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Security contractor honored by disabled veterans group

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Local veterans employment representative Chad Richmond asked the roomful of security guards for a show of hands on how many were veterans. Almost everyone raised their hand.

Richmond wasn't surprised. As commander of Disabled American Veterans, Department of Alabama, he was there Oct. 25 to present an award to Alutiq as the small employer of the year for DAV for 2005-06. He is a local veterans employment representative from the Trussville career center, which is part of the State Employment Service.

Alutiq provides gate access control under a Garrison contract and serves as part of the Directorate of Emergency Services. Ninety-five percent of its more than 100 employees are veterans.

"They do an outstanding job," Capt. Roger Triplett, assistant operations officer for the directorate, said. "They're a bunch of good, hard-working people. They have to tolerate a lot of different type of personalities coming into the gate, but they do an outstanding job for us."

The annual award was from the Disabled American Veterans for the State of Alabama. Each state's DAV chapter selects a winner; and the state honorees are submitted to the national office which then chooses a national winner. Alutiq didn't receive the national award, but was recognized by the national office for its state honor.

"We really need more companies like you," Richmond told the guards after presenting the plaque and certificate.

The Huntsville Employment Service Division of the Department of Industrial Relations nominated Alutiq for the award.

"They've had such good success helping veterans get jobs here," Kathy Evans, employment service senior manager for Huntsville Employment Service, said. "And the nomination is based upon the percentage of veterans they've hired here."

Willetta Walker, disabled veterans outreach program representative for the



GOOD COMPANY— Participating in the award presentation to Alutiq are, from left, Darrell Pickle, the captain of the guard force; Kevin Dykema, the Alutiq project manager; and Chad Richmond, commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Alabama.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

Huntsville career center, refers veterans to Alutiq for employment.

"They are a hire veterans first company," Walker said. "They consider all vets prior to interviewing the general public. They give veterans the first shot at the jobs."

Alutiq project manager Kevin Dykema accepted the award on behalf of the company. After the ceremony, he thanked the state employment representatives. "It's mutual gratification because you take care of us and we really appreciate it," he said.

"We have about 95 percent veterans associated with this contract," Dykema said. "These are people who have served

their country and continue to serve our country providing access control. They receive 120 hours of security training; that covers access control operations. They are the first line of defense in the installation commander's force protection program."

The company, which received the contract in February 2004 and began full performance that March, has received high evaluations biannually from the government.

"We scored 100 percent (for March through August 2006)," Dykema said. "So that's indicative of the outstanding performance of our guards."

An open lane random survey

What is your favorite television show this fall?

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Debra Volk
DoD civilian
"I like to watch **Ghost Whisperer** and **The Amazing Race.**"

Reginald McLain
retiree

"My favorite is **Heroes**. I can't wait to see what happens next."



Dave Temple
retiree
"Lost – I just like it and **House.**"

Chief Warrant Officer Marvin Booker
Munition Systems Management Office
"I would have to say **NCIS**. It's a military show, but it has a crime scene investigation angle to it."



Quote of the week

'When in doubt, punt.'

— **John Heisman**
legendary football coach

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Handicapped parking in short supply

Every few months the Commissary holds a tent sale and as usual they park their tent and associated accessories (this time a soda truck) on a portion of the handicapped parking spaces. There is already a shortage of parking spaces for the handicapped and I am saying this from personal experience.

Here in Huntsville and the surrounding area, we have a large population of retired military and as such we most likely have a higher than average handicapped population that requires a place to park. I believe the Americans With Disabilities Act requires that handicapped parking be provided by places of business wherever they are located.

I do not know the method used to determine the number of handicapped parking spaces but most places I have gone, including the Commissary/PX, never seem to have enough to handle their busiest times. However, I think when you have a situation where you do not have sufficient handicapped parking and then you turn around and block some of the spaces you do have, it is just plain wrong.

I have mentioned this handicapped parking situation to the Commissary in the past, I guess with no luck. I would like to remind the Commissary that they are here to serve the military community, active and retired.

Richard Rice

Editor's note: The Garrison and the Commissary provided the following response. "Please accept our sincerest apology, on behalf of the entire Commissary staff, for the obstruction of handicap parking spaces during our case lot sales. In the future we will either move the case lot sale to another location in the parking area or make accommodations for temporary handicap parking spaces. Our intentions are not to make the Redstone Arsenal Commissary shopping experience difficult but to help you and all patrons have a satisfying visit to their local commissary. Thank you for expressing your concern about this important issue. If you need assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact the management staff at 876-6707, ext. 3144."

One dollar goes a long way

What can you get for a dollar? You can sometimes get a cup of non-designer coffee or a soft drink. You can buy a pack of gum or a bag of chips. If you misplanned a dollar, would you miss it? Would you even notice it? Probably not. One dollar is not going to make a difference whether you eat today or not. It won't be the one thing standing between you and disaster, the one thing that keeps your power from being cut off.

Will not having that one dollar mean that you won't get a lifesaving medication? Not likely. Will it mean that you don't have warm clothes or a place to sleep when the cold winds blow? No. Will that one little piece of colored paper make you feel warm, safe, protected? Not likely. If you get a dollar back, it's likely that you will blow it on something and

not even remember it. If your child came up to you and asked to borrow one dollar, would you even ask why they needed it? We all spend lots of one dollar bills without even thinking of it. At the end of the week, we probably can't recall exactly what we spent them on.

Do you know what that same, little one dollar bill can do in the hands of a CFC charity? It can provide food and clothes to a needy person, or shelter to someone who lost their home to fire or natural disaster. It could help someone get off the streets and into safe lodging and job training. Your pocket change could save a baby's life or could provide tender care to someone whose life is coming to an end. It could help someone beat a substance

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Many reasons for giving to charity

With the Combined Federal Campaign ongoing here at Redstone, there are events going on to address the need to give to a charity to help organizations provide all kinds of help, assistance, etc., to the public to include federal employees of Redstone. This help or assistance can also be provided to contractor employees who work for Redstone Arsenal. The number of charities listed in the CFC brochure is unreal. You name it, there is a charity you can give your money to.

One problem I think at present here at Redstone is that many people don't give any money to any charity and these people don't have to give anything. The people in the organizations who are collecting the donations can't ask someone to give anything. Years ago a branch or division chief kept track of who gave and who didn't give; and if someone didn't give, they would approach the person or people who did not give. At least that's the way I remember it. What management wanted was 100 percent participation. I guess at some point someone complained about being asked for money, even one dollar. Now I believe employees don't take CFC seriously.

I used to say charity starts at home and I gave nothing. Then there were times I just gave \$5. As years went by, my pay increased so I started giving more. For the last four or five years, I started having my donations taken out of my pay. Why did I start giving more? Because I or a family member received assistance from a charity. My father had Alzheimer's; and my father-in-law had cancer and received excellent care from Hospice Family Care of Madison County.

We need to think about how one day we might need help from a charity organization. There shouldn't have to be incentive, like being able to use your CFC pledge card receipt to shop at Costco for three days or dunking (a top manager) in a tub of water.

By the way, I give to the National Children's Advocacy Center. This organization was founded in Huntsville. By the way, fill out the recognition options on the pledge card. These charities would like to know who is helping, whether you give a dollar or \$100.

I'm not criticizing employees who don't give; we just need to think about what we have. There are people who don't have as much as we have. Then some of the charities help people who might have everything. They don't look at your social status or how much money you have in the bank.

Xavier Bonilla

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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?
I like the excitement of going to technical meetings and interfacing with other product teams; working together for a common goal.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I love to go to sporting events, especially (Alabama A&M University) football games. I also love to play golf and fish when time permits.



What are your goals?
Short-term, I plan to finish grad school at Florida Institute of Technology (for a master's of science in management). And long-term, I plan to become a project manager within five years.

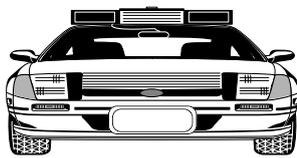
What's your favorite type of music?
R&B and jazz

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Oct. 20: An individual was found to be in possession of a weapon. The individual was asked to take it home, but attempted entry through another gate and was caught with the weapon again. The individual was issued a violation notice, the weapon was seized and the individual was released.

Oct. 22: An individual was arrested by a local Sheriff's Department for carrying a concealed weapon and possession of



a prescription drug, not his. He was arrested and processed into jail.

Traffic accidents reported: one with injuries, 11 without injuries.

Violation notices issued: 6 speeding, 2 expired tag, 2 inattentive driving, 3 parking violation.

Army establishes command for installation management

WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey approved creation of the Installation Management Command as a direct reporting unit effective Oct. 16 as one of several direct realignments of the current Army headquarters.

Harvey also announced Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, the assistant chief of staff for installation management, as the first commander of IMCOM.

The creation of this command is part of the Army's plan to transform into a more agile and adaptable service.

Where to go when the weather turns severe

Tornado safety directions given

The Garrison Safety Office provided the following facts and safety tips for a weather phenomenon that is a major part of Tennessee Valley history – tornadoes.

People in this area remember the deadly tornadoes of 1974 and 1989.

Tornadoes can form any time of the day or night, but are most likely to occur between 3 and 9 p.m. The typical tornado moves from southwest to northeast, following its parent thunderstorm. Tornadoes can move in any direction and can change directions at any time. Tornadoes rarely move in straight lines. They usually weave back and forth, traveling over any terrain.

The typical tornado is on the ground for less than 10 minutes. However, the tornado may touch down for a time then lift again into the storm sys-

tem. It can, sometimes, move along the ground for an hour or longer. One important misconception is that it must rain, hail or both before there can be a tornado. Not true. Rain or hail can fall in one area of a storm system while tornadoes may form somewhere else entirely.

Here are safety tips:

- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls during a tornado. The safest place to be is underground, such as a basement, or as low to the ground as possible. If you do not have a basement, consider an interior hallway or bathroom on the lowest floor. Putting as many walls as you can between you and the outside will provide additional protection.

- Always protect your head and chest and get under something sturdy. If you are in a mobile home or vehicle, leave and go to a substantial structure. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine or culvert with your hands shielding your head. Never try to outrun a tornado in your car. (*Garrison Safety release*)

■ Everyone can give a little to charity

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abuse habit. It could provide utilities for seniors who have to choose between medications and heat/air conditioning. You could save an animal (or a species), protect a forest, help stop erosion or pollution, or provide clean water to a village across the world. You could provide training and rehabilitation to someone with a physical or mental disability, or provide a safe haven and a hot meal for children after school. You could provide livestock to a family in a poor country; livestock that will help them work their way out of poverty. Your dollar could be the one that is needed to at last find a cure for cancer, diabetes, muscular dystrophy. It could be the one thing that wipes out AIDS or homelessness. That one little piece of colored paper can do so much good. But first, you have to give it away.

Were you aware that for many years, the percentage of AMCOM donors has hovered around the 36 percent mark? Here we are, in the Rocket City, a city full of engineers, doctors, lawyers and professionals of every caliber and we can't get more than 36 percent of the people to donate. Do you find that sad? I don't think that it is because we are stingy. On the contrary, I've found AMCOM workers to be extremely generous. I don't think that our employees are unaware of the needs in our community. Everyone has seen information on TV, radio, billboards and in the newspaper. I believe the reason more

people at AMCOM don't give is that they don't realize how much good a small donation can do. It's true that a \$1,000 donation can do great good. But, it is also true that a small donation of \$1, \$5, \$10 can help these CFC agencies do great good. Maybe they are afraid that their donation will get sent to an agency that they don't support. If you designate an agency on your pledge card, it will go to the agency you designate. Every year, CFC goes through several audits to ensure that every penny goes exactly where it is designated to go. You can rest assured that your money will go where you want it to go.

If the other 67 percent of AMCOM employees gave just \$1 a year, we would have an additional \$4,300. If they gave \$5 a year, we would have over \$21,500 extra. I think it is safe to say that every AMCOM employee can afford to give a one-time contribution of \$5. If that 67 percent gave \$5 a month, we'd have an additional \$258,000! Every one of your dollars count. Every contribution, no matter how small you think it may be, will help to fill needs in our community, our country, around the world. You won't miss the price of one mocha latte, one hamburger, one movie rental. But the CFC agencies can do amazing things with that same amount.

I challenge and encourage everyone who has never given to CFC before to give one dollar this year. If you want to give more, that would be great. But, at least give one dollar. Let's see what amazing things your little dollar can do.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Lynn Moore
IMMC CFC loaned executive

Employers should open doors to disabled workers

Government has room for improvement

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In the midst of his closing comments at a luncheon honoring employees with disabilities, Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski stopped to point out one employee who he particularly admires.

Sitting at a table near the back of the meeting room at the Officers and Civilians Club was Priscilla Nesbit, a security badge checker in building 5300 at the Sparkman Center.

"I saw her every day. She greeted me with a smile every day," Olshefski said, standing beside Nesbit.

"Then, one day she got in a wheelchair and came around (her badge station), and that's when I realized she was disabled."

To Olshefski and many others who she greets on a daily basis, Nesbit is an example of a disabled employee who is happy, successful, conscientious and hard working despite her physical limitations. She always has an encouraging thing to say to the people she meets. She is the kind of employee that Redstone Arsenal and all employers need to hire, encourage and support, Olshefski said.

"It isn't so far once in a while to meet people halfway," Olshefski said. "It's OK to get down on a knee to give someone in a wheelchair a hug or a high five. We're all disabled at one time or another. People with disabilities are not looking for sympathy. They only want a fair shot. If they are qualified, give them the job."

Olshefski's comments summarized the theme "Americans with Disabilities: Ready for the Global Workforce" at the second annual luncheon program in

honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. About 150 people attended the Oct. 25 luncheon to honor Redstone Arsenal employees with disabilities who work for the Army, NASA and contractors. The luncheon was hosted by Team Redstone's Cultural Awareness Committee and its National Disability Employment Awareness Month Luncheon Committee.

Although the federal government and employers are directed to employ people with disabilities, the number of disabled people employed by the government is on the decline, according to statistics gathered by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and presented to the luncheon audience by keynote speaker Christine Griffin, a commissioner of the EEOC.

When Griffin was sworn in as an EEOC commissioner in early 2006, she assumed the "federal government was the best employer of people with disabilities."

Disabled herself, Griffin was surprised to learn the number of disabled federal employees has been declining for a decade. Of the 2.6 million federal employees in fiscal 2005, only 25,000 (or less than 1 percent) had severe disabilities. During that year, the federal work force increased by 78,000, but only 810 of those new employees were disabled.

"I wanted to know why. Why have we strayed so far from the whole idea that the federal government was a moral employer?" Griffin asked.

She recalled that in 1983, when she was hired as interim president of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, her new boss not only liked her qualifications but also her status as an Army veteran, female and disabled person.

"He was feeling some sort of sense that he had to diversify his



Photo by Kari Hawkins

ALL THE BEST— Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski talks with, from left, Becky Pillsbury, vice president of Still Serving Veterans; Christine Griffin, a commissioner with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and Priscilla Nesbit, a disabled security badge checker in building 5300 at the Sparkman Center. During a luncheon in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Olshefski, Pillsbury and Griffin all spoke about their concerns to ensure that disabled people get a fair chance at job opportunities within the federal government. Nesbit, who at times uses a wheelchair and at other times walks with a cane, was recognized during the luncheon by Olshefski as one of Redstone Arsenal's successful disabled employees.

work force and he saw that I could help him," Griffin said. "What did his employers do to make him sense that?"

In December 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt said the "national government should be a model employer, that federal agencies must set an example on how to have a diversified work force and the best of human capital management.' If you want the best of human capital

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING— Christine Griffin, a commissioner with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission who spoke at a luncheon sponsored by Team Redstone's Cultural Awareness Committee in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, talks with Paula Montgomery Rodney, a Marshall Space Flight Center employee who won second place in a Team Redstone essay contest as part of the month's recognition

Essay, display contests winners announced

Essay contests and static display contests were coordinated by Team Redstone's Cultural Awareness Committee during October in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Hispanic Heritage Month.

Winners of the disability month essay contest were: first place, Louise Ystuenta of Integrated Materiel Management Center; second, Paula Montgomery Rodney of Marshall Space Flight Center Academic Affairs Office; and third, Christopher Coffey of Criminal Investigation Division. The first place winner of the static display

contest was the Criminal Investigation Division.

Hispanic month essay contest winners were: first, Richard Browning of Criminal Investigation Division; second, Christopher Coffey of Criminal Investigation Division; and third, Patrick Jones of Criminal Investigation Division. Static display winners were: first, Missile Systems Electronic Training Department; second, Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; and third place (tie), Criminal Investigation Division and Headquarters and Alpha Company, 832nd.

■ Disabled employees can be successful in workplace

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management then the full inclusion in federal government of people with disabilities makes sense,” Griffin said.

Describing the onslaught of the “impending reticent tsunami of retirement” within the government, Griffin said this is a “perfect time to hire people with disabilities.”

Forty percent of the work force is expected to retire between the years 2006 and 2017. While the unemployment rate in the nation is less than 5 percent, it is about 65 percent for disabled people.

“That means 65 percent of disabled people are living on benefits. Between social security and disability payments they are getting \$666 a month to live on,” Griffin said.

“That is no where near enough. You can’t live on that and have a life. Employing disabled people has a positive impact on the bottom line for all of us. Employment affects not only a disabled person’s net worth but also their self worth.”

Disabled people want the same things other people want, Griffin said, recalling a young disabled woman who she met who told her “working is very important because I want to buy things like everyone else.”

Thirty-three years ago, President Richard Nixon signed the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, prohibiting discrimination against disabled people and calling for federal agencies to develop affirmative action plans for the hiring of disabled people. Seventeen years ago, the Americans with Disabilities Act applied those same requirements to the private business sector.

But, there is still a small percentage of disabled employees in the work force.

“To continue to simply hope for improvement would be irresponsible after so many years,” Griffin said. “We must champion the issue and convey its importance.”

The EEOC is beginning public dialogue on the issue of disability employment and what needs to be done to reverse the negative employment trend, she said. It has formed a group called LEAD, Leadership for the Employment of Americans

with Disabilities Act, to encourage the employment of people with disabilities. Programs have been started to educate employers on the possibilities that come with employing someone who is disabled.

“We hope taking steps will lead to positive change ... Together we must insist the federal government have a significant role in providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities,” Griffin said.

Also speaking at the luncheon was Becky Pillsbury, wife of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and vice president of Still Serving Veterans, a local organization that assists disabled veterans.

Pillsbury’s 23 years in the special education field makes her a strong advocate of the disabled. She understands their situation from both the practical and emotional sides.

“The word that we have to use is a word that they don’t like and that is ‘disabled,’” she said. “That does not describe them. They see themselves as challenged.”

Still Serving Veterans works with veterans who are at least 33 percent disabled.

“I’m so inspired by the spirit of these veterans,” she said. “They want to go back

with their unit. They never consider themselves disabled. But, some aren’t able to continue with their unit. AMC (Army Materiel Command) has been excellent to allow injured veterans to continue their military career with the command.”

For those disabled veterans who do leave the military, Still Serving Veterans “wraps their arms around them to give them the support they need,” she said.

The states of Alabama and Pennsylvania have more National Guard and Reserve units than any other states, and many of these troops have been deployed in recent years to fight in the global war against terrorism. Because of this patriotism, Alabama is seeing more disabled veterans than many other states.

“Let them find us so we can help them,” Pillsbury said. “We can handicap equip their cars and their homes. We can help with resumes. We can help them fill in the blanks of their education so they can get the kinds of jobs they want. We want to level the playing field so they have the opportunity to show what they can do.”

Editor’s note: Still Serving Veterans can be reached by calling 1-866-778-4645 or by visiting its web site at www.stillservingveterans.com.

Making logos stand out one stitch at a time

'Shirt lady' supports Redstone groups

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Cynthia Fast is known in the Redstone Arsenal community by her nickname.

As the wife of a Vietnam veteran and a business entrepreneur in her own right, Fast has dabbled in many different career and personal interests over the years. She has been a court reporter since 1975, worked in the gift basket industry and helped start the Huntsville Embroiderer's Guild.

But, it's her creative use of the sewing needle that has earned Fast the nickname of "The Shirt Lady" with employees of Arsenal activities and organizations. They rely on her seamstress skills for the logos adorning their polo shirts and other clothing.

"A lot of times I will be at the Sparkman Center and someone will say 'Oh, there's the shirt lady,'" Fast said.

Employees working for Black Hawk, Apache, Chinook, Light Utility Helicopters and many other organizations all wear logos embroidered by Fast on her commercial embroidery machine. So, too, do members of the Vets for Vettes corvette club, various local school organizations and a few private businesses.

Logo embroidery is a business that sort of snuck up on Fast when she was heavily immersed in the gift basket industry in the early 1990s.

"I wanted to wear a shirt with



Photo by Kari Hawkins

EMBROIDERY WORK— Cynthia Fast, wife of retired Reserve colonel and retired Redstone employee Pete Fast, keeps an eye on her commercial embroidery machine as it stitches a Black Hawk logo onto a polo shirt. She uses her machine to embroider about 200 shirts a month, many which are worn by Redstone Arsenal employees.

my gift basket logo on it at the trade shows I went to around the country," she said. "I designed my logo and embroidered my shirt. Other people in the business liked my shirt, so I designed an apparel line for the gift basket business."

Fast and her husband, Pete, a retired Reserve colonel, moved to Huntsville in 2001, where

Pete Fast took a job with Aviation Ground Support Equipment, Program Executive Office for Aviation. Fast soon set up an embroidery business at the Post Exchange to sell embroidered shirts that were decorated with "cats and dogs and fun stuff," she said. On the side, Fast embroidered shirts for her husband to wear to work.

"I was discovered at the PX," Fast said, laughing. "People would stop and ask if I could do their organization's logo. A lot of the activities in the Sparkman Center want to have shirts with their logo on them. So, they asked me if I could help them."

It wasn't long before her orders outgrew the Brother home embroidery machine that Fast

used. In 2003, she invested in an SWF commercial embroidery machine. Eventually, she moved out of her home office into a small office building just a short drive from home.

"All of these years, I've always worked out of my home," she said. "It was a very difficult decision. I can't work in my pjs anymore. But, I am more disciplined and there is a more structured atmosphere."

Today, Fast, whose company is called All Sew Fast, embroiders about 200 shirts a month. She delivers each one with a lot of personal service.

"I'm very hands-on through the whole process," she said. "I'm very particular with how each shirt looks and I want to make sure my customers are happy. One of the nice things about this business is I have full access to the Arsenal so I personally deliver shirts to my customers. I love the personal contact. I love meeting people and getting to know my customers."

Even with her faster commercial machine, there are times when Fast will subcontract with other machine embroiderers to complete a large order. But, Fast still maintains the one-on-one contact with her customers.

"I wear all the hats in this business from accounting to personal delivery," she said. "Going and seeing my customers is one part of the business I really love."

Each logo starts with camera ready art supplied by the customer. She then tweaks the design as needed to transition it from a logo on paper into a logo stitched with threads. Sometimes

Veteran goodwill ambassador to Italy and Huntsville

Retired chief warrant officer returns to site of his first tour

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Sixty-one years ago Robert McCall was an 18-year-old Soldier on his first duty assignment as a member of the occupation troops in Italy after World War II.

That tour changed his life; and the retired chief warrant officer returns to Italy each year to renew acquaintances from that special time.

This year he served as a goodwill ambassador between the mayors of Huntsville and Tarvisio, Italy. Before his trip to Italy, he contacted Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski's office. The office arranged for McCall to receive through Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer's office an autographed book of Huntsville and a key-shaped lapel pin of the city.

McCall left for Italy on Sept. 7 and had a scheduled appointment Sept. 16 to see Tarvisio Mayor Franco Baritussio. He gave the Huntsville mementos to Baritussio, who in turn gave him a picturesque book showing the area around Tarvisio and a banner. McCall delivered those items to Spencer when he got back to Huntsville.

"One of the things that impressed the mayor (Spencer) was the photograph of the mountain ranges," McCall said.

The 79-year-old veteran and his recollections of Italy are intriguing in their own right. He was stationed in the little village of Fusine Laghi in northeastern Italy in 1945-46 with Fox Company of the 351st Infantry Regiment of the 88th Infantry Division. In 2003 he began returning each year to Italy, so this was his fourth trip. He has renewed acquaintances with several of the people he met during his Army assignment.

"He's a very interesting man," Wendy Mitchell, executive assistant to the Garrison commander, said.

McCall, a native of McDowell County, N.C., served in the Army 27 years from 1945-72 when he retired at Redstone Arsenal. He's a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, where he served in 1967-68 and 1971-72.

"I was a raw 18-year-old Soldier from the South," he said of his Italy assignment. "I felt like I grew from a youngster to a man there. And that was part of the reason I decided to stay in the military."

Two years ago, McCall visited an exhibit of his old photographs in what used to be his platoon building in Italy. He was introduced to Giovanni Jalen, who was age 8 or 9 in a photograph of then Soldier McCall with a youngster.

Another man who used to hang around the unit reintroduced himself to McCall. His name was Alsoe Piusi.

"He came up to me and he said he remembered me particularly because I had taken him to our mess hall for



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

GIFT FROM ITALY— Retired Chief Warrant Officer Robert McCall presents to Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer a book from the mayor of Tarvisio, Italy.

Thanksgiving dinner," McCall said. "And he said he'd never seen so much food in his life. Of course food was very scarce at the end of the war."

Last year a plaque was dedicated on the building to the members of Fox Company. "One of the ladies that attended the dedication of that was one of our former washer women, Benet Mary," McCall said. Most of the people he knew back then had Italian names during the Fascist period, but they were actually Slovenian.

McCall was stationed in Italy from September 1945 until December 1946 when he returned to the states around Christmastime.

"It was very busy," he said of the tour. "We were running patrols along the border and manning outposts to keep people from infiltrating. It was very cold in the winter because of the mountains. It was not a particularly hardship type (tour), but just very busy for us."

He had been drafted in April 1945 in Danville, Va., while attending a radio repair school. "And it took me another 10 years to get back into electronics," he said laughing.



Courtesy photo

GOODBYE— U.S. Soldier Robert McCall gets a sendoff from his little Italian friend, Giovanni Jalen, as he leaves Fusine Laghi for a new assignment in Caporetto, Italy, in 1946.

Security awareness tops next week's agenda

Training sessions set for organizations

Several Redstone organizations will observe Security Awareness Week, Nov. 6-9. Scheduled activities and training events will remind government employees to prevent loss and compromise of classified or sensitive unclassified information. The week will also highlight protecting personal identities from theft.

Security Awareness Week is being observed as part of the mandated Department of the

Army Security Awareness Program. Security Awareness Week is intended to promote security awareness in the Redstone community through a series of events to inform and educate. The Aviation and Missile Command G-2 and Missile Defense Agency solicit widest participation by members of participating organizations.

Training sessions conducted in Bob Jones Auditorium will consist of presentations by two nationally recognized experts on information security and operational security. The training, which will be broadcast on

Channel 42 several times during the week, satisfies the annual Department of the Army Mandatory Security Awareness Training requirement.

Employees are encouraged to attend one of the following sessions:

- AMCOM and primary AMCOM organizations – Nov. 6 from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. For more information, call Susan Bradshaw 842-6552.

- Missile Defense Agency – Nov. 7 from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. For more information, call Kay Harris 313-9827.

- Program Executive Office

for Missiles and Space – Nov. 8 from 8-11 a.m. and jointly with PEO Aviation from 1-4 p.m. For more information, call Flo Boswell 876-2522.

- Program Executive Office for Aviation – Nov. 8 from 1-4 p.m. and Nov. 9 from 8-11 a.m. For more information, call Dave Sainsbury 313-4009.

Besides these training sessions, several other activities will take place through the week. On Nov. 6, the AMCOM G-2 will provide a free hot dog lunch outside Bob Jones Auditorium for the first 1,500 takers attending the training sessions.

Each day throughout the week, several security-related vendors will have displays in the foyer outside Bob Jones Auditorium offering free trinkets. Multiple displays and demonstrations are also planned for the week, including a robotics demonstration each day from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

On Nov 6 and 8 during the afternoon sessions, signers will be available for those with hearing impairments. Those training sessions will also be taped for future viewing on IPTV. (*G-2 Intelligence and Security release*)

Veteran

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First he was a rifleman in the Infantry; after that he was in personnel on recruiting duty. Finally he returned to electronics when he attended radar repair school at Fort Monmouth, N.J., in 1956. He was assigned to research and development at White Sands, N.M., from 1957-61 and was appointed to warrant officer in March 1961.

McCall arrived at Redstone in 1966 after a tour in Germany. "So, I've been here 40 years. How 'bout that?" he said laughing.

His family stayed here when he served in Vietnam from 1967-68. After coming

back to Redstone, he returned to Vietnam in 1971. He came back to Redstone to retire in February 1972.

McCall completed a master's in business administration at Alabama A&M University and an education specialist degree from the University of Alabama. He taught at then Athens State College, now Athens State University, from 1973-92 as an associate professor in marketing and management.

He retired again, but has continued an active life as a volunteer. He serves on the military advisory council at Redstone, is the publicity chairman for the Military Officers Association of America and

works with the Mended Hearts, an organization that supports and comforts people who undergo heart surgery. He is president of the Southeastern Chapter of the 88th Infantry Division Association. He also works with the Delta Mu Delta honor society in business, now with the national advisory board after serving as president three years.

His wife of nearly 55 years, Mildred,

died in 2002. He has a son, Neal, 56, of Chapel Hill, N.C.; four daughters — Susan Kirkpatrick, 54, of New Freedom, Pa., Beth Ann Williams, 50, of Huntsville, Melissa Lewallen, 47, of Huntsville, and Nancy McCall, 44, of Ivy Oak, Ga.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

And he has plenty of friends in both Huntsville and Italy.



Courtesy photo

ITALIAN HONOR— This plaque is dedicated to the American Soldiers stationed in Fusine Laghi from 1945-47. The dedication in July 2005 was approximately 60 years after Fox Company, 351st Infantry Regiment, 88th Infantry (Blue Devil) Division arrived in Fusine Laghi.



Courtesy photo

REUNION— Giovanni Jalen and Robert McCall meet in 2004, years after McCall's overseas assignment. The meeting occurs during an exhibit of McCall's photographs and narration in Fusine Laghi. Jalen now uses his Slovenian name, Janez Jalen. Giovanni and Janez both translate to John.

Safety on road begins with annual inspection

Auto Skills Center checks from hood to tire for \$5

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Get your engines revving. It's time to think about winter safety inspections.

MWR's Auto Skills Center offers complete winter safety inspections for \$5. For that nominal fee, the specialists at the Auto Skills Center will check everything from the tires and brakes to the oil and antifreeze.

"It's all about safety. The biggest thing on the road is safety," business manager Bill Woosley said. "We want you to be as safe as possible on the road."

Road safety begins with vehicle safety, he said. And this is the time of year when drivers should get their cars checked from hood to tire. The Auto Skills Center will do just that for any Redstone Soldier or employee.

"We will check the tires for inflation, dry rot, tread wear and general condition," Woosley said.

"We will check the brake lights, the horn, the wipers and all the glass. Under the hood, we will check fluids, belts and hoses. We will use a hydrometer to check the antifreeze mixture and check to see if it's rusty. We will recommend whether or not it should be changed."

They'll also check the exhaust to make sure there aren't any leaks.

"You can pull in here at any time we're open and we'll do an inspection for \$5," Woosley said.

"Every day we do them. We also charge \$5 if you want us to do the same kind of check on a used car you're thinking about buying. Just bring it in, and we'll put it up on a rack and check it. We'll check the frame to see if it's been in a collision. We do a real comprehensive check of the vehicle, and we'll give you an honest opinion about whether or not you should buy it."

All that for \$5? That seems like a great deal.

But, would you like the inspection to be even cheaper? How about free?

Then, wait until Wednesday, Dec. 13, when the Auto Skills Center will offer customers a free winter safety inspection during its annual open house.

Last year, the free inspection was so popular that about 300 cars went through the center's shop, located in building 3617 on Entac Circle. This year Woosley expects to meet or surpass that number. Open house hours on Dec. 13 will be from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Besides free winter safety inspections, the Auto Skills Center will give away door prizes and serve free finger foods. The center's sponsors will also be on hand.

Instructors will give tours of the shop and offer a safety class every 45 minutes during the open house. Once a customer takes the safety class, they are issued a



Photo by Kari Hawkins

GETTING READY FOR WINTER— Dennis Fitzgibbons, an instructor at the Auto Skills Center, checks a car's antifreeze with the help of tool room attendant Rich Schnars. The antifreeze is one of several things specialists at the center will check when doing a winter safety inspection on customer's vehicles. The inspection costs \$5. But, on Dec. 15, the inspections will be free during the Auto Skills Center open house.

safety card and have privileges to use the center's facility.

But, wait, there's more. If the employees at the Auto Skills Center find anything wrong with your vehicle during the inspection, they will offer to teach you how to make your own repairs. But, don't plan to do that during the open house.

"We won't be able to teach them how to do maintenance at the open house because we will be too busy doing the inspections

and other things," Woosley said.

"But, we will teach anybody how to do maintenance on their own vehicles. People are really surprised when they come in here and find out how easy it is to do something like an oil change or how to mix antifreeze."

The goal of the Auto Skills Center is to provide an economical way for people to maintain and repair their own vehicles. The center provides qualified instructors

to assist and guide customers through their major and minor auto repairs and restoration projects.

The center offerings include a motorcycle lift, dual bead blaster, computer wheel balancing, air conditioning service, brake drum and rotor resurfacing, five lift bays, spray paint booth, tire changer, mig welder, plasma cutter, engine analyzer, vehicle storage, machine shop, sheet-metal brake and bender, on-demand repair information, engine computer analyzer, charging system analyzer, enclosed glass bead blaster, tools, and used oil, antifreeze and tire disposals.

There are minimal charges for using the facilities and equipment at the Auto Skills Center, such as use of a battery charger at \$4 per battery, the computerized engine analyzer at \$10 per use, a work bay at \$3 an hour and the tire changer at \$2 per tire.

Every year, the Auto Skills Center adds new equipment, new services and new customers. In fiscal year 2005-06, the center cleared just over \$17,000 after the bills were paid. Those funds go back into Morale Welfare and Recreation programs for Soldiers and civilian employees on Redstone Arsenal.

"We have a lot of repeat customers because we have a good staff that will work with them," Woosley said. "But, we've also had an increase in new customers and in the kinds of services we provide. We will have some additions to our services in this next year, but we can't make those public yet."

So, the employees at the Auto Skills Center hope you will come by and see them soon. They also hope you will tell your co-workers about the services they provide. The Auto Skills Center relies on its customers to help spread the word about the center and its facilities.

"I still have people tell me 'I've been out here for 30 years and I didn't know about this,'" said Woosley. "We want everyone to know what we have to offer."

And, by the way, Woosley would also like to invite you to yet another special event. The quarterly Customer Appreciation Day at the Redstone Arsenal car wash will be Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors will get a free car wash, free vacuum, and free fragrance and shampoo – all self service, of course. Free hamburgers and hot dogs will be served and the day's sponsor – Coca Cola – will provide free sodas.

Some good deals, huh?

Editor's note: The Auto Skills Center is open Wednesday through Friday from 1:30 to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The center is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Safety classes and facility tours are offered at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The center also provides 24-hour wrecker service both on and off the Arsenal. For more information, call 955-7727 or check out the MWR web site at www.redstonemwr.com.

Career takes another turn for supervisor

Rick Turner directs TMDE organization

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Rick Turner likes to travel. While his latest move isn't far geographically, it is exciting new territory. Turner took over Oct. 1 as director of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment.

Turner is no stranger to civil service. He became a supply intern at Red River Army Depot, Texas, in 1976 before coming to the then Missile Command. He credits John and Robert Kennedy with his decision to join the civil service.

"I love history. I was inspired by their public service and some of the things they said about public service," Turner said. "He (JFK) referred to the Greek definition of happiness, which is the full use of your power along the lines of excellence — power meaning ability, so using all your ability along the lines of excellence."

Over the years, Turner's career has kept him moving, sometimes across the globe. Shortly before leaving for a position in Germany, a trip to the local mall turned out to be a life altering experience. He met a woman there who would later be his wife.

"I went in there to buy a shirt and she was unlucky enough to wait on me," he quipped. "The rest is history."

Now married 25 years, Turner

and wife, Janice, have two children. Their son, Bradley, is an electrical engineer in the area. Their daughter, Angela, is a sophomore at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

He earned responsibilities quickly, getting his first supervisory position just four years after becoming a civil servant.

"I find being a supervisor very rewarding," he said. "My first supervisor job was with local national French, local national German, U.S. Soldiers, NCOs and U.S. civilians. It was a great opportunity to learn personnel management."

Turner comes to TMDE from his former position as the deputy director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center. It was a position he had off and on for almost a decade.

"Mr. (John) Chapman was in and out of the job. Mr. (Jim) Flinn was in and out of the job," Turner explained. "I've been in the IMMC off and on for 20 years and worked several leadership positions within it."

His career has seen him make the rounds through many of the Army's organizations and functions, including logistics, program management offices and various commands.

"It seems like I was holding jobs and being asked to move or being promoted every two years and two months on average. My career has really been blessed with seeing a lot of different functional areas and meeting a lot of different folks," he said.

Turner looks forward to the challenges ahead.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

DRAWING BOARD— Rick Turner, director of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment, works on new ideas.

"I want to be an ambassador for this organization to let folks know our capabilities, to represent the good people we have

here and let them know what we can do for our customers," he said. "I'm a big believer in Lean principles. We're also looking at building a TMDE strategy for the Army."

His father, a World War II veteran, had always encouraged him to work with the military, particularly the Soldiers themselves.

"There's no better customer than a Soldier," he said. "The values that Army Soldiers hold — it's a great opportunity to work around those kinds of people."

No stranger to hard work, Turner laughs that he's been paying taxes since he was 13 years old.

"At 13 I worked cleaning churches," he said. "I've done it all from being a janitor to director."

Turner attended Brevard Community College before going on to graduate from the University of Central Florida

with a bachelor's in business management. While in Germany he received his master's degree from the University of Southern California's European division in systems management.

When he's not at work, he feels the call of the ocean. He remembers growing up near Cape Kennedy, Fla., during the height of the space missions of the 1960s.

"I actually got to look out my window while Walter Cronkite was counting down the Apollo, Mercury and Gemini missions," he said. "I could look over a certain tree and there would be the rocket going up into space."

While his family has spent years taking cruises, the purchase of a beach condo has seen their feet staying on the sand.

"Since we bought our condo, we've been going there a lot," he said. "It's a good place to kick back and watch the world go by."

Workers thanked for going extra aviation mile

Brigade commander praises contractors

An aviation brigade commander has expressed his appreciation to utility helicopter workers for their support.

"We just received one of the best fieldings yet and you know how many an Army aviation



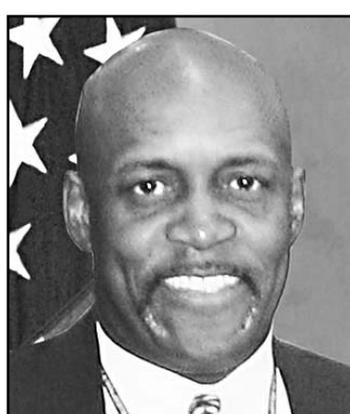
Joseph Stevens

brigade goes through as a result of transformation. I credit the individuals involved for taking extra efforts in communication and coordination," Col. A. Thomas Ball Jr., 25th Aviation Brigade commander, said.

Col. Cory Mahanna, Utility Helicopters project manager, thanked Leon Hite and Joseph Stevens, both support contractors to the UH PMO, for their support to the 25th Aviation Brigade.

Hite and Stevens "made significant and lasting contributions to Army aviation, by moving industry's best material solutions to our Utility Helicopters project office and other Army aviation programs," Mahanna said.

Eric Edwards, UH-60 A&L product manager, said that Hite and Stevens efforts are critical to the war effort. "This year they worked the programmatic underpinnings of the Army's transition to the Combat Aviation Brigade and team members



Leon Hite

deployed to Sinai, Egypt to field an Aviation Unit Maintenance and Aviation Intermediate Maintenance fielding package to support their transition from the UH-1 (Huey) to the UH-60 (Black Hawk) helicopter. Team members also deployed to Kuwait to field a special AVIM package at Udari Airfield in support of OIF."

Protests rejected

The Government Accountability Office has denied protests regarding the Army's Light Utility Helicopter contract award.

Accordingly, the Army's Utility Helicopter project office will execute the contract previously signed with EADS North America Defense of Arlington, Va.

Logos

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that involves simplifying the logo to remove finite detail.

Once that is done and approved by the customer, the logo is sent to a company online to be digitized, which involves creating the sewing pattern that the embroidery machine will follow.

“Your designs are only as good as the digitizer and the original art work,” she said.

She then takes a sample of the end product to her customer for their final approval before she goes into production.

Fast has learned the many precautions that need to be taken even when using a commercial embroidery machine. Threads can always break due to moisture, age or tension. She is constantly watching for thread breaks or machine problems.

“You live with threads breaking, no matter what,” she said, adding that her husband is trained to maintain and repair her machine.

She also has to make adjustments to accommodate the stretch of different materials that shirts and other clothing are made of. And, she has to be careful about using copyrighted logos, making sure she has all the proper approvals.

All the challenges are worth it when she takes the finished product to her customer. “Putting your logo on your shirt is



Photo by Kari Hawkins

A STITCH FOR FUN— Each logo offers its own design challenges and creative fun as Cynthia Fast converts it into an embroidered design. This corvette design, including the corvette’s name Peggy Sue, was created by Fast and stitched on the back of a jacket. It is for a member of the Vets for Vettes corvette club.

probably the best attention getter you can get. When you are meeting new customers at a trade show, wearing a polo shirt with your logo on it in the booth is a great advertisement,” Fast said. “When you wear it at work or anywhere you may go, people notice.”

Fast has also expanded her business to include other promotional items to better serve her customers. And, although her husband has since retired from his job at PEO Aviation and now works as a consultant, Fast hopes to continue as “The Shirt Lady” on Redstone Arsenal for many years to come.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FINE THREADS— After logos are embroidered on shirts or other clothing, Cynthia Fast takes a close look to remove any loose threads.

Commanding general gives pep talk to depot

Corpus Christi holds annual aviation summit

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CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Reduce the burden on the Soldier. “That is what I am about,” Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, Aviation and Missile Command commander, told an audience of government and industry at the fourth annual Luther G. Jones Aviation Summit on Oct. 17 in Corpus Christi.

“He is very passionate about ensuring that the Soldiers in the field get the wares that each and every one of us make and send out there,” Corpus Christi Army Depot commander Col. Tim Sassenrath said as he introduced Pillsbury as the keynote speaker. “And he will leverage all of us, industry, OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer), as well as the depots and anyone else he can grab a hold of to make sure that happens.”

Pillsbury draws from his experience as



Photo by Kim Henry

KEEP WORKING— AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury gestures while addressing the challenges of providing support to war fighters.

an aircraft maintainer, his first job in 1979 at Fort Campbell, Ky. “We had levels of maintenance we shouldn’t have been doing,” Pillsbury said. “We had a whole bunch of waste.”

At the time he estimated that there were 1,000 Soldiers in the unit. After Desert Storm, when he took command of the 8th battalion he estimated the unit was down to 800 Soldiers. Today, the two support battalions at Fort Campbell have less than 800 together.

“So what’s that tell you?” Pillsbury asked the audience. “It tells me that green suiters are going down in strength and they are being replaced by contractors, process improvements and better quality repair parts that are put on the airplane. And it’s thanks to you all, each and every one of you sitting out there, that that’s possible.”

As a former maintainer and now the commander of AMCOM, Pillsbury emphasized to the group the importance of giving the maintainer in the field the parts they need. “Right now because of your help, you in industry and you in Corpus Christi, the operational readiness rates in theater are unbelievable,” he said. He also said that both the 4th Infantry Division and 101st Airborne Division commanders told him that none of their missions were ever scrubbed for maintenance.

“These youngsters over there, these great Americans, are fixing those airplanes so well and your product is so reliable that we are making progress,” he said.

With more than 500 Army aircraft in theater and the indefinite need for the future, Pillsbury urged industry to be ready to execute.

“The secretary, the department, Congress has funded us this year – we’ve got to produce,” he said. “We’ve got to do everything we can to turn product around faster because there are folks in Washington, D.C., that don’t think the Army can execute the programs that we say we can. I am going to put a lot of pressure on the depots — so I need your help on that.”

Even with the challenges he laid out for both the depot and industry, Pillsbury thanked each for its hard work. “I am very proud of Corpus Christi Army Depot,” Pillsbury said. “You all are wonderful. Each and every one of you – I can’t say enough good things about what you do for our Soldiers: industry, government and those that are on both sides. Thank you. Partnerships down here at Corpus Christi are growing and working.”

Letterkenny dedicates project to improve igloos

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – Sen. Rick Santorum spoke at a ribbon-cutting ceremony that recognizes Phase I of a two-phase project to modify munitions storage igloos at Letterkenny.

Joined by Col. Todd Smith, commander of Crane Army Ammunition Activity in Indiana, and Dr. John R. Gray, deputy commander of Letterkenny, and a senior representative of the Baltimore District, Army Corps of Engineers, the senator remarked about the project’s efficiencies.

“I am proud to support projects like the Igloo Improvement Project to keep Pennsylvania at the forefront of supporting our military and through our industrial base and military installations, like Letterkenny,” Santorum said.

This \$5.5 million military construction project began in fiscal 2005 with an appropriation endorsed by Santorum and supported by Sen. Arlen Specter and Congressman Bill Shuster. Construction began in early 2006 and the first 10 igloos were completed in October. Phase II of this project is scheduled for 2011 at a cost of \$6 million.

This project widens the doors of 92 igloos from 4 feet wide to 10 feet wide. It also replaces the entrance steps with concrete entrance ramps, eliminating the two-step differential between the pavement and the igloo floor level. These modified storage igloos will allow Letterkenny to store the most advanced high-technology tactical munitions in the military inventory. Letterkenny is already the Army’s premier missile depot and these improved igloos should enhance Letterkenny’s future capabilities. (Letterkenny release)



BETTER STORAGE— From left Dr. John R. Gray, Col. Todd Smith, Sen. Rick Santorum and James R. Jones of Baltimore District, Army Corps of Engineers, prepare to cut the ribbon.

Courtesy photo



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

Well suited

Pat Gehring, right, explains the evolution of the Bomb Suit to a group of Romanian dignitaries at the Hazardous Devices School Oct. 24. The guests were at Redstone touring the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School and HDS as part of a Homeland Security and Defense visit.

Contactor supplies Patriot spare parts

Facility in El Paso holds open house

A Patriot Performance Based Logistics open house was held Sept. 20 in El Paso, Texas, at the PBL warehouse facility operated by Raytheon Technical Services-LLC.

The Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems' Integrated Air Defense and AMCOM Team event preceded the "Go Live" milestone of Oct. 1 which followed a 90-day transition period. Approximately 3,000 Patriot spares were transitioned from U.S. government wholesale supply into the Patriot PBL supply warehouse during the transition period.

Representatives from the Aviation and Missile Command and leadership from the three Fort Bliss Air Defense Artillery Brigades and seven Battalions attended. The event introduced Soldiers to a new organization (Raytheon) entering into wholesale supply execution. An execution presentation was given followed by discussions about the new contract. This

Patriot contract marks the first component level PBL in the history of Army Air Defense Artillery that remains in the Army Working Capital Fund.

The Patriot Performance Based Logistics contract is a three-year contract with the Aviation and Missile Command to:

- Provide supply support availability of 97 national stock numbers (spares lines) to the Patriot war fighter. Raytheon serves as the wholesale supply source for these parts.
- Measure and reward performance incentives or to impose penalties for Demand Satisfaction and Backorder Reduction.
- Provide Raytheon direct interface with the Patriot units and to affect all decisions of repair versus procurement for these spares.

This contract has a primary mission to reduce the Patriot logistics footprint by reductions in procurement administrative lead time and reductions in repair/procurement cycle times. (Release from Lower Tier Project Office's Sustainment Logistics Directorate)

Office complex undergoes wall-to-wall cleanup project



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CLEAN SHOT— James Grissom and Ken Howard, both of Diamond H Enterprises, wash and reseal the walls of building 5302.

Work continues to year's end

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The Sparkman Center gets dirty, too.

That's why the exterior walls of the office complex are getting cleaned and resealed and the windows are being washed. Diamond H Enterprises of

Haleyville is doing the work.

"The schedule is supposed to go up until December but depending on the weather. They're going to do the whole complex," facilities specialist Rickey Moore of the Sparkman Management Office said.

"Right now they're doing the courtyard side of the buildings then they're going to start on the outer walls. They've already done 5308 and 5309 on the courtyard side," he said.

James Grissom and Ken Howard, both of Diamond H Enterprises, were washing and resealing the courtyard-side walls of building 5302 on Oct. 24.

Full speed ahead given small unmanned aircraft

Raven approved for production

The Raven B Small Unmanned Aircraft System has been approved for full rate production.

This approval Oct. 5 is a key component of the Army's aviation strategy, with the Program Executive Office for Aviation working in conjunction with the Aviation and Missile Command.

Further, this approval accelerates the integration of Small UAS into the force. The Army's earlier Small UAS version, the Raven A, is currently supporting brigade, battalion and company commanders in the Global War on Terrorism logging more than 22,000 hours in the Middle East.

Shortly after Sept. 11th, the Raven A was introduced as an interim solution to an urgent need. The demand for unmanned aircraft has only increased, with the Raven B providing such enhanced capabilities as a higher-quality day camera with zoom capability, plus a reduced weight.

The Army will field Raven Bs directly to ground maneuver brigade combat teams. Brigade, battalion and company commanders will have a greater ability to shape over-the-hill and close proximity operations with their own dedicated unmanned aircraft

providing reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition and battle damage assessment capability.

This capability provides Army tactical commanders with improved situational awareness and pinpoint accuracy for maneuver forces to obtain tactical advantages with greater speed and precision.

Additionally, the Raven B provides maneuver commanders improved wide-area target acquisition and tracking of high-value targets to conduct both shaping and decisive operations with increased lethality.

Raven B is a day/night, adverse weather, multi-sensor collection system with improved connectivity to joint forces. In that role, it provides real-time battle information that cannot be observed from stand-off airborne sensor systems, ground collection systems and scouts.

About 380 Raven As are fielded, with half of that fleet to be replaced with the Raven Bs early next year.

The remaining Raven As will be returned to the United States to assist with efforts during natural disasters, border patrol and other domestic emergencies.

Editor's note: This article was provided by Tarah Hollingsworth, a contractor in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office.



Photo by Tarah Hollingsworth

FLYING HIGH— The Raven B system flies over Redstone Arsenal.

Community exercises response to mass casualties

Postwide siren sounds Nov. 8

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Sirens will wail, simulated victims will writhe on the ground and Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville-Madison County emergency forces will come to the rescue Nov. 8 during a joint mass-casualty exercise on Redstone and in Huntsville.

Exercise Blister Rain will involve Redstone Arsenal emergency forces, Huntsville-Madison County first responders, and area hospitals in a joint effort to react to a simulated terrorist attack on Redstone Arsenal and the local area.

The scenario involves a simulated attack of a small airplane dropping a chemical substance on an area of Redstone Arsenal.

Redstone employees can expect to hear the post sirens during midmorning Nov. 8. The outdoor warning sirens will sound in the “attack mode,” a rising and falling wailing tone as opposed to the continuous tone heard during tornado warnings. The “attack mode” siren is normally sounded for Redstone Arsenal following the countywide monthly test on the first Wednesday at noon.

The Installation Operations Center will coordinate Redstone Arsenal’s response to the simulated attack. The Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Operations Center will do the same for local responders. The two command posts will share information



Photo by Staff Sgt. James H. Christopher III

BLISTERED— Soldiers evacuate a simulated casualty in a weapons of mass destruction scenario during Exercise Red Dragon at Fort McCoy, Wis., in August.

and have a liaison in each facility to coordinate actions and resources.

“It is national policy that military bases and civilian communities exercise periodically to validate plans and to keep people

prepared to respond effectively to contingencies,” said Gary Wilson, Garrison anti-terrorism officer. “Redstone invited the civilian community to participate in the exercise so they can take credit for it also.”

Jared Cassidy, emergency management officer for the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency, said that cities and counties are required to exercise to justify the federal funding of equipment, people and training. He said hospitals are also required to do exercises periodically to meet accreditation rules.

Redstone goals for the exercise include assessing the Arsenal’s response to a terrorist incident involving a chemical agent, multi-agency communications, and the capability to implement command and control measures within the Garrison IOC and an incident command system in response to a terrorist incident.

Multiple Redstone Arsenal agencies have their own goals as they participate in the exercise. Post organizations participating include the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, Warfighter Protection Lab, Redstone Airfield, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, NASA, Fox Army Health Clinic, AMCOM, and the Garrison, including the fire department and provost marshal.

Huntsville-Madison County organizations that will participate in the exercise include the Huntsville-Madison County EMA, Huntsville Police Department, Madison County Sheriff’s Department, Madison and Huntsville Fire & Rescue Departments, Huntsville Emergency Medical Services Inc., Crestwood Medical Center, Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children, Huntsville Public Works, and the Madison-Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Women get fair report on their health

Fox Army Health Center sponsors wellness event

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Lue Fullwood passed a test with flying colors Friday.

At 69, she is still in the low risk category for osteoporosis, an accomplishment that public health nurse Barbara Anderson was glad to review with her during Fox Army Health Center's Women's Wellness Fair.

"You are very far away from having osteoporosis. You are probably going to have the best score all day. We normally don't see it there, so you are doing great," Anderson told Fullwood. "You must walk every day and take calcium."

"I walk five miles a day," replied Fullwood, who retired two years ago from her health counselor position at Fox. "I use to do 10 miles while I was here. I'd do five here and then five when I got home from work."

Fullwood also told Anderson that she takes 500 milligrams of calcium twice a day.

But, then came the crucial question.

"Walking helps maintain bone density and vitamins help. But, what about your diet?" Anderson asked.

Fullwood eats a diet high in vegetables and fruits – mostly things like broccoli, green beans and turnips. They are healthy foods, but they don't offer much calcium.

"You'd have to eat two cups of broccoli to equal the amount of calcium in one cup of skim milk," Anderson said.

The calcium tablets are a way to compensate for the lack of calcium in the foods Fullwood eats, but adding more calcium foods to her diet would be beneficial. As long as Fullwood continues with weight-bearing exercise (walking qualifies) and eats a diet rich in calcium, she will con-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TESTING BONE DENSITY— Cheri Miller, an environmental health coordinator at Fox, conducts a bone density test for Sgt. Nanette Clarkson, whose foot rests in a machine that tests bone density by taking a measurement in the heel. It is important for young women to have a bone density test so they have a baseline to compare others tests to as they get older.

tinue to be at a low risk for osteoporosis, Anderson said.

"You are a role model for the prevention of osteoporosis," Anderson told Fullwood.

After that good report, Fullwood continued through the fair to get a breast exam and a flu shot. Overall, it was a good day for Fullwood's health.

Women's health topped the agenda at Fox Army Health Center on Friday when the Preventive Medicine Division hosted its annual Women's Wellness Fair.

It was an opportunity for women to get a free breast exam, bone density test and flu shot as well as learn about mental health programs, personal breast screenings and exercise. Women of all ages visited the center's

conference room throughout the day, picking up information brochures, learning about services available to them and finding out how healthy their bodies are.

The Women's Wellness Fair is held annually at Fox Army Health Center to prompt women to be aware of health changes in their bodies, said Lt. Col. Angelique Likely, a public health nurse and chief of Preventive Medicine at Fox.

"Annually, every woman should have a clinical breast exam and, if they are over the age of 40, they should have an annual mammogram," Likely said.

"We have this fair once a year mainly for that reason. We want to remind women to be aware of their health, to think about pre-

vention and to get those clinical things done that are important to their health."

Women at the wellness fair were offered a clinical breast exam with a licensed female practitioner. Some mammograms were also performed during the wellness fair.

"If we find lumps or bumps, they will have a mammogram right away," Likely said. "Otherwise, if they need their annual mammogram, we will do the breast exam today and schedule their mammogram for a later date."

Awareness of a lump in the breast or a medium-risk reading on a bone density test can equip women with the knowledge they need to take steps to prevent a life-threatening disease.

"Even young women should have a bone density test so they have a baseline that they can watch and compare later tests to as they get older," Likely said. "It is a good idea to have a baseline test so you know if future numbers are bad or good for you."

For example, an 80-year-old woman with a medium-risk bone density test this year may appear to have a growing concern. But, that same woman had a similar reading the year before at 79, which indicates an improvement in her condition.

"Actually she is gaining because at her age women normally increase their risk of osteoporosis with every year," Likely said. "But, the good news for her is she maintained where she was compared to last year."

While the wellness fair provided women with information on the types of exercise that can help prevent osteoporosis as well decrease the chances of breast cancer, there was also information provided about mental health and the programs Fox offers to promote mental health.

"Even though women have more health issues, such as breast cancer, they also have more mental health issues, such as eating disorders, postpartum depression and anxiety disorders," said Karen Scott, licensed professional counselor for the Behavioral Medicine Division.

"Women are the worriers. And, we are also the caregivers, which also can cause us problems. The good news is women are more willing to seek help and respond to it."

Fox provides counseling and psychiatric help for women dealing with mental health problems. The center also coordinates several support groups to help women with issues such as anxiety, panic disorders and depression.

For more information on services offered to women by Fox Army Health Center, call 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531, or check its web site at www.redstone.amedd.army.mil.

Flight test program concludes with two-missile launch

*Fourteen years
of quality service*

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The command's Critical Measurements and Countermeasures Flight Test Program ended a 14-year run of quality service to customers earlier this year with a successful final two-missile launch test at the Pacific Missile Range Facility.

Dale Perry, FTC-2 mission director for the April 13 and 28 flight tests from Kauai, said the tests met 23 of the 24 objectives identified by the customer — the Missile Defense Agency.

"We just had the data review with the actual ballistic missile defense systems elements that will use the data," Perry said. "They presented how the data collected by the various sensors will be used to enhance current and future capabilities of the systems. They were pleased with the amount and quality of the data collected."

Perry said FTC-2 was one of the most complex missions ever flown in a two-shot campaign.

Records in the Space and Missile Defense Command historical office document the program's genesis as February 1992, with period briefings describing the first Theater Missile Defense Countermeasures Mitigation Program test in 1993 as the "broadest array of measurement capability ever assembled." Sharon Watkins-Lang, a historian at SMDC/ARSTRAT, said the measurements program helps



Courtesy graphic

SIGNATURE HUNTING— SMDC's Critical Measurements and Countermeasures Flight Test Program ended a 14-year run earlier this year but the Technical Center continues to explore new areas where their test expertise directly supports the war fighter. The measurements testing defines what various things look like in optical sensors and radar systems as they fly through space and the atmosphere — identifying an object's signature.

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"It identifies their signature — to be able to differentiate between a warhead and the fuel tank, for example," Lang said. For a little more history, Lang also explained that the program's first customer — now the Missile Defense Agency — was called the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization at the time of the first

measurement flight test in 1993, later changing to Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

Ivan Romero is the associate director for Test and Evaluation Directorate at SMDC/ARSTRAT. Test & Evaluation is one of two directorates in the command's Technical Center, led by Dr. Rodney Robertson.

"The measurements program is an ongoing research effort to support development

of missile defense technology — born out of the first Gulf War from lessons learned by the Patriot system," Romero said.

"When BMDO called for a set of experiments to address theater ballistic missile defense issues, SMDC — in cooperation with MIT/LL — implemented the TCMP," Romero said. As the program evolved, more emphasis was placed on broader ballistic missile defense issues and the term "theater" was removed.

Romero has been an SMDC/ARSTRAT engineer since 1992 and came to the program in 1998. "Chuck Jennings was the first program manager for TCMP, followed by Mike Lash," he said. The program's name has changed several times since its inception in '92; TCMP, TMD Critical Measurements Program; Critical Measurements Program and finally Critical Measurements and Countermeasures Program.

Although the moniker changed several times, customer service and quality of the data collection remained consistent. After TCMP-3A on Wake Island, September 1999, MDA selected SMDC/ARSTRAT to plan and execute the System Integration Test II, the Aerial Dispersion Experiment, the Red Dog Campaign, CMP-4, CMCM-1 and 2, and the BMD System Tests.

The program saw 10 campaigns with a total of 17 launches from four different test ranges, and all were technically successful. Romero said one of the launches had an anomaly but because the customer felt anomalies are reality — therefore integral to realistic scenarios — that launch was considered a huge success.

President signs 2007 Defense Authorization Act

More than \$530B goes to war effort

By JIM GARAMONE
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WASHINGTON — The fiscal 2007 National Defense Authorization Act provides more than \$530 billion to maintain the military in the shape it must be to win the war on terror.

President Bush signed the bill, officially called the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, during a small ceremony in the Oval Office on Oct. 17. Warner is Virginia's senior senator and

the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The act provides \$462.8 billion in budget authority for the department. Senate and House conferees added the \$70 billion defense supplemental budget request to the act, so overall, the act authorizes \$532.8 billion for fiscal 2007.

The \$70 billion supplemental provision covers the cost of ongoing operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa, as well as other expenses affiliated with the war on terrorism. The supplemental funding also provides \$23.8 billion to help "reset" Army and Marine Corps equipment, which is wear-

ing out faster than originally planned because of the war.

The supplemental measure further provides \$2.1 billion for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Task Force, \$1.7 billion to train and equip Iraqi security forces and \$1.5 billion to help train and equip Afghan security forces.

The authorization act provides a 2.2 percent pay raise for American servicemembers, effective Jan. 1. It continues the Army at its end-strength of 512,400 and raises the Marine Corps end-strength to 180,000. The Army National Guard end strength is set at 350,000.

The act authorizes the expan-

sion of eligibility for the Tricare health care program to all members of the Selected Reserve and their families. Payment is set at 28 percent of the premium amount established by DoD. The act also prohibits any increase in Tricare Prime and Tricare Select Reserve in fiscal 2007.

The act authorizes \$36.6 billion for operations and maintenance costs, including \$700 million for body armor and \$149.5 million for ammunition.

The act authorizes construction of seven warships, including the next-generation destroyer and the amphibious assault replacement ship. The act also

provides \$794 million in advance procurement authority for the next generation aircraft carrier, the CVN-21.

The act sets aside \$4.4 billion for 22 C-17 Globemaster III airlifters, \$1.4 billion for procurement of 14 Marine V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft and \$1.5 billion for 43 MH-60R/S helicopters.

The act authorizes \$841 million for 122 Stryker combat vehicles, including \$41.5 million to replace combat losses. The act also provides \$1.4 billion for 20 F/A-22 Raptor fighters and reduced funding for the F-35 Lightning II fighter due to schedule delays.

Jordan military student appreciates hospitality

A member of the Royal Jordanian Air Force did more than learn about radar during his time at Redstone.

Sgt. Khaldoon Aladily said he had a great time and enjoyed his stay. He attended the Radar Repairer Course from July 31 until Oct. 26.

"I met many people here and got the chance to learn about this country," Aladily, 26, said. "While I was here I went to many places trying to see the beauty of this country as much as I can. The trip to Memphis was amazing and White Water Rafting was showing the soul of adventure and on the long weekend several students traveled to Florida. You can never get bored of swimming or lying on the beach and enjoying the sun in this great state.

"People here are so friendly and I was touched that they loved helping others," he said.

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

"The IMSO gave us all the help we could need," Aladily said. "They always make things easier through their commitment to do the best job they can. I want to thank them for the good job they do."



Courtesy photo

ENJOYED STAY— Sgt. Khaldoon Aladily of the Royal Jordanian Air Force attended the Radar Repairer Course from July 31 until Oct. 26.

Helicopter pilot gets Distinguished Flying Cross

Cited for her actions in combat in Iraq

WASHINGTON — Back in March in Iraq, Chief Warrant Officer Lori Hill, with the 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, was piloting her Kiowa Warrior when the lead chopper came under heavy fire. She drew the fire away, simultaneously providing suppressive fire for the troops engaged with the enemy on the ground.

A rocket-propelled grenade hit her, damaging the helo's instrumentation, but instead of focusing on her predicament, she established communication with the ground forces and continued to provide them with aerial weapon support until the Soldiers reached safety.

As she turned her attention to the aircraft, which was losing hydraulic power, the helo took on machine-gun fire, a round crashing into one of Hill's ankles. Still, with a damaged aircraft and an injury, she landed at Forward Operating Base Normandy, saving her crew and aircraft.

For her actions she was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross by Vice President Richard Cheney at Fort Campbell, Ky., on Oct. 16.

"It's was a once-in-a-lifetime thing to get the award and then have the vice president come and award it to you," she said. "It's just incredible for any Soldier."

Recalling that day in March, Hill reflected, "I was actually just glad I didn't pass out and very happy I was able to help the ground guys out, and get our helicopter down safely on the ground." (Army News Service)



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HIGH HONOR— Vice President Richard Cheney presents the Distinguished Flying Cross to Chief Warrant Officer Lori Hill in a ceremony at Fort Campbell, Ky., on Oct. 16

Fire prevention tip: Give space heaters their space

Redstone's fire prevention office wants everyone to be careful when using portable space heaters.

Each year there are electric heater recalls: 2005 saw four different recalls, while 2004 had even more, according to a Garrison release. There doesn't appear to be any pattern to the recalls — different brands and types of portable heaters were affected each time. However, the high number of recalls doesn't help improve these appliances' reputation as fire hazards. In fact the Consumer Products Safety Commission reports that each year about 28,000 house fires are attributed to space heaters, resulting in 300 related deaths. That doesn't mean that

space heaters are inherently dangerous, but they should be used wisely.

The U.S. Department of Energy, among other sources, outlines some good common-sense safety practices for using space heaters.

When buying or using a small space heater, follow these guidelines:

- Only purchase newer model heaters that have all of the current safety features. Make sure the heater has the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) label attached to it or FM, Factory Mutual.

- Choose thermostatically controlled heaters, since they avoid the energy waste of overheating a room.

- Select a heater of the proper

size for the room you wish to heat. Do not purchase oversized heaters. Most heaters come with a general sizing table.

- Locate the heater on a level surface away from foot traffic. Be especially careful to keep children and pets away from the heater.

- Electric heaters should be plugged directly into the wall outlet.

- Portable electric heaters should have a tip-over safety switch, which automatically shuts off the heater if the unit is tipped over.

For more information on this and other fire related/safety topics, call the RSA Fire Prevention Branch at 876-7005. (Garrison release)

Add-on-armor team empowers engineers, saves lives

By Sgt. 1st Class TRACY BALLOG
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CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Maintenance personnel with the 16th Engineer Brigade have saved money, time and lives by adding armor to engineer construction equipment.

When military leadership in Iraq began planning for armor installation sites across the country, maintenance personnel from the 62nd Engineer Battalion, 16th Eng. Bde., offered their expertise. The 12-member crew is the only Soldier-operated installation site of four in Iraq, and they have out-produced their civilian counterparts in all aspects of their mission, according to Chief Warrant Officer James Markley, 16th Eng. Bde.

The team installs newly created armor kits onto such engineer equipment as graders, bucket loaders, scrapers, dozers and

rollers. The armor-kit production began in November 2005, and only recently became available for the engineer equipment.

The unit and its equipment were originally slated for Balad, Markely said, but that would have put Soldiers transporting their equipment from Baghdad at risk.

"We saved more than \$1.5 million by doing it here rather than in Balad. The money saved was then used to build the Baghdad site and buy tools and materials for the installation," he said. The team traveled to Balad in July for training with Army Defense Systems Inc., the armor kit's manufacturer, and began Baghdad operations Aug. 1.

Kyle Stanley, an ADSI field representative who trained the team and then joined them in Baghdad, said the site's distinction extends beyond its Soldiers-only team.

"The difference in this add-on-armor team and site doing the work versus the civilians is we are doing it in a field environment, whereas the civilian sites have a manufacturing environment," he said.

The team faced initial challenges, specifically the availability of critical pieces of equipment and tools for the initial site stand-up, but they quickly adapted to the unique mission requirements, said Sgt. 1st Class Devin Pool, team noncommissioned officer-in-charge and a light wheeled vehicle mechanic with Headquarters Support Company, 62nd Eng. Bn.

"As we started installing armor, we were limited on resources and equipment. We worked in the open, without a proper facility, using the bare essentials in order to accomplish our mission. Yet despite the hardships, we prevailed and set a new standard for installation by sending a completed up-armored vehicle out of our shop every other day, which greatly improved the combat readiness and overall Soldier safety for the 5th and 62nd Eng. Bn. Soldiers," Pool said.

Armor installation is a four-step process that includes prepping the vehicle by stripping some areas down, adding heat and air conditioning, reinforcing the frame, then adding and welding on the armor to the equipment, explained Staff Sgt. Mark Lee, the team's shop foreman.

Some pieces of equipment required more effort than others, added Lee, a senior heavy construction repairman.

"During the preparation phase, the bucket loader was the most difficult to work on. Adding armor onto the dozer was also difficult, as it has more parts," he added.

According to Markley, the team was committed to providing timely and quality upgrades.

"They have completed 27 pieces of equipment in less than two months. Even the Balad civilian site, which has been operating a month longer than us, has not yet completed 27 pieces," explained Markley.

The team's motivation came from its dual role as both Soldiers and engineers, Lee said.

"Adding on the armor ourselves improved the survivability of the operators and definitely makes a difference. They can now go into areas we couldn't go before, as they now have extra protection. The armor allows our engineer commanders the freedom and confidence of going into more dangerous areas," he added.

The newly-armored vehicles were welcome upgrades to his battalion's combat capabilities,

said Command Sgt. Maj. Richard St. Cyr, 62nd Eng. Bn.

"Both our 68th Construction Spt. Co. and Co. B, 62nd Eng. Bn. have gotten a lot of use out of the up-armored equipment," he said. "Co. B personnel used the up-armored loaders on route sanitation and on the Shaab and Ur blocking positions shortly after they were done. The 68th Construction Spt. Co. used the up-armored dozers on an anti-tank ditch. Both units' equipment worked with great success.

"Talking to the operators, they all told me the new armor on the dozers and loaders is a great improvement. Our earth movers spent the bulk of the deployment working in unarmored, heavy equipment with only their body armor and Kevlar blankets for protection. Now, their visibility is increased

and the heat and air conditioning vastly improve their comfort levels. We're all very happy with the new capabilities."

The add-on-armor crew is proud of the work they've accomplished, but the team understood their primary mission was to save lives, Pool said.

"From the start, we understood our efforts would help protect fellow Soldiers who are conducting missions in the Baghdad area of operations. We are not producing this equipment for an anonymous Soldier to use. These vehicles will be used by our friends and co-workers. Because of this, our site's production rate surpassed all expectations and our team has proven that hard work, strong will and dedication to duty can overcome any obstacle." (*Army News Service*)

Army Strong campaign attracts recruits in many ways

By Lt. Col. WAYNE M. SHANKS
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WASHINGTON – The new "Army Strong" recruiting ad campaign kicks off in early November. The Army's recruiting advertising contract, managed by McCann Worldgroup, commits up to \$200 million in 2007 to market the Army to potential recruits.

The contract covers the full range of marketing efforts to include ad development and the purchase of time and space for television, radio, print and online ads.

This price tag represents a significant investment, but by way of perspective, the Army's \$200 million is not large enough to rank in the Top 100 U.S. marketers.

According to industry publications, Advertising Age and Adweek, the world's largest companies spend much more on advertising. For example, Procter & Gamble spends about \$4.6 billion annually on advertising and promotion alone. Similarly, Walt Disney spends nearly \$2 billion on advertising and promotion, while Target and J.C. Penney each spend more than \$1 billion.

The Army's marketing campaign is a continuous effort that helps connect America to America's Army and its Soldiers who demonstrate what it means to be Army Strong. The advertising campaign is one important component of this recruiting effort.

"The Army is fighting a tough recruiting battle and must do all it can to make the U.S. Army message distinctive and powerful, and then deliver that message in ways that reach eligible recruits and those who care about them," said Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, commander of U.S. Army Accessions Command. "The Army Strong campaign aims to demonstrate the value of Army service and being a Soldier."

The advertising contract reaches out to prospective recruits by supporting recruiting efforts in local communities as well as through direct mail and marketing, public relations and community events. It also funds the Army's extensive online presence at goarmy.com and other web-based activities.

The contract also funds national sponsorships that help to drive awareness and interaction with the Army, such as sponsored drivers with NASCAR and NHRA, and sponsored athletes who compete as professional bull riders, cowboys, and in arena football.

These efforts attract individuals to active and reserve components, to the Reserve Officer Training Corps, and to special missions such as the medical and legal professionals, and chaplains.

The Army currently faces a unique recruiting environment given that the nation is at war. Each year, the Army must recruit more new Soldiers than all the other military services combined. Only three out of every 10 people in the U.S. meet the Army's high standards that qualify them to enlist. This 30 percent is the same group being recruited by other services as well as civilian corporations at a time when the unemployment rate in the U.S. is relatively low.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Ballog

FINAL PREPARATION— Spc. O'Neil Gaynor, a welder with the 16th Engineer Brigade's Headquarters Support Company, 62nd Engineer Battalion focuses his attention and torch on the final preparation of a scraper before welding on new armor at the brigade's add-on-armor site. Gaynor works as part of the 12-member crew who run Iraq's only Soldier-operated add-on-armor installation site.

Marines soar to preseason flag football title

Passing attack too much for Charlie Company

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The Marines unleashed an array of offensive weapons Oct. 24 against Charlie Company in preseason flag football.

Quarterback and coach Lee Burket threw touchdown passes to four different receivers as the Marines beat the Wolfpack 32-20 on the field off Patton Road. He completed two-point conversion passes after each score.

"Relentless defense, pursuit of the ball, and receiving and running the ball," Burket said of the keys to the win.

He praised Charlie for its effort. "That's a good team, a lot of good speed," he said. "I want to give them their props, and I'm sure we'll see them again this year."

The Marines beat Charlie again 26-16 on Oct. 30 in the final of the eight-team, double-elimination preseason tournament. They finished 4-0 in the tournament. The season is to start tonight and continue through Dec. 5.

"They outplayed us," Charlie coach Chelsie Stokes said after the Oct. 24 game. "Just comes from lack of practice on our part, no sense of urgency. Even though this is preseason, we've still got to have that winning mentality. You can't come out here with an attitude that 'this doesn't mean anything' because this right here sets a precedence on what you're going to do in the regular season."

Wolfpack quarterback LaQuaine Bess had a touchdown run and two TD passes, but it wasn't enough against the Marines. "We're still trying to jell as a team," Bess said.

The Marines opened the scoring with 12 minutes left in the first half on Burket's



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SHOTGUN APPROACH— The Marines line up on offense during their 32-20 win over Charlie Company on Oct. 24. Quarterback Lee Burket, in background, prepares to receive the snap from center.

25-yard pass to Chris McNally. Burket connected with Sean Newsom for two points and the Marines led 8-0.

With 31 seconds left in the half, the Marines scored from 35 yards out when Marvin Fletcher caught a 10-yard pass and sprinted the last 25 yards to the end zone. McNally received the two-point conversion toss and the Marines led 16-0 at halftime.

Bess cut the lead in half with his 5-yard touchdown run and two-point con-

version jaunt at 14:44. But 16-8 was as close as the Wolfpack would get.

Michael Vega caught a 20-yard touchdown pass and also received the two-point conversion toss from Burket at 9:50.

Bess threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Paul Riley with 6:26 left to draw the Wolfpack within 24-14. But the Marines answered with Burket's 10-yard touchdown pass to Matt Fitch, capped by his two-point toss to Joshua Horrocks.

The scoring ended on Bess' 25-yard

touchdown pass to Riley with 1:23 left.

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

• **Oct. 23** – Marines def. 326th Chemical 14-8 and Bravo def. MEDDAC 7-6.

• **Oct. 24** – Marines def. Charlie 32-20, NCO Academy def. 326th Chemical 20-13 and Bravo def. Headquarters & Alpha 20-13.

• **Oct. 26** – NCO Academy def. Bravo 18-7 and Charlie def. NCO Academy 21-20 in overtime.

Air Force flies over Black Knights

Falcons favored to beat Army

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Skip's Picks went 233-75, 76 percent, for the first eight weeks of the college football season. Here are my predictions this week:



- Air Force at Army – **Air Force**
- Miss. State at Alabama – **Bama**
- Alabama A&M at Jackson State – **A&M**
- LSU at Tennessee – **LSU**
- West Virginia at Louisville – **W.Va.**
- Arizona at Washington State – **Wash. State**

- Arizona State at Oregon State – **ASU**
- Arkansas at South Carolina – **Ark.**
- Arkansas State at Auburn – **Auburn**
- North Alabama at West Georgia – **UNA**
- Baylor at Texas Tech – **Texas Tech**
- Fresno State at Boise State – **Boise**
- Boston College at Wake Forest – **BC**
- Brigham Young at Colo. State – **BYU**
- UCLA at California – **Calif.**
- Maryland at Clemson – **Clemson**
- Colgate at Lehigh – **Lehigh**
- Kansas State at Colorado – **K-State**
- Navy at Duke – **Navy**
- Florida at Vanderbilt – **Florida**
- Virginia at Florida State – **FSU**
- Furman at Elon – **Furman**
- Georgia at Kentucky – **Georgia**
- Georgia Tech at N.C. State – **Ga. Tech**
- Tulsa at Houston – **Tulsa**

- Ohio State at Illinois – **OSU**
- Indiana at Minnesota – **Indiana**
- Northwestern at Iowa – **Iowa**
- Kansas at Iowa State – **Iowa State**
- Southern Miss at Memphis – **So. Miss.**
- Virginia Tech at Miami – **Va. Tech**
- Ball State at Michigan – **Mich.**
- Purdue at Mich. State – **MSU**
- Northwestern State at Ole Miss – **Miss**
- Missouri at Nebraska – **Nebraska**
- North Carolina at Notre Dame – **ND**
- Oklahoma at Texas A&M – **Okla.**
- Okla. State at Texas – **Texas**
- Washington at Oregon – **Oregon**
- Penn State at Wisconsin – **Penn State**
- Rice at Texas-El Paso – **UTEP**
- USC at Stanford – **USC**
- Tulane at Marshall – **Marshall**



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michele A. Desrochers

On break

Olivia, a military working dog, sleeps beside her trainer inside a Stryker vehicle after a mission in Mosul, Iraq.

Drivers must make way for emergency vehicles

State law authorizes misdemeanor fine

It was common sense before. Now it's the law. Drivers must slow down and move into the next lane before passing an emergency vehicle.

A new statewide law authorizes a misdemeanor fine for drivers who neglect to move over when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle which has its lights flashing.

"We are going to start enforcing this law within the next couple of months, as a fineable offense, but it is already in effect for the state," Capt. Roger Triplett, assistant operations officer for the Directorate of Emergency Services, said. "Basically what it states is that when you see an emergency vehicle, stopped on the side of the road, either move to the next lane over, slowing down, or if you can't move over, slow down to a reasonable speed."

Here's the text of Alabama's stationary emergency vehicle law:

"A motorist approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is displaying flashing emergency lights shall yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least four lanes with not less than two lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle.

"If changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe, the motorist shall reduce

the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions."

The misdemeanor punishment is provided for as follows:

"It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or of Title 32, (Alabama Vehicle Code) unless such violation is by this chapter or other law of this state declared to be a felony.

"Every person convicted of a misdemeanor for a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter for which another penalty is not provided, shall for a first conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 10 days; for conviction of a second offense committed within one year after the date of the first offense, such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment; for conviction of a third or subsequent offense committed within one year after the date of the first offense, such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than three months or by both such fine and imprisonment."

The reason for this law is simple, according to Triplett. "Several officers and a few motorists have been struck and killed by passing motorists," he said. "This is because the motorist passing the police car who has pulled someone over is doing what is called 'rubbernecking,' causing the driver to drift toward the way they are looking."



Hunter safety

Outdoor Recreation is having a Hunter Safety Orientation Thursday and Nov. 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.

Golf and chili

The Links at Redstone will have a Golf Scramble and Chili Cookoff on Saturday. 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.

Youth basketball

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

CFC golf tournament

The Big Oak Scramble, a Combined Federal Campaign fund-raiser sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center, is 8 a.m. Thursday at the Links at Redstone. The event was rained out last Friday. All proceeds will benefit the Big Oak Ranch. The format is 18 holes, four-person, best ball. Team registration has closed. For more infor-

mation, call tournament director Taylor Vinson 313-1196.



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.

University women

American Association of University Women will meet Saturday 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.

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. Saturday 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 wel-

come. For information call 830-2232.

Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday 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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Hard facts

Motivational speaker Dan Davis, a former drug and alcohol addict, speaks last Friday in Bob Jones Auditorium for Red Ribbon Week. This annual drug prevention observance is sponsored by the National Family Partnership. "Recovery is not easy. It's a daily battle," Davis says. "It goes on the rest of your life."

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 Lecture 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.

Retired employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. Members are urged to attend and vote on officers for 2007. A representative from Blue Cross will address federal employees' health benefits for the upcoming year. For information call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

Mechanical engineers

American Society of Mechanical Engineers, North Alabama Section will have a luncheon meeting today at 11:30 a.m. at UAH's Von Braun Research Hall, Room M-50. Scheduled speaker is Tennessee Valley Authority director Howard Thraikill. For information call James Denson 883-2531.

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.

Strategic speakers

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



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assur-

ance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

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

nity. 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.

Shop contributions

The Thrift Shop is accepting written requests for donations. It can only accept requests from charitable organizations that have a federal tax exemption number. The deadline for these requests is Nov. 30. Please include in the written request your federal tax number and the purpose of the request. Mail or deliver it to: Redstone Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898, Attn: Mary McCarthy, welfare chairperson, 881-6992.

Chapel services

Weekly services at Bicentennial Chapel, on Goss Road, include: Weekdays (except Friday) - noon Catholic Mass. Saturday — 5 p.m. Catholic Mass. Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, 10:45 a.m. CCD,

9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, 11 a.m. Protestant Worship Service. Many Bible studies are throughout the week. For information call 876-2409.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 pre-

pared 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.

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.

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 Jay-Mack75@aol.com or visit www.alabama-customcarandtruckclub.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.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

Special hug

Pvt. Chasity Mathias and athlete Laquinta Pointer share a hug and some warmth on the chilly morning Oct. 24 during the 39th annual Special Olympics Track and Field event at Milton Frank Stadium. Soldiers from Redstone served as escorts for the challenged athletes from throughout Madison County.



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

Warming up

Pvt. Robert Ruby of Charlie Company gave his jacket and gloves to Special Olympics athlete Alex Smith at the 39th annual Special Olympics event Oct. 24 at Milton Frank Stadium. To help him warm up for the track and field competition, Ruby teaches Smith how to do the standing groin stretch and other Army Physical Fitness stretches. More than 150 Soldiers from the 59th Ordnance Brigade volunteered during the event.

Rocket Announcements

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.

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. 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.

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.

Mentor opportunity

Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama plans to recruit approximately 1,000 local business people to serve as one-day mentors on Feb. 8, 15 or 22 as part of Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2007. The purpose of the countywide event is to encourage young people to see the connection between what they are learning in school and what skills are needed in the workplace. Volunteers in businesses in Huntsville, Madison and surrounding



Courtesy photo

Executive director

Lori Freeman, executive director of the International Test & Evaluation Association, is recognized by Rocket City Chapter president Mike McFalls as guest speaker for the chapter's October meeting. She spoke to an audience of 50 industry and governmental employees regarding the vision and mission of ITEA.

cities within Madison County will join their counterparts nationwide in hosting 1 million student "shadows" for the day. Locally, JA hopes to impact 1,000 students. To participate, local businesses are encouraged to call the local Junior Achievement office 533-4661.

Blood program

Red Cross blood drives this month include the following: Nov. 2-3 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400. Nov. 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency at 106 Wynn Drive. Nov. 9 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4488. Nov. 16 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sparkman Center and from 7-12:30 at SMDC building 5220. Nov. 17 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316 and from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers.

Nov. 30 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 7613.

Native American month

Marshall Space Flight Center invites the Redstone community to its Native American Heritage Month event Nov. 7 from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Morris Auditorium. For information call Cindy Campbell 544-0144 or Jerald Kerby 544-3243.

Fox health center

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Friday, Nov. 10 for the Veterans Day holiday. All clinics and the pharmacy will be closed. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments. Fox has no

emergency room or emergency medical services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.

Head Start books

Head Start, a federal program for preschool children of lower income families, would like new or gently used toys or books. The children are ages 3-5. Head Start prepares them for kindergarten, provides healthy meals and snacks, and gives them free medical/dental care. To contribute call Mary Allison 851-9800, ext. 20 or e-mail Lynn Moore at lynn.moore@redstone.army.mil.

Family feud night

Register your family to compete in "Family Feud Night" slated Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at Brooklyns in the Redstone Lanes bowling center. Registration forms are available at Brooklyns and at Redstone Lanes. Two families will be given the opportunity to play and win prizes. The winners will be notified this Friday. For more information, call 876-6634.

Grissom High reunion

Grissom High School Class of 1977 is planning a reunion in July 2007. Organizers are looking for all graduates from that year. If you are a grad or know one, please e-mail GHS77@comcast.net.

Nashville bus trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a Holiday Spectacular bus trip to Nashville's Opryland on Sunday, Dec. 3. See the Radio City Christmas Spectacular show starring the Radio City Rockettes. The 2006 edition features the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," the "Living Nativity" plus Nashville's new scene "12 Days of Christmas." You will have plenty of time to purchase your ticket and tour the Ice Sculptures if you choose, or spend time in the Opry Mills Mall and the Opryland Hotel to get a jump-start on Christmas shopping. The bus will depart the Kroger parking lot on Drake Avenue and South Memorial Parkway at 9 a.m. Dec. 3 and return about 10 that evening. The price for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular Show and round trip bus excursion is \$54 for adults and children. Full payment is required when making your reservations. Payment is by check only, made payable to CWFC. Call Charles Urban 955-7662 to arrange your reservation. Last day for reservations is Nov. 27.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK06587949	Landscape Architect, Architect, Civil Engr, Environmental Engr, Mech Engr, Elect Engr, Chem Engr	1-Nov-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0807,0808,0810,0819,0830,0850,0893	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			
SCBK06606492	Human Resource Tech	1-Nov-06	CHRA	YB-0203	1	2	18,535 - 45,985				X	X			X	X			X
WTST06635681	Security Spec	1-Nov-06	AMC	GG-0080	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		X										
SCBK06617951	General Engr	2-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
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SCBK06636469	Computer Engr	2-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	62,751 - 97,003		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
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SCNAFBK06111	Bowling Equip Repairer	2-Nov-06	Bus Oper Div	NA-4819	7	7	10.11 - 10.11	X	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
SCBK06608102	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0346	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK06608102D	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0346	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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
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	X
SCBK06614467	Program Analyst	6-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	3	3	62,751 - 97,003		X		X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK0614441	Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0346	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X					X	X			
SCBK06634330	General Engr	7-Nov-06	USACTC	GS-0801	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		X										
SCBK06620624	Supply Human Resources Spec(HR Development)	7-Nov-06	CHRA	YC-0201	2	2	62,751 - 114,631							X		X	X		X
SCBK06620624D	Supply Human Resources Spec(HR Development)	7-Nov-06	CHRA	YC-0201	2	2	62,751 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK06620679	Supv Mgmt Services Spec	8-Nov-06	CHRA	YC-0341	2	2	62,751 - 114,631							X		X	X		X
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SCBK06432853	Supv Program Analyst	9-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X		X	X	X		X	X			X
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SCBK06569948	General Engr	18-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		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	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	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	X
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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	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	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	X
SCBK06608102D	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0346	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	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	X
SCBK06620624D	Supply Human Resources Spec(HR Development)	7-Nov-06	CHRA	YC-0201	12	14	62,751 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06620679D	Supv Mgmt Services Spec	8-Nov-06	CHRA	YC-0341	12	14	62,751 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK06432853D	Supv Program Analyst	9-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	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	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	X
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																			
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																			
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																			
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																			
U - All U.S. citizens																			
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																			
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.																			
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