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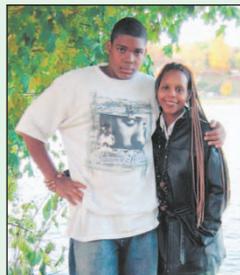
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Big Spring Jam quilts to wrap troops in love

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The Huntsville community is sending a colorful piece of home to Soldiers in Iraq.

Two quilts of messages from children were presented Thursday to two families of deployed troops. The patriotic quilts, crafted by children Sept. 22-24 at the Big Spring Jam, will be sent to their Soldiers' units.

Members of the Big Spring Jam board presented the results of the three-day "Wrap Our Troops in Love" project which was part of the annual music festival.

"The whole idea was for the children to send good

thoughts and wishes from our community," board member Alaura Askins said during the presentation at Army Community Service.

The families expressed their appreciation to board members Askins, Jennifer Sherman and Cynthia Parker.

"I think it's great and his unit will thoroughly enjoy seeing this," Kelly Black, wife of Staff Sgt. Christopher Black of the 128th Military Police Company, said. "It's things from the kids that mean the most to them."

"I think this is wonderful," Crystal Hanson, wife of Staff Sgt. Christopher Hanson of the 209th ASB 25th Infantry Division, said. "I think this is uplifting and it's cheerful."

She was joined by their two sons, Christopher J., 10, and Matthew, 5.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

STRAIGHT FROM HEART— Showing the patriotic quilts are, from left, Big Spring Jam board member Alaura Askins, waiting spouse Kelly Black, board members Cynthia Parker and Jennifer Sherman, waiting spouse Crystal Hanson and her two sons, Christopher J., 10, and Matthew, 5.

Huntsville shows its patriotic colors on Veterans Day

Downtown parade honors military, family members

By KARI HAWKINS

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Red, white and blue will line the streets of downtown Huntsville on Veterans Day when the military marches through town in the annual Veterans Day Parade.

More than 2,000 spectators are expected to wave flags and wear patriotic colors along the parade route on Saturday during Huntsville's tribute to its veterans and active military. The parade is sponsored by the Huntsville chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, WAFF-48 and more than 30 other companies and organizations. About 150 parade entries are expected to march in the parade.

"It keeps getting bigger and better every year thanks to the support of the city. It's impressive," said retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, who is serving his ninth year as co-chairman of the 35-member Veterans Day Planning Committee.

"The Veterans Day Parade is an

extremely important event we conduct here in the Tennessee Valley because it shows how well this community supports its military."

In the midst of the parade's traditional mix of veterans, Soldiers, Shriner clowns, high school bands, Scout groups, Junior ROTC units, military hardware and community floats will be two "first ladies" who mean a lot to both the citizens of Huntsville, and the Soldiers and employees of Redstone Arsenal — Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and Becky Pillsbury, wife of AMCOM and Redstone

commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, and founding member and vice president of the newly formed Still Serving Veterans.

Spencer and Pillsbury, referred to as the "first lady of Huntsville" and the "first lady of Redstone Arsenal" respectively, will share grand marshal honors during the parade, which will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday. Riding with them in the 1927 Huntsville City fire truck will be the major general himself, who will escort his wife.

"The mayor's job is to endorse positive things about this commu-

nity, and I certainly have a high respect for men and women who have served and are currently serving our country," Spencer said. "I am honored to ride and be a grand marshal with our commanding general's wife, Becky. It is certainly a thrill for me."

"It really is an honor," Becky Pillsbury said of her pairing with Spencer. "I was extremely surprised to be asked to do this. And, I am even happier to be a grand marshal with Mayor Spencer."

Choosing these two "first ladies" was an easy choice for the Veterans Day Planning Committee, said committee member and retired National Guard Sgt. David Carney.

"Mayor Spencer and Mrs. Pillsbury are both the first ladies of Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal," Carney said. "Who best exemplifies and speaks on behalf of and represents all the people of the entire area but these two ladies?"

The combination of these two "first ladies," Drolet said, "sends a powerful message out to the community because we are not only recognizing the contributions



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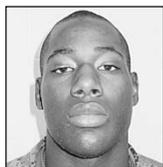
BANNER CELEBRATION— This banner will be in the beginning of the parade scheduled 11 a.m. Saturday in downtown Huntsville.

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An open lane random survey

What's your Veterans Day message?

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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Pvt. Argie Williams
Marine Detachment
"I would say for everybody to respect Veterans Day. People don't really take it seriously like they used to, sir."

Pfc. Howard Finley
Marine Detachment
"Just take time to honor all service-members — past and present."



Pfc. Ryan McGovern
Marine Detachment
"I'd say remember the fallen."

Bettie Ferguson
Army Community Service administrative assistant
"I'd like to say to all veterans: Just keep on keeping on. Keep looking ahead."



Quote of the week

"I've always said winning is a great deodorant."
 — *John Madden*
football analyst

Letter policy

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Contractors have feelings, too

This letter has been forthcoming for a while and I have written it many times only to change my mind and discard it. However, I feel the urge finally to go forth in my decision to send this. My hopes are that someday the choice made by contractors to serve amongst military and civilian service individuals and our commitment to you as our customer will be appreciated and we all can work side by side in harmony. While we contractors understand the resentment that is generally felt toward contractors, some do and some do not. The truth is we are your friend, your ally, your support. We are on "your team" working hard every day to support you, and to support the Soldiers you are working so hard to support. All we ask is that you respect us, not put us down and degrade us — look around, we work beside you every day.

Our goal, each and every one of us, is to support and provide the best to the men and women who each day serve our country to protect and defend us — all of us — with no respect to race, sex, reli-

gion or from whom your paycheck is provided. We are Americans and we are in this together.

The next time you want to make a slight about a lowly contractor, think about what that contractor might actually be doing for you, how they may truly be helping you to be successful in your mission and in your job. Everyone here, no matter how great or small, has a place in this great task ahead of us and each of us should truly make a conscious effort to respect and be considerate to each and every "team member."

Let's consider the golden rule. The golden rule is best interpreted as saying: "Treat others only in ways that you're willing to be treated in the same exact situation." To apply it, you'd imagine yourself in the exact place of the other person on the receiving end of the action. If you act in a given way toward another, and yet are unwilling to be treated that way in the same circumstances, then you violate the rule.

Name withheld by request

Commentary: Army Strong means more than two words

By **Lt. Col. WAYNE SHANKS**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — I have to admit when I first heard 'Army Strong' I thought, "That's it?" But as I've thought about it, Army Strong is much more than two words. It represents the best of the Army; the best of America; the best of each and every Soldier.

I think Army Strong works better if you imply "I am, You are or We are" Army Strong, but what does it mean to be Army Strong?

Army Strong is more than muscles; it's the Soldiers who can endure long patrols constantly alert for hidden dangers, or run faster and further than they ever thought they could.

Army Strong is more than sheer military might (tanks, helicopters, artillery, missiles, etc...); it's the Soldiers who drive, fly or shoot all that hardware.

Army Strong is more than completing tough training; it's parachuting out of an airplane at 800 feet when you're scared to death of heights.

Army Strong is more than being smart; it's having the knowledge and tenacity to develop a way to solve seemingly impossible problems.

Army Strong is more than combat operations that destroy an enemy; it's the Soldiers and leaders who plan and execute it — it's Boots on the Ground.

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Fund-raiser for veterans

In celebration of 2006 Veterans Day, local restaurant Hyun's Korean Garden will host a fund-raiser activity for the Still Serving Veterans by donating 10 percent of gross sales from Nov. 7-12.

The Hyun's opened in June 1. Since then, it hosted a lunch in honor of Korean War veterans, donated 10 percent of gross sales in October to CFC, and provided the best cakes for two auctions in support of a CFC fund-raiser. They have also generously supported many community events, and will continue to pour out their generosity into our community while living the American dream.

I would like to ask everyone to support the Hyun's from Nov. 7-12 in support of SSV. The restaurant is located on 7500 South Memorial Parkway, Main Street Shopping Village, out through Gate 1 on Martin Road, first right (231 South), first right again (Boulevard South), then first left to shopping center. For more information and the business hours, please visit www.hyunkoreangarden.com.

K.C. Bertling

Holding court on sandwiches

Is it my imagination, or is there a change afoot in the Food Court? Since taking over as manager, Kathy Foote has not only cleaned the place up, improved the service and attitudes of the team working there, but now she has gone and introduced "Breakfast Sandwiches." After trying one, she is correct in saying the best one's on Redstone.

What a great change to one of the major areas on post.

Keep up the good work, Kathy!

Robert Davenport
 manager, quality control
 Chugach Management Services Inc.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Oct. 28: An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. They were processed and released to their sponsor. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

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

Violation notices issued: 11 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 improper backing, 1 no driver's license.

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Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Name: Pfc. Michael Vega

Job: Marine Detachment student, recently graduated from Ammunition Technician course

Where do you call home?

Lilburn, Ga., northeast of Atlanta

What do you like about your job?

The opportunity to work with different units in the Marine Corps. You can be attached with Infantry, artillery and tanks as well as serve at an ammunition supply point.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I have a sport bike I like to ride, as well as intramural sports. I play flag football with the detachment.



What are your goals?

I just completed my college degree (a bachelor's in real estate finance from Georgia State University last May). I'd like to eventually get my master's in finance as well. Maybe eventually take a commission as an officer. And pursue real estate development as a civilian.

What's your favorite type of music?

Rock/alternative



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Gifts appreciated

Heather McCaulley, the Family Advocacy Program domestic violence victim advocate at Army Community Service, looks over the donations made by employees of Redstone Arsenal for use by families suffering from domestic violence. The items — including 25 cell phones, blankets, towels, pillows, personal hygiene items and kitchen cookware — will be used by Crisis Services of North Alabama at Hope Place, the domestic violence shelter. The cell phones, which give victims quick telephone access to 911 emergency services, will be distributed to women who are living in domestic violence situations. "I want to thank the Redstone Arsenal community for their support of Domestic Violence Prevention Month (during October)," McCaulley said. "We received a little bit of everything we asked for in our supply list."

Center celebrates educational observance

American Education Week open house scheduled

Army educators join educators from across the country to celebrate American Education Week, Nov. 13-17.

The Army again focuses on strengthening its resolve to educate Soldier students to meet the challenges of leadership today and tomorrow. This year's theme is "Boots on the Ground, Educated Soldiers at the Forefront," which underscores the philosophy that started AEW. Representatives of the National Education Association and the American Legion met for the first time in 1919 to discuss the distressing fact that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit. The Army recognized the need for educated Soldiers.

With the assistance of Army Continuing Education System, Army's continuing educational services and programs are constantly evolving. The Army is operating in a changing, high-tech, fast-flowing environment. Soldiers must be multi-skilled and committed to meeting all mission challenges head-on, as well as their self- and leader-development goals.

The ACES offers a variety of programs and services to assist Soldiers in achieving their goals. These programs take into consideration the Soldier's busy

schedule. No longer tied to the traditional classroom-type of education, Soldiers can now earn their degree through a variety of distance learning programs sponsored through their local Army Education Center or online at GoArmyEd.com. ACES programs are also available to civilians, family members, contractors, retirees, and other eligible personnel on a space-available basis.

The Redstone Army Education Center is having an open house Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate American Education Week. Representatives from approximately 30 colleges and universities throughout the United States will be at the education center to provide information on their programs. On-post colleges and universities will also be represented to discuss their program offerings.

All of Team Redstone is invited to celebrate American Education Week at the Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Road. The phone number is 876-9761.

Some of the schools attending the open house include J. F. Drake State Technical College, American Military University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Athens State University, Columbia College, Calhoun Community College, Florida Institute of Technology, Devry University, Western Governor's University, University of North Alabama, Auburn University,

Auburn University at Montgomery, Columbia Southern University, Faulkner University, University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, University of Alabama-Huntsville, Wallace State College, Excelsior College, American Intercontinental University, Universal Technical Institute, Strayer University, University of Maryland, Coastline Community College, Duquesne University, Alabama A&M, University of Phoenix, and American Intercontinental University. Light refreshments will be served. (Education Center release)



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Pie face

John Jensen, director of Scout Attack Directorate, gets a pie in the face from item manager Jennifer Lynch during the Integrated Materiel Management Center's fundraiser Oct. 31 for the Combined Federal Campaign.

■ Army Strong represents determination of team

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Army Strong is more than the pungent smell of burnt gunpowder after a fire; it's the Soldiers whose well aimed fire protected their buddies.

Army Strong is more than intelligence systems, UAVs and GPS; it's the Soldiers who bring that information to the leaders who can use it to stop an insurgent attack.

Army Strong is more than beans, bullets and repair parts; it's the Soldiers who ship, manage, prepare, repair and move all the things that keep the Army rolling along.

Army Strong is more than just doing what's right; it's the Army values embodied by Soldiers who carry out their duties every day.

Army Strong is more than a "Welcome Home" sign taped to a fence; it's the "Daddy, daddy, daddy!" yelled across a tarmac late at night and a long embrace at the end of a deployment.

Army Strong is more than an individual Soldier's strength; it's the teamwork of a well-trained squad executing actions on contact.

In short, Army Strong is far more than two words; it's the underlying moral fiber, the deep-seated emotions and the total determination every Soldier carries.

No one can stop this team — it's Army Strong.

Hail to retiring chief after 'job well done'

Bob English gets sendoff
at Bob Jones Auditorium

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Retiring Col. Bob English couldn't think of a better place to say goodbye after 30 years of service.

During his retirement ceremony Friday, it was suggested that a better place would have been in front of assembled troops on a parade field at a tactical post. But the Bob Jones Auditorium with

English's friends and co-workers from the past four and a half years was the right place as far as English was concerned.

"Today there is no where else I'd rather be than right here in this auditorium with all of you," the Arkansas native said.

He served as chief of staff of the Aviation and Missile Command since May 2004. His career began when he was a distinguished military graduate of Arkansas State University where he earned a bachelor's in chemistry in 1977.

"It's been a quick 30 years for sure," English said.

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury presented him the Distinguished Service Medal among other honors in recognition of his career.

"At the end of the day, Bob English can take that uniform off and look himself in the mirror and say 'Job well done,'" Pillsbury said.

English and his family will remain in the local area. He and his wife of more than 24 years, Lorena, have a son, Robert IV, and daughter, Bailey.

"Now he's going to go off and do great things in industry," Pillsbury said. "And I'm going to miss him."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BEST REGARDS— Retiring Col. Bob English is congratulated after his ceremony Friday.

Education assistance program expands stateside in 2007

Headquarters, Army Emergency Relief is expanding its Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program in the United States to include the spouses of retired Soldiers and the widows of Soldiers who died while in the retired status.

The Stateside SEAP is a need based education assistance program designed to provide spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers and widows of Soldiers who died while on active duty or in a retired status with financial assistance in pursuing educational goals. The program is to assist spouses in furthering their education to afford them increased occupational opportunities.

Financial assistance is provided as a grant that is awarded based on financial need, as evidenced by income, assets, family size, special financial obligations and circumstances, with a maximum amount in the upcoming academic year 2007-08 of \$2,700.

The scholarships are awarded annually for up to four academic

years to attend postsecondary school full time as undergraduate level students. Second undergraduate or graduate level courses are not included.

Applications are available for downloading on AER's web site, www.aerhq.org; at AER sections; or by mail from headquarters AER. Please read the instructions carefully before completing the application.

Title 10 Soldiers must provide a copy of mobilization orders placing the Soldier on active duty for the entire academic year.

The deadline for receipt of complete applications for the upcoming academic year 2007-08 is March 1, 2007. Mailed applications and supporting documents must be received or postmarked by March 1, 2007 or earlier to be considered on time. More information on this new program may be found on AER's web site www.aerhq.org or by calling AER officer Kristi Foster at 876-5397. Her e-mail address is kristi.foster@redstone.army.mil. (AER release)

Units add 158 Soldiers during month

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

- 1st Sgt. Monica Michelle Randolph, HHC 59th; 2nd Lt. Bruce Ivan Litaker, HHC 59th; Col. Lloyd McDaniels, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; Capt. Justin Meissner, HHC 59th; Capt. Christopher Wilson, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Mark Earl Hoskins, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Curtis Blanchard, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Richard French, Logistics Support Activity; Chief Warrant Officer Alan Kyle, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Roslyn Barbee, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Anthony Caudle, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Eduardo Hope, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Alfred Kelly, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Hakan Sayar, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Orville Lee Wilson Jr., HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Charles Woodcock, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer Gary Walsh, HHC 59th; Lt. Col. Antoine Cheatham, HHC 59th; Lt. Col. Matthew Clarke, PM FCS (BCT) Orlando; Lt. Col. Thomas Coburn, HHC 59th; Lt. Col. Robert Godlewski, Aviation and Missile Command; Lt. Col. Scott Hoffmann, HHC 59th; Lt. Col. Keith Wayne Robinson, Program Executive Office for Aviation; Lt. Col. Kelly Sirota, HHC 59th; Maj. Joseph Manley Davis, PEO Aviation and Missiles; Maj. Eric Isper, PEO GCS Redstone;

- Maj. Randall Klingensmith, HHC 59th; Maj. Dennis Wheeler, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Yvonne Fagan, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Paul Grise, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Jason Hambrick, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Oscar Hernandez, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Curtis Hollis, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Dennis Hubbard, HHC 59th; Master Sgt. Clark Edward Ware Jr., HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Anzo, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Paul Appel, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Keith Brian Baker, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Bean, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Mark Bielefeld, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Darnell Booze, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Cain, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Loel Clements, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Henry Dickerson, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Adrain Dudley, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Feldi, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class David Forrest, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Garcia, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class David Gomez, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Harrington, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Richard Hawkins, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Dana Hayes, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Henry Hayes, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Heard, Logistics Support Activity; Sgt. 1st Class Eric Holloway, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Johnson, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Darnell Johnson, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class David Kerce, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Kohlen Keylor, HHC 59th;

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'Only the strong survive' extended career

Command awards certificates, pins

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These are survivors, people who have persevered. And they're continuing to contribute every day.

Dr. Richard Amos, deputy to the commanding general of AMCOM, summed up the contribution by these six civilian employees with at least 35 years service. He presented certificates and pins to each honoree Oct. 31 in an award ceremony at Aviation and Missile Command headquarters.

"You've helped bring Soldiers home safe," Amos said.

They included Rosa Smalls, who received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for exceptional performance in support of the Logistics Modernization Program in supply management business from September 2005 through August 2006. She received a certificate for 55 years service.

"I'll be short and sweet," she said when prompted for an acceptance speech. "Only the strong survive."

Supervisory security specialist Enell Couch of G-6 (Corporate Information) was honored for at least 40 years service. The Arab, Ala., native will have 41 years in March.

"I enjoy it," Couch said of her career. "I really



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SUPER SIX— Honored for their combined 245 years service are, from left, David Bethke, Darlene Haynes-Briggs, Michele Albright, Rosa Smalls, Enell Couch and Terry Hendrickson.

enjoy working. I've worked all my life. I enjoy jobs where I think I'll make a difference. I enjoy having a challenge."

The other honorees included Michele Albright and Darlene Haynes-Briggs, both with at least 35 years service; and David Bethke and Terry Hendrickson, both with at least 40.

"What a wonderful set of accomplishments," Amos said.

Warrior aircraft system achieves milestone

The Army's Extended Range/Multi-Purpose Unmanned Aircraft System, the Warrior, finished its final critical design review Oct. 27 in San Diego.

The review included multiple subsystem and system level design reviews that will allow it to move on to the next phase of the systems development and demonstration program. Simply put, the Warrior has met all the design requirements to make the aircraft operational and ready for development.

"The Warrior Critical Design Review represents a significant milestone in the program's lifecycle," said Lt. Col. Shawn Gresham, Medium Altitude Endurance product manager. "It means that we have a solid design and can begin building Warrior systems. Commanders and Soldiers across the Army want the capability the Warrior UAS provides. Supporting war fighters with an on-time delivery of the Warrior UAS is our primary focus."



Courtesy photo

Story time

Ronnie Chronister, executive director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, reads to Head Start youngsters at Ridgecrest Elementary last Thursday as an executive event for the Combined Federal Campaign.

Still Serving Veterans ready to assist

By JOHN MENDES

For the Rocket

Still Serving Veterans is a non-profit service organization committed to long-term career development, life skills and support for Global War on Terrorism severely wounded veterans and their families.

SSV assists this population in determining their education, employment, housing and transportation modification needs by connecting them to existing agencies responsible for meeting those needs and filling gaps in coverage as necessary.

Key partnerships and a robust network of support agencies are critical to SSV's success. Thanks to the generosity of Association of the U.S. Army and Lockheed Martin, SSV enjoyed a world-class booth and high visibility at the 2006 AUSA convention in Washington, D.C., in October.

"At AUSA we made valuable contacts with companies who will be future employers, additional SWVs who need our help, and volunteers. It was excellent exposure for SSV. We also located other organizations who work to help our veterans and families and SSV is now collaborating with them as well," SSV board

member Becky Pillsbury said.

In addition to the help with the SSV booth, AUSA played a key role in the SSV inaugural golf tournament Oct. 6 at the Cherokee Ridge golf course. The monies raised will enable SSV to hire an additional case manager. These funds as well as generous cash and in-kind contributions from a range of large and small companies and individuals enable SSV to provide important services to severely wounded veterans and their families.

The Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation has generously donated office space (first year of operations) to SSV and is working with SSV directly as a CCAP organization. Veterans and their families can visit with case workers and work force transition counselors at the new location, 2939 Johnson Road in Huntsville.

If you are a severely wounded veteran (active, National Guard or Reserve) as defined by receiving or anticipating a 30 percent or greater disability rating (by the branch of service), served during the Global War On Terrorism, and you expect to leave the military because of your disability or you have already separated, please call toll-free 1-866-778-4645.

■ Garrison lists incoming troops

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59th; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Paul Kniest, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Kulas, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Lade, HHC 59th;

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Thanksgiving feast brings good taste to holiday

About 700 expected for traditional meal at dining facility

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Every meal is special for the staff of the troop dining facility, but this particular feast stands out.

It's the Thanksgiving meal, a time for servicemembers, military retirees and guests to enjoy the traditional holiday trimmings. The date, Nov. 23, is already circled on the calendar at the facility.

"It is the biggest meal of the year," Dan Tyree, project manager for K&K Food Service, said. "It's when we let the cooks do what they do best – home cooking. They put pride in their work every day, but on this day they just let it all shine out."

Assistant manager Dennis Hardin agreed. "It's just one of our largest family-oriented meals of the year," Hardin said.

Single Soldiers will eat that day from 11 a.m. until noon; Soldiers with family members, from 12-1:30 p.m.; and retirees, from 1:30-2:30. Retirees are authorized to bring their spouse and one guest.

"Please emphasize to retirees: Let us do our Soldiers first, then we'll get to you," Hardin said.

"We just want the retirees to honor the time we have set aside for retirees, not come in when it's troop time," Tyree said.

Also, there are no carryout orders. Last year some people tried to fill up backpacks, garbage bags – even children's lunch boxes. That's a no-no. "It's consumed here in the building; it's not taken out," Tyree said.

Meal rates are \$5.90 for all active duty personnel, spouses and retirees with their spouses. Cost is \$5 for family members only of E-4 and below. Children under 6 and younger eat free. All personnel who are on meal card status or not receiving separate ration will eat free. Attendees should use both entrances at the dining facility; and there is no reserved seating.

More people are expected at this year's Thanksgiving feast. The facility is feeding about 600 troops per meal daily. Some 43,135 meals were prepared and served during October.

"Last year we did 500 (at Thanksgiving) but the troop count was down. This year we're looking at roughly 700 just for that one meal," Tyree said.

A limited breakfast will be served to the troops that morning from 7-8. And the facility will still serve dinner to the troops that afternoon from 3-5. About 40 of the facility's 60 workers will be on duty.

Here's the Thanksgiving feast menu and the preparation quantities: roast turkey (720 pounds), baked ham (100 pounds), beef steamship round (185 pounds), orange glazed Cornish hens (165 pounds), chicken cordon bleu, steamed broccoli, seasoned corn and green beans, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, shrimp cocktail (30 pounds), a full salad bar, assorted pastries and beverages.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BIG ROUND 2005— Holding one of the six steamship rounds at the dining facility's Thanksgiving meal 2005 are, from left, cooks JoAnn Lewis, Sarah Hardin and Pearline Smith.

Instructors cited for contributions to Army, nation

Annual recognition given at luncheon

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The instructors at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School are dedicated to ensuring Soldiers are technically proficient by sharing their own personal experiences in the Army with those who are the future of the Ordnance Corps and the Army. To recognize these outstanding instructors, the OMEMS Directorate of Instruction and the 59th Ordnance Brigade will hold the annual Instructor of the Year Awards Presentation Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

“The (Instructor of the Year) program stimulates competition among personnel at the Ordnance school to increase morale and improve instruction quality as well as instructional proficiency,” said Sgt. Maj. Gregory Knight, OMEMS DOI sergeant major. “This is a win, win situation for the instructors and the institution. The instructors win by being recognized and awarded for competing and winning the boards. The school on the other hand benefits from their achievements by having quality instructors.”

Throughout the fiscal year, OMEMS instructors compete for the title of the instructor of the quarter. At the end of the fiscal year, they all come together to compete within their own categories – NCO, civilian and warrant officer. The finalists win the title of the brigade IOY and then compete at the Train-

ing and Doctrine Command level against all other TRADOC instructors to earn the ultimate title of TRADOC Instructor of the Year.

“The importance of being an instructor is consistent with one of the objectives of initial entry training which is to provide the Army with military occupational specialty qualified Soldiers imbued with the warrior mentality,” Knight said. “The instructors play a very important role in that goal because they are with the Soldiers during the formative weeks of their advanced individual training and have an opportunity to impact the quality of Soldiers that go out to the Operational Army.”

The IOY awards presentation ceremony recognizes the winners at brigade level who have demonstrated excellence in overall instructor abilities among their peers. For one of this year’s winners, the competition is more than recognition for a job well done.

“(Winning the competition) is important to me because it brings attention to our school,” said Sgt. 1st Class Adrian Dudley, NCO Instructor of the Year. “Most people really don’t realize that (the Technical Escort School is) here and we don’t get much attention. My hope is that this (recognition) will open some eyes to our existence and to the fact that we do a great service for our country and the Global War on Terrorism.”

The following is a glimpse of this year’s winners of the Instructor of the Year competition. For more information on the Instructor of the Year luncheon or to purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Richard James at 842-9771.

NCO winner

Noncommissioned Officer Instructor of the Year winner is Sgt. 1st Class Adrain Dudley, Technical Escort Division senior trainer and developer. His specialty is 74D, Chemical Operations Specialist; and his department, Technical Escort Training Division.



Sgt. 1st Class Adrain Dudley

Dudley came to Redstone Arsenal to become an instructor more than two years ago but he has trained Soldiers in other countries in the past. A Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veteran, Dudley brings his experiences from the war zone to his students during their training at OMEMS’s Technical Escort Division.

Dudley only hopes his students take with them the message he tries to get across, which is to always train for combat. The mission of the Technical Escort Course is to provide training to U.S. military and Department of Defense civilians in order to be able to perform worldwide, no-notice missions

involving field sampling, detection, identification, limited decontamination, and mitigation or remediation of hazards associated with chemical and biological materials.

For Dudley, being an instructor is another way that he can contribute to the ongoing Global War on Terrorism. Although there have been challenges, he said the solution was simple.

“Overcoming training challenges is easy when you convey real world experiences that show Soldiers the need for focus and continued training,” Dudley said. “If our training is not intense and challenging, we will not be able to meet the challenges of war and that can cause loss of life. I have trained soldiers in other countries and have deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Having these experiences in the Army and working with many civilian agencies that do first response, I can give students real world examples of how this training works and how it will aid our country.”

Civilian winner

Civilian Instructor of the Year is William T. Parks, an instructor/writer whose specialty is 94P, Multiple Launch Rocket System Repairer. He works in the Missile Systems Electronics Training Department.

Parks has been an OMEMS instructor for the past five years. An Army veteran after 24 years of service, Parks enjoys being an instructor as a civilian because he still works around young Soldiers without having to keep up with them. One of the challenges that Parks was faced with but has learned to overcome is ensuring his students understand the



William T. Parks

importance of the training received at Redstone, but none is more important than their military occupational specialty training.

“When my students leave here I want them to leave with confidence in their abilities to be good Ordnance Soldiers,” Parks said. Although Parks admits that Soldiers may be more responsive to drill sergeants’ instructions, he points out the difference in the areas taught by both – drill sergeants focus on tactical training where instructors point out the technical. Winning the title of civilian instructor of the year is a great accomplishment for Parks. He said the award not only gives his students more confidence in him as an instructor but also in the department and its ability to provide quality instruction.

Warrant officer winner

Warrant Officer Instructor of the Year is Chief Warrant Officer Curtis Blanchard, course manager for 948B. His specialty is Electronics Systems Maintenance

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of men and women deployed but we are also recognizing their family members and the support this community gives them.

“Mayor Spencer and the City of Huntsville have made great contributions to our military. Mrs. Pillsbury has not only been an Army wife for more than 30 years, but she is also the founding member of Still Serving Veterans. I hope the community understands the significance of putting these two ladies together.”

Spencer also sees the two “first ladies” roles in the parade as being symbolic for Huntsville.

Public events include:

- **Veterans Day Reception and Dinner – 5:30 p.m. Friday at Von Braun Center North Hall.**
- **Veterans Day Parade – 11 a.m. Saturday in downtown Huntsville.**
- **Veterans Memorial Museum Open House – immediately following parade, 2060A Airport Road.**

“This shows that there is no border between Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal, and that we function and take pride in our mutual respect,” she said. “The history between the city and the base has been continuous for more than 60 years.”

This year, Huntsville and North Alabama is experiencing the largest deployment of Reserve and National Guard units than ever before. While a Veterans Day Parade always honors the area’s veterans, this year’s Huntsville parade will have a special emphasis on the spouses and families of the area’s deployed Soldiers.

Family members of deployed Soldiers will walk in the front of the parade behind a banner that says “We honor those who serve.” The families will represent deployed Soldiers from the 108th Division Army Reserve of Huntsville and from three Alabama National Guard units – the 128th Military Police Company of Huntsville, the 152nd Military Police Company of Scottsboro and the 1169th Engineer Group of Huntsville.

Children of deployed Soldiers will ride on two Huntsville city hook-and-ladder fire trucks. A banner carried by the spouses will read “Pray for our Soldiers.”

“By placing these family members at the very front of the parade we are sending a message and making a statement to the entire community that we have an exceptionally large number of deployed Soldiers from this area who need our support and whose families need our support,” Carney said.

As a parade grand marshal, Becky Pillsbury said she is “honored” and “thrilled” to have been asked to “represent all the military spouses who give up so much when their military member is deployed and they become a single parent.”

During her 33 years as a military wife, Becky Pillsbury’s husband has been deployed three times – once to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, a second time during Desert Shield/Desert Storm and to Turkey prior to the Gulf War.

Becky Pillsbury, who, like the mayor, has ridden in past Veterans Day parades in Huntsville, looks forward to the Veterans

Day Parade because it gives her a chance to connect with veterans.

“I am absolutely thrilled to see our veterans out there along the parade route,” she said. “I see them wearing their Vietnam hat or their World War II hat or their Korean hat, and I get a chance to thank them for their service.”

But, while veterans are “near and dear” to Becky Pillsbury and the Huntsville community, she said the parade is also for those currently serving in the military.

“It is so important right now that our military and the families behind those military see our support. Whether we support the war or not, we always must support our Soldiers and their families,” she said. “This is an extra special time to show that support and thanks.”

Although the parade itself begins at 11 a.m., there will be a pre-parade program beginning at 10:30 outside the Von Braun Center North Hall. The event, which will be emceed by Joe Fitzgerald, president of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, will include a color guard ceremony coordinated by Buckhorn High School JROTC and including JROTC programs representing the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force at Buckhorn, Madison County, Huntsville and Johnson high schools.

Following the pre-parade program, the Veterans Day Parade will begin and travel east on Clinton Avenue. It will turn left on Monroe Street and travel along the front of the Von Braun Center. It will turn left on Williams Avenue and then left on Washington Street, going through the heart of downtown Huntsville.

It will then turn left on Monroe Street, where it will march in front of the Veterans Memorial Park viewing stand and then take a right onto Holmes Avenue, ending at the staging area in Lot K.

WAFF-48’s Lee Marshall, and retired chief warrant officer and Redstone Arsenal employee Ed Banville, who is also co-chair with Drolet for the Veterans Day activities, will narrate the parade live on WAFF at the viewing stand in front of the Von Braun Center.

As the parade begins on Clinton Avenue at 11, a second program will begin at Veterans Memorial Park on Monroe Street, which will be near the end of the parade route this year. The program will include a color guard ceremony by the 19th Alabama Reenactment Group, and patriotic music performed by the Huntsville Concert Band and the Redstone Arsenal Rocketeers. Carney and retired Sgt. 1st Class Russell Kimball will narrate the parade from the viewing stand at Veterans Memorial Park.

While parade spectators wear their own version of red, white and blue, veterans are urged by the Department of Veterans Affairs to stand out above the crowd on Veterans Day by wearing their medals. Parade organizers hope to see plenty of

medals at the parade.

“Veterans should wear their medals with pride, especially on Veterans Day,” Carney said. “They need to let people know who they are.”

The parade is not the only event honoring Veterans Day in Huntsville. Two major events will occur on Friday.

The YMCA of Huntsville has teamed up with the Veterans Day Planning Committee to host the first-ever Blue Star Prayer Breakfast at 801 Franklin. Fifty families of deployed Soldiers will be hosted at this event.

That evening, a Veterans Day reception and dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Von Braun Center North Hall. During the event, there will be eight inductees into the Hall of Heroes by the Madison County Military Heritage Commission and 17 veterans will be recognized by the Huntsville chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

A pre-parade breakfast at the Von Braun Center North Hall will be held for parade honorees on Saturday. It is by invitation only.

In addition, the Veterans Memorial Museum off Airport Road will hold an open house following the parade.

Spencer hopes Huntsville’s appreciation for veterans and today’s servicemembers will go far beyond the Veterans Day activities.

“I have so much respect for sacrifices that veterans, Soldiers and their families made and are making for the freedom of this country,” she said. “I encourage our citizens to keep them in our prayers.”

But, for now, the focus is on the upcoming Veterans Day activities, and the hundreds of volunteers who participate in the parade or the spectators who will line

downtown streets at 11 a.m. Saturday.

“A lot of energy and effort goes into the Veterans Day activities because this community is committed and devoted to its relationship with the armed forces,” Drolet said.

Among the many volunteers involved in the activities is Redstone Arsenal’s Warrant Officer Association, which is organizing the parade lineup.

Veterans Day sponsors at the Platinum level are: Analytical Services Inc., Association of the United States Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter; Applied Data Trends; Avion Inc.; Bill Stender; Boeing; City of Huntsville; City of Madison; Compute Science Co.; DESE Research Inc.; Dynetics Inc.; ERC Inc.; Executive Leadership Skills; Enfinger Steele Development; Huntsville Hospital; The Huntsville Times; Info Pro Corp.; Jacobs Technology; Lockheed Martin Space Systems Co.; Lockheed Martin Corporate; Madison County Commission; Miltec; Orbital Science; Port of Huntsville; Raytheon; Redstone Federal Credit Union; Robbins Gioia LLC; SAIC; Science Engineering Services; SRS Technologies and Westar Aerospace & Defense Group Inc.

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Editor’s note: To enter the Veterans Day Parade, go to the WAFF-48 web site at WAFF.com. Reservations for the Veterans Day dinner can be made by calling 217-6311. Tickets are \$60 each.

Journey through life's struggles inspires book

Author describes choices to help others along way

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Authors often write about what they know.

And, for Ozell Dunlap, what she knows is the struggle and pain that she has endured with God's help on her journey through life.

That struggle began at the age of 12, when Dunlap watched as her mother nursed her father through his 13-month-long battle against bone and colon cancer.

"He suffered. I would hear him crying at night and I would pray that he would get better and be at peace," Dunlap recalled. "Things happen when you are young that you bring with you all through life."

Dunlap's father didn't get better. After his death, she learned how tough it was for a parent to raise five children alone.

"My mother had to quit her job to raise us. We had to take charity. There were times when we didn't know what we were going to eat the next day," she said. "Deep in my heart, I wondered how much more my mom could take."

Then, as an adult, Dunlap faced her own struggles as a military wife and mother of a son. There were financial problems. Dunlap had to contend with the loneliness that other military wives struggle with and she had to raise her son mostly by herself while her husband was away on duty. At the age of 24, Dunlap successfully fought off colon cancer and, later, a series of other health problems. She watched as her mother passed away and, later, her sister.

Those life events, along with the encouragement of her husband, retired Staff Sgt. Troy Dunlap who works as an instructor for OMEMS, and her son Sam, inspired Dunlap to write a book that she hopes will become a source of strength for others. "A Journey Worth Taking" shares Dunlap's stories of how God can help anyone get through the struggles and pain of life, and find His peace.

Dunlap, a human resources specialist with South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, is a member of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in New Market, where she is a Sunday school teacher and religious speaker.

Writing her book took nearly 20 years. It all began in 1989 with a dream.

"I was first inspired in Germany (in 1989) when my husband was in the military," she said. "I was going through a hard time and I prayed to God to tell me

what was going on in my life. I asked Him when peace was going to come, when joy was going to come."

While she slept, she dreamed she picked up a tablet and pen and wrote. When she woke up, the tablet was beside the bed. There were three pages written and the paper was titled "A Journey."

"I must have really woken up during the night and wrote all that," she recalled. "I knew then this book would be about struggles and how to keep going in the midst of struggles. Life is a journey and you have to take it day by day. You have to keep going."

She sent her three-page paper to her mom and brother, who both encouraged her to turn it into a book. But, there wasn't much time in those days, and her paper got put away with other papers.

"Life went on and I didn't think much about it," Dunlap said. "Then, my mom died in the year 2000. She was my best friend. I didn't know how to go on. I didn't have any hope."

It was then that God led her back to the paper she had written.

"It was yellow and faded," she said. "But, it brought back what I had been told by God so long ago. I knew then why I had written it so many years ago. I thought 'Now is the time to pull this out and use it to help others know how to get



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SURVIVOR— Ozell Dunlap, a human resources specialist with the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, wrote the book "A Journey Worth Taking," which shares her insights on how to overcome life's struggles and pain with God's help.

through the struggles in their lives."

But, life got in the way again. And, Dunlap once again put away her writing project.

Then, God inspired her a third time through the death of her sister. It was

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Technician. He works in the Warrant Officer Training Division.

“I have always enjoyed teaching and have a history of teaching and training people and Soldiers,” Blanchard said. “Before the Army (in 1981), I tutored math and accounting at St Philips College in San Antonio; as a young Army specialist (in 1990) I (volunteered) to help the NCOs with sergeant’s time training; as an NCO and warrant officer, I loved teaching and training Soldiers in our daily missions. So when I received the assignment to OMEMS, I knew it was going to be a perfect match.”

As an instructor at the Warrant Officer Training Department, Blanchard’s role is to teach new warrant officers the skills they’ll need to succeed in the military.

“The best part about this job is seeing and knowing that I am making a positive difference in the lives of warrant officers and the Army,” he said. In describing his position as an instructor Blanchard can put it into five words – challenging, rewarding, leadership, mentorship and



Chief Warrant Officer Curtis Blanchard

fun. If his students take only one thing with them when they leave him, he wants it to be taking care of Soldiers.

“If you take care of Soldiers they will always take care of you,” he said. Winning the warrant officer title of instructor of the year helps him demonstrate to others that “a job well done will not go unrecognized.”

■ Author finds journey worth taking despite hardships

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another time of struggle and it took Dunlap back to her writing desk.

“One day my son Sam picked up the chapter I was writing called ‘City of Regrets,’” Dunlap said. “He is one of those men men who don’t cry. But, after he read it there were tears in his eyes. He said ‘I find myself in that city because there are things that I shouldn’t have done and things that I should have done. You should publish this, mom. If it touched me, it will touch someone else.’”

And, that was enough inspiration for Dunlap to finish her book.

But, getting the book in the hands of others was another matter altogether. She knew she had to find a publisher.

“I read a lot of Christian books, so I went to those books and looked at the publishers,” she said.

At the time, publishers weren’t accepting many new authors. Out of 3,000 manuscripts a month, only 2 percent were accepted. It was three months before Dunlap heard back from Tate Publishing & Enterprises.

“I was thinking that maybe my book wasn’t as good as I had thought,” she said. “Then, they called me at work and said they really loved it. A contract was in the mail the next day.”

The release date for “A Journey Worth Taking” is Dec. 19. But, the book can be purchased in advance on Tate Publishing’s web site.

In the book, Dunlap follows a group of people on a journey through various cities and locations, such as “The City of Temptation,” “The Hill of Difficulty” and “Welcome to Mountain Top Experiences.”

“Life is like a journey,” she said. “It’s like traveling down a highway with different exits, different choices in life.

Some exits choose you and some you take on your own. Not all exits lead to bad times. There are also good times.”

But, to find the journey’s end – the place of peace, joy and happiness – travelers have to first go through storms, pain, sin and temptation, she said.

“When you look back over your life, you realize if you hadn’t experienced the things you experienced then you wouldn’t be the person you are today,” Dunlap said. “Life is still a journey worth taking. Good or bad, it’s made me who I am today.”

Toward the end of the book, Dunlap writes that the people of God endured many trials and tribulations on their way to Zion, where “they found real peace, real happiness and unspeakable joy.” The godless people “skipped the hill of difficulty, they missed the pathway of pain, they chose not to cross the river of tears, and they refused to endure the heartaches, disappointments and failures on their way to Zion.”

Dunlap hopes readers of her book will use it to give them the strength to live through life’s challenges and “stop letting what you’ve done in the past hold you back from a wonderful future.”

The hardest chapter for Dunlap to write was “The Pathway of Pain” because she has experienced a lot of physical pain and the loss of loved ones in her own life.

“I wrote it from my heart because I cried the most while writing it,” she said.

In the foreword written by Dunlap’s pastor, Rev. Leroy Cole, it instructs “take in each place, each city and reflect on your own experiences ... Some books are meant to be studied. Some books are meant to be read. But this book is meant to be savored.”

It won’t take Dunlap another 20 years to write her second book. She has already sent part of the manuscript of “Behind Every Door” to her publisher. When it is finished, it will be a book of stories that teach lessons to live by.

Heroes arrive in all shapes, sizes and ages

Youngster rescues woman and baby

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At only 13, Christopher Perry, a strapping football player for Westlawn Middle School, didn't have any idea that he was made of "hero material."

But, on a Saturday afternoon, his awareness, courage, intelligence, conscientiousness, strength and decision-making abilities were put to the "hero test" in a rescue scenario that he suddenly walked up on.

Christopher, the son of disabled Desert Storm veteran and IMMC packaging employee Yolanda Jung, was walking around the lake with a friend at Colonial Grand Apartments in Edgewater when he heard a woman yell "help." As the friends ran toward the sound, they saw a hand waving up over the edge of a sidewalk that borders a slight incline down to the lake's edge.

What Christopher found over that edge surprised him.

A woman was sitting in the water, holding a wet baby who was probably just over a year old. Near her, in the water, was a stroller that had flipped over.

"I ran into the water and picked up the baby, and put him on the sidewalk," Christopher said. "The mom's foot was stuck in the rocks, but she was holding the baby up out of the water."

With the baby safe, Christopher and his friend Eric helped the woman out of



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PROUD OF HER HERO— Yolanda Jung, a disabled Desert Storm veteran and an IMMC packaging employee, stands with her son, 13-year-old Christopher Perry, by the lake where Christopher rescued a woman and baby from the water. The steep incline down to the lake caused the baby's stroller to flip into the water and the baby's mother's feet got stuck in the rocks when she grabbed her baby out of the water.

the water and back up to the sidewalk.

"The baby was wet. I had two shirts on. So, I wrapped him in one of my shirts and we walked the mom home," Christopher said.

The baby's mother told the boys she had taken the baby in the stroller down to the water's edge, and had tried to lock the stroller in place.

"But, the stroller turned over on the slanted part of the hill and it flipped over a rock," Christopher said. "The baby went face first. Everything was wet."

"The mom was crying and saying 'I'm a bad mom.' I told her accidents happen. She offered to pay me. But, I said 'No, I wouldn't take any money from her.'"

Christopher went home and told his mom what had happened. Concerned for the mom and baby's welfare, Jung went back to the woman's apartment to check on her. But, no one answered the door. Jung called the Huntsville Police Department and the Department of Human Resources to report the incident. She also told the apartment manager.

"Christopher asked me not to. He said 'Please, mom, she might have the baby taken away from her.' He was really worried for her. But, I thought maybe this was something that needed to be looked into," Jung said. "It was probably just an accident. But, maybe the mom needs some help."

Christopher and his mom don't know what became of the report. But, Jung is indeed proud of her son's actions.

"Now, if he could just clean up his room," she said.



Courtesy photo

Service project

Nine attendees of the Defense Acquisition University Senior Service College Fellowship volunteered to escort athletes in the 39th annual Special Olympics track and field event Oct. 24 at Milton Frank Stadium. SSCF fellow Greg Pruitt is joined by his wife, Carlota, and their son, James.

Logistics achievement honorees share honor

*Thoughts with troops,
fellow team members*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Both recipients of this prestigious individual award for logistics said their thoughts were on other people.

Lowell Bidwell and David Frey are the 2006 winners of the

Ernest A. Young award for logistics achievement. Bidwell received the management/executive award while Frey is the professional/technical honoree.

The 16th annual awards were presented in a luncheon Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club. Young, the retired former deputy to the commanding general at Aviation and Missile Command, made the presentations.

"I think it's more representa-

tive of what the entire Redstone community has done in support of our Soldiers," Bidwell, director of Utility Directorate at the Integrated Materiel Management Center, said of his award.

"I appreciate the recognition," Frey, a logistics management specialist and leader of an item management team at IMMC, said. "But I also appreciate the opportunity to be part of a team that's been so successful."

Frey leads the supply group within the Black Hawk Team, Utility Directorate. He provides direction and guidance to item managers, executing the mission

of ensuring Black Hawk spare parts, logistic services and depot level maintenance support is in place for U.S. and foreign military sales customers.

Bidwell played a key role this year in the advancement of the Army's Life Cycle Management and worldwide wholesale logistics in support on the Joint, Combined and Multinational fleet of UH-60 helicopters.

IMMC executive director Ronnie Chronister welcomed the 152 attendees, recognized the past and present award recipients and thanked the Redstone logistics community.

"I just want to tell you what a great job you all are doing and how proud I am to be in this community," Chronister said.

The 11 management/executive nominees included Bidwell and his wife, Susan; Cheryl Baker, Stephanie Daffin, Fred Frost, Irene Garoppo, Sheila McCord, Sharion Menefee, Alan Miller, Christopher Oleyte and Deborah Smith.

The seven professional/technical nominees included Frey, Lisa Enright, John Kleyer, Claude McClendon, Romona Rice, Timothy Sweeney and Carol Woods



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ANNUAL CEREMONY— Ernest Young, center, meets the 2006 recipients of the logistics achievement award named after him: David Frey, left, and Lowell Bidwell.



Courtesy photo

Be like Mike

Members of the Program Director, Aircraft Survivability Equipment, got creative for their Halloween luncheon Oct. 31. Some dressed up like their boss, Mike Wilson, the tall trim man in the middle, who is the technical chief of the office.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Haunted hall

The grim reaper, aka Jack Padley of the Garrison's Directorate of Information Management, stalks the Sparkman Center halls Oct. 31 for Halloween.

Keep those home fires burning safely

Fire prevention tips for residents

Redstone Fire and Emergency Services Fire Prevention Office encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps to keep those home fires safely burning. These tips could dramatically reduce the hazards while educating the community to recognize the hazards.

“Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility ... Fire Stops With You!”

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels.

Each year fire claims the lives of 4,000 Americans, injures 20,000, and causes billions of dollars worth of damage. The United States Fire Administration states people living in rural areas are more than twice as likely to die in a fire than those living in mid-sized cities or suburban areas.

The misuse of wood stoves, portable space heaters and kerosene heaters is especially common in rural areas.

Heating fires account for 36 percent of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

Electric space heaters

Buy only heaters with the Underwriter's Laboratory safety listing or Factory Mutual's stamp of approval. Check to make sure it has a thermostat control mechanism, and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over. Heaters are not dryers or tables; don't dry clothes or store objects on top of your heater. Space heaters need space; keep combustibles at least 3 feet away from each heater. Always unplug your electric space heater when not in use.

Kerosene heaters

Buy only UL or FM approved heaters and check with your local fire department on the legality of

kerosene heater usage in your community. Never fill your heater with gasoline or camp stove fuel; both flare up easily. Only use crystal clear K-1 kerosene. Never overfill any portable heater. Use the kerosene heater in a well ventilated room.

Wood stoves

Wood stoves cause more than 4,000 residential fires every year. Carefully follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions. Check for cracks and inspect legs, hinges and door seals for smooth joints and seams. Use only seasoned wood for fuel, not green wood, artificial logs, or trash. Inspect and clean your pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions. Be sure to keep combustible objects at least 3 feet away from your wood stove.

Fireplaces

Fireplaces regularly build up creosote in their chimneys. They need to be cleaned out frequently and chimneys should be inspected for obstructions and cracks to prevent deadly chimney and roof fires. Check to make sure the damper is open before starting any fire. Never burn trash, paper or green wood in your fireplace. These materials cause heavy creosote buildup and are difficult to control. Use a screen heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks. Don't wear loose-fitting clothes near any open flame. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed. Store cooled ashes in a tightly sealed metal container outside the home.

Cleaning wood stoves

Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.

Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.

Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.

Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.

Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to

fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.

Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.

Fuels to burn

Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.

Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup.

Never use creosote or coated materials/products as a fuel source.

Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.

Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove. When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate.

Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.

Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home.

Exterior protection

Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home.

Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris. Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester.

Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flues or vents.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Consider installing the new long life smoke alarms.

Venting systems

Provide proper venting systems for all heating equipment. Extend all vent pipes at least 3 feet above the roof.

Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire as well as a carbon monoxide detector reduces your chances of being overcome by the toxic gases that some of these appliances can produce if not properly installed, maintained and used correctly. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family. *(Garrison release)*

Vehicle inspection checklist

1. - INSPECT HEADLIGHTS FOR:

- Approved type, aim, and output.
- Condition of lamp
- Beam indicator.

2. - INSPECT OTHER LIGHTS FOR:

- Approved type, proper bulbs, condition of lenses.
- Aim of fog and driving lamps.
- Illumination of all lamps, lens color, and condition of lens.

(Note: Every vehicle must have a rear lamp showing a red light to the rear, a white light illuminating the rear license plate.)

3. - INSPECT SIGNAL DEVICE FOR:

- Approved type, proper bulbs, condition of lenses, wiring and switch.
- Correct indications and tell-tale (visual or audible).
- Illumination of all lamps, lens color, and condition of lens.

4. - INSPECT STEERING & SUSPENSION FOR:

- Play in steering wheel.
 - Wheel alignment and axle alignment.
- ## 5. - INSPECT TIRES, WHEELS & RIMS FOR:
- Condition of tires including tread depth.
 - Mixing radials and bias ply tires.
 - Wheels that are cracked or damaged so as to affect safe operation.

6. - INSPECT MIRROR FOR:

- Rigidity of mounting.
- Condition of reflecting surface.
- View of road to rear (Truck mirrors must extend at least halfway beyond edge of body) - (Visibility 200 feet to rear).

7. - INSPECT HORN FOR:

- Electrical connections, mounting and horn button.
- Emits sound audible for a minimum of 200 feet.

8. - INSPECT WINDSHIELD AND OTHER GLASS FOR:

- Cloudiness, distortion or other obstruction to vision.
- Cracked, scratched or broken glass.
- Sunshading material attached to the windshield to ensure it does not extend more than 3 inches downward from the top of windshield, unless authorized by Medical Waiver Certificate.

- Operation of left front door glass.

9. - INSPECT WINDSHIELD WIPER/DEFROSTER FOR:

- Operating condition.
- Condition of blade.

10. - INSPECT EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR:

- Leakage of gases at any point from motor to point discharged from system.

11. - INSPECT LICENSE TAGS FOR:

- Illumination of rear plate.

12. - INSPECT HOOD AND AREA UNDER THE HOOD FOR:

- Operating condition of hood latch.
- Fluid levels that are below the proper level

1. Brake fluid.
2. Power steering fluid.
- Power steering belt - proper tension, wear, or absence.

13. - INSPECT SEAT BELTS FOR:

- Approved type.
- Installation.

14. - INSPECT DOORS AT THE RIGHT & LEFT SIDE OF THE DRIVER'S SEAT FOR:

- Handle or opening device which will permit the opening of the door from the outside and inside of the vehicle.
- Latching system which will hold door in its proper closed position.

15. - INSPECT FUEL SYSTEM FOR:

- Liquid fuel leakage.
- Fuel tank filler cap for presence. *(Garrison Safety release)*

Put out cigarettes for good Nov. 16

Great American Smokeout day falls annually across nation

By RICK STOCK

Health promotion educator

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

The idea for the Great American Smokeout grew out of a 1974 event. Lynn R. Smith, editor of a newspaper in Minnesota, spearheaded the state's first D-Day or Don't Smoke Day. The idea may have been inspired by Arthur P. Mullaney of Randolph, Mass., who three years earlier had asked people to give up cigarettes for a day and donate the money saved on cigarettes to a high school scholarship fund. The idea caught on, and on Nov. 18, 1976, the California Division of the American Cancer Society successfully prompted nearly 1 million smokers to quit for the day. That California event marked the first Smokeout, and the society took it nationwide in 1977.

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

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management supports and encourages agency authorized programs aimed at health promotion and disease prevention including smoking cessation programs. In 2003, OPM initiated "HealthierFeds" (www.opm.gov/healthierfeds) as part of the broader presidential initiative, "HealthierUS." One of the chief aims of the initiative is to encourage federal employees to make healthier lifestyle choices, including the cessation of tobacco use. Evidence indicates, according to the CDC, that tobacco cessation may also contribute to improved organizational performance and productivity.

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

When you put down that tobacco product on Nov. 16, your heart rate will drop within 20 minutes and within 12 hours the carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal. Nicotine's half life is two hours. Unless replenished, the

amount of nicotine remaining in your bloodstream will be cut by half every two hours. Within 72 hours all nicotine and 90 percent of the chemical metabolites will be out of your system. There are more than 4,000 ingredients in a cigarette other than tobacco.

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

Smoking cessation sites to assist you include www.quitnet.org, www.quitasist.com and www.whyquit.com.

Research shows that your chances of success more than double if you talk to a trained smoking cessation facilitator/coach, involve yourself in a group smoking cessation program and utilize a nicotine replacement product and or medication. Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion at Fox Army Health Center will assist anyone or group seeking assistance at any time. For individual coaching sessions or to schedule classes at your organization call Rick Stock at FAHC Preventive Medicine 955-8888, ext. 1443.



Courtesy photo

Telethon helpers

Members of the American Society of Military Comptrollers participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon Sept. 4 at television station WHNT-TV 19. Sixteen ASMC members and three spouses worked a combined 92.5 hours, which included answering phones and taking pledges to the mail room. ASMC also made a donation of \$100. From left are Jerry Hayes of Channel 19, Bob Nichols and Debbie O'Neal, both of ASMC, and Robert Reaves of Channel 19.

Flag football regular season kicks off

Marines, Charlie among favorites

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Now that the preseason tournament is over, the troops enter the flag football season with a clean slate.

The Marines blazed through the preseason with a perfect 4-0 record, but their coach/quarterback knows they face a challenge from the other seven teams.

"We are losing a couple of key players (Nov. 1) who have completed school and are moving out to the Fleet Marine Force," Lee Burket said. "It just reminds me how lucky we are to be here and be able to play sports while our fellow Marines are serving in harm's way.

"The preseason tournament set expectations high and was a nice way to start but the season is just beginning. We enjoyed it for about five minutes and now we must try to continue through the regular season. One thing I know is that we are going to show up and play our hardest every game. What happens after that remains to be seen."

The Marines beat Charlie Company 26-16 on Oct. 30 in the preseason final at the field off Patton Road.

"I think we're looking pretty good," Charlie coach Chelsie Stokes said of the Wolfpack's prospects. "We just have to make a couple of adjustments on defense and we should be all right this year."

The other teams include HHC 59th, MEDDAC, NCO Academy, 326th Chemical, Bravo Company, and Headquarters & Alpha.

In openers Thursday night, HHC 59th won by forfeit over MEDDAC, the Marines blanked NCO Academy 8-0 and Charlie outscored Headquarters & Alpha 24-8.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
UNDER THE LIGHTS— A referee watches the Marines and Charlie Company in their preseason game Oct. 24 which the Marines, in white, won 32-20. The Marines beat Charlie again 26-16 on Oct. 30 for the preseason tournament championship.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Cool tournament

Jack Stewart tees off while teammate Roger Hoffman watches during the Big Oak Scramble on a breezy Thursday morning at the Links at Redstone. Their other teammates were Dave Jenkins and Mike Stringfellow. The Integrated Materiel Management Center sponsored this Combined Federal Campaign fund-raiser to benefit the Big Oak Ranch.

Bulldogs on weekend menu at Auburn

Tigers favored over Georgia

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Skip's Picks went 259-86, 75 percent, for the first nine weeks of the college football season. Here are my predictions this week:

- Georgia at Auburn – **Auburn**
- Notre Dame at Air Force – **Notre Dame**
- Alabama at LSU – **LSU**
- Alcorn State at Alabama A&M – **A&M**
- California at Arizona – **Calif.**
- Washington State at Ariz. State – **WSU**
- Tennessee at Arkansas – **Tennessee**
- North Alabama at West Alabama – **UNA**
- Baylor at Oklahoma State – **Okla. State**
- Boise State at San Jose State – **Boise**
- Duke at Boston College – **BC**
- Wyoming at Brigham Young – **BYU**
- N.C. State at Clemson – **Clemson**
- Holy Cross at Colgate – **Colgate**
- Iowa State at Colorado – **Iowa State**
- Colorado State at Utah – **Utah**
- South Carolina at Florida – **Florida**
- Wake Forest at Florida State – **Wake**
- Georgia Tech at North Carolina – **Tech**
- Houston at SMU – **Houston**
- Purdue at Illinois – **Purdue**
- Michigan at Indiana – **Mich.**
- Wisconsin at Iowa – **Iowa**
- Texas at Kansas State – **Texas**
- Vanderbilt at Kentucky – **Ky.**
- Miami at Maryland – **Md.**
- Minnesota at Mich. State – **Minn.**
- Navy at Eastern Michigan – **Navy**
- Nebraska at Texas A&M – **Neb.**
- Ohio State at Northwestern – **OSU**
- Texas Tech at Oklahoma – **Okla.**
- Oregon at Southern Cal – **USC**
- Oregon State at UCLA – **Oregon State**
- Temple at Penn State – **Penn State**
- Rice at Tulsa – **Tulsa**
- Louisville at Rutgers – **Louisville**
- Southern Miss at Tulane – **SM**
- Stanford at Washington – **Wash.**
- TCU at New Mexico – **TCU**
- Texas-El Paso at UAB – **UTEP**
- Kent State at Virginia Tech – **Va. Tech**
- Cincinnati at West Virginia – **W.Va.**

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

Hunter safety

Outdoor Recreation is having a Hunter Safety Orientation Nov. 16 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 on Saturday 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.

Hockey bus trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a hockey bus trip to Nashville to watch the St. Louis Blues take on the Nashville Predators. The bus will depart the Kroger parking lot at Drake Avenue and South Memorial Parkway at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 and return immediately after the game. The game starts at 7. Cost is \$65 per person and includes a premium lower bowl game ticket, transportation, and snacks and beverages on the bus. This trip is open to all Team Redstone members and their families. However, children must be chaperoned. If you are interested in attending this game, you must put your name on the priority list by e-mailing your contact and ticket request information to Robert Olson at

Robert.J.Olson@us.army.mil. Payment in full must be received by Dec. 1.



Conferences & Meetings

Bible studies

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

Toastmasters

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

Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday 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.

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 Tranquili-

ty Base. Retired Maj. Gen. John Holly will talk about "Managing Complex Projects." The cost is \$20. RSVP by 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at www.northalabamapmi.org.

Electronics tutorial

IEEE Huntsville Section Aerospace Electronics Systems Society announces a one-day IEEE AESS Distinguished Lecturer Tutorial on GPS and Inertial Data Processing by Dr. James Farrell of VIGIL Inc. on Nov. 16 at the Von Braun Center West Hall. Cost is \$60. Contact Buddy Bishop at rbishop744@aol.com for more information and registration.

Resource managers

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will have its November meeting and luncheon Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will sponsor a luncheon program Nov. 15 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the Regimental Room. Lunch will be served through the buffet line for those who will eat lunch. Management from the Huntsville District Office of the Social Security Administration will give a presentation on the Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision/Government Pension Offset Provision and the impact on retirement benefits for government employees (and their spouses/widows). The public is invited. For more information, call Shirley Burke-Mitchell 895-1292.

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 Friday. 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

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your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cook 876-8710 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

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.

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours

are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. The shop is accepting fall/winter items. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

Water cooler refills

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

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.

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 required to participate in one of the quarterly retirement ceremonies. To arrange participation, call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969. Deadline for signing up is Nov. 30. Retirement ceremonies are also scheduled March 22 and June 21.

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.

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.

Cruise missile family

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

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 Thursday 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.alabamacustomcarandtruckclub.com.

Graduate center

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

Online master's

Columbia College will launch its online Master of Business Administration in January, making it the first online graduate degree offered by the college. More than 125,000 students are earning MBAs online from institutions nationwide. For more information about the online MBA program at Columbia College, call the Redstone extension 881-6181.

Instructor of year

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

PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours Friday 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.

Fox health center

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Friday 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.

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.

Veterans assembly

Athens High School will hold its annual Veterans Day Assembly at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the school’s south gymnasium. Local veterans are invited.

Santa breakfast

United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and Tennessee Valley invites you to “Breakfast with Santa” on Saturday at 9 a.m. in Piccadilly at Parkway Place Mall. “Enjoy breakfast with Santa Claus, participate in a make-n-take craft, and enjoy entertainment from carolers,” a prepared release said. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the United Cerebral Palsy Center, Park-

way Place Mall, and Alabama Pediatric Dental Associates. After breakfast, children are invited to participate in the “Parade to Santa Land,” which will be led by Santa through the mall. There is no charge to participate in the parade.

Aviation challenge

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America is sponsoring two Aviation Challenge 2007 Scholarships in conjunction with the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Children and grandchildren — between the ages of 9/attending or completed fourth grade and 18, not started college — of individuals who are Tennessee Valley AAAA Chapter members by Dec. 31, 2006 will be eligible to compete for the scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded in the form of certificates for use during 2007. Applications for scholarships and membership and more information on Tennessee Valley AAAA Aviation Challenge Scholarship application procedures will be available at the chapter Christmas social as well as on the web site www.tenvalleyquad-a.org. Applications are due Jan. 31. For information call Tom Harrison, chapter vice president for scholarships, 319-0100.

Weather closings

If inclement weather causes Redstone Arsenal to close or delay its opening, tune in to any of the following stations for the most current information: radio – WDRM 102FM, WEKR 1240AM, WEUP 1600 AM, WGSV 1270AM, WJAB 90.9FM,

WLRH 89.3FM, WRAB 1380AM, WTKI 1450AM, WVNN 770AM, WWIC 1050AM and WZYP 104.3FM; television — WAAY (Channel 31), WAFF (Channel 48) and WHNT (Channel 19). Two additional methods have been implemented to provide current information about delays or closures: you can call 955-8445 to hear a recorded announcement, or you can find adverse weather announcements on the Team Redstone Internet site (<http://www.redstone.army.mil>) by clicking on “Links” and then Adverse Weather; on the AMCOM Portal Intranet site (<https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/>) by clicking on Adverse Weather under Key Sites; or the AMCOM Internet site (<http://www.amcom.redstone.army.mil>) by clicking on Adverse Weather.

Flu vaccine

Fox Army Health Center’s flu vaccine has not arrived, according to a release last week. When a shipment date is confirmed, public service announcements will go out immediately with a flu campaign schedule. An ample supply of vaccine has been ordered for the entire eligible Redstone Arsenal population: active duty/AD family members, military retirees/retiree family members with valid military ID card, and current DoD civilian personnel. Contractors and retired civilian personnel are not eligible to receive the immunization from Fox unless they also meet the aforementioned criteria, the health center said.

