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Drama in busiest trauma center

Fox Army Health Center medics administer care in Baghdad

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These days Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins spends his working hours managing the day-to-day administrative requirements for the medical company at Fox Army Health Center.

The center's mission — to provide primary care, occupational health care and outpatient specialty care to Soldiers, retirees, family members and civilian employees — is far removed from the front lines of the Global War on Terrorism. But, for 13 Soldiers from Fox, the challenge of working at a hospital in the heart of the war is a very real memory that remains close to them to this day.

Perkins, the detachment sergeant at Fox, and 12 other Soldiers from Fox spent a year in the international zone of Baghdad as members of the 86th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Campbell, Ky. From November 2004 to November 2005, they were among 500 Soldiers deployed to work either at Iba Sina hospital or another hospital in the southern part of Iraq.

"Basically, we took an entire hospital staff," Perkins said. "We took the Soldiers needed to provide medical care and counseling as well as handle administrative needs."

Stories of their service have been kept quiet since their return because of an HBO documentary called "Baghdad ER" that was filmed while they were stationed at the Iraqi hospital. Now, with the documentary aired and available for purchase, Perkins and the other Soldiers have been given the OK to talk about their experiences working in "the busiest trauma center in the world."

The Soldiers on staff at Fox are part of the Army Medical Department's PROFIS (Professional Filler System) program. Eligible officer and enlisted personnel with deployment-essential skills can be assigned on an



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HELPING TO HEAL IRAQ— Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins, the detachment sergeant for the medical company at Fox Army Health Center, spent a year in Iraq providing medical care to American Soldiers and Iraqis as a member of the 86th Combat Support Hospital. He and 12 other Soldiers from Fox worked at the Iba Sina hospital located in the international zone in Baghdad. It is considered "the busiest trauma center in the world" and was the topic of an HBO documentary filmed while the Fox Soldiers were stationed there.

individual basis to fill positions needed at a combat support hospital or a forward support company. In 2004, the 86th Combat Support Hospital was in need of nurses, nurse practitioners, pathologists, pharmacy technicians and combat medics.

Soldiers at Fox got the call and they were ready to respond.

"Like any Soldier deploying, there is the

issue of Soldier readiness," Perkins said. "We have to remain proficient in our skills. As a nationally registered EMT, I had to stay proficient in pre-hospital trauma life support. And, I had to undergo semiannual combat medical skills validation testing."

The Fox Soldiers spent a month training at Fort Campbell before deployment. The Soldiers trained in live fire exercises, small arms exercises, medical equipment, trauma, and Iraqi customs and medical terminology.

At Iba Sina hospital, Perkins was the ward master in charge of the intermediate care ward. Once Soldiers were stabilized in the field, they were brought to the hospital emergency room, where they were further stabilized. They were then either sent on to Kuwait and then to Landstuhl, Germany, for further treatment, or they underwent emergency surgery at Iba Sina and then were assigned to the intensive care unit or intermediate care ward until they could be moved to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

"Primarily, the business of Baghdad is trauma. Eighty percent of the injuries we saw came from IEDs," Perkins said.

MEDDAC Soldiers who served in Iraq

The following Soldiers from Fox Army Health Center served with the 86th Combat Support Hospital at Iba Sina in 2004-05:

- Lt. Col. Rae Broadnax, nurse practitioner
- Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Davis, nurse
- Spc. Dave Enriquez, intermediate care ward and clinic
- Sgt. Wilson Griffin, pharmacy
- Spc. Deanna Jones, pathology
- 2nd Lt. Eric Moorman, emergency room
- Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins, intermediate care ward
- Capt. Stephanie Rigby, intensive care ward
- Sgt. Richard Rivera, pathology
- Sgt. Jason Schwarte, intermediate care ward
- Capt. John Sonneman, pathology
- Capt. Latonya Walker, head nurse, intermediate care ward
- Sgt. Michael Wolonsky, emergency room

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An open lane random survey

What are you most thankful for?

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*Sgt. Maj. Donald Dixon
Logistics Support Activity*

"I guess mostly the wonderful life that I've had – both on the military side of the house and the civilian side of the house. I'm very thankful for the family who've supported me in all the years I've been away from them."

*John Schocke
AMCOM chief of staff's executive officer*
"I'm most thankful for the entire family, immediate and extended, that are healthy."



*Shirlee Turpen
Staff action specialist for the Secretary of the General Staff*

"I am most thankful for my family and friends and all the wonderful things the Good Lord has provided me in my life."

*Ellen Mahathey
Management assistant to the deputy to the commanding general*
"I'm always glad to have a birthday because that means I'm above ground and not below."



Sharing my special Christmas

I would like to think that everyone has one special Christmas memory they cherish over all the other Christmases they have experienced. Perhaps it's the one Christmas that Santa brought all the toys you asked him to bring. Perhaps it's that one Christmas you woke up to find a beautiful blanket of fresh laid snow just perfect for that new sled waiting for you under the tree. But no matter what it is, I believe we all have that one Christmas which stands out above all the others. My special Christmas did include the usual things that fill a child's heart with joy, but the thing that made it most wonderful was not something you could put under the tree. It was an eternal gift I would like to share with you.

I was only 8 years old; and like most kids my age when Christmas is just a few days away, my focus was making sure Santa knew exactly what he was supposed to be leaving for me under the tree. Unfortunately, there was another pending event which threatened to dash all my holiday joy. We were moving. We were leaving Charleston to go to some place called Huntsville, Ala.

We had already been forced to move out of the place I had always called home and take up temporary residency in a house on the other side of town. One of the best things about my Christmas was getting together with my best friend Mike so we could share all our great new toys. It was a tradition. But no, not this year, I was going to be stuck in a lousy neighborhood that had about as many kids as an old folks' home. Santa probably didn't even know about our temporary move and would wind up leaving all my new toys in the wrong place. How much misery could one child bear?

I was so mad I didn't know what to do. Of course I had no problem expressing several times a day exactly what I thought about this stupid idea of moving to Alabama. If you had looked up juvenile delinquent in the dictionary that year you would have probably seen my picture. I was determined to make everyone around me as miserable as I was, and my campaign had been a raving success. Little did I know I was on my way to the final battle which would result in my complete and unconditional surrender.

Charleston usually had mild winters, but on this particular day the weather was doing a great job of acting like it was winter. It was cold. Mom and I were on our

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way back to that crummy house we were incarcerated in after a morning of shopping. I was sitting quietly beside her contemplating my next plan of attack when I looked up and saw a hamburger joint just a short distance down the road. I immediately formulated my new plan of attack. I would beg her to stop and buy me a hamburger and fries knowing she would just tell me to wait until we got home and she would fix dinner. Her response would be the opening I needed to restart another session of "I never get to decide anything, it's not fair!"

Now Mom was no stranger to the art of dishing out a well-deserved punishment and I had been on thin ice for quite a few days, but this was war and sometimes you have to charge even when the odds are stacked against you and the enemy already has you in their sights. So I bellowed out, "Mom, I'm hungry. I want to stop over there and get a hamburger and fries." My adversary was more clever than even I had anticipated; she just smiled at me and turned into the restaurant.

My little brain was racing for a way to adjust my attack and overcome this unexpected tactic she was employing. While I pondered, she reached in into her purse and pulled out \$2 and held them out to me. Without so much as a thank you, I snatched them out of her hands, jumped out of the car making sure to slam the door behind me and headed off to get my burger and fries. It took some thought, but while standing in line I came up with the perfect strategy to counter her stealthy tactical move.

After paying for my food, I headed out the door toward the car but at the last minute I made a right turn, moved to a table, plopped myself down, and spread out my food.

Like I said before, it was cold. I just knew it would only be a few seconds before mom rolled down her window and yelled at me to stop being foolish and get in the car. That was going to be the opening I needed, but she didn't. She just sat there.

Great, now what was I going to do? I was freezing but to move into the warmth of the car was tantamount to admitting defeat so I was stuck. I determined to eat my food as fast as possible, marking this small battle down as a slight setback in the war. It was about this time that I saw him.

The table where I sat was right next to a fence the restaurant had erected to shield its

Bridge work in progress

I used to come in Gate 7 on Martin Road until they started the bridge project. Could you give us a pictorial update so readers can judge how far along this project is? Pictures are worth thousands of words and don't leave squirm room for people who should be moving the project along. I'm driving many miles out of the way, wasting a lot of my time and gas. I want to be assured this project is moving as rapidly as possible.

Also, an aside. Are there any plans to widen Martin Road from Rideout Road to Gate 7? Were the new bridges designed to accommodate four lanes instead of two? With all the home construction taking place in Huntsville and Madison to the west of the post, making Martin Road four lanes all the way across Redstone not only makes access fairer for people commuting from points west, such an evening of lane access would relieve traffic congestion at Gate 9.

Jonathan Pierce

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "We are working with the Redstone Rocket to provide a story on this and the other bridges that are under repair on Redstone Arsenal. We will try to add a picture of the progress on the Martin Road west bridge in the article. We are sorry for the inconvenience that the replacement of this bridge has caused you but this is a small price to pay for the safety the new bridge will provide. The old bridge was failing at a rapid rate. The load limit had been lowered to the lowest amount possible prior to closing the road and replacing the bridge. Please know that the impact of closing the bridge affects many operations on Redstone Arsenal. The project is progressing as fast as possible especially considering that it is being done in the winter months. We monitor the project daily to ensure that it is done in an expeditious manner."

Quote of the week

'If you've never found something you're willing to die for, you're not fit to live.'

— Andrew Young

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Getting to know you

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Name: Vicki Fuller
Job: Labor relations officer at American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858
Where do you call home? I'm a native of Madison County, but I also live in Arab, Ala.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I read. And my husband (Lew Jeter) and I enjoy playing with our animals.

What are your goals?

As labor relations officer, I have my law degree. After I retire from AFGE, I will open my own law office.

What's your favorite type of music?

I like classical. That relaxes me.

What do you like about your job?
Helping people and resolving problems. I like to resolve problems. Because you have an issue out there and you're trying to resolve it.

Former employees' union official dies

Herbert Anthony Ivey Jr., a past president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858, has died. He was 81.

Ivey was a veteran of the Army who retired as a civilian. He died Aug. 26 at his home.

Survivors include his daughter, Rhonda Moore of Hazel Green; grandson, Mark Moore of Hazel Green; sister, Neida Gill of Huntsville; brother, Robert Ivey of Marianna, Fla.; and two great-grandchildren.



Courtesy photo

HAPPIER TIME— Herbert Anthony Ivey Jr. was a past president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858.

Contractor employee killed in Iraq

A contractor working for the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville died Nov. 18 in Iraq during a small arms fire incident.

The name of the deceased was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The incident was under investigation.

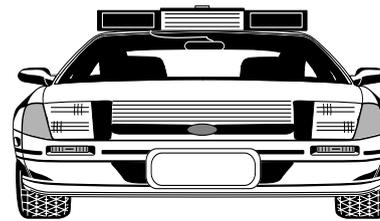
Huntsville Center's Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. Storage and disposal of the ammunition is performed at several locations throughout Iraq. (Huntsville Center release)

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Nov. 17: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Nov. 19: An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and exiting without rendering proper payment. The subject was arrested and



processed by the Redstone Police. Investigation continues by the investigative section.

Nov. 21: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 15 speeding, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 driving with a revoked driver's license, 2 parking violations.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Serving the troops

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone, was among the leaders serving Thanksgiving dinner to the troops at the dining facility Thursday. "Where are you from?" he asked each Soldier. "Thank you for your service. Stay safe."



Photo by Dave Macedonia

Chapel meal

The Protestant and Catholic congregations at Bicentennial Chapel combined to serve a Thanksgiving meal to Soldiers Nov. 16. More than 160 people attended the event, led by Garrison chaplain Lt. Col. Larry Lawrence.

Union agreement

Courtesy photo

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858 and the Research Development and Engineering Center have signed an employer-employee agreement. This is the first negotiated agreement between AFGE and RDEC since RDEC came under the Army Research Development and Engineering Command. From left are AFGE Local 1858 president Don Eiermann, RDEC director Dr. Bill McCorkle and Jackie Bennett, chief of Customer Support C, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. The negotiation teams included: management – co-chief negotiators Dr. Willie Fitzpatrick Jr. and Emily Vandiver and negotiators Lana Hargrove and Brooks Woerner; and union – co-chief negotiators Susan Gamble and Valerie Harris and negotiators Fuller, Abner Merriweather and Alexander Roach Jr.



Young students visit Redstone's native past

Huntsville fourth-graders learn Indian culture

By **ANDY ROAKE**
For the Rocket

On a military base revered for its high-tech history and influence, there is a distinct connection to the important low-tech cultural influence of the American Indian.

Redstone Arsenal hosted a unique, first-time program for Huntsville area school fourth-graders over several days in November. Throughout the month, more than 1,000 students spent a day at the Path to Nature area on the southern boundary of the Arsenal, near the Tennessee River, learning the culture of American Indians who once populated the North Alabama area.

The students learned about archeological techniques used to uncover relics and clues to the past. They got hands-on practice in a simulated dig to find artifacts and then visited an actual archeological dig site on the Arsenal.

The students delved into American Indian culture throughout the day to complement the Alabama history they are learning back in their classrooms.

Students played native games, learned about and used native weapons, and visited a Missippian era home under construction to learn how Native Americans in the North Alabama area lived 500 to 1,000 years ago.

Jon Thunder, an Apache from Arizona, an artist and a Native American historian; talked to the children about the importance of learning from others and discussed examples of how American Indians adapted to new situations by learning from their friends and enemies. He also talked about his personal struggles with education and how he overcame his own negative perceptions of education to become successful in life.

The Indian education program was a joint effort between Redstone Arsenal and



Photo by Andy Roake

DIGGING FOR TREASURE— Fourth-grade students from Highlands Elementary participate in a simulated archaeological dig to learn methods of sifting through dirt to find Native American artifacts.

Earthscope, the environmental education program of Huntsville City Schools.

Marlene Hopkins, an Earthscope teacher, said Redstone and Earthscope have partnered for many years on an annual wetlands program and Earth Day program at Redstone's Path to Nature, a nature trail and outdoor learning center that was built in cooperation with Earthscope.

Ben Hoksbergen, staff archeologist for the environmental management division, said he was approached by Earthscope to create an Indian education-focused program after he gave a cultural lesson to students during the Earth Day program in April.

"It has been a successful team effort," Hoksbergen said. "We got really good feedback from parents, teachers and the students. The program fulfilled requirements to augment classroom teaching with hands-on learning. We plan on making this an annual event."



Photo by Andy Roake

BLOWHARD— Marlene Hopkins, a teacher with Huntsville City Schools' Earthscope program, demonstrates a blow gun to fourth-grade students from McDonnell Elementary.

Helicopter finds life after the Army

Former military Kiowa Warrior joins civilian law enforcement

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Two boys, ages 12 and 13, set out to take an evening boat ride. They put their boat in around 5 p.m. and had planned to simply go across to the other side. As the current took them down stream, they lost their flashlight and temperatures dropped to 28 degrees.

This may sound like an excerpt from a Tom Sawyer adventure, but it is a real incident that took place in Dale County. Though there could have been a different outcome, the boys were spotted and picked up thanks to the Dale County Sheriff's Office and its newly acquired OH-58 Kiowa Warrior.

"It cuts the time down to nil when you have the capability to search for people from the air," Tim McDonald, chief deputy of the sheriff's office, said. It took the office 10 minutes to find the boys while a ground rescue crew could have taken several hours.

The sheriff's office, like many other law enforcement agencies across the U.S., got its Army helicopter through the Law Enforcement Support Office. LESO serves as an intermediary to take divested military equipment and turn it over to a state agency.

"Though the aircraft are being divested, they have a life after the Army," said Maj. Russ Dunford, assistant product manager for Scout Attack Helicopters. "Instead of scrapping it, it goes through the LESO program and is transferred to local law enforcement where it gets a second life. There is an immediate return to that state within days."

Dunford, like others in the scout attack product office, oversees the divestiture of



Courtesy photo

EXTREME MAKEOVER— Dale County Sheriff's Office gave its OH-58 Kiowa Warrior a facelift.

legacy aircraft including the OH-58A/C Kiowa Warrior, UH-1 Iroquois Huey and AH-1 Cobra of which the AH-1 has been completely divested with only three left on the Army's books.

The divestiture of aircraft is no simple matter. There are two phases: Department of Defense screening and Government Support Agency screening. First is the DoD screening which includes, in this case, offering the aircraft or parts to other branches of the military or to another DoD activity.

If the aircraft or parts are not divested during the DoD screening then it goes through the GSA screening which includes giving it to federal or state law enforcement (which is where LESO is involved), security assistance for foreign military sales, federal civil agency, donations for static display and finally divestiture to the Defense Reutilization Management Office where it is demilitarized and disposed.

OH-58 A/C divestiture began in the early 1990s. Currently the aircraft are only used stateside for training, testing and Army National Guard's RAID missions. The aircraft will continue to fly until fiscal 2014.

To date more than 1,200 aircraft have been divested through LESO, including nearly 800 OH-58 Kiowa Warriors.

LESO originated in the 1990s as a 1208 program meaning it was just for counter-drug law enforcement until 1995 when it became a 1033 program which is any law enforcement and it officially became LESO. This element of the Defense Logistics Agency is located at Fort Belvoir, Va. Today the program is open to any bona fide agency with arrest and apprehension authority.

Agencies submit their aircraft requests to LESO where they are entered into a system and are put on a priority list. Priority is given based on the date of submittal, the number of aircraft the agency has received from LESO in the past and the intensity of the agency's mission. Other aircraft given to agencies include the OH-6 Cayuse, UH-1 Huey and C-12 Huron fixed wing.

"To date we do not have requests from an agency that doesn't have any aircraft," said Steve Bryant, LESO aircraft manager. "Currently there are around 50 agencies on the list waiting for an OH-58; all of them have two or three aircraft that they have

received over the past years from us."

Once the agency gets the aircraft that is when its story takes flight. "Extreme makeover" takes on a whole new meaning for these aircraft.

"These guys do an outstanding job with the aircraft from the paint to the additional equipment, they really turn the aircraft around," said Bryant, a retired sergeant first class. And the best part is the aircraft is absolutely free.

"Our county owes a great deal of gratitude to the 1033 LESO program and the Army for allowing these aircraft a second life," McDonald said. "They are brought down to the local level as a tool for locating, searching and saving lives. For smaller agencies like ourselves there is just no way we could afford this."

Dale County sheriff's office has three aircraft, all of which are OH-58 Kiowa Warriors. It received its first aircraft indirectly through the LESO program from Limestone County in 2002, its second aircraft directly from LESO in 2004 and its third aircraft in late October.

Though its looks have changed, the Kiowa Warrior is still being put to the same use it had in its former life: a forward looking observation helicopter. Since 2002, Dale County sheriff's office has logged more than 350 flight hours on its first aircraft. They use it for fighting crime and also for search and rescue like finding missing children.

Bryant said it is common for the agencies to send in thank-you letters explaining how they have put their new aircraft to use.

"They really appreciate it," Bryant said. "To me, as prior military, I enjoy knowing I helped the law enforcement do their job. I get a joy, a kick out of it, just knowing I had a little something to do with it — to help them complete their mission."

Medic

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While many Soldiers at Iba Sina were sent quickly on to Landstuhl and, possibly, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the 86th was also responsible for caring for Iraqi detainees and Iraqi civilians whose injuries were too serious for the local hospital to manage.

"If it was a complicated case requiring surgery, we'd take it," Perkins said. "If a broken bone needed external fixation to heal, we would do that for the Iraqis. We saw a lot of severe burns because the Iraqi hospital didn't have the ability to do skin grafts."

For Perkins, working as the ward master on the intermediate care ward meant he was responsible for making sure the nursing and clinical staffs had the resources they needed to provide treatment. He first spent six months assisting in the care of Iraqis, who were either detainees or civilians. And then he spent six months assisting in the care of American Soldiers. Often, a group of American Soldiers brought in on one side of the hospital were injured by IEDs or other explosives used by Iraqi insurgents who were given medical assistance on the other side of the hospital.

"It's the American way," he said. "We provided the same quality care to all our patients. Some of the security internees (Iraqi insurgents) treated us pretty rough. It was all case by case. Some were polite, respectful and cooperative. Then others would spit on you. But, no matter how we felt about them, it didn't change how we treated them."

Overall, the Iraqi patients Perkins and others worked with were American-friendly and optimistic about their future. These patients, he said, want the same things that any patient wants — to live, to heal, to be with their family and to look forward to a better future.

"No matter who you were treating, you had a lot of empathy for their situation," he said.

"On the Iraqi side, we had average people trying to make a living, trying to make a difference for their families. Because of this, they are targeted by their own people. They can't trust their own people. We had an 18-year-old who was trying to make a difference. Now, he is an amputee. He believes that in years to come something good will come out of what's happened to him. What I see is a kid injured. That's what

breaks your heart."

Whether friend or foe to America, the Iraqis treated at Iba Sina "had never seen the level of care that we gave them," Perkins said. "The amount of care they received was probably three times what the average Iraqi ever sees."

For some Iraqis, the treatment was so generous and caring, that they would apologize to medical staff before they left the hospital.

"They would tell us they didn't expect to be treated as they were," he said. "In another time, they would have been executed on the spot for their actions. But, we pick them up, bandage them up and get them the treatment they need. It went beyond their understanding. They would say 'thank you.'"

Even though the 86th brought many of their own supplies and equipment, Perkins said the primitive state of the hospital often created challenges for the staff.

"It was very primitive in regards to what we were use to," he said.

"There had been a lot of improvements made. But, we were use to having what we needed when we needed it. We were always worried about running out of stuff. We would have to improvise to make things last longer, or find different ways to use equipment and supplies. We were trying to maintain the standard of care needed to keep our patients going."

The medical care Soldiers receive in theater has been so good during the Iraqi war that wounded troops have a 90 percent chance of survival, the highest rate of war survival in U.S. history. It is a top priority to move severely injured American Soldiers out of Iraq within 24 to 48 hours. The Iraqi conditions make it dangerous to treat wounds in the theater.

"Because we were in a concrete building with tile floors, we were able to maintain a level of cleanliness," Perkins said.

"But, there was too much risk of infection to let them heal at Iba Sina. If Soldiers needed more than a week to heal, then they left the theater."

Most of the time, work was relatively safe at Iba Sina, which was once a private hospital owned by Saddam Hussein. Staff could hear gunfire and IEDs exploding outside the international zone. Once a large truck exploded just 2.3 miles away from the hospital, causing its windows to rattle.

"We had 23 severe casualties from that explosion," Perkins said. "The situ-

ation made me feel like the hospital apprehensive."

Reminders of the cost of war arrived at the hospital every day. One 8-year-old boy named BeeBee was brought in by American Special Forces with both his legs crushed. He had been run over by a car while spying on insurgents. The boy often spied on insurgents and reported their activities to his dad so that he could pass the information on to American Soldiers.

"He couldn't wait to get better and get back to doing it because he wanted his country to be free. He was a brave kid," Perkins said.

Perkins thinks it will take a generation to change the politics in Iraq. He also agrees that the U.S. needs to build alliances with neighboring countries that can help stop the violence in Iraq and stabilize the country.

"They're good people," Perkins said. "If you take away all the religion and politics, they have the same goals we do in life. The one theme I heard over and over again is they want a better life for their kids. The kids want a better future, they want to go to school."

One of Perkins' responsibilities at Iba Sina was to sort through care packages received at the hospital. He would distribute donated items to Soldiers. Whenever the hospital pinpointed a family in need, Perkins would go through donations to locate clothes, necessities and other items they could use. Soldiers would often chip in their own money to help needy families.

"The donations we gave the families went further to win hearts and minds than words did," Perkins said. "It means a lot to the Iraqis to know the people in America sent donations because they want to help them. Iraqis would come into the hospital untrusting of Americans. They would leave with a whole different mindset."

Perkins recalled one father who, though not anti-American, made it obvious that he was not a fan of American policies or Soldiers. His son was treated in the Iba Sina ICU and, although his condition appeared dire, he left the hospital two weeks later walking on his own.

"This father left with his son hugging and kissing and praising Americans. It was awesome," Perkins said.

It's not a coincidence that medical personnel are often the ones to show American compassion to a country's impoverished and hurting populace.

"Historically, people don't go into the medical field without a big heart,"

Perkins said. "We all have compassion. We want to care for people, and do what we can to let them know they are important and their health matters. We want to make a difference. We do that by making them healthy. But, it's also good to see our actions sway opinions."

Treating 20-year-old amputees, whether Iraqi or American, did, however, take a mental and emotional toll on hospital personnel.

"It gets to you," Perkins said. "We had 20-year-old nurses trying to help 20-year-old amputees who were trying to deal with what had happened to them. They would look at us and ask 'What do I do now?'"

"This whole experience radically changes them. And, it changed us. The hospital staff didn't get injured. But we had to help Soldiers and civilians deal with it in those first 24 to 48 hours after it happened. The staff was young, but they all handled the situations in a mature way. We would do things to help the patients pull out of their deeply sorrowful situation and distract them from what had happened. We used movies and games to help them escape."

Perkins said every Soldier wanted to leave Iba Sina and return to their unit. The Soldiers of the 86th Combat Support Hospital understood that sense of duty.

"Medics are trained and ready to do their job," said Perkins, who received a Combat Medical Badge for serving as a line medic during Operation Desert Storm.

"We can't watch the war on TV and not want to go do what we are trained to do. No medic wants to go to war. But, we will if we are asked. We don't go wanting to fight. But, we respond to the trauma."

Perkins, who is married and has two young children, plans to retire in May 2007. He wants to pursue a civilian career in emergency management and disaster planning.

Editor's note: Baghdad ER chronicles the day-to-day lives of doctors, nurses, medics and chaplains of the 86th Combat Support Hospital while serving at Iba Sina Hospital in Iraq. The documentary, which was produced by DCTV of New York and aired on HBO, received four Emmys at the 58th annual awards event of the Academy for Television Arts & Sciences. It can be purchased on the web at <http://store.hbo.com>.

Decorated veteran always served God first



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TAKING MISSIONS AROUND WORLD— Retired Col. Harvey Stewart has been a missionary all his life and has witnessed to people in 81 countries. He is also a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who was recently inducted into the Madison County Hall of Heroes.

Continues travels as missionary

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Harvey Stewart was meant to be a Soldier.

Raised in Talladega's rough cotton mill village, he knew what it meant to live hard, go without and follow orders without question. But, Stewart's upbringing took him well beyond becoming a highly decorated Soldier in the U.S. Army. It also made him a Soldier in God's army.

At 78, Stewart has been a lifelong missionary for Jesus Christ. He has been a walking testimony to the power of God and a devout believer who has shared his faith with countless Soldiers and people throughout the world.

"I feel like I've been on a mission all my life," Stewart said. "I wanted to serve the military, but I wanted to serve the Lord first."

Once stationed at Redstone Arsenal in the early '60s, Stewart and his wife, Travis, put down permanent roots in Huntsville three years ago. Recently, he was inducted into the Madison County Hall of Heroes by the Madison County Military Heritage Commission at the annual Veterans Day Dinner. The recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star, three Air Medals with Valor and two Purple Hearts, Stewart was the most highly decorated Soldier at the dinner. He was inducted in full military uniform.

"I have never felt so appreciated as I did on Veterans Day in Huntsville," Stewart said. "This city appreciates its veterans more than any other place we've lived. I've been all over the world and not everyone appreciates veterans."

But, these days, Stewart's focus isn't on his military past. It's on his work as a missionary for the Alabama Baptist Association and Whitesburg Baptist Church. Stewart has traveled to 81 countries during his life, taking about 50 of those trips as a volunteer missionary. He has visited all six continents.

"I try to witness at every opportunity," he said.

Stewart has come a long way from his less than promising beginnings.

"I grew up around men who were uneducated, who drank hard, cussed hard and fought hard," he recalled. "At 13, I was smoking, cheating, lying, stealing and working two jobs. I did all that to be a man. My mom raised nine children. We didn't have a Bible. We never heard God's name but in vain."

Stewart became a born-again Christian at the age of 14 during a revival. But, life was still difficult, with good jobs hard to come by for a boy whose last full year of school was in the sixth grade. On

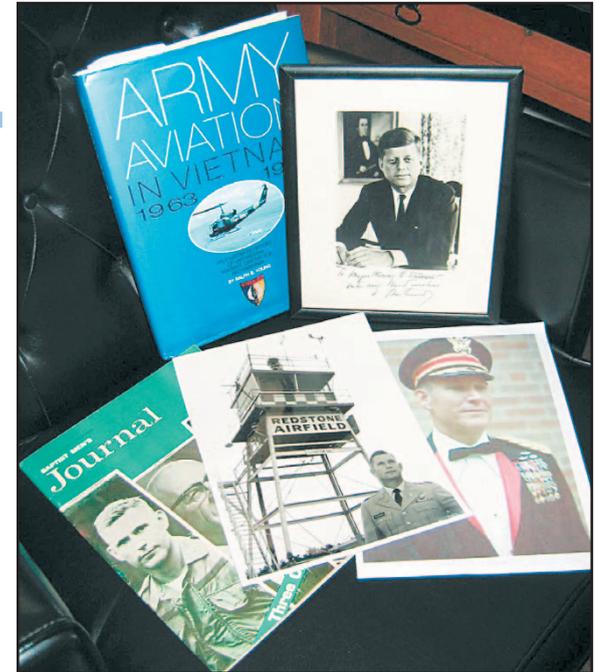


Photo by Kari Hawkins

MEMENTOS OF MILITARY CAREER— Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal have been special to retired Col. Harvey Stewart for some time. The Talladega native first came to Huntsville in 1963 as commander of the Redstone Army Airfield. He later served as an associate pastor at Whitesburg Baptist Church. He moved back to Huntsville three years ago. During his career, Stewart was interviewed by the Baptist Men's Journal concerning how he witnessed to people in Vietnam while a major in the Army.

his 16th birthday, he joined the Alabama State Guard. In 1945, at the age of 17, he joined the Army at the very end of World War II.

"I wanted to serve," Stewart said. "A lot of the kids I grew up with died because of the rough living. But, those of us who joined the military did extremely well because we were tough. We were ready to be Soldiers and we were use to doing what we were told."

In 1947, he left the Army to attend Jacksonville State University, receiving his military commission in 1951.

Stewart's work as a missionary for Jesus Christ began in 1952, when he was serving in Korea, a place where Christianity was as foreign as Americans.

"The Koreans had no word for Jesus Christ," Stewart recalled. "There was no way to explain Christianity to them. I was very concerned Koreans were dying without knowing the Lord."

Yet, Stewart was a young Soldier on a mission for his country. There weren't many opportunities for him to share his faith with the Koreans.

Stewart was then stationed at Redstone Arsenal for three years, where he was commander of the Redstone Army Airfield, and his children attended Morris Elementary. During that time, Stewart taught Dr. Wernher von Braun how to fly U.S. military aircraft. He flew astronauts to Cape Canaveral and dignitaries to Washington, D.C.

In 1964, Stewart was deployed to Vietnam as the commander of the 118th Aviation Company, a unit of 500 Soldiers and 25 helicopters that performed more combat assaults than any other helicopter company in the history of the Army.

"Vietnam had missionaries in 1964," Stewart said. "I looked up a Southern Baptist missionary in Saigon. There was a lot of Christian influence."

Health professionals prescribe AIDS awareness

Global epidemic killing millions

Started in 1988, World AIDS Day is not just about raising money but also about increasing awareness, education and fighting prejudice. World Aids Day is designed to draw attention to the issue of HIV/AIDS and to give local leaders a rallying point around which to organize HIV/AIDS activities and programs.

Around 95 percent of people with HIV/AIDS live in developing nations. To successfully combat the spread of HIV/AIDS, it is necessary to stimulate involvement on all levels — from individuals to groups and

institutions.

AIDS is a true weapon of mass destruction having become a global epidemic since the first reports of the disease 25 years ago.

According to estimates, there are 38.6 million people worldwide living with HIV, nearly half of them women and girls between the ages of 15 and 24, including 2.3 million children. In 2005, it is estimated that 4.1 million became newly infected with the virus. Around half of all people who become infected with HIV do so before age 25 and are killed by AIDS before they are 35. Some 25 million have died of AIDS since the epidemic began.

The theme for World AIDS

Day, Dec. 1, is “Stop AIDS; Keep the Promise.”

AIDS is a chronic, life threatening condition caused by the human immunodeficiency virus. By damaging or destroying the cells of your immune system, HIV interferes with your body’s ability to effectively fight off viruses, bacteria and fungi that cause disease. This makes a person more susceptible to certain types of cancers and to opportunistic infections your body would normally resist, such as pneumonia and meningitis. The virus and the infection itself are known as HIV. The term acquired immunodeficiency syndrome is used to mean the later stages of an HIV infection.

Despite improved treatments

and better access to care for people in the hardest-hit parts of the world, most experts agree that the pandemic is still in the early stages. With a vaccine probably decades away, the best hope for stemming the spread of HIV now lies in prevention, treatment and education.

To become infected with HIV, infected blood, semen or vaginal secretions must enter your body. You cannot become infected through ordinary contact — hugging, dancing or shaking hands with someone who has HIV or AIDS.

Recommendations by the CDC in September encouraged voluntary HIV testing as a routine part of medical care for all adolescents and adults ages 13-

64. HIV is diagnosed by testing your blood or oral mucus for the presence of antibodies to the virus.

The red ribbon is an international symbol of AIDS awareness that is worn by people all year-round and particularly around World AIDS Day to demonstrate care and concern about HIV and AIDS, and to remind others of the need for their support and commitment.

For more information, call Tami Centeno, public health nurse at Fox Preventive Medicine at 955-8888, ext 1444 or Rick Stock, health promotion educator at 955-8888, ext. 1443. (Fox Army Health Center release)

Fire safety advice offered for holiday lighting

It’s the holiday season again that special time of year when you brighten your home with colorful and twinkling lights. Although decorating with electric lighting helps you create a cheerful atmosphere, it also brings an increased risk of accidental fire. The Redstone Arsenal Fire & Emergency Services Fire Prevention staff would like to pass on some important safety tips to help you avoid electrical fires, overloaded circuits and other holiday fire haz-

ards both outside and inside your home.

For outside lights, always buy lights and electrical decorations bearing the name of an independent testing lab such as UL (Underwriters Laboratory) or FM (Factory Mutual), etc.

As with any product one should always follow the manufacturer’s instructions for installation and maintenance of these products. Pay close attention to the warning labels.

Mini lights are the safest choice for your outdoor holiday decoration displays according to consumer experts, because they don’t build up as much heat as larger bulbs. Just make sure they’re approved for outdoor use. Look for the UL or FM tag, which says the lights are tough

enough to stand up to cold temperatures and wet conditions.

Many of us use the same lights year after year. We know to test the lights to make sure they light up, but you also need

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Safety first for chain saws

Chain saws can be great labor-saving tools but if not operated properly, they can quickly cause severe injury and death, according to the Garrison Safety Office. If you are not familiar with techniques of sawing, saw operation, or maintenance, read your owner’s manual and ask a dealer for more information.

Here are some basic safety tips to keep you out of trouble:

- One of the best safeguards against injury is wearing protective equipment. These items include safety glasses or goggles, face shield (wire mesh or clear plastic for impact protection), heavy-duty non-slip gloves and shoes, ear plugs or muffs for hearing protection, trim-fitting clothes, long-sleeve shirt and pants, and safety chaps of cut resistant material.

- If you have only small branches (four inches or less) to cut, use a hand saw

or axe. Cutting down large trees is not a simple task and should be left to experienced operators. Bucking (cutting a log into lengths) requires knowing how to block the log to prevent binding, kickback and rolling.

- Keep both hands firmly on the saw when cutting. Never start the saw while holding it off the ground or by “drop starting” it.

- Properly sharpen and lubricate chain saw blades and choose the proper size chain saw to match the job and always cut at waist level or below.

- Bystanders or co-workers should remain away from the cutting and trimming zone for their safety and yours. Use caution when cutting trees or branches when wind speeds increase.

- Operate, adjust and maintain the chain saw per manufacturer’s instructions. (Garrison Safety release)

Keep your information current at technical library

Redstone Scientific Information Center offers awareness service for patrons

Do you feel overwhelmed by the amount of research being done in your field and wish there was a way to keep up? Do you find it impossible to look at every journal or logon to every web site that might have valuable information? Fortunately, there is an answer to this information overload problem — sign up for the Current Awareness Service provided by the Redstone Scientific Information Center.

Current awareness service, which is also known as selective dissemination of information, is a popular service that the RSIC research staff offers to all registered users of RSIC. The research librarians provide customers with citations from journal articles, conference papers,

dissertations and technical reports. Each customized research alert includes the latest articles and other resources published on specific topics, such as data mining, nanotechnology, blue force tracking, and hyperspectral imaging. On a weekly or monthly basis the librarians review recently published research articles on the topics requested by each user. The result is a list of newly published articles and reports, which are e-mailed to the requestor on a regular basis.

The library staff currently creates alerts on more than 100 topics, ranging from acoustic sensors to unmanned aerial and underwater vehicles. Most of these alert updates include an abstract of the article, as well as bibliographic details such as author, journal or conference title, date published, etc. Before distributing a list of references, the reference staff adds value to the records by reviewing

them for currency and relevancy. In addition to scientific and technical topics, the list also includes Base Realignment and Closure, military spending, program management in the Defense Department, and other administrative subjects. Users can also request patent searches and comprehensive updates of technical report literature.

If you are interested in registering for the current awareness service, call the RSIC reference staff at 876-5195. The staff can provide you with a complete list of all the current awareness topics and they can also create a new search topic that meets your specific needs. The service is available to all Team Redstone employees and contractors, including Marshall Space Flight Center and Space and Missile Defense Command staff. The only requirement is that you be registered at Redstone Scientific Information Center. *(RSIC release)*

Retired colonel ministers throughout world

Veteran

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During his unit's 10-month mission, Stewart and many other Soldiers assisted an orphanage. Stewart wrote to his church in Huntsville — West Highlands Baptist Church (now University Baptist) and received many donations of clothing, medicine and needed supplies. The Soldiers also identified a leper colony and provided them with 500 pounds of experimental topical drugs shipped to Vietnam by Stewart's wife.

"Almost all the Soldiers were humanitarians," Stewart said. "Many were Christians from different religions or churches or backgrounds. But, they all wanted to help by volunteering and giving their money."

By making connections with the children of the orphanage and the lepers and others, the Soldiers were able to witness to them about Jesus Christ.

Yet, there was a lot of sadness in Vietnam for Stewart and his unit. Of his 500 Soldiers, 23 were killed and 126 were wounded during the 10-month mission. Even in the face of death, Stewart's Soldiers remained brave.

"Every Soldier I had knew what they were there for," he said. "They gave it to God. They would say 'Not my will but Your will be done' or 'Don't worry about me. I'm going to a better place.'"

Stewart and his unit knew the Viet Cong had to be destroyed if the Vietnamese were to live in peace and prosperity.

"My Soldiers saw what the Viet Cong did in villages where the people wouldn't fight us," Stewart said.

"They would cut people's heads off and put them on poles. They would take the people's food, and do what they wanted to with 13- and 14-year-old boys and girls. If a village fought against them, they would kill every man, woman and child. At one village we found 256 mutilated children's bodies. The Soldiers knew why they were there, even if the politicians didn't."

Everywhere they were sent in Vietnam, Stewart and his fellow Christian Soldiers would witness to the people they met. During a tsunami on a beach, Stewart was able to miraculously save two girls from the ocean. Although one later died, Stewart did artificial respiration on the second girl for three hours before being able to convince doctors that she was alive and worth saving. That incident allowed him to witness to the girl's family.

"I told her family that Jesus Christ didn't risk his life for me. He gave it to me," Stewart said. "I told them God has given their daughter another chance. And, I gave them a copy of the New Testament in Vietnamese."

Even close calls on the battlefield gave Stewart opportunities to grow his faith. In one such incident, his helicopter toppled over in a rice paddy, leaving him sandwiched underneath the helicopter.

"I was face down in a stink hole with a helicopter on my shoulder. I knew within reason I was going to die," he said.

"The only thing to say was 'Lord, help me.' I felt perfect peace. God didn't need me to win the war. If I went, He'd protect my family. After 30 seconds, by some miraculous way I came up out from under that helicopter. I felt the presence of the Lord. It was one of those major Christian experiences that really changed me."

He later learned that on that same day at

about that same time his wife was praying for her husband and giving her worries to the Lord.

"This made a profound difference in both our lives," he said. "I realized God is in charge. I can't change by myself. Only with God can I change. When I was hopelessly and helplessly trapped under that helicopter in that stink hole, I distinctly heard God tell me 'It's going to be OK.'"

When he returned from his tour in Vietnam, Stewart received the Military Aviator of the Year Award from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the Wright Brothers Memorial Award, both in 1965. He was the first Army Soldier to receive either award. In 1970, he did a second tour in Vietnam, where he was a senior adviser to the Military Assistance Command.

In 1975, Stewart retired from the Army as a colonel. He went on to become an ordained minister, served as an associate pastor at Whitesburg Baptist Church for two years and then went on to serve as a voluntary missionary. He and his wife volunteered to serve in Guam for a year and, after that, Stewart began his missionary trips around the world.

In 1992, 40 years after his first trip to Korea, Stewart revisited that country and discovered a people who know about salvation.

"Korea has the largest percentage of Christians in the Korean Army than any other army in the world," Stewart said. "In Seoul, you could stand at any street corner and see a steeple with a cross."

Stewart has visited many countries in Africa and Asia. In recent years, travels have taken him to the countries of Eastern Europe — Siberia, Russia, Hungary, Romania and Ukraine.

"Right after the wall fell, Eastern Euro-

peans lost their god, which was communism," Stewart said. "They were willing to listen to anything from any religion. We went to tell them about Jesus. I prayed for 40 years for the wall to fall. So, when it did, I felt called to the opportunities to tell these people about Jesus Christ."

In April, Stewart will travel to Ukraine for his 14th missionary trip to that country with other members of the Madison County Baptist Association. During those trips, he has assisted with the building of five churches.

"We build churches and clinics," he said. "One church we built helped to lead two doctors to Christ. After they became Christians, the government told them they had to close down their clinic. So, in 1995 we built a clinic onto the church where they could continue to help people."

A Vacation Bible School program started in 1993 with 40 children in Ukraine has grown to 22 programs that serve 80 children per program. In addition, Stewart has helped to bring 13 Ukrainian children to the U.S. to attend high school and college.

"These are brilliant young people who spoke English very well," he said. "There is no possibility for them to go to school in Ukraine because of the political situation. So, we were able to get scholarships and financial assistance to bring them here. Only two have gone back. The rest have gone on to good careers in the U.S."

Stewart often shares his stories of his younger years or his military career with people when he witnesses to them. He hopes to stage a missionary event in 2020 on his 92nd birthday.

And, after that, Stewart hopes to bring an end to his missionary travels. But, he concedes that he will continue to "basically do whatever God calls me to do."

Turner appointed to Senior Executive Service

Hundreds attend auditorium event

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Rick Turner is AMCOM's newest member of the Senior Executive Service.

Turner thanked his mentors from the past, his family and others during his appointment ceremony Nov. 20 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

He received a standing ovation from the estimated 400 attendees.

"I thank God for putting me in this type of environment with folks like you," said Turner, executive director of the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity.

He previously served as the Integrated Materiel Management Center deputy executive director.

"Rick is a hard-working guy," Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. "His work ethic is second to

none."

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Turner received a bachelor's degree in business management (summa cum laude) from the University of Central Florida in 1974 and a master's in systems management from the University of Southern California, European Division in 1982.

He and his wife, Janice, have a son, Bradley, an electrical engineer, and a daughter, Angela, a sophomore at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

EXECUTIVE OATH— Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, administers the Senior Executive Service oath to Rick Turner during the appointment ceremony Nov. 20. Turner's wife, Janice, holds the Bible.

New leadership for new Apache helicopter

Product manager arrives on block

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Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hager assumed the product manager position for Apache Block III within the Apache Attack Helicopter project office in a ceremony Nov. 20.

"It's great to have Jeff aboard," Col. Derek Paquette, Apache Attack Helicopter project manager, said. "We welcome him and he's going to embark on what's truly going to be the best tour, the best time of his career."

The Apache Block III deputy, Bob Grewe, temporarily assumed the position as product manager after Lt. Col. Vince Tobin retired in April. Hager attended training during this period. During his absence, Grewe lead the Block III team through a successful Milestone B.

"I will tell you that Jeff is going to have a significant challenge ahead of him," Paquette said. "The real work is beginning and that is keeping this thing on schedule."

The Apache Block III is antici-



Photo by Chuck Crowley

ACCEPTING CHARTER— Lt. Col. Jeff Hager, left, assumes the Apache Block III product manager charter from Col. Derek Paquette, Apache Attack Helicopter project manager.

pated to begin the limited user test in late 2009 and the results from that will allow the aircraft to go into low rate initial production.

"He's got three years to keep this thing on schedule, in budget, make the LRP decision so we can keep the production line going," Paquette said.

Block III will provide increased performance, improved joint interoperability as well as improve the lethality of all on board weapons systems on the

AH-64D Apache. It will also significantly extend the combat radius of the Longbow through incorporation of Level IV Unmanned Aerial Vehicle control from inside the helicopter.

"The Apache is a critical piece of the Army's war-fighting arsenal," Paquette said. "Apache is the world's most dominant, most feared attack helicopter bar none. And Block III is going to continue that legacy for the next 20 to 30 years."

Hager is no stranger to the Apache family. After graduation from Northwest Missouri State University in 1987, he was commissioned as an aviator and later became an Apache pilot. His first assignments were in attack battalions and he served in Operation Just Cause (Panama) and Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

He also has experience as the Attack Company commander and Maintenance Company commander with the 3rd and 1st Infantry Divisions in Katterbach, Germany. His acquisition experience includes three years at the Test and Experimentation Command, Fort Hood, Texas, and a tour as the assistant

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Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

Firing skills

Members of AMCOM's Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders toured the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School Nov. 21 to see what a day in the life of an OMEMS Soldier is like. They had the opportunity to observe training, visit different training areas and speak with some of the leaders who ensure Soldiers leave the school ready for their next challenge. One of the most popular tour stops was the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000. The EST 2000 is a simulation system which provides Soldiers the opportunity to constantly train to improve their firing skills without having to go to the range and use ammunition.

Blessing

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customers from the rundown depleted neighborhood beside it. It was peeking around this fence that I first saw him. When he stepped out from behind the fence, I quickly discerned he had nothing I needed and silently hoped he would just get on back to his side of the fence where I first saw him. He was wearing clothes that were obviously intended for someone smaller than he was despite the fact that his body was somewhat frail. He paused as if in contemplation for a few seconds and then boldly stepped over to my table, plopped something down in front of me and asked, "Do you want to trade some of your fries for this?" I looked up at the item he was offering to trade and saw to my delight it was a slightly broken pocket watch.

Now to anyone else it was just a piece of junk, but to a kid like me it was a treasure. I could already see the envy on the faces of all the other kids on the playground when I pulled it out and offered to let them look but not touch. What a break and it was only going to

cost me a few pieces of potatoes cooked in grease to make it mine. I looked up at him ready to seal the deal but what I saw stopped me dead in my tracks.

He was looking down at my hamburger and fries like it was the biggest Thanksgiving feast that ever filled a table. The hunger written on his face was as evident as the cold that shook his body. In an instant all the selfish and self-centered deeds and thoughts I had harbored for days flashed into my mind. Life wasn't perfect but I knew on Christmas morning I would wake up to find at least some of the toys I had requested Santa to bring. The one standing before me probably hadn't even bothered to ask Santa for toys knowing he would be lucky to find anything waiting for him on Christmas day. Later in the day, I would sit down to a holiday feast with my family and we would fill our bellies to bursting. The one before me would be lucky if he was able to fill his belly enough to quench the hunger he felt. I was so ashamed. Once again I looked up to his face and our eyes locked. This time I saw something with which I am familiar. I saw his pride.

He was so hungry he was willing to trade his greatest treasure for a small taste of food but he was unable to bring himself to beg me for that which I should have freely offered. I knew nothing about hunger, but I knew a lot about pride. I determined in my mind to somehow come up with a way to meet both his needs. At least I would like to think it was me, but the truth is it was more likely the One whose birthday we were about to celebrate.

"Sure!" I said as I dished out to a generous helping of fries. "I'll trade."

He took one last long look at his watch before sliding it across the table at me and then he sat down and began rapidly consuming his fries. I waited just a few seconds and then got up from the table telling him I had to go and tell my mother something.

I sat down in the car beside my mom and quietly told her I wanted to go home. As we pulled out of the restaurant, I glanced back at the table to observe my new friend as he discovered he still had his watch and also had a hamburger and fries.

I have had many wonderful Christmases since that one several years ago but none as special as that one. You see, that's the one I learned it was not the

things I was going to receive on Christmas morning which made it special. It was all the blessings I already had that made it my special Christmas.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The anonymous author added the following note. "I am a contractor on the team ITSS contract but it's not really important who I am. I am honored to have the privilege of being able to help support our troops. This story which I am sharing with you happened a long time ago. I shared this story one other time in a publication and I ended it at the previous paragraph. But I could not end it there this time without adding these additional words.

"I am still eternally grateful for all the wonderful blessings my family and I have, and I thank God for His great love and mercy. I also wanted to tell those of you who are serving and have served to protect our freedom that we are also eternally grateful to all that you have done and are doing and to acknowledge it's by His grace and your sacrifice that we all can count our many blessings. Thank you from the bottom of my heart because you are the real hero of this story."

Look for approved labels on electrical decorations

Lights

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to check the cords. Frayed wires and loose connections can start a fire. Throw away damaged light strings — new light strands cost only a few bucks. Highly recommended are the cost saving LED type decorating light systems.

Limit strand connections

The old rule of thumb was to string together only three light strands. Now there are heavy-duty sets that can connect as many as six strands. Read and follow the manufacturer's recommendations. De-energize (unplug power) before changing bulbs.

Make sure to use cords that are approved for outdoor use and that all are plugged into a circuit with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter, which shuts off power to the lights if they are shorted out due to wetness, etc.

To reduce the risk of overheating, replace any burned out light bulbs promptly. Use the proper light bulb voltage and wattage replacements. Never overload the circuits.

Seasonal lighting outside your home should always be specifically labeled for outdoor use. If your light bulbs are equipped with the push-in type then do not twist the holiday light bulb when replacing. Pull the light bulbs straight out of the light bulb socket instead.

When you are ready to string the lights, they should not be attached to walls or molding with staples, tacks, nails or paper tape.

Look before you attach or secure is a good rule of thumb, too.

If extension cords are used for temporary holiday light decorations, a minimum of a 16-gauge wire should be used and properly plugged into a wall outlet so the cord is not overloaded. A rule of thumb is "always one size larger than the size of the appliances power cord being serviced/used." Carefully read the manu-

facturer's recommendation and do not exceed those requirements.

When doors, windows or mount lights are closed on electrical power cords, that can damage the cord's wire insulation creating an undue hazard for yourself and others that could lead to a fire or worst case — electrocution.

You'll probably need to drag out the ladder to hang the lights. Make sure you set it on level ground, and remember this rule of thumb for ladder usage: "For every 4 feet you're going up, you should move the ladder out a foot from the wall/side of the building."

You might also like to try out a special pole for hanging lights. It stretches 11 feet, so you can hang lights without leaving the ground. Attach the lights to a plastic hook and connect the hook to the pole, then snap it onto the gutter. You just unscrew the pole and the lights are in place.

When using metallic trees, it is recommended to use remote spotlights to avoid an electrical hazard. If there is a short with the lights on a metal tree and someone accidentally touches the metal tree — you know the life safety risk that creates. Let's prevent accidents from happening this holiday season.

Good rule of thumb to remember is "When in doubt do not energize."

Indoor decorations

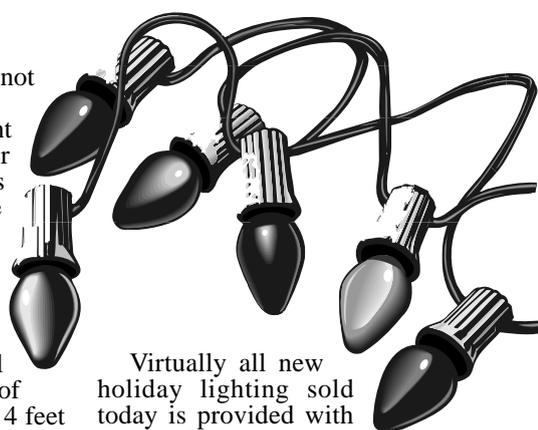
For decorative lights inside, keep kids and pets away from light strings and electrical decorations.

Unplug all holiday lighting before leaving the house or when going to bed.

Make sure the lamps do not rest on the supply cord or on any wire.

Avoid covering lights with cloth, paper or any material that is not part of the lighting.

Throw away any lighting that shows cut, damaged or frayed wire insulation or cords. Also discard lights with cracks in lamp holders, loose connections or exposed copper wire.



Virtually all new holiday lighting sold today is provided with overload fuse protection. A blown fuse indicates an overload or short-circuit situation. When this occurs, unplug lights from the outlet immediately and replace the blown fuse. If the replacement fuse blows, a short circuit may be present. Either throw the light string away or return it to the retail-

er if new.

It is best if seasonal lighting is taken down when the holidays are over. Seasonal lighting is not intended for permanent installation or use. Read manufacturer's intended use.

When lights are placed on a live tree, be sure your tree is fresh and well maintained. As a general rule, turn off your lights when you're not at home or when you go to bed at night.

As a recap: Use only lights and extension cords that are approved for outdoor or indoor use. Look for the labels. Check lights and cords for damage every year. Keep small children and animals away. Do not string together more than three light sets, unless you use heavy-duty light sets.

For more information, call the Fire & Emergency Services Fire Prevention Office at 876-7005; or visit building 4488, suite B-175. (Fire & Emergency Services release)

Product manager aboard for attack helicopter

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product manager for weapons systems and sensors on the RAH-66 Comanche program.

"We're ecstatic to have an officer of Jeff's caliber and talents come in; the Block III program will be well served," Paquette said. "He has my complete faith and confidence because I know he'll do an outstanding job."

Hager previously served as the operations officer and foreign materiel acquisi-

tion program manager for the Defense Science and Technology Center-Europe, Wiesbaden, Germany where he procured several items of interest and materiel in an effort to directly assist U.S. military forces with the Global War on Terrorism.

"I know the Block III team has really worked hard up-to-date," Hager said. "They've accomplished a lot and I really applaud their accomplishments, their teamwork and their ability to get the job done. They've done so much up-to-date prior to me getting here and now I'm going to be a part of the team, I can work together hand-in-hand with them."

First sergeant receives early birthday present

'Waited a long time' for unit position

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1st Sgt. Paul Grosch celebrated his 44th birthday Nov. 24, but he was just as happy two days earlier.

Grosch became the first sergeant of Headquarters & Headquarters Company, Garrison in a ceremony Nov. 22 at Bob Jones Auditorium. He succeeded 1st Sgt. Jerry McIntyre, who is going to Iraq for six months.

"I've waited a long time for this ceremony," Grosch said.

The Mesquite, Texas, native has been at Redstone for three months as the Garrison operations sergeant. Previously he was the senior military science instructor at Marion Military Institute.

"This is a great day in my life and I want to thank you all for attending this

ceremony," Grosch said during the event.

He told the HHC Garrison Soldiers that he looks forward to working with them. Grosch entered the Army in August 1988 and attended basic and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga. He and his wife, Becky, reside in Rogersville.

1st Lt. John Schmidt, acting commander of HHC Garrison, officiated at the ceremony in the absence of commander Capt. Rob Dewberry.

McIntyre arrived in August 2005 and has served as HHC Garrison's first sergeant the past 14 months. He and his wife, Sharon, reside in Huntsville.

"I'll be back here in June to go to the Sergeant Major Academy in August," McIntyre said. "And from there, (it's up to the) needs of the Army."

McIntyre entered the Army in January 1983. He completed basic training at Fort McClellan and advanced individual training at Redstone.

"To my successor: Take care of Garrison, AMCOM and Soldiers," he advised.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

NEW RESPONSIBILITY— 1st Sgt. Paul Grosch becomes the first sergeant for Headquarters & Headquarters Company, Garrison.

Infrared countermeasures team garners awards

Army recognition follows defense acquisition honor

By DAVID WEIS
For the Rocket

The Army's newest piece of aircraft survivability equipment has been a victory for the Army, Army aviation and for members of the Product Manager Infrared Countermeasures. For the second time in as many months, the PM IRCM office has been recognized for its work on the Common Missile Warning Systems.

Last month, Col. Philip Carey, product manager for infrared countermeasures, was recognized for his leadership and outstanding achievements, when he was honored as the 2006 Product Manager of the Year during the annual Army Acquisition Corps banquet in Washington, D.C.

"This award is the result of the extraordinary efforts and personal sacrifices made by each and every member of the PM IRCM Team," Carey said.

Apparently, Carey is not the only one who believes that it has been more than a singular effort in the acquisition and fielding of CMWS.

The Defense Department recently jointly awarded the 2006 David Packard Award for Excellence in Acquisition to the PM IRCM team for its work and contribution to the Army and the Soldier. Carey noted the exemplary performance of his team, particularly its key leaders —

John Kamadulski, deputy product manager for infrared countermeasures; John Cranston, chief of logistics division; Marian Guidry, chief of business development; Henry Flick, chief of operations and plans; and Mike Wilson, chief engineer.

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— Col. Philip Carey
product manager;
Infrared Countermeasures

"They have been the driving force behind the entire team's efforts," Carey added. "They have motivated and supported a talented group of individuals who, in a very short period of time, took a program that was barely in low-rate production two years ago and moved forward at lightning speed putting the entire program well ahead of schedule."

Kamadulski has been a member of this team from the very beginning.

"We started out small and grew rapidly to meet the demand for the system," Kamadulski said. "In all of my years in the acquisition field, I have not witnessed a more dedicated group of individuals who have come together so quickly and

work so well together."

Cranston said he is proud to work with such a talented group of individuals for a common purpose.

"It has truly been a lifetime experience," Cranston said. "There is nothing more important today than fielding equipment that performs, protects and saves Soldiers' lives."

Since late 2003, when the team received its mandate to expedite fielding of the system, they have amassed an impressive track record and show no sign of slowing.

Along with the prime contractor, BAE SYSTEMS of Nashua, NH., the team accelerated production of the system from 10 to 40 units per month. Last July, the team celebrated a milestone when they completed fielding of the CMWS system on all selected helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft operating in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. This was a full six months ahead of the mandate directed by Gen. Richard Cody, vice chief of staff of the Army, and a full 12 months ahead of the original fielding schedule; a feat that could not have been accomplished without the combined effort made by each and every member of the team.

The combined effort of the PM IRCM team and industry has made a significant contribution in the Global War on Terror by providing the Army aviation community with a state-of-the-art piece of equipment that has won praise from leaders and Soldiers alike on the battlefield. Members of the team routinely receive e-mails from Soldiers in the field who praise the system and thank the team for fielding a product that saved their lives.

While being recognized for their work is an honor to the members of the PM IRCM team, many believe that the real reward is hearing from Soldiers in the field who credit the system for saving their lives.

"Knowing that the work we have done over the past two years with CMWS is making a difference and bringing Soldiers home to their families makes it all worth while," said Charles Elgin, system engineer for PM IRCM. "Each and every one of us are committed to providing our Soldiers with not just the best equipment, but equipment that enables them to achieve mission success and provides for their survivability."

Throughout the fielding process the team has adopted the motto "Success and Survivability for Soldiers." "It helps us to keep our focus and remind us of the importance of what it is we are doing," said Sandra Frierson, budget analyst for PM IRCM.

While most of the team is based at Redstone Arsenal, several members of the team act as liaison officers to the units. "They have been an invaluable and indis-

pensable part of the team," Carey said. "Having someone down at the unit level to address problems and issues has made the fielding process smoother."

Carey also points to the support and cooperation from senior Army leaders and aircraft platform PMs. "Without their support and input we would not have been able to field this product as expeditiously and as smoothly as we have," he said.

The PM IRCM Team shared this year's award with the Project Manager, Close Combat Systems. PM CCS is the office responsible for fielding the flares used in the CMWS system.

The Packard Award is given to DoD civilian and/or military organizations, groups, and teams who have made significant contributions or demonstrated exemplary innovations and best practices in the defense acquisition process.

The Packard Award, the department's highest acquisition award, is named in honor of the late David Packard, a former deputy secretary of defense during the Nixon administration. He was also the co-founder and chairman of the Hewlett-Packard Company and chairman of the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on Defense Management chartered by President Ronald Reagan in 1985. Packard was a strong advocate of excellence in defense acquisition practices.

Editor's note: David Weis is a retired Army aviator now working as a defense contractor in the office of Product Manager, Infrared Countermeasures.



Courtesy photo

International graduate

Staff Sgt. Abbas Alshammari of the Kuwait Air Force attended the Ammunition Specialist Course from Aug. 29 through Nov. 17.

Marines travel by air over Gators

Newsom's six touchdown passes beat Headquarters & Alpha

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Even without their coach/quarterback Lee Burket, who was on leave, the unbeaten Marines didn't miss a beat last week.

Sean Newsom threw six touchdown passes as the Marines beat Headquarters & Alpha 40-28 on Nov. 20 at the flag football field off Patton Road. The Marines improved to 5-0 on the season.

"Our offense is just clicking," wide receiver/cornerback Marvin Fletcher said.

On the first play from scrimmage, Fletcher caught a 60-yard touchdown pass from Newsom to open the scoring. Newsom passed to Christopher McNally for two points and the Marines led 8-0.

Todd Lawhon had four touchdown receptions and McNally caught one.

"We moved the ball well on them," Headquarters & Alpha coach/free safety Dana Green said. "It's just when it came down to defense we didn't get the stops we needed. They have a good passing attack. We weren't ready for them to air it out like they did. But they have some good receivers and a good quarterback."

The Gators cut the Marines' lead to 8-6 midway in the first half when quarterback Tierre Warren threw a 25-yard

touchdown pass across the middle to wide receiver Reginald LeDay. Warren's 10-yard touchdown run at five minutes left in the half pulled the Gators within 16-12.

Headquarters & Alpha (2-3) took the lead four minutes later when Warren intercepted a pass and returned it 20 yards for a touchdown. He completed a two-point conversion pass to Noah Koendarfer; and the Gators led 20-16 with about 50 seconds until halftime.

But the Marines responded quickly. Newsom threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Lawhon with 40 seconds left and the Marines led 22-20 at intermission.

McNally caught a 40-yard touchdown pass from Newsom early in the second half.

Headquarters & Alpha got their lone score of the second half with six minutes left on Warren's 15-yard touchdown pass to LeDay. Warren added the two-point conversion run and the Gators trailed 34-28.

Newsom's 50-yarder to Lawhon on an option play ended the scoring with two minutes left. "Originally he was supposed to pitch it to me," Fletcher said. "He just stepped back and threw it (to Lawhon for the touchdown)."

In other games Nov. 20, Charlie defeated HHC 59th 16-12 and Bravo won by forfeit over NCO Academy.

League standings entering this week had the Marines (5-0), Charlie (3-1), 326th Chemical (2-1), Headquarters & Alpha (2-3), NCO Academy (2-3), HHC 59th (2-3) and Bravo (1-3).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HUDDLE— The Marines won the preseason championship and now their first five games of the regular season in flag football.

Navy gets nod over Black Knights

Midshipmen over Army

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Skip's Picks went 346-125, 73 percent, for the first 12 weeks of the college football season. Here are my predictions this week:

- Arkansas vs. Florida – **Florida**
- Air Force at TCU – **TCU**
- Army vs. Navy – **Navy**
- Southern Cal at UCLA – **USC**
- Stanford at California – **Cal**
- Nebraska at Oklahoma – **Okl.**

- Wake Forest at Georgia Tech – **Ga. Tech**
- Connecticut at Louisville – **Louisville**
- Fresno State at San Jose State – **San Jose**
- Colorado State at San Diego State – **Colo. State**



Oregon State at Hawaii – **Hawaii**
Rutgers at West Virginia – **W.Va.**



Sports & Recreation

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 Friday.

Bicyclists on parade

The Alabama Bicycle Coalition folks in Huntsville have reserved a spot for a group in the Channel 31 Huntsville Christmas Parade on Saturday at noon. Together with the Spring City Cycling Club, area cyclists have had a presence in the Christmas parade for the past three years. "Please join us and celebrate the season with a cycling theme while raising the general public's awareness of cycling," a prepared release said. You are welcome to decorate yourself and/or your bike. The cyclists will organize Saturday morning from 10:30-11 at the parking lot (lot K) across from the Post Office on Clinton Avenue downtown. For more information, call Jamie Miernik 544-6534.

Golf course party

The Links at Redstone will have its second annual Wine and Cheese Party on Saturday at 6 p.m. There will be free refreshments and free gift wrapping. Merchandise in the pro shop will be on sale. For more information, call 883-7977.



Conferences & Meetings

Town hall

AMCOM LCMC Town Hall is Friday from 9-11 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. The meeting, with AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, will be broadcast on Team Redstone Television Channel 42, and via Internet Protocol to computer desktops. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the auditorium. Badges must be worn by all attending.

Sci-fi readers

The Post Library is co-sponsoring the Bailey Cove Science Fiction Book Club which meets on the first Thursday of each month discussing classic and contemporary novels. The Dec. 7 pick is "Dragonflight" by Anne McCaffrey – part of the renowned Pern series. On Jan. 4, the pick is "Tar-Aiym Krang" by Alan Dean Foster. All gatherings are at the Bailey Cove Library, intersection of Weatherly Road and Bailey Cove Road, at 6 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome. For information call 881-0257.

Electronic warfare group

The Association of Old Crows is a profes-

sional association for members of the electronic warfare/information operations fields. The Redstone Rebel's Roost of the Association of Old Crows will meet today from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at COLSA's conference room, 6726 Odyssey Drive in Huntsville. Lunch costs \$7.50. For more information, call William Clemons (912) 659-0810.

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.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Dave Hargrove, BellSouth regional manager, is the guest speaker. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call retired Maj. Steve Crawley 883-2323.

Computer users

Ron Schmitz will speak to the Huntsville Personal Computer User's Group at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 9 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Schmitz, leader of the Hardware Special Interest Group and co-leader of the Windows/Internet SIG, will present his annual update on the Intel computer processors and their associated chip sets. Preceding his presentation, Kevin Wangbickler, HPCUG president and Co-Leader of the Windows/Internet special interest group, will speak at 9:15 on Vista. Vista is the new operating system from Microsoft which will replace Windows XP in the next several months. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 830-2232.

Comptroller society

The American Society of Military Comptrollers' monthly luncheon meeting is Dec. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Trinity Personal Growth Center. The Trinity preschoolers will entertain with Christmas songs and there will be a visit from Santa. For tickets or more information, call Jessica Dunaway 842-7107 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Space talk

HAL5 (National Space Society) will present a free talk by Tom Hancock, project manager of Skylab Restoration Project, at 7 p.m. Dec. 7 at Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe St. His topic is "Rescuing the Skylab G1 Trainer." A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie 461-5934 or visit www.HAL5.org.

Space and missile defense

The Space and Missile Defense Command will participate in an Association of the U.S. Army unclassified space and missile defense symposium Dec. 5-7 at the Judson F. Williams Convention Center in El Paso, Texas. This year's symposium theme is "Missile Defense: Building Global Capabilities in Support of our Nation and Joint Warfighters." The symposium is open to the public and will consist of individual and panel presentations

by government and industry leaders within the space and missile defense community. For more information or to view the agenda for the symposium, visit www.ausa.org/www/ia.nsf.

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.

Strategic speakers

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

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. The shop is accepting fall/winter items. It will be open this Saturday from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 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.

Water cooler refills

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

Computer classes

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

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.

Merit awards

The Officer and Civil Women's Club is accepting applications for Merit Awards. Eligibility is as follows: dependents, or

members in good standing as of Oct. 17, 2006; high school senior/GED (must be a graduating high school senior or have obtained GED); undergraduate student, pursuing an undergraduate degree; graduate student, pursuing a graduate degree; member or spouse, pursuing an undergraduate degree. Forms are available at the OCWC monthly luncheons, Education Center and Army Community Service. For more information, call K.C. Bertling 541-0450 or e-mail samnkc@knology.net.

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.

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

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available at the chapter Christmas social as well as on the web site www.tennvalleyquad-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 1600AM, 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.

Casino night

HarborChase of Huntsville will celebrate its seventh anniversary with “Holiday Casino Night,” a fund-raiser event for the Blount Hospitality House, on Dec. 14 from 6-9 p.m. at HarborChase Assisted

Living, 4801 Whitesport Circle, behind Crestwood Medical Center. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. For tickets call Nicole Thompson 650-1155.

Community ballet

Community Ballet Association, a non-profit arts organization established in 1964, will honor active military, National Guard, Reserves, retired, and their families with an invitational “Nutcracker” performance Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Accompanied by the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, this holiday classic features dancers from Huntsville Ballet Company and Community Ballet School. Admission is by military ID at the door. For more information, call 539-0961 or 539-3379.

Science apprentices

The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program announces applications for 2007. The Defense Department initiated the SEAP in 1980, under the direction of the Executive Office of the President, to involve academically talented high school and college students in hands-on research activities and student-mentor relationships during the summer. The high school and college programs are designed for students who are U.S. citizens and 15 years old by the beginning of the program June 4, 2007. The apprentice program is divided into 8, 10 and 12 weeks. Applications should be available from senior counselors at all public, private and parochial high school and college placement services. Possible career placement areas at the Army Garrison-Redstone

Arsenal include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The deadline for applications is Jan. 31. If the student is unsuccessful in getting an application from the high school senior counselor or college placement service, call Julie Lumpkins of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center 313-4834.

Retiree dental program

A representative from the Tricare Retiree Dental Program will be available Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Commissary entrance area. Stop by and pick up an information packet and ask questions about the program.

Health center holidays

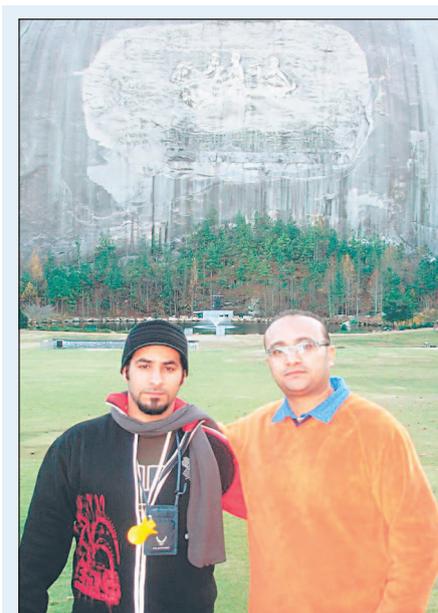
Here’s the Fox Army Health Center holiday schedule — subject to change because of mission requirements — for the rest of fiscal 2006: Dec. 25, Christmas – closed. Dec. 26 – Open from 8 a.m. to noon; extended hours clinic and pharmacy are open. Jan. 1, New Year’s – closed. Jan. 2 – Open from 8 a.m. to noon; extended hours clinic and pharmacy are open. Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day – closed. Feb. 19, President’s Day – closed. May 25 – Open from 8 a.m. to noon; extended hours clinic and pharmacy are open. May 28, Memorial Day – closed. July 4, Independence Day – closed. July 5 – Open from 8 a.m. to noon; extended hours clinic and pharmacy are open. Aug. 31 – Open from 8 a.m. to noon; extended hours clinic and pharmacy are open. Sept. 3, Labor Day – closed. The Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon for scheduled appointments. The health center is closed Sundays. Advice nurses are available 24 hours a day, at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531, to provide care advice. Fox has no emergency room or emergency medical services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.

Chorus concert

The Huntsville Community Chorus will be “Making Spirits Bright” with seasonal music and support of children’s causes Saturday. The Huntsville Community Chorus Association’s holiday concert, “Making Spirits Bright,” is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Cost of admission is \$17; seniors \$15; ages 13-18 free; ages 12 and under free with paying adult; discounts for groups, NASA and military. For tickets and more information, call 533-6606.

Troop support

The holidays can be a particularly difficult time for troops stationed overseas, but there are ways that you can help. The Defense Department web site at www.americasupportsyou.mil lists more than 150 organizations dedicated to supporting Soldiers and their families. This web site also provides the opportunity to send a letter or e-mail with a word of thanks and encouragement. Besides writing to Soldiers, many featured organizations accept donations, items, gifts and letters for Soldiers. Organizations such as Operation Hero Miles allow supporters to donate airline frequent flyer miles to help Soldiers travel to be with their families. The DoD Help Our Troops Call Home program offers the opportunity to donate military calling cards by purchasing them through the Army Commissary web site. Another program, Operation Gratitude, enables supporters to sponsor a



Courtesy photo

Field trip

Kuwait Air Force Sgt. Khalaf Alzafairi and Egyptian Army Maj. Mohamed Shehata stand in front of the memorial carving of Jefferson Davis, Gen. Robert E. Lee, and Lt. Gen. Stonewall Jackson at Stone Mountain Park near Atlanta. The International Military Student Office took 13 international soldiers and two family members on a visit to Atlanta Nov. 18-19.

care package for a Soldier serving overseas. For those who do not have access to a computer, DoD recommends calling a Red Cross office, Veterans Affairs hospital, or any other veteran service organizations in the community to find ways to help. Here are the web sites: Operation Hero Miles, www.heromiles.org; Help Our Troops Call Home, <https://aafes.com/scs/deefault.aspx>; and Operation Gratitude, <http://www.opgratitude.com>.

Jewelry sale

The Post Restaurant Fund is holding a Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale through Friday at the Sparkman Cafeteria in building 5309. Sale hours are 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. For more information, call 876-8741.

Angel tree

Child and Youth Services set up an Angel Tree at the Post Exchange for children of military and National Guard personnel. The angels on the tree will list the child’s age, clothing size, shoe size, and the name of a favorite toy. All gifts should be wrapped and the angel attached to the outside of the gifts for correct distribution. Please turn in the presents to the PX or the Youth Center, building 3148, by 12:30 p.m. Dec. 12. For more information, call 876-5437.

King observance

Team Redstone will have a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Program on Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at Bob Jones Auditorium. Scheduled speaker is U.S. District Judge U.W. Clemon of the northern district of Alabama, who in 1980 became this state’s first black federal judge. Members of the Redstone/Huntsville community are invited. For more information, call Demetria Cruz 876-9718.

Announcements

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

Lateral entry
If you are qualified prior service or a member of the National Guard or Reserve and wish to become an officer, the University of Illinois Army ROTC Lateral Entry Program may be for

you. The Lateral Entry Program allows eligible students to contract into the Reserve Officer Training Corps as cadets when they are academic juniors, seniors or graduate students with four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation. For more information call toll-free (877) 863-4768, you may e-mail arotc@uiuc.edu, or visit the web site <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/army-rotc/>.

Fleet reserve
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its annual Christmas luncheon Dec. 9 at noon in Decatur at "Fire Mountain" on the Beltline. For details and to RSVP by Nov. 30, call Gene Aittala 773-6283 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

Craft show
The Northeastern Alabama

Craftmen's Association will hold its Christmas craft show Friday through Sunday at the Von Braun Center South Hall. Times are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. This show benefits the Senior Center, the Salvation soup kitchen and Hospice family care.

Gifts for troops
Unmanned Aircraft Systems is collecting small gifts to send to Soldiers deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The drive ends Dec. 13. Drop unwrapped gifts off at building 5300, second floor. Gift ideas include books, movies, snacks, socks, T-shirts, etc. For more information, call 313-5404.

Admin professionals
The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of

International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its 12th annual seminar, "Pathways to Professional Excellence," on Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tuition costs \$125; and student rates are \$50. You do not have to be in the administrative career field to attend. For more information, call Susan Douglas 842-6795 or Ellen Mahathey 842-9888.

Santa visits housing
Santa Claus will arrive Saturday, Dec. 16 at Redstone Arsenal, hosted by the Sergeants Major Association with the Vincent Fire Station and the Military Police. His visit will begin at the fire station that morning where he will be escorted by members of the Military Police, members of the Fire Department and the association - and of course some of his elves. They will depart Vincent Station at about 9:30 going to Columbia Centre housing area. They will continue to Voyager Village and Apollo Landing, on to Freedom Landing, Pathfinder Pointe, and then on to Endeavor Village, New Endeavor Village and Saturn Pointe. He will make a brief stop by Redstone Lodging office and his final destination will be Challenger Heights. For those children who live in those areas that are under construction, Santa will make every effort to reach you. Santa looks forward to seeing all the children of Redstone Arsenal on his annual visit. Listen closely for the sirens and horns.

Holiday reception
The Huntsville Association of Technical Societies will hold a holiday reception Dec. 7 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens' Arbor Hall. HATS has invited Tennessee Valley technical societies to participate in this reception as a way for many of the smaller organizations to save money yet still be part of a large holiday party. Any Tennessee Valley technical society interested in participating should call Morton Archibald 658-5189.

Newcomers' orientation
Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on Dec. 5 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children

using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Tax assistance volunteers
The Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center is a free service helping servicemembers on active duty, military retirees, and their dependents prepare and file federal, state and local tax returns each year. Last year's center had more than 3,000 returns prepared, resulting in over \$2 million in refunds. It is now accepting volunteers for the upcoming 2007 tax season. Scheduling will be flexible and volunteers are needed in both the tax preparation and front desk operations areas. No prior experience is necessary because comprehensive training will be provided. To volunteer or for more information, call Capt. Paul Laracy 313-6782 or Randy Duff 420-3223.

Resource managers
The American Society Military Comptrollers Community Projects Committee will assist with the National Children's Advocacy Center Holiday Party on Dec. 12 from 4:30-6:30 pm. This event serves the children in the Healthy Families Program and in the Parents as Teachers Program. If you are interested in volunteering to help, call Eura Reaves 842-7093.

College registration
Calhoun Community College, Redstone Arsenal Extension, offers eight-week sessions with classes at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. This Servicemembers Opportunity College has a VA approved curriculum and is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Registration for spring 2007 continues through Dec. 18. For more information, call 874-7431 or visit www.calhoun.edu.

Fellowship ball
A "Black-Tie Christmas Fellowship Ball" is 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at the downtown Holiday Inn. Hosted by the Church of the Firstborn, the cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 5 and up. RSVP by Dec. 11 by calling 603-4750.

Benefit wreath sale
A wreath/bow sale for the Combined Federal Campaign will be held Dec. 5-6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Sparkman Cafeteria at building 5302.

Military appreciation days
Dillard's is extending a 20% discount to active military personnel and their immediate families on purchases made on Nov. 29-30. Appliances and furniture may be purchased with a 10% discount.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																													
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SCBK06652593	General Engr	29-Nov-06	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06652593D	General Engr	29-Nov-06	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06668297	Logistics Mgmt Spec	29-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0346	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06668297D	Logistics Mgmt Spec	29-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0346	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06679823	Logistics Mgmt Spec	29-Nov-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06663935	Executive Assistant	29-Nov-06	SMDC	GS-0301	9	9	43,271 - 56,258	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06673624	General Engr	29-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	2	2	28,559 - 68,066	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06673624D	General Engr	29-Nov-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	2	2	28,559 - 68,066	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06614766	Prgr Analyst	29-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	2	2	28,559 - 68,066	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06650571	Mngmt Assistant	29-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0344	7	7	35,375 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06561526	Physicist	30-Nov-06	AMCOM	GS-1310	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06490160	Supv Oper Research Analyst	30-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-1515	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06490160D	Supv Oper Research Analyst	30-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-1515	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06614766	General Engr	30-Nov-06	USAASC	NH-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06614766D	General Engr	30-Nov-06	USAASC	NH-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06650571	Mngmt Assistant	30-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0344	7	7	35,375 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06664435	Human Resource Assistant (OA)	30-Nov-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0203	6	7	31,834 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06647090	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	30-Nov-06	USADTC	GS-2210	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06675078	Financial Mngr	30-Nov-06	USADTC	GS-0505	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06675066	Computer Engr	30-Nov-06	USADTC	GS-0854	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06550471	Program Supp Assistant	30-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0303	8	8	39,177 - 50,929	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06647078	IT Spec (Network)	30-Nov-06	USADTC	GS-2210	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06679227	Inventory Mgmt Spec	30-Nov-06	IMMC	GS-2010	11	11	52,355 - 68,066	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06670956	Training Tech	30-Nov-06	Trng & Oper Div	GS-1702	7	7	35,375 - 45,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06673620	Gen Engr	1-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06673620D	Gen Engr	1-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06665671	Prgr Analyst	4-Dec-06	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0343	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06647583	Dir of Emergency Services	4-Dec-06	Garrison	GS-0301	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06647583D	Dir of Emergency Services	4-Dec-06	Garrison	GS-0301	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06673135	Logistics Prgr Mngr	4-Dec-06	Garrison	GS-0340	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06673135D	Logistics Prgr Mngr	4-Dec-06	Garrison	GS-0340	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06668361	Financial Mgmt Analyst	5-Dec-06	AMC	GS-0501	12	12	62,751 - 81,672	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
WTST06662179	Intelligence Assistant (OA)	5-Dec-06	AMC	GG-0134	5/6	6	28,559 - 41,383	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06667390	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Dec-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0346	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06682470	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Dec-06	AMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06691747	General Engr	6-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06691747D	General Engr	6-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06571537	Structural Engr	7-Dec-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0810	11	12	52,355 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06571537D	Structural Engr	7-Dec-06	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0810	11	12	52,355 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06680206	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	11-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DK-0303	2	2	28,559 - 41,383	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06680206D	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	11-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DK-0303	2	2	28,559 - 41,383	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06664465	Budget Analyst	12-Dec-06	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0560	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06660499	Lead Gen Engr	20-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06660499D	Lead Gen Engr	20-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06670709	Lead Materials Engr	22-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06670709D	Lead Materials Engr	22-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
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SCBK06490160D	Supv Oper Research Analyst	30-Nov-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-1515	14	15	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																
SCBK06673620D	Gen Engr	1-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06647583D	Dir of Emergency Services	4-Dec-06	Garrison	GS-0301	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK06673135D	Logistics Prgr Mngr	4-Dec-06	Garrison	GS-0340	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
WTST06662179	Intelligence Assistant (OA)	5-Dec-06	AMC	GG-0134	5/6	6	28,559 - 41,383	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
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SCBK06670709D	Lead Materials Engr	22-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																																					
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																																					