Emergency Relief. O'Reilly presented the check on behalf of the personnel – military, civilian and contractor – that make up his team. The donation was made from funds raised during the annual GMD Organization Day on July 6.

"We're glad for the chance to support our Soldiers," O'Reilly said. "We understand the needs that Soldiers and families have, particularly during this time of war. The people that put together the organization day decided that extra funds raised should go to Army Emergency Relief, and these funds come from the entire team."

The organization day had more than 500 participants for a hamburger/hot dog lunch, competition in softball, volleyball and horseshoes, kid's events including face painting, inflatable slide and moon bounce, and the popular dunking booth.

"Our folks had a great time working the picnic and events," Col. John Fellows, whose X-Band Radar Project Office led the preparations for Organization Day, said. "And we're really happy that we had money left after paying all the bills so we could make this donation."

Foster said the funds would be added to this year's fund drive, and are critical to the support of Soldiers and their families. (GMD release)



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BIG GIFT— From left, Army Emergency Relief officer Kristi Foster accepts the \$1,000 contribution from Brig. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, program director of Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office, and Col. John Fellows, project manager of X-Band Radar Project Office, Ground-Based Midcourse Defense.

Going once, going twice ... sold

Old buildings auctioned at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

By DEBRA VALINE
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FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. – A public sealed bid sale of unneeded structures held at Fort Huachuca Aug. 25-26 resulted in the installation removing seven unneeded structures from its real property inventory at no cost to the installation.

“It worked out very well,” said Paul Kays, the installation facilities and space utilization officer with Fort Huachuca’s Directorate of Public Works. “I was very well pleased with the way everything went. All the major buildings we wanted to get rid of, we got rid of. The sale helped us meet our goals for reducing some of the old structures.”

Fort Huachuca DPW worked with the Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville and the Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District on the sale. Huntsville Center’s Facilities Reduction Program, part of the Installation Support Center of Expertise, helps installations find the most cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to remove unneeded or unwanted structures.

Using a centrally-funded, locally executed process, the Huntsville Center provided the funds and the on-site engineer organized the sale.

“The original budget request to remove

these facilities using conventional methods was \$156,000,” said Michael Norton, the FRP program manager. “It would cost us \$6 to \$7 per square foot to remove those buildings. We looked at it in our Best Practices Toolbox and the answer was to allow the public to bid on them. This is just another way to save money and the environment.”

FRP estimated the cost using conventional methods would be \$77,500.

The IMA Sustainability policy requires that facility removal be accomplished in such a fashion as to reduce the negative impact on the environment. The Army Environmental Center requires that 50 percent by weight of all demolition debris be diverted from the landfill. By removing the installations from Fort Huachuca via relocation, the project resulted in 100 percent diversion of material.

“We tried a process here that went very well,” said Nancy Mehaffie, the project manager from the Los Angeles District. “We sold the buildings, so it was a success.”

“The people who showed up here were very enthusiastic,” Mehaffie said. “One guy bought four or five buildings. He plans to share them with his neighbors. He just asked them to help him remove and divide the buildings.”

The bidders were also enthusiastic about the prices they paid for the buildings, she said.

“One of the buildings sold is a trailer that is being moved to Tombstone where it will be used in a recreational vehicle

park,” Mehaffie said. “We thought that one would be hard to get rid of because of its age. It turned out the bidder got it for \$10 and he will pay to have it hauled off. It will work out well for him.”

“The installation and the Corps of Engineers did a very good job orchestrating the auction, advertising included outstanding coverage and the television ad

was excellent,” said Tom Richter, one of the purchasers. “The purchasers had a wonderful relationship with the coordinators who were flexible.”

Mehaffie said she has had some of the people tell her they are looking forward to more buildings being auctioned. “We still have some to get rid of – as people move out of them.”

Fort Wainwright fortified for winter

Huntsville Center project renovates power plant

By DEBRA VALINE
Huntsville Center Public Affairs Office

The end of the fiscal year may not be the best time to get tasked with a rush project, but through teamwork and cooperation, it’s not impossible to make it happen.

Fort Wainwright, Alaska, needed large scale maintenance to its switchgear and breaker system at the power plant and provision of a backup power source for the power plant before winter began. The Installation Management Agency contacted the Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville to manage the project.

Work started on the \$409,000 project in June with a deadline to have the maintenance completed by Oct. 1 – before winter set in. The Oct. 1 deadline was critical because of the possibility of an electricity shortage due to one of the steam turbine generators being out of service this winter.

“The project went smoothly,” said Pat Driscoll, chief of Utilities for Public Works at Fort Wainwright. “The Huntsville Center was wonderful to work with; I was impressed with the professionalism displayed by John (Trudell) and Mark (Allen).”

The power plant was operational before, during and after the repairs, Driscoll said. “This maintenance provides us with the reliability to get through the upcoming harsh weather conditions.”

Partners in the project included IMA; Fort Richardson, Alaska, Directorate of Public Works; Fort Wainwright, Directorate of Public Works; Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville; Golden Valley Electric Association; and contractor partner Ameresco Solutions Inc. of Charlotte, N.C.

“Everybody pulled together to make it happen,” said John Trudell, project manager with the Facilities Repair and Renewal program, Project Management Directorate, at Huntsville Center. “The reason this effort has been accomplished is that everyone working on the project executed their part very quickly and competently. If it weren’t for every one of these people, we could not have met the deadline. Contracting did their part to get the contracts and mods out. Resource Management obligated and approved funds. The Engineering Directorate’s Electrical Branch wrote the scope of work and provided technical expertise. GVEA



Photo by Brad O'Banion, Ameresco Solutions Inc.

FINISHED ON TIME— Huntsville Center managed a \$409,000, four-month project at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, to overhaul the breakers, left, and the switch gears, cabinets on the right, before an Oct. 1 deadline.

and Ameresco mobilized their forces and accomplished a great deal in a short time.”

“I wish all military construction could run as efficiently as your section (Huntsville Center) accomplishes the business at hand,” said Allan Lucht, director of Public Works, Army Garrison, Alaska, in an e-mail to Trudell.

“Testing and commissioning took place the week of Sept. 18 so that the switchgear and backup power source will be in full operation by the deadline,” Trudell said. “If one of the breakers had failed, it could have caused a domino effect and loss of power for the whole system. Fort Wainwright could not function if that happened in the middle of the winter.”

Maintenance had not been done on the full switchgear in a number of years, Trudell said. The switchgear that needed repair provides power to the entire installation. “If it doesn’t work, it needs to be repaired quickly,” Trudell said. Maintenance and repairs had been made only as necessary to keep the system operational.

“These breakers and relays had been originally built in the 1950s, so we had to make sure they operated properly and that Fort Wainwright had extra breakers on hand in case they needed them,” Trudell said. “We rebuilt the ones in the plant and got some spares of the same vintage from Eielson Air Force Base (Alaska).”

Golden Valley Electric Association, the local utility company, was an integral part of this effort, moving quickly to put in an emergency transformer and feeder to provide backup power for the post, Trudell said.

With this maintenance completed and tested, the power plant at Fort Wainwright is ready for winter.

Alabama A&M takes magic to Magic City

Bulldogs over Bama State in Birmingham classic

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Skip's Picks went 204-65, 76 percent, for the first seven weeks of the college football season. Here are my predictions this week:

- Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State – **A&M**
- Brigham Young at Air Force – **BYU**
- Florida International at Alabama – **Bama**
- Arizona State at Washington – **Wash.**
- Louisiana-Monroe at Arkansas – **Ark.**
- Army at Tulane – **Tulane**
- Auburn at Ole Miss – **Auburn**
- Texas A&M at Baylor – **Texas A&M**
- Buffalo at Boston College – **BC**
- Clemson at Virginia Tech – **Clemson**
- Lafayette at Colgate – **Colgate**
- Vanderbilt at Duke – **Vandy**
- East Carolina at Southern Miss – **SM**
- Georgia at Florida – **Florida**
- Florida State at Maryland – **FSU**
- Miami at Georgia Tech – **Tech**
- Illinois at Wisconsin – **Wis.**
- Michigan State at Indiana – **Mich. State**
- Iowa State at Kansas State – **K-State**
- Colorado at Kansas – **Kansas**
- Kentucky at Miss. State – **Ky.**
- Northwestern at Michigan – **Mich.**
- Minnesota at Ohio State – **OSU**
- Oklahoma at Missouri – **Okla.**
- Notre Dame at Navy – **Notre Dame**
- Nebraska at Oklahoma State – **Neb.**
- USC at Oregon State – **USC**
- Penn State at Purdue – **Penn State**
- Connecticut at Rutgers – **Rutgers**
- Tennessee at South Carolina – **Tenn.**
- Wyoming at TCU – **TCU**
- Texas at Texas Tech – **Texas**
- Texas-El Paso at Tulsa – **Tulsa**
- UAB at Southern Methodist – **UAB**
- Washington State at UCLA – **UCLA**
- N.C. State at Virginia – **N.C. State**
- Wake Forest at North Carolina – **Wake**

Bravo wins 5K run, Marines take second

Bravo Company won the troop 5K run held Oct. 14 at Redstone.

The Bulldogs were paced by bronze medalist Jesse Williams, who finished third in 18 minutes and 25 seconds. His teammates were Andrew McMinn, Kevin Sweeney and Lynn Palcowski.

Gold medalist Jeremy McPhearson finished first in 17:44 and led the Marines to second place among the units. His teammates were Marvin Fletcher, John Boynton and Dale Hester.

Mananga Swami of Bravo Company got the silver medal for finishing second in 18:12.

This event culminates the annual Commander's Cup sports competition. The Commander's Cup ceremony is 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at Pagano Gym.

Teams work overtime in preseason tournament

Charlie, 326th Chemical win extended flag football games

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Perhaps it's just the preseason, but Oct. 17 was a night to savor for the Charlie Company and 326th Chemical flag football teams.

Both won in overtime in preseason tournament action at the Patton Road field.

Charlie edged defending post champion Headquarters & Alpha Company 7-6 by gaining more yards on alternating possessions. The 326th Chemical team beat MEDDAC 20-14 on a long touchdown pass.

The final is scheduled Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. for the eight-team, double-elimination tournament.

"It was a lucky win," Charlie coach Chelsie Stokes said of his team's victory by penetration. "Both teams had a lot of penalties on both sides. It's not a win per se. All it comes down to is who advances the ball (in overtime). I think if we would've done away with some of the penalties it would've been a legit win instead of having to compete for overtime yardage."

Indeed, the Wolfpack was helped by two consecutive penalties by Headquarters & Alpha in the extra period. With the ball at midfield on the 40 yard line, Headquarters & Alpha was whistled for an illegal participation penalty which advanced the ball 5 yards to the Gators' 35. An offside call moved it up another 5 yards to the 30 where the game ended.

"We're just trying to get our feel of the game," Charlie quarterback LaQuaine Bess said. "Bunch of new Soldiers, new to (flag) football. We won by luck, basically. Alpha Company's a



Photo by Skip Vaughn

RETURN ENGAGEMENT— 326th Chemical cornerback Jeremy Hamilton returns an interception in the first half of the Dragons' 20-14 overtime win against MEDDAC.

pretty good team."

Headquarters & Alpha took a 6-0 lead at 11:26 in the first half when Ray Benekin made a diving catch of a 36-yard touchdown pass from Gators quarterback Tierre Warren. This culminated the Gators' first possession of the game after they stopped the Wolfpack on downs. Setting up at the Charlie 30, Warren was sacked twice but rebounded with his long scoring toss.

The Wolfpack answered with an eight-play, 45-yard drive to tie the score 6-all. Charlie receiver Sean Guckenberg made a leaping one-handed grab of an 18-yard touchdown pass from Bess at 5:02.

After a scoreless second half, the Wolfpack won when the ball ended up on the Gators' side of the field in O.T.

"They played a good game, we played a good game," Headquarters & Alpha coach Dana Green said. "We're just not familiar with the overtime rules. We were thinking we've got to score. But it's preseason. That's what we're here for – work the kinks out before the regular season starts."

326th Chemical 20, MEDDAC 14: In overtime, the Dragons were on their own 19 when Eddie Bryan caught a pass at midfield from quarterback Johnnie Walker and outran the MEDDAC defense. The play covered 61 yards and proved to be the difference as the 326th defense made it stand.

"It just was something that was there," said Bryan, who plays guard and defensive lineman. "I blocked down on my man, gave (Walker) time. He scrambled to pass and he hit me with the pass. And after that it was like please don't get cramped up."

The Dragons led 14-8 at halftime but the game was tied 14-all at the end of regulation. They made the big play in overtime to get past MEDDAC and its elusive quarterback, Eric James.

"It was gut-check time for us," Dragons coach Samuel Davis said. "We've been having a lot of trouble getting time to practice together because these guys

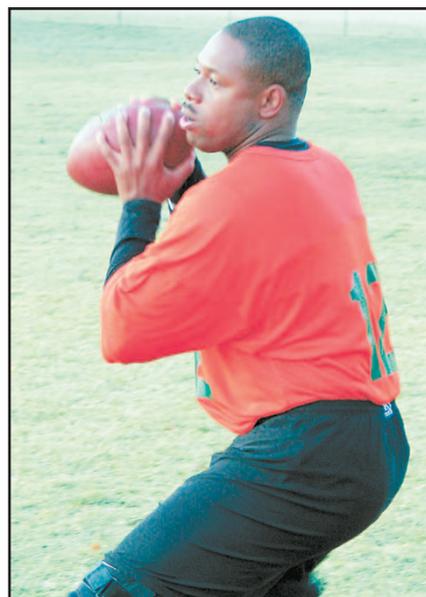


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WARMING UP— Headquarters & Alpha quarterback Tierre Warren prepares to face Charlie Company. Despite his 36-yard touchdown pass, the Gators lose 7-6 on Oct. 17.

are reservists, they work. But these guys are hungry, they want to win. They called the right play at the right time, man. And they made it happen, made it work."

MEDDAC coach/offensive lineman Freddie McElveen sees better nights ahead for his team.

"It's early," McElveen said. "We've still got a lot of games to play. This is just preseason. And it's going to get better."

Here are last week's results in the preseason tournament:

- **Oct. 16** – Charlie won by forfeit over HHC 59th, Headquarters & Alpha won by forfeit over NCO Academy and the Marines def. Bravo 20-0.

- **Oct. 17** – Charlie def. Headquarters & Alpha 7-6, 326th Chemical def. MEDDAC 20-14 and NCO Academy def. HHC 59th 13-12.

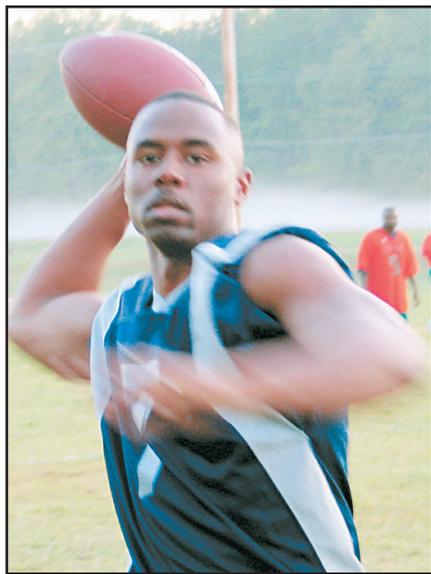


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CAN'T TOUCH THIS— LaQuaine Bess quarterbacks Charlie Company to a preseason win over Headquarters & Alpha.

Grassroots support for military families

National organization officer expresses pride in service

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Some 30 years ago, Tanna Schmidli took on the most honorable job she could ever hope to have.

But, at the time, she didn't know it.

As the young bride of a Soldier, she was committed to supporting her husband's three-year stint in the military. But, as many Army wives will attest to, those three years left a lasting impression of service with Schmidli's husband that dedicated him to what turned out to be a 29-year military career.

During those years, Schmidli found herself with the job of providing the home-front support her husband needed to be the best Soldier he could be. Their military career included 14 moves, nine different schools for their two daughters and, finally, retirement in Alexandria, Va.

Today, while Jim Schmidli works for the Defense Intelligence Agency, Tanna Schmidli serves as the chairman and chief executive officer of the Board of Governors for the National Military Family Association. In that position, Schmidli works to promote issues and concerns affecting military families.

She is also well aware that her position puts her in the forefront of the public arena as a woman who has walked in the



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TALKING ABOUT MILITARY FAMILIES— Tanna Schmidli, right, chairman and chief executive officer of the Board of Governors for the National Military Family Association, talks to Becky Pillsbury, center, wife of Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and founder of Still Serving Veterans, and Chris Swart, president of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, about issues and concerns of military families. Schmidli, a past recipient of the Department of the Army's Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service Award, Outstanding Civilian Service Award and Commander's Award for Public Service, spoke to OCWC members during their Oct. 17 luncheon.

footsteps of a military wife.

"I hope you take pride in what you are

doing," Schmidli told members of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club during a presentation about NMFA at their Oct. 17 luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"Because you have all served and are still serving, you will never stop serving. It's a wonderful way to live your life ... This is a mission for you. I am so proud of the 29 years my husband and I had in the military. It's a lifetime that has been marvelous, absolutely marvelous."

And, just as spouses are committed to serving their Soldier, NMFA is committed to serve the families of the seven uniformed services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Association. As "The Voice for Military Families," NMFA educates military families so they make informed decisions, advocates to Congress and various organizations whose actions affect the lives of military families and provides personal assistance to military families through various programs.

Schmidli first learned about NMFA about 20 years ago when it was known as the Military Wives Association (its name was changed in 1984 to reflect its involvement in family issues). While her husband served in the military, Schmidli served on Spouse Club Boards for the organization. She worked on several of NMFA's committees, including the Professional Development Program, Volunteer Services and Representatives, Operation Purple, Enlisted Outreach, Membership and Governance. She also worked on the NMFA staff, serving as director of Volunteer Services and Representatives. When she left NMFA employment, the organization asked her to serve on the Board of Governors.

NMFA was started in 1969 by four military wives as they sat around a kitchen table in Maryland trying to help one of their members whose spouse had died.

"She had no insurance and they were all wondering how she was going to live," Schmidli said.

"So, they got organized, went to the hill (Congress) and started talking about what's going on. From that, they got the Survivor Benefit Plan."

Today, NMFA continues to speak out on issues pertaining to military families, including survivor and retiree benefits, medical and dental care, relocation, child care, spouse employment, dependent education, family support and mission readiness. The organization's successes include increases in the Family Separation Allowance and Imminent Danger Pay, expansion of the Women's Infants and Children program overseas, funding support for schools educating military children, increased construction funding for quality-of-life facilities, increased military pay and housing allowances, and enhanced support for Tricare standard beneficiaries

and expansion of Tricare benefits to National Guard and Reserve members.

NMFA, Schmidli said, is concerned with how the military is treating its families.

"Are you getting the proper education you want? Are you getting the help you need with transitions?" she said. "Are you being served as a family member when you are following your husband around the world? ... We are the voice of military families. We hear all the good things and all the bad things."

NMFA can provide families with the information they need to make changes at the command level and information about what has to go beyond the command level to get changed.

"We work things from the bottom up," Schmidli said. "We're grassroots because of you. We know how to serve you because you are at the grassroots level."

NMFA makes a difference in the lives of military families through the programs it organizes and advocates.

One such program is Operation Purple Camps, a group of 27 camps around the world providing free camp experiences for children who have a parent deployed.

"These camps are especially good for our National Guard and Reserve families," Schmidli said, because the children of these deployed Soldiers often are growing up among children who don't have the experience of a deployed parent.

"At the camps, children are surrounded and covered by children who walk that same walk every day," she said. "It's a place where they get their questions answered ... and they can truly express their heart."

Schmidli would like to see these camps extend to the spouses of deployed Soldiers, giving them a place to go to discuss their concerns and fears, and to be pampered and rejuvenated.

NMFA also sponsors the Family Award Program recognizing outstanding military families, Very Important Patriot Program recognizing exceptional volunteers whose service improves the quality of life in the military or civilian community, Military Spouse Scholarship Program and Family Financial Stability Program. It is also involved with Military One Source, a 24-hour information and referral service available for families and servicemembers.

"We're here to help you because of those wonderful four ladies sitting around the kitchen table and all the volunteers who have followed since ... I love this organization because it works for me and it works for you. Every decision made in the 27 years I've been involved with this organization has been made with your interest in mind," Schmidli told the OCWC members.

For more information on NMFA or to join, check out its web site at www.nmfa.org or call 1-800-260-0218.

Fire leaves disabled veterans homeless

Organization's office ravaged by arson

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The American Legion Post 237 Annex, located just off Drake Avenue, was ravaged by fire Sept. 28. It was the home of their bingo operations and the offices of the Disabled American Veterans.

The fire, ruled as arson, destroyed much of the building itself. While the exterior portion of the structure still stands, the inside is a nightmare scene of melted metal, blackened walls and sooty water. The furniture and equipment from within is still being sorted into what may be salvageable and what is beyond repair. So far, the end tallies don't look promising.

"Once the smoke settles on the circuit boards, computers may not work again," Leonard Roberts, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26 commander, said. "Plus there's no telling how much heat was in here."

The bingo program was the key fund-raiser for the American Legion. Ray White, member and former financial officer, estimates that the income lost from bingo alone will be somewhere around \$100,000 before they are able to rebuild and reopen. That is money, he said, taken from the hands of area veterans.

"It takes a Thanksgiving meal from somebody. It means a child won't get Santa Claus. That's a hard choice for us to make," White said. "The funds we use come from bingo, without it we don't have that kind of income."

The annex was also the home of the Disabled American Veterans for the last 10 years. The DAV is a charity organization that not only assists veterans with paperwork and procedural issues with the disability process, but also supplies them with transportation and medical

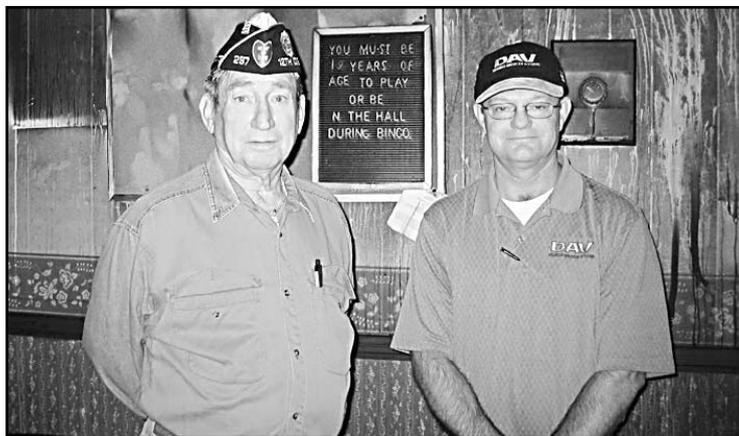


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DAMAGE ASSESSMENT— Ray White of the American Legion Post 237, right, and Leonard Roberts, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26 commander, take in some of the damage to the American Legion Annex.

equipment when they need it. They are part counselor, part secretary and part shoulder to lean on for veterans at all points of their lives.

"We are disabled veterans representing disabled veterans," Roberts said.

Besides the office furniture and computer equipment lost to the blaze, their stockpile of electric and manual wheelchairs is gone. All were donated to the charity over the years and it will take several years to replace them. Some survived the fire itself, but safety concerns made them as good as gone.

"If you take a piece of metal equipment that's been exposed to such extreme heat, do you want to take the responsibility of sitting a 200 pound veteran down in that and having it collapse?" Roberts said.

With the tragedy just a few weeks ago, many things are still up in the air. Chief among them may be where to go now. Police and insurance investigations could keep any rebuilding efforts on hold for months at least, White said. The American Legion does not have room at its main location to house bingo. White added it is also prohibited from using bingo income to rent



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

BEYOND REPAIR— The portion of the building that wasn't destroyed was rendered irreparable by damage from smoke, heat and water.

another facility.

The DAV is currently being run out of Roberts' home. While they do have some money set aside, it is not nearly enough to purchase land and simply build a new office. He has been using a conference room at the American Legion post for meetings with veterans when it is available. He hopes that their 501c charity status will prompt someone in the community to donate land or office

space, as it is a tax deduction.

"Any money that comes out of our pockets for this is money that was put there to help veterans," he said.

Roberts said the fire has also put them back to square one on expansions they were making, such as their web site. It is a costly loss to them as well.

"Not including loss of office space, storage or restoration fees on what we were able to pull out of here, the fire hurt the DAV by about \$29,000," Roberts said.

The fire has also devastated the DAV's sister organization, the DAV Auxiliary. What the DAV does directly for veterans, the auxiliary does for their spouses and widows. Both organizations also volunteer heavily within the community. They are responsible for food drives and supplies for area vets. They decorate gravesites and local veterans' homes in addition to working with many outside agencies such as Habitat for Humanity and area schools. Like the DAV, the auxiliary is now also homeless.

While the loss of their location and equipment is a huge blow, the most profound effects are yet to come. With Christmas marching steadily this way, the full ramifications won't be known for months. Money and time normally spent reaching out to the community will be curtailed this year; partly because of lack of location, partially because of time consumed by cleanup efforts and partly because without their equipment and income the money simply will not exist this year. When White thinks about the people who depend on these organizations who will not get the same level of support this year, he is saddened and angered.

"This is hard for me to accept," White said. "At the same time that we are fighting an unknown enemy overseas, we are fighting unknown enemies at home."

Roberts is optimistic about

the future for the DAV. He hopes to see all three organizations come back better and stronger from the current ordeal.

"I have to think something like this happened for a reason and that better things will come from it," Roberts said. "We just really need an office as soon as possible. It's like starting up all over again from the ground level."

White is unsure what the future will hold for the American Legion. Although the police have made one arrest in the case, a 16-year-old girl, their investigation is not complete. He asks that anyone with any information come forward.

"I would hope that anyone who knows anything would contact the police. We need their help," he said.

For donations or information on the DAV, call Roberts at 682-5666 or e-mail lroberts176@mchsi.com. The American Legion Post 237 may be reached at 882-9661. Those with any information on the fire itself should contact the Huntsville Police Department.



Photo by Kevin McClure

Employee of quarter
Intelligence specialist Wendy Turney has been selected the third Employee of the Quarter in the G-2 (Intelligence and Security).



Sports & Recreation

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.

Golf and chili

The Links at Redstone will have a Golf Scramble and Chili Cookoff on Nov. 4. Cost is \$35 per player (plus greens fees if not a member) and includes food, beverages, golf cart and prizes. Each team will also enter a pot of chili for the chili cookoff. For information call 883-7977.

Hunter safety

Outdoor Recreation is having a Hunter Safety Orientation Nov. 2 and 16. Both 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 hunt

Outdoor Recreation will hold a Youth Deer Hunt Nov. 11 from 4:30 a.m. until sundown. The hunt is for ages 10-15. Each youth must be accompanied by a licensed hunter age 25-plus. Lunch will be provided by Papa John's Pizza. For more information, call 876-4868.

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 pre-season 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.



Conferences & Meetings

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.

Fleet reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For information call Gene Aittala 773-6283 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

University women

American Association of University Women will meet Nov. 4 for an open brunch at Bevill Center, UAH. Social hour begins at 9:30 a.m., brunch (quiche for \$14) at 10 and the program at 10:30. Audrey Salgado, Alabama AAUW president, will speak on "Strategic Visioning: a Catalyst for Change." Reservations are required. For more information, call Lois Guendel 880-8643.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Joe Martin, of Redstone Arsenal Fitness Center, is the scheduled speaker. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Café, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call retired Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

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Federally employed women

You are invited to join the members of the North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women for a networking lunch today at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the Regimental Room. Have lunch and get to know other federally employed women who work at Redstone Arsenal and in the Huntsville area. A profile of women in two local Army commands will be presented as well as discussions on items of interest to the working woman. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.

Future civilian leaders

The AMCOM Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders will hold its quarterly meeting today from 9 a.m. to noon at Bob Jones Auditorium. All Army civilian Interns, Fellows, and Student Career Experience Program employees should register through TIP using catalog number ATQM. Attendees will enhance professional and leadership skills through speaker presentations and networking with TAFL members. For information call Hillary Clay 313-1349.

Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St., north entrance. Ryan Dupree will speak on "The Civil War Within, Alabama Unionists and the First Alabama Cavalry." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. For information call 858-6191.

Computer users

Gene Zajicek will speak to the Huntsville Personal Computer User's Group at 10:45 a.m. Nov. 4 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. He will speak on Camtasia, a program for creating full-motion, narrated recordings for training and instructional presentations. At 9:15, HPCUG president Kevin Wangbickler will present a program on "Newsgroups" for the Internet/Windows Special Interest Group. Visitors are welcome. For information call 830-2232.

Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society) will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 at Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Steve Cook, manager of the Exploratory Launch Office, NASA, is to speak on "Exploration Update." A social will follow. For information call Ronnie 461-5934.

Project management group

The Project Management Institute North Alabama Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Retired Maj. Gen. John Holly will talk about "Managing Complex Projects." The cost is \$20. RSVP by 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at www.northalabamapmi.org.

Electronics tutorial

IEEE Huntsville Section Aerospace Electronics Systems Society announces a one-day IEEE AESS Distinguished

Lecturer Tutorial on GPS and Inertial Data Processing by Dr. James Farrell of VIGIL Inc. on Nov. 16 at the Von Braun Center West Hall. Cost is \$60. Contact Buddy Bishop at rbishop744@aol.com for more information and registration.

Women accountants

American Society of Women Accountants will meet Nov. 14 at the Holiday Inn Select on Williams Avenue. Social begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 and the program at 6:30. Senior fund manager John Norris of Morgan Asset Management is scheduled speaker. Cost is \$16.50 for members, \$17.50 non-members and \$10 full-time undergraduate students. Reservations and cancellations are due by noon Nov. 10. Call 830-0377 or e-mail royerfe@juno.com.

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.



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

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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 War-rant 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.gsauctions.gov, search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to

4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. The shop is accepting fall/winter items. "Join us Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10-2 for some great bargains," a prepared release said. 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,

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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.

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.

Community play

"The Church" will be performed Thursday through Sunday 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 534-7001.

Disability awareness month

Team Redstone's Cultural Awareness Committee will hold a luncheon to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month today 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 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.

CFC weekend

The Hutsco 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.

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.

Disney on ice

"Disney on Ice" will grace the ice at the Von Braun Center Arena Thursday through Sunday with its 100 year anniversary performance. You can purchase discounted box seat tickets for \$17 (a savings of \$4 per ticket) at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. For more information, call 876-4531.

Health screenings

Community blood pressure and bone density screenings include: today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pagano Gym. Oct. 31 from 9-11 a.m. at the Commissary. Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 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.

Dance classes

Morale Welfare and Recreation is offering Cha Cha ballroom dance classes on Tuesday evenings beginning on Oct. 31 and

ending Dec. 12 (no classes on Nov. 21 or Dec. 5). The five classes will be taught by well-known local dance instructors Vince Guarin and Mary Jo Blount. Tuition is \$55 per couple. Classes will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. No experience is necessary, but a dance partner is required. Deadline to sign up is Oct. 29 and tuition must be paid at time of registration. At least seven couples are required to conduct the course. Class size is limited to a maximum of 23 couples. For more information, call 876-4531 or stop by the recreation center Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Fright night

Join Brooklyns for its "Fright Night" Halloween Party, Saturday from 6:30 until 11:30 p.m. There will be a costume contest, games and more at this sports bar at Redstone Lanes. For more information, call 876-6634.

Cruise missile family

Col. Edward Mullin, the project manager for Cruise Missile Defense Systems, invites all former CMDS/SHORAD employees to attend the annual CMDS Dining Out on Nov. 17 at the Officers and Civilians Club. "This is a great opportunity to see old friends, catch up on what's going on and enjoy a fine dinner," a prepared release said. "Several former project managers have already agreed to attend, so please join us for a fun night." Cost is \$34 per person. For more information, call Bonnie Coleman 876-4927.

Community volunteers

The Emergency Management Association has scheduled a Crisis/Disaster Simulation on Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. EMA needs 50 volunteers with good physical health and mobility to participate in the emergency simulation; they must be at least age 18. This will be a role play exercise where participants are assigned to be victims or family members of victims. For more information, call volunteer coordinator Anita Daniel of the Volunteer Center of Madison County 539-7797.

Christmas charities

Christmas Charities Year Round wants people to come pick up red stockings to fill them with toys for needy boys and girls ages 2-10. The agency also seeks some new games for boys and girls ages 7-13 to go with the good refurbished toys they will receive. It also needs soccer balls and footballs. For more information, call 837-2373.

Free car wash

Join Morale Welfare and Recreation for its Quarterly Customer Appreciation free Car Wash on Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each customer will get a free car wash, fragrance and vacuum. This is a "wash-your-own" event. There will also be free food and drinks for customers washing their cars. This is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 955-7728.

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Rocket Announcements

Vendor forum

Post Restaurant Fund is hosting a GSA Vendor Forum on Nov. 9 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sparkman Cafeteria building 5309. Several GSA vendors will provide information on their products. There will also be door prizes. For more information, call 876-8741.

Army family team building

Army Family Team Building, Level I Class will be held from 6-9 p.m. Nov 14-16 at Army Community Service. AFTB "Introduction to Army Life" or "Army 101" is designed for those who are new to the military or interested in updating personal skills and basic knowledge. To register or for more information, call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Car show benefit

Alabama Custom Car and Truck Club will present its first "Just Showin' Off," for Toys for Tots, Dec. 9 behind the Veterans Memorial Museum at 2060A Airport Road southwest. Registration starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. for cars, trucks and motorcycles. Entry fee for the show is a \$20 cash donation or an unwrapped toy of equal value. Rain date is Dec. 10. For more information, e-mail Jay McGiboney at JayMack75@aol.com or visit www.alabamacustomcarandtruckclub.com.

Graduate center

Florida Tech Graduate Center, Redstone registration for the spring semester begins Nov. 13 at building 5304, room 4326. Class is weekly from 5-8 p.m. in building 5304. For more information, call the administrative office 881-7878.

Online master's

Columbia College will launch its online Master of Business Administration in January, making it the first online graduate degree offered by the college. More than 125,000 students are earning MBAs online from institutions nationwide. For more

information about the online MBA program at Columbia College, call the Redstone extension 881-6181.

Instructor of year

The Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School and the 59th Ordnance Brigade invite you to the Instructor of the Year Awards Presentation Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets are \$10 and are now on sale. For more information and tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Richard James 842-9771.

Pie-in-face benefit

A pie-in-the-face and dunking booth benefit is scheduled Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. outside Sparkman Cafeteria. Rain date is Oct. 31. Proceeds from this Combined Federal Campaign fund-raiser go to the American Heart Association and Cancer Research for Children. Hamburger or hot dog, chips and drink costs \$3; extra hot dog or hamburger is \$1.50; and extra drink is \$1.

Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting applications for merit awards. Forms are available at OCWC monthly luncheons, the Education Center and Army Community Service. For more information, call K.C. Bertling 325-0490 or e-mail samnkc@knology.net.

Halloween party

A Latin Halloween Dance and Costume Contest is Saturday night at 9 at Kickers Lounge inside the Ramada Inn in Madison. Cost is \$10 per person. Attendees must be over age 21 with a photo ID. For more information, call 651-9626 or 430-6179.

PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours Friday, Nov. 10 for Veterans Day: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All concessions, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Barber Shop, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																												
								AS OF 19 Oct 06	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																																				
SCBK06614310	Program Analyst	25-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0343	11	12	52,355 - 81,572	X																												
SCBK06588781	Human Resources Spec (Staffing)	25-Oct-06	CHRA	YA-0201	2	2	43,271 - 97,003	X																												
SCBK06588837	Human Resource Assistant (Class/OA)	25-Oct-06	CHRA	GS-0203	5	5	28,559 - 37,128	X																												
SCBK06588855	Human Resource Assistant (R&P/OA)	25-Oct-06	CHRA	GS-0203	5	5	28,559 - 37,128	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																		
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																		
SCBK0643103R	Mgmt Analyst	27-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	65,832 - 85,578	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06609461	General Engr	27-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X																												
SCBK06548318	General Engr	30-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	30-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-0801	15	15	103,723 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06614233	Oper Research Analyst	31-Oct-06	SMDC	GS-1515	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X																												
SCBK06582963D	Human Resources Spec (Employee Relations)	31-Oct-06	CHRA	YA-0201	2	2	43,271 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06588855D	Human Resource Assistant (R&P/OA)	31-Oct-06	CHRA	GS-0203	5	5	28,559 - 37,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06588837D	Human Resource Assistant (Class/OA)	31-Oct-06	CHRA	GS-0203	5	5	28,559 - 37,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06588781D	Human Resources Spec (Staffing)	31-Oct-06	CHRA	YA-0201	2	2	43,271 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06606458D	Supv Human Resource Spec (Staffing/Classification)	31-Oct-06	CHRA	YC-0201	2	2	74,621 - 97,003	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-0807,0808,0 810,0819,08 30,0850,089 3	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06606492	Human Resource Tech	1-Nov-06	CHRA	YB-0203	1	2	18,535 - 45,985								X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06617951	General Engr	2-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06617951D	General Engr	2-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06614186	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	2-Nov-06	SMDC	GS-0303	6	6	31,834 - 41,383	X																												
SCBK06636469	Computer Engr	2-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06636469D	Computer Engr	2-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06551450	General Engr	3-Nov-06	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X							X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06554895	Geophysicist	4-Nov-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-1313	7/9	11/12	35,375 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06554895D	Geophysicist	4-Nov-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-1313	7/9	11/12	35,375 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06569948	General Engr	18-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06569948D	General Engr	18-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06567670	Supervisory General Engr	19-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06567670D	Supervisory General Engr	19-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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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																		
SCBK06588837D	Human Resource Assistant (Class/OA)	31-Oct-06	CHRA	GS-0203	5	5	28,559 - 37,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06588855D	Human Resource Assistant (R&P/OA)	31-Oct-06	CHRA	GS-0203	5	5	28,559 - 37,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06582963D	Human Resources Spec (Employee Relations)	31-Oct-06	CHRA	YA-0201	2	2	43,271 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06588781D	Human Resources Spec (Staffing)	31-Oct-06	CHRA	YA-0201	2	2	43,271 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06606458D	Supv Human Resource Spec (Staffing/Classification)	31-Oct-06	CHRA	YC-0201	2	2	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06636469D	Computer Engr	2-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06617951D	General Engr	2-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06582915D	Program Integrator	2-Nov-06	USAASC	NH-0301	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06554895D	Geophysicist	4-Nov-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-1313	7	12	35,375 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06569948D	General Engr	18-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK06567670D	Supervisory General Engr	19-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																																				
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																																				
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																																				
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																																				
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																																				
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																																				
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)																																				
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																																				
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																																				
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirements)																																				
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)																																				
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																																				
U - All U.S. citizens																																				
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																																				
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.																																				
Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee . Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil , search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647 , for more information.																																				

GNC, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Furniture Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. One-Stop Goss Road, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tire Store, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Burger King, 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. Military Clothing, closed. Barber Shop, building 3479, closed. Food Court - Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cinnabon, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baskin Robins,

closed. Robin Hood, closed. Churchs, closed. American Eatery, closed. All facilities will operate with regular hours Saturday, Nov. 11.