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Helping wounded get back on feet

Unit brings Soldiers home to restore their health

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There's a new Army organization stationed at Redstone Arsenal. But, its Soldiers are scattered throughout Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi.

Instead of daily on-post duties within their platoon, the organization's Soldiers remain in contact with platoon sergeants through the use of phones, e-mails and faxes. Their work days are filled with service in various military-affiliated organizations with one twist – they are given the time they need for doctor's appointments, physical therapy and various medical treatments.

These Soldiers are the walking wounded of the National Guard and the Reserves – deployed Soldiers who are recovering from minor injuries while continuing to serve their country close to home. In 2004, the Army launched the Community Based Health Care Initiative as a pilot program to allow National Guard and Reserve servicemembers injured while deployed in theater to return home for ongoing medical treatment until they are able to return to their unit.

"Our mission is to manage the care of Soldiers who were mobilized overseas and who were injured in some manner," said Lt. Col. Rachel Clay, who commands the Community Based Health Care Organization-Alabama.

"A Soldier with a minor injury like a torn rotator cuff who meets our qualifications can be assigned to this unit and we will manage their medical care with Tricare civilian doctors or at military facilities. At the same time, the Soldier is working and has to be accountable on a daily basis to their platoon sergeant."

The CBHCO program started in Florida in 2004, and expanded to Arkansas, California, Massachusetts and Wisconsin that same year. The Alabama office along with offices in Virginia and Utah were certified in early 2005. The program's success has



Photo by Kari Hawkins

POLICY REVIEW— Lt. Col. Rachel Clay, commander of the Community Based Health Care Organization-Alabama, reviews policies with Sgt. Kenji Richard Yamuachi of the National Guard's 913th Engineer Co. based in Union City, Tenn. Yamuachi was injured in an IED explosion while serving in Iraq and has returned home for ongoing medical treatment.

led the Army to provide regional medical coverage for medical holdovers (mobilized National Guard or Reserve Soldiers who remain on active duty to receive medical treatment) in all 50 states.

In early November, the CBHCO-AI moved its operations from cramped offices shared with the Air Force in Birmingham to building 3324 on Redstone Arsenal. The office consists of 36 deployed Soldiers from the four-state area and includes case managers, a doctor and nurse practitioner, platoon sergeants, a supply sergeant, administration personnel and patient administration personnel, a Reserve liaison, an executive officer, a first sergeant and the commander.

Though the office has served as many as 250 Soldiers at one time, currently there are about 145 Soldiers assigned to CBHCO-AI.

"Our numbers were high to begin with. When our numbers are lower it is actually showing that we are doing our job," Clay said. "We are returning Soldiers to active duty. Soldiers are actually going back to their unit and that's the purpose of having this system."

The Army's Community Based Health Care Initiative was established in response to

National Guard and Reservists complaints that they were not getting the same care as active military Soldiers. While active military Soldiers undergoing treatment for minor injuries were returned to their military post and their support network of friends and family, injured National Guard and Reserve servicemembers were treated at medical treatment facilities far from their home support network. Often, they would spend idle time waiting for treatment.

"It is important for Soldiers to feel like they are still valuable to the Army," Clay said. "If a Soldier is working, they still feel they are contributing in between doctor's appointments and physical therapy. It is also important that the Soldier have the support network of their family because families help them to get better quicker. The goal is to help the Soldier reach their optimal health so they can go back to their unit."

From the onset, the CBHCO program achieved two things – it placed servicemembers with their families during recovery and it gave them a viable job to continue their service as they recovered. But, it also accomplished a third goal – it provided much-needed relief for the Army's overcrowded medical treatment facilities.

Soldiers report to the CBHCO-AI on a continual basis. Sgt. Kenji Richard Yamuachi of the National Guard's 913th Engineer Co. based in Union City, Tenn., reported last week. He is recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq earlier this year when an IED exploded while he was serving as a member of a convoy security team.

Yamuachi was treated at Brooke Army Medical Center, Texas, before he returned home to his family in Kentucky. He will work full time with the 913th in Union City during his medical treatment.

"I'm very glad to be in this program. It is great," said 23-year-old Yamuachi, who is married and is the father of a 3-year-old.

"When I was at Brooke Army Medical Center, I would stay in my barracks. I was sitting in my room all day waiting for my appointments. This will be much better for me and my family."

Yamuachi's case manager will locate the doctors he needs to see to continue his medical treatment and will make appointments for him.

"I trust them to find the right care for me," he said.

The Soldiers working for the CBHCO-AI are, themselves,

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An open lane random survey

What are your Christmas shopping plans?

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*Charles Rutkowski
Jacobs Technology*
"I bought a guitar for my wife, and I'll probably get her an Xbox 360 as well. Other than that, just normal little gifts."

*Greg McPherson
Acquisition Center*
"It's already done. No drama, no lines, it's done."



*Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates
AMCOM command sergeant major*
"My plans are to get it complete prior to the second week of December. Most of it's already done — especially for the grandkids. I buy starting like July through November."



*Amy Balch
Phoenix Services*
"I plan to shop in the Huntsville area malls."



Quote of the week

'You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.'

— John Wooden
ex-UCLA basketball coach

Share issues at conference

Redstone Arsenal will conduct its 19th annual Army Family Action Plan Conference on Feb. 27 and 28. This program is a grassroots process designed to give the total Army family (active duty, family members, retirees, civilians, National Guard and reservists) an opportunity to participate in identifying and recommending solutions to community and family issues.

The theme is "Excellence Through Communication." Communication is the key to understanding, and this process allows us to better plan and meet the needs of our communities and families. A focus on

continuous improvement will also enable us to recruit and retain quality Soldiers and civilians, sustain readiness, and enjoy a high quality of life throughout the Army.

I challenge all community leaders to use this opportunity to share information, strengthen our programs, and improve the quality of life for everyone in our Army family. I encourage your participation in and support of this important community event.

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury
commander, AMCOM
and Redstone

Feasting on Thanksgiving Day

We had much to be grateful for this Thanksgiving Day. During these difficult times of war, we find peace from our Thanksgiving tradition, which reminds us that we, as a people and individually, always have reason to hope and trust in God. At Thanksgiving this year and every year, in worship services and family celebrations across our country, Americans carry on that tradition of giving, sharing not only with family and friends, but also with those in need throughout their communities. In keeping with this idea of service to others and community, the Redstone Arsenal chaplains and both Catholic and Protestant congregations of Bicentennial Chapel hosted more than 200 Soldiers and Marines at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 16 for the annual Military Thanksgiving Celebration.

At Plymouth in 1621, the Pilgrims in New England celebrated their first harvest in the New World thanks to the generosity of their

Native American neighbors. In return, the Pilgrims invited these tribal members to share in their harvest festival. In 1789, President Washington, recollecting the countless blessings for which our new nation should give thanks, declared the first National Day of Thanksgiving.

For this year's annual Military Thanksgiving Celebration, members of Bicentennial Chapel spent several weeks preparing for this blessed event, which honored the men, and women who work to keep America safe and secure — our Soldiers. Dozens of turkeys and hams were deliciously prepared by volunteers and brought to the fellowship hall at the chapel. The Soldiers had more than 50 side salads, vegetables or other dishes to choose from. A separate dessert room was set up to handle the multiple tables of delicious sweet treats. The desserts were a hit

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Redstone Rocket has holiday break

The *Redstone Rocket* will celebrate the holidays by taking a two-week break Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. After the Dec. 20 publication, our first issue next year is Jan. 10. We hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

Local Soldier killed

Pvt. Jon-Erik Loney of Hartselle was killed in action in Iraq on Nov. 28. He was the driver of a vehicle conducting combat operations when an improvised explosive device detonated, according to Army reports.

Loney, 21, was a 2003 graduate of Danville High.

Veterans appreciate community support

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5162 of Huntsville recently conducted our annual Veterans Day weekend Poppy Drive. This drive was one of the most successful to date.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that so graciously supported the event and the Office of the Garrison Commander (Col. John Olshefski) for his support.

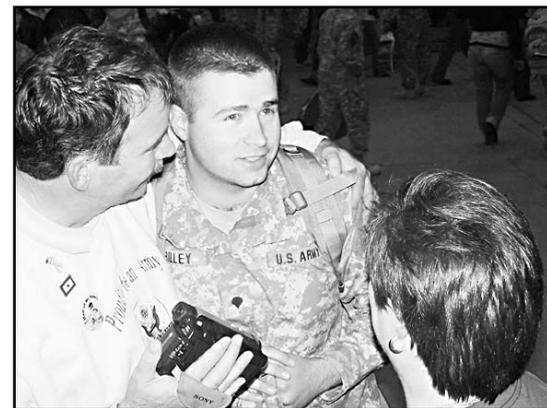
George Jobczynski
commander, VFW 5162

Welcome home from Iraq

On Nov. 16 at 1 a.m., Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas returned home from a one year assignment in Iraq. If you don't feel patriotic at times, then you must attend a Welcome Home and your heart will swell with pride at being an American.

Spc. Jonathan Hilley was due to arrive at 10 p.m. on Nov. 15, an arrival we had been anticipating for a week; however, late flights delayed his return until early morning on Nov. 16. We arrived at Fort Hood about 10:30 p.m. and went directly to the gym to patiently wait with other families for their arrival. We were greeted by local residents with coffee, hot chocolate, snacks,

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Courtesy photo

EMOTIONAL REUNION— Spc. Jonathan Hilley returns to Fort Hood, Texas, from Iraq. Greeting him are his father, Robert Hilley, and mother, Sabrina Hilley. His stepmother, Sherry Hilley, works at the Research Development and Engineering Center.

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Getting to know you

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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Name: Col. Don Hazelwood

Job: Project manager for Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Where do you call home?
Warren, Mich.

What do you like about your job?

I have the most rewarding job, I believe, in DoD (Department of Defense) for the following reasons. It's leading edge technology and it's being deployed right into combat. We have positive feedback coming from Iraqi theater from Soldiers using it in combat which tells me my team – which is military, government and contractors – is providing me the type equipment the war fighter wants us to provide. And in many cases, we provide a greater capability than what is asked for.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to get into the gym and run, lift a little weights, and on occasion I still play basketball.

What are your goals?

They're simple. My goal is to continue to provide the necessary support to the war fighters and the systems that are in theater. And supporting the war fighter is No. 1. And at the same time, I have to be mindful that the UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) are the last to leave theater. And as the last to leave theater, we have to make sure we have a strategy in place that will allow us to support the Iraqi soldiers providing intelligence and reconnaissance to the same degree that we have supported American Soldiers and our coalition partners.

What's your favorite type of music?

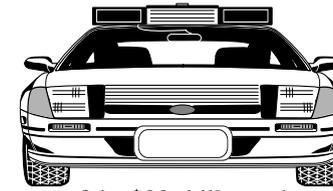
I'm a Motown kind of person, to tell the truth, but I like the oldies.

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

Nov. 25: An individual stopped on Goss Road, during a safety checkpoint, and was not in possession of his driver's license. A subsequent check revealed that his license was suspended. He was issued a violation notice and released. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver later that evening.

Nov. 26: An individual was found to be operating their motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol after being stopped at a checkpoint. The individual was arrested, processed and placed into the detention cell until their alcohol level reached an acceptable level.

Nov. 27: Someone passed a



counterfeit \$20 bill at the post restaurant. The investigation continues by the Criminal Investigations Section and the U.S. Secret Service.

Nov. 28: An individual stopped at Gate 10 for a visitor's pass and failed to have their driver's license. A check revealed that their license was suspended. They were issued a violation notice and released.

Nov. 28: An individual stopped at Gate 3 for a visitor's pass and failed to have their driver's license. A check revealed that their

license was suspended. They were issued a violation notice and released.

Nov. 28: An individual stopped at Gate 9 to obtain a visitor's pass and didn't have his driver's license with him. A check was conducted and it was found that he had a warrant for failure to appear from the Florence Police Department. He was arrested by Redstone police officers and then released to a Florence police officer.

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

Violation notices issued: 6 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 3 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 expired registration, 2 following too close.

More flu vaccine has arrived

Fox Army Health Center has received more flu vaccine. As of last Friday, all military beneficiaries, age 13 to adult, and all current DoD employees may get your flu shots at the Preventive Medicine Clinic on the first floor of Fox every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-3 p.m. while flu vaccine lasts.

Flu shots will not be given on Thursdays due to scheduled staff training.

Military beneficiaries are defined as valid ID card holders who are eligible for medical care, active duty or retired and their family members. An ample supply has been ordered for the entire eligible Redstone Arsenal population.

If you are retired National Guard or Reservist and unsure of your eligibility for medical benefits you may call Cynthia Anderson, retirement services officer, at 876-2022. Please call Retirement Services only if you are unsure about your Tricare eligibility. The Preventive Medicine Clinic at Fox Army Health Center can address all flu shot questions at 955-8888, ext. 1026.

Children ages 6 months to 12 years, whose primary care provider is at Fox, will be given their vaccination in the Immunization Clinic every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-4 p.m. while the supply of pediatric vaccine lasts.

Contractors and retired DoD civilians are not eligible to receive the immunization from Fox unless they also meet the aforementioned criteria.

Updates will be provided via the Fox phone message (955-8888 and press 224), the Fox web site at www.redstone.amedd.army.mil and in local newspapers. (Fox Army Health Center release)

AMCOM commander gives pep talk at town hall

Pillsbury praises efforts, urges holiday safety

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The commanding general asked employees to keep up the good work and stay safe during the holidays at the AMCOM Town Hall meeting Friday in Bob Jones Auditorium.

"Things are going great," Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, told the estimated 500 attendees.

He updated the work force on funding, support to the war fighter, base realignment and closure, and other issues before taking ques-

tions from the audience.

"When I leave, the guy or gal that comes in behind me will continue to support Soldiers because you know how to do it," Pillsbury said.

His presentation began with the Army Strong video and ended with the Soldier's Creed video.

"I thought it was an excellent speech," Marie O'Boyle, an international program manager with Security Assistance Management Directorate, said. "He hit the high points. He made us all feel safe; that he cares about us, that he's a general of compassion for his work force and the Soldiers."

"He was just kind of letting us know where things are going," Linda Lighton, an Acquisition Center contract specialist, said. "And (that) supporting the Soldiers are the main things we have going here, and we're doing a good job."

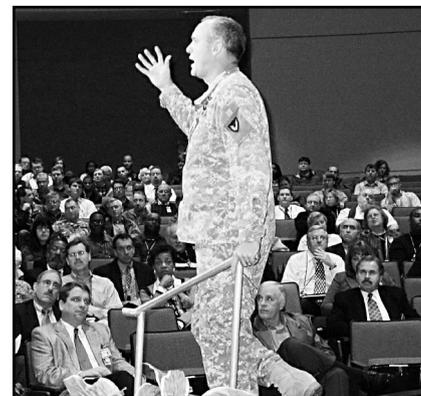


Photo by Skip Vaughn

LISTEN UP— Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, addresses a nearly filled Bob Jones Auditorium on Friday.

Future war fighters learn by doing

Advanced individual training includes warrior exercise

By JULIE FREDERICK
For the Rocket

Most adults can remember being young once, watching an old John Wayne war movie and then running outside to pretend to be a strong, brave Soldier saving the world.

The Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School has put the theory



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

MOVE OUT— Soldiers prepare to clear a building by making sure the coast is clear before they move out.

of a child's play-pretending to a more practical use. It is being used to imprint the lessons taught to Soldiers here for Advanced Individual Training in the form of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Tactical Academy or Warrior Training Exercise.

Throughout AIT, Soldiers receive their Military Occupational Specialty technical training as well as tactical training. The WTX is the culminating event that brings all of that training together in one place. The goal is to put the Soldiers in as many real Army warfare situations as possible, take classroom knowledge and essentially role-play it in a supervised environment.

"These kids have joined during a very serious time; 80 percent are going to leave here, join their units and be in Iraq within 90 days," said Master Sgt. Sean Doyle, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Forward Operating Base at the WTX. "They need to live out here for a week. Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan are there for 12 to 18 months. If they can't make it out here, how will they make it over there?"

The WTX is operated year-round and is generally the last week of every AIT class. It consists of a simulated Forward Operating Base and three training lanes — an entry control point, a convoy lane and a tactical lane.



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

ON GUARD— Soldiers stand guard at the Tactical Academy's Entry Control Point which ensures these trainees know the proper procedures in admitting individuals, vehicles and equipment onto forward operating bases.

The Soldiers will spend that week rotating between the three training lanes putting their tactical and technical training to use. All of the simulations done during the WTX are based on the Training and Doctrine Command 40 & 11, meaning 40 Warrior tests and 11 battle drills. Throughout all three of the large events, the Soldiers will experience almost all of the TRADOC 40 & 11.

"Each Tuesday and Saturday we train on different aspects that focus on tactics

and what we are going to experience when we get over there," Pfc. Josh Worth said. "They try to make this as much like Iraq and Afghanistan as possible."

Many of the Soldiers going through the WTX are new to the military. For them the WTX is a chance to be faced with the realities of war, make mistakes and have the opportunity to correct them.

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Simulation fires up weapon training abilities

Engagement skills system teaches marksmanship

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There are two classrooms at Redstone Arsenal where Soldiers can fire any of 11 weapons in training sessions aimed at improving their marksmanship, tactical collective training and judgmental shoot/don't shoot decisions.

Yet, none of the weapons – ranging from the 9 millimeter pistol to a M136 AT4 anti-tank weapon – uses real ammunition. Though they have the same feel, weight, fit and sounds of an actual weapon, these modified weapons fire lasers at computer-generated targets projected on large screens.

The value of the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST 2000) to the Army is obvious – it can train Soldiers faster, easier, better and cheaper than standard range firing.

“It costs \$20 per Soldier for them to fire a 60 round with an M16 or M4,” said retired Sgt. 1st Class Reggie Williams, the EST 2000 operator and maintainer.

“It costs \$285 for one Soldier to qualify with an M2. And, you have to triple that for M2 training because you have to train three Soldiers for each weapon – the gunner, the assistant gunner and the loader. The EST 2000 offers the same qualifications and the same ranges at no cost to the Soldier or the unit. The only cost is time.”

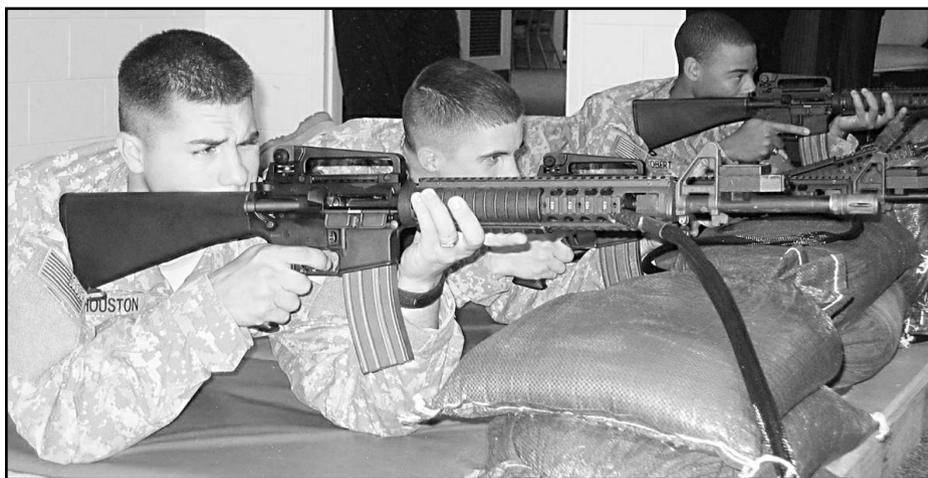


Photo by Kari Hawkins

FIRE AWAY— The Engagement Skills Trainer gives Soldiers plenty of opportunities to sharpen their marksmanship in a variety of scenarios. From left, Pvt. William Houston, Pvt. Christopher Miller and Pvt. Jonathan Cobert, all of Bravo Company, take in some target practice with M16s.

For the Soldier, the EST 2000 offers numerous weapons firing challenges and scenarios while also providing trigger-fast information to improve their aim.

“The computer is programmed to retain their firing information,” Williams said. “The Soldier gets instant, spontaneous feedback. They can see an instant replay of what they did.”

After firing a round of ammunition in a simulated exercise, the computer will display an image of the target and then trace a Soldier's movements before and after firing. A blue line running along the target

indicates how the Soldier sighted the target. A red dot indicates the impact of the round. A yellow line running along the target indicates the Soldier's weapon movement after the firing.

“EST 2000 enhances Soldier performance,” Williams said. “Its computer enhancing ability takes Soldiers through the four basic fundamentals of firing – site picture, trigger squeeze, aim and breathing.”

The EST 2000 is also valuable to the instructor, who can use its information to better teach marksmanship skills.

“Before this system was available, we could only instruct a Soldier on how to improve their aim by guessing at what they were doing wrong. With the EST 2000 we can actually show the Soldier what they are doing wrong from when they pick up their weapon to when they finish firing,” Williams said.

“I can tell a Soldier if they have enough air in their lungs or how they are squeezing the trigger differently between round two and three, or any number of things.”

Every military installation provides EST 2000 training for their Soldiers, as mandated by the Training and Doctrine Command. Redstone Arsenal's first EST 2000, which is used primarily for light weaponry, was installed in building 3342 for the Garrison in May. The heavy-weaponry EST 2000 was installed in July.

Soldiers from the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School are the primary customers for the EST 2000

systems at Redstone Arsenal. But, Soldiers from other units – such as the Alabama A&M University ROTC program – can also use the systems for training.

Soldiers can use EST 2000 to train with the M9 pistol, M16 A2 rifle, M4 Carbine, M4/203, M203 Grenade Launcher, M1200 series shotgun, M249, M240 Bravo machine gun, M2 .50-caliber machine gun, MK 19 grenade machine gun, and M136 AT4 anti-tank weapon.

“The versatility of the system is excellent,” Pvt. William Houston of Bravo Company said. “You can train on virtually any weapon.”

Houston was among a group of Soldiers that participated in a recent marksmanship training session at EST 2000. The Soldiers were stationed 10 meters from the system's screen. Yet, the computer-generated target was visually 25 meters or more away.

During the training, the Soldiers had to first load their weapon, site their target, fire their round, clean their weapon and then reload. The computer tracked each step through the process, giving the instructor the ability to correct the Soldiers if they made errors in loading, reloading, handling their weapon, aiming and firing.

Beyond marksmanship, Soldiers can also train in tactical collective situations where animated targets come out firing at the Soldiers from all angles and Soldiers must respond as if in a wartime situation. EST 2000 also puts Soldiers in shoot/don't shoot situations where they have to determine if there is a target, decide whether or not to fire at the target and then execute the firing. After the exercise, the Soldiers are called on to defend their decisions.

“We actually have scenarios where we have to size up the situation and make decisions to fire,” Pvt. Christopher Miller of Bravo Company said. “We have to make quick decisions on whether to fire and then we have to be able to explain why we fired on this person or that person.”

One such situation has several Middle Eastern men frantically waving signs written in Arabic. The Soldiers can't understand the words on the signs, but they have to decide whether or not to fire against the men. Another scenario has children coming up to the Soldiers with something in their hands, again forcing the Soldiers to decide whether or not to fire.

■ Organization brings injured troops home to recuperate

Wounded

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deployed National Guard or Reserve Soldiers from the four-state area they serve. Many – like Lt. Col. Deborah Davis – have volunteered to remain with CBHCO-AI after their initial one-year deployment.

“I’ve been here since the program started,” said Davis, who is the organization’s nurse practitioner.

Davis, a member of the Mississippi National Guard nurse corps, worked at the Veterans Hospital in Jackson, Miss., for 20 years before her deployment. Knowing she is helping her fellow National Guard Soldiers keeps her on the mission.

“I quickly came to realize this is a need that I can help with,” she said. “When I look at the big picture and what the Soldiers are going through, I feel what I am doing is minimal. Soldiers are losing their lives or they are losing the quality of life they are use to. I’m just missing my husband. I’m not making a sacrifice like they’ve done. I will stay and do this job as long as I am needed. It’s so little to ask of me.”

As the organization’s nurse practitioner, Davis works with the doctor on staff to review a Soldier’s case for acceptance into the CBHCO.

“During the medical intake assessment, we look closely at how we will be able to help the Soldier,” Davis said. “We want to make sure this program is of potential benefit to the Soldier.”

Most of the Soldiers who she works with have back, shoulder or knee injuries sustained by IED or roadside bomb explosions. They can receive treatment through a CBHCO for a minimum of 60 days and as long as a year. If the Soldier doesn’t make a full recovery, then they go before a medical evaluation board to determine if they should be discharged from the military.

“We like Soldiers who are highly motivated and want to go back to their unit,” Davis said. “We really value that Soldier.”

“But, at the same time, it’s potentially dangerous if we send them back and they are not physically or mentally competent. We don’t allow Soldiers to go back if they

are not ready because there is a risk of re-injury and of endangering the lives of other Soldiers.”

The CBHCO does not house Soldiers. To be accepted by the CBHCO, the Soldier has to have a residence and reliable transportation, and live within 50 miles of required medical care.

“If they have a medical need that we can’t ensure will get the best medical care then we can’t accept the Soldier,” Clay said.

Once accepted, most Soldiers are only seen twice by the CBHCO – once when they are processed into the organization and again when they are processed out to return to their unit.

While at home undergoing treatment for their injury, Soldiers will work at their National Guard post or at a military-affiliated organization such as a Veterans Affairs office or the Corps of Engineers. They must wear their uniform whenever they are working, and they and their supervisor complete accountability forms that are submitted to the Soldier’s platoon sergeant.

During their recovery, a case manager coordinates the medical treatment the Soldier needs. The manager will work with local doctors and therapists to make sure the Soldier’s treatment is progressing. At the same time, the Soldier’s platoon sergeant is managing their work assignment.

As a CBHCO-AI platoon sergeant, Staff Sgt. Dwanerver Benson is currently responsible for 19 Soldiers. She calls each Soldier daily to make sure they are reporting for duty and to handle any work-related issues that may arise. She also calls their duty site once a week to talk to their employer.

“I want to know how they are doing, how their appointments are going, if they are reporting in uniform on time and with a good attitude,” she said. “I have a relationship with each Soldier, but I also rely on the on-site supervisor to be the eyes and ears for what the Soldier is doing.”

It’s a personal phone relationship, Benson said, aimed at restoring the Soldier’s optimal health and return them to active duty.

For more information on the CBHCO-AI, call 313-0511 or 1-800-223-9531, ext. 1563.

■ Soldiers train faster, cheaper, better with EST 2000

Simulators

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“Once you get the rules of engagement down, you have to be able to justify your actions,” Pvt. Jonathan Cobert of Bravo Company said. “You are looking for things out of the ordinary, out of place.”

EST 2000 can simulate about 200 marksmanship scenarios, about 190 tactical collective training scenarios and about 125 judgmental shooting/don’t shoot scenarios. Each scenario can involve one to 10 Soldiers.

“We can replicate all kinds of scenarios,” Williams said. “We can replicate snow or rain. We can show fields, deserts or mountains. We can have helicopters flying in and people coming out from behind targets. We can simulate different installations.”

Being able to walk into an EST 2000 classroom and run through various battlefield scenarios makes the training convenient, interesting and very valuable for Soldiers who may be called on to use their shooting skills in a real-time dangerous situation.

“The system can simulate tanks, helicopters, anything and everything,” Houston said. “The imagination is its only limitation.”

“If they can get it on a screen, they can simulate it,” added Cobert.

EST 2000 is particularly helpful when a Soldier has issues with qualifying, Williams said. “We can work with them on an individual basis and show them where their faults are.”

Helping young Soldiers improve their aim is a job that Williams finds very satisfying.

“Basic rifle marksmanship is near and dear to my heart,” said Williams, who served as a senior drill sergeant at Redstone Arsenal before his retirement in June. “I can take you from shooting 23 out of 40 to shooting 40 out of 40.”

He enjoys the daily contact with Soldiers who are eager to go through a few rounds with the EST 2000.

“This facility belongs to the Soldiers,” he said. “It’s here for the Soldiers to help them be their best in weapons firing.”

For more information on the EST 2000, call Williams at 313-0082 or 509-1268, or e-mail him at reginald.b.williams@us.army.mil.

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“The whole thing is a learning process for us,” Pvt. Mark Ford said. “It’s like mentally I know what to do in certain situations because of my training, but when (I was) put in those situations, I just froze. That’s why we are out here, so we don’t freeze-up when we are over there.”

Some of the Soldiers going through the weeklong exercise are seasoned combat veterans that are here to re-class into another MOS or even come from a different branch of service. Sgt. Terry Gadsden, a former Marine who was deployed for nine months in Iraq, fits that category.

“What we go through out here isn’t too far off from the real deal,” Gadsden said. “Out here we are trained on daily activities so that situations over there won’t be too much of a surprise. Over in Iraq we have to have that training to fall back on.”

Random attacks, injuries and death are some of the realities that Soldiers will face once they deploy overseas. Therefore, the students must face them here too, on both a small and large scale.

Aside from the events that can take place on any one of the three training lanes, students might also experience a nighttime attack on the Forward Operating Base where they live during the week. The event begins with simulated indirect fire or artillery fire. The instructors then call for a training pause to stage the area that was ‘hit’ with injury cards and damage assessments. This event allows the instructors to monitor how the Soldiers handle themselves during what could be a chaotic period.

“We are always in for surprises out here,” Ford said. “Just when you think you are done for the day, they’ll attack the camp with a grenade or mortar rounds to try and make this more realistic. It definitely keeps you on your feet. You realize really quick that you have to stay alert to stay alive.”

All of the events are designed to teach Soldiers how

to take initiative out on the battlefield. If there is something that needs to be done, they are taught to do what it takes to get the task completed. It also impresses the importance of communication between Soldiers. Knowing how to communicate effectively with each other during combat is crucial during chaotic moments.

Doyle said one of the biggest training pushes right now from TRADOC is teaching Soldiers how to use an ‘escalating use of force.’ For Soldiers over in Iraq sometimes it can be difficult to distinguish between native friends and enemies. Instructors are now working to teach students how to distinguish whether something or someone could be a threat, positively identify it as a threat and then act accordingly.

“We want the Soldiers to protect themselves and each other,” Doyle said, “but we want them to do it in an educated manner.”

All of the instructors are active duty Soldiers assigned to the FOB under Headquarters & Alpha Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion. They are with each group of student Soldiers at all times, monitoring their actions and progress throughout the week. After each major event that the students experience the instructors will conduct After Action Reports and if need be, they will have the Soldiers run an exercise again. The instructors are quick to ensure that the students understand that it is better to make a mistake here and fix it than to make a mistake in battle and perhaps get injured or killed.

Doyle also takes time from overseeing the training exercise to stop and teach individual Soldiers how to correct mistakes that could be potentially lethal in combat. In one particular instance on the bridge portion of the Tactics Lane, he explained the importance of being a ‘hard target.’

“Soldiers must always be hard targets,” Doyle said. “Soft targets don’t really want to be there and the enemy can tell. The insurgents don’t really want to have to fight us one-on-one. If they see what they think is an easy or ‘soft target’ they will hit that and run away. Hard targets don’t get killed.”



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

REALISTIC GOAL— Pvt. James Dean of Charlie Company follows his squad leader at the Warrior Training Exercise site. He is training to become an Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialist.

Family photo helps Corps find chemical warfare materiel

Cleanup project under way at former storage depot

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The Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville and Seattle District joined together to remove chemical warfare materiel at the former Tulalip Backup Ammunition Storage Depot in Snohomish County, Wash., thanks to a letter and a picture from a concerned resident.

The Army used the former depot to store conventional munitions and chemical warfare materiel during World War II and the Korean War.

"If it wasn't for Lila Brown's 1940s era photo of her nephew, who was a Soldier, pointing to a sign that said 'poison gas area, don't dig for one year' we would have never known about this area of the site," said Betina Johnson, Chemical Warfare Materiel Scoping and Security Study project manager at the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center.

Brown sent the photo and a letter to the governor of Washington in 1991.

The Corps team is performing a time critical removal action at the former



Courtesy photo

SOIL SAMPLE— A contractor with Parsons takes a composite soil sample from a backhoe at the site in Snohomish County, Wash.

depot, which is now owned by the Tulalip Tribe, to remove cylinders and glassware that may contain chlorine, phosgene, and in some rare cases mustard agent.

"During a site inspection conducted at two areas within the former depot property in June, three small disposal pits were encountered. One of the disposal pits contained rusted storage drums and soil contaminated with chemical agent," Johnson said. "We determined the need for a time critical removal action because there was a threat of a chemical agent release, and the tribe has scheduled economic devel-

opment of this area."

On Aug. 15, the team found two empty damaged cylinders and broken glassware. Work stopped after three contract workers reported an unusual odor and were taken to the hospital.

"We sent the contractors to the hospital just as a precautionary," Johnson said. "Based on medical screening, it was determined that the contractors had not been exposed to any chemical."

The team decided to put the intrusive work on hold until December in order to amend the level of protection and update the work plan.

"We amended the work plan for safety reasons based on the discovery of the debris containers," said Rodney Taie, Seattle District project manager. "So in the new work plan, we added engineering controls — a vapor containment tent with an air filter system. This tent can be moved to any location where the team is digging."

The suspect items are considered non-explosive by definition, but the vapor containment tent will be used as a precautionary measure for the public, workers and environment, Johnson said.

Huntsville Center's Recovered Chemical Warfare Design Center is the executing agency for the time critical removal action. Seattle District is the geographic project manager and is responsible for

coordinating with the Tulalip Tribe and regulators, and providing notifications to the public. Both Johnson and Taie agreed that the close working relationship between Seattle District, Huntsville Center and Tulalip Tribe has benefited the project.

"I have worked with the Tulalip Tribe on another project for the past five years; so it has paved the way for a good relationship on this project," Taie said.

The prime contractor, Parsons, and their sub-contractors, are building the vapor containment tent and preparing the site for intrusive work.

"Intrusive work usually takes eight weeks," Johnson said. "The contractors will dig the whole pit until there is no more chemical agent contamination left. After the removal is done, the team will decontaminate the soil with household Clorox, if necessary, prior to being transported to a permitted incinerator for final disposal."

After the team completes the time critical removal action, they will publish the final results and recommend any further actions. During the 30-day comment period, they will also hold a public meeting.

"Huntsville Center will remain involved with the project after the time critical removal action to ensure proper closeout of the project and/or future land use controls, if necessary," Johnson said.

Soldier sees Army's concern for total quality of life

Serves as Redstone representative for annual Armywide conference

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Capt. Jonathan McDougal says he's glad he attended this year's Armywide quality of life conference.

He served as Redstone's representative for the Army Family Action Plan conference held Nov. 13-17 in Alexandria, Va. There were 89 delegates from Army installations worldwide.

"It was enlightening," said McDougal, commander of Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade. "I learned so much concerning Army issues as opposed to Redstone issues. It's not just about Redstone issues, it's about the Army's issues."

McDougal's first involvement with the AFAP process was Redstone's 2005 conference. The quality of life manager at Army Community Service asked him to serve as a delegate in the Department of Army's 2006 event.

The delegates addressed 68 issues dealing with mobilization/deployment, personnel, financial readiness, expanded medical coverage and mental health. Fifty-one percent of submitted issues were related to mobilization/deployment.

McDougal served in the entitlements work group. On the last day, the 12-member group elected him to serve as its presenter for the conference out-briefing session. He briefed Gen. William Wallace, commander of the Training and Doctrine Command.

"It was important as a leader for me to understand how to convey to my Soldiers how diligent we should stay in order to make the issues that we have as a company known to our leadership," said McDougal, who commands a unit of 225.

The conference work-group spokesmen reported the issues and recom-

mendations to Army senior leaders. The top five issues included: traumatic brain injury rehabilitation program at military medical centers of excellence; traumatic servicemembers' group life insurance annual supplement; co-pay for replacement parts of durable medical equipment and prosthetics; convicted sex offender registry for outside the continental U.S.; and retroactive traumatic servicemembers group life insurance compensation.

"I was just so enlightened by going to the conference," McDougal said.

Cathy Hays, community activities coordinator for Morale Welfare and Recreation, said she understands his reaction. In 1986 she served as a delegate from Redstone to the Armywide conference.

"It is truly amazing," Hays said. "The Army is different from what it was 20 years ago because of changes that came out of the AFAP program."

"It works year in and year out. It continues to make improvements in the quality of life of everyone in the Army. A lot of the changes might not affect us right now, but it'll affect those that come after us."

Redstone Arsenal's 19th annual Army Family Action Plan conference is Feb. 27-28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer and delegate should call Hays at 876-5041.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SHARING IDEAS— Cathy Hays, community activities coordinator for Morale Welfare and Recreation, talks with HHC 59th commander Capt. Jonathan McDougal, who served as Redstone's representative for the Army Family Action Plan conference held Nov. 13-17 in Alexandria, Va.

Bear of a party planned for military children

Families of deployed troops have holiday event Saturday

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When Laurie Keaty heard about the upcoming Operation Christmas Bear party for children of deployed Soldiers she quickly e-mailed the information on to her husband in Baghdad, Iraq with a request.

Keaty needed her husband – Staff Sgt. Kendall Keaty of the 108th Army Reserves – to e-mail a picture of himself in theater to the event organizers so it could be hung on a wall with other Soldier pictures at the party.

Staff Sgt. Keaty responded, sending a note along with his photo that said: “I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and everyone else involved for doing what you do. It makes it that much easier for me to be gone during this holiday season.”

Laurie Keaty and the couple’s three children – 12-year-old Austin, 8-year-old Haley and 8-year-old Andrew – will travel from Trinity to attend Operation Christmas Bear at the Cahaba Shrine Temple in Huntsville this Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

“This will be the first time we’ve attended Operation Christmas Bear,” said Laurie Keaty, whose husband deployed in April. He is a member of a convoy unit that escorts officers when they travel outside the green zone.

“I think what the kids will really enjoy about this is seeing other military families who are in the same situation they are in. It’s a hard time, especially since we don’t live around other military families, and it’s good for them to know other kids are going through the same kinds of things they are going through.”

At the party, children will each receive a holiday bear with a tag attached that reads “My dad is my hero” or “My mom is my hero.” They will get to have their picture taken with Santa Claus, visit with a variety of walking and talking cartoon characters, get their face painted, design



Photo by Julie Frederick

FURRY FRIEND— Military children will receive a 17-inch, cuddly reminder of the holiday season.

their own family Christmas T-shirt, play in giant blow-ups outside, watch a magic show, and eat free pizza and other treats.

“This has grown to be a big event,” said David Carney, a retired National Guard sergeant who is leading a 20-person committee organizing Operation Christmas Bear.

“Every year we try to add new, innovative and creative things. We are expecting about 500 kids to come enjoy the big party atmosphere.”

Three years ago the North Alabama Veterans & Fraternal Organizations Coalition organized the first Operation Christmas Bear with one thing in mind – to put

a smile on the faces of children who have a parent who is deployed to serve their country in the Global War on Terrorism or who have a parent who has recently returned from a deployment.

“This event is totally focused on the children. It’s a party for them,” Carney said of the free event.

“If we can make the children happy then we are giving their parent the support they need right now. The only thing we can do for the families of deployed Soldiers is to let them know we care and that we are here for them. Having a party like this goes far in giving them that message.”

The party will begin at 1 p.m. when Santa Claus arrives at the Cahaba Shrine Temple off Pulaski Pike in a Shriner fire truck.

Inside the temple, Shriner clowns and cartoon characters – including Pooh Bear, Tigger, Blues Clues, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Scooby Doo, Elmo, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and Uncle Sam and Mrs. Sam – will entertain children. The Amazing Mr. Russell Davis will bring his magical magic show to the festivities and SciQuest will bring its kid-friendly displays. There will also be a train display, and plenty of crafts and food.

Soldier photos from the theater will hang in a special place of honor and children will be able to take their parent’s picture home with them. Also at the party will be the Military Wall of Honor.

But, the best part of the party will be saved for the parents who will get to see their children enjoy the Christmas cheer brought to them by caring adults.

“Families should bring their cameras. There will be lots of chances to take pictures of kids having fun with Santa, the clowns or the cartoon characters,” Carney said. “There will be lots of fun for everyone.”

Families can still sign up to attend Operation Christmas Bear. To register, contact Army Community Service at 876-5397 or mary.breeden@us.army.mil. Companies, organizations or individuals who want to help sponsor the event should contact Carney at 217-6311 or david.r.carney@us.army.mil. Those who want to volunteer to help on the day of the event should also contact Carney.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TEACHING TOOL— Linda Schoo of the American Red Cross of Madison/Marshall County shows students in an AMCOM CPR/AED class how to place the Automated External Defibrillation pads on a victim's chest. The AMCOM Safety Office conducted initial CPR/AED classes last week. The class is now being offered to employees throughout the Aviation and Missile Command.

Weapon of protection for members of work force

Life-saving defibrillators join command arsenal

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Redstone Arsenal will soon have a new layer of protection for its work force.

But, it won't be geared toward disabling a national enemy or terrorist. Rather, it will be intended for saving lives.

The Aviation and Missile Command recently purchased 65 Automated External Defibrillation devices, bringing the total AEDs on post to about 150. The purchase is the largest implementation of the AED program in a government or business environment in North Alabama.

"This purchase represents a commitment by the command group for the health and safety of its employees, contractors and families," Jeff Lynn of the AMCOM Safety Office said. "It's a huge commitment in the neighborhood of \$100,000. AEDs are not required by law. Federal advisories say they are a good idea. But, we are not required to have them."

The Safety Office recommended the purchase of additional AEDs so that all AMCOM facilities would be equipped

with the life-saving devices.

Installation of the AEDs will begin this month. Thirty-one of the new AEDs will be placed near elevators on each floor of the Sparkman Center, and there will be one in the cafeteria, the Bob Jones Auditorium and the AMCOM Operation Command in the center's basement. The other 34 will be distributed throughout AMCOM facilities and the program executive offices.

"Our goal is to have AEDs located in places so that if someone goes into cardiac arrest their fellow employees will be able to get to an AED and back to the victim within 90 seconds," Lynn said.

Those seconds really matter to a cardiac arrest victim, said Linda Schoo, community preparedness associate for the American Red Cross of Madison/Marshall County. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation in combination with AED can save the life of a cardiac arrest victim as long as the life-saving measures are taken quickly.

"For every minute that a cardiac arrest victim is without CPR, their life expectancy goes down by 10 percent," she said. "But, CPR doesn't restart a life. It only helps circulate oxygenated blood. A victim's best chance is with an AED while they are waiting for emergency responders ... The cardiac chain of survival

involves four steps – early access to 911, CPR, AED and advanced medical care. All four steps gives a person the best chance of survival."

AEDs will be housed in cabinets throughout AMCOM facilities. When opened, an alarm similar to a smoke alarm will go off, letting others know there is an emergency.

"The key to the whole AED/CPR program is still to call 911 and get professional emergency services there as soon as you can," Lynn said. "But, using the AED in combination with CPR will ensure a better chance of survival for the victim."

Anyone can use an AED in case of an emergency, whether they have had training or not, Schoo said. Although AEDs are user friendly, the AED/CPR training classes will make employees competent and confident in using the device along with CPR to save the life of a cardiac arrest victim.

"Under the Good Samaritan Law, anyone can use an AED when there is an emergency," Schoo said. "But, Alabama state law and U.S. law says that any entity that has an AED should have someone available who has been trained in CPR and AED. So, we want to make sure in

Don't wait to lose weight at workplace

Sparkman weight watchers have Thursday meetings

Sparkman Center workers who resolve to lose weight don't have to go very far.

They can join the Sparkman Center Weight Watcher group which meets each Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5308, room 8124. By last week, the 26 members together had lost more than 200 pounds since Sept. 14.

At each meeting, the members weigh-in to see if they've lost or gained pounds.

"This is convenient because it's here at work," member Marilyn Valentine of Erica Lane Enterprises said.

"Having a meeting at work has advantages. It's during lunch time; you have co-workers as a support group; and you see the co-workers daily, instead of once a week," she said. "Our current group exchanges recipes and shares new food products they have tried, such as low-fat ice cream or low-cal desserts. So far I have lost over 25 pounds."

Wendy Deaton of Weight Watchers is the group leader.

A new Weight Watcher session will begin Jan. 18; and there will be a weight watcher open house Jan. 11. During the open house, people are encouraged to meet current members and Deaton.

The new session will last 17 weeks. The cost will be \$176, which is a special rate – if 20 members sign up.

For more information, call Ferne Wlodarski at 876-5640 or e-mail m.ferne.wlodarski@us.army.mil.

Command buys life-saving devices for workers

Defibrillators

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areas where we place an AED we also put up a designation of who is trained to use the AED."

In case of a cardiac arrest, employees – trained or not — should act quickly, she stressed. Valuable time should not be wasted by searching for a CPR/AED certified first responder.

The Red Cross is supplying the CPR/AED training for AMCOM employees, with training classes scheduled for this month and through January. A small group of employees were trained last week in a trial phase of classes, with full-scale training beginning this week.

"We've contracted with the Red Cross for training of an initial group of 200 AMCOM employees," Lynn said. "We are encouraging other Redstone Arsenal organizations to train even more employees. Our office will coordinate the training for other organizations."

Knowing how to handle emergencies – from cardiac arrests to choking to seizures – is something everyone should know, said Schoo, who is one of the teachers for AMCOM's CPR/AED classes.

"The more AEDs we have and the more people we have trained in CPR and

AED makes our community a safer place," she said.

There are times when an employee who experiences cardiac arrest may not need CPR or AED assistance. If the victim is conscious, then their heart is beating and they are breathing.

"In this case, the most important thing we can do as first responders is call 911 to access the emergency system," Schoo said.

If the victim is unconscious and there are no signs of life, then 911 should be called and CPR should be started quickly. An AED device should be administered as soon as possible.

The first AEDs on Redstone Arsenal were purchased about eight years ago by the Redstone Technical Test Center, Research Development and Engineering Center, and the Missile and Space Intelligence Center for use by the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department.

Though AMCOM's purchase of additional AEDs is a step in the right direction, it will take an even larger commitment to realize the goal of the Red Cross.

"Our vision is to have one person trained in every household and have an AED available within three minutes of a collapse," Schoo said. "Having AEDs available on Redstone Arsenal helps to make our community a safer place."

Though AEDs come with a steep price

tag – about \$1,500 each – the high cost dims with the possibility of saving a life, particularly for rural families located far from emergency responders and families with a high-risk member.

"Zero to 5 percent of people survive a cardiac arrest outside the hospital," Schoo said. "When an AED is available, that number increases to 50 or 60 percent."

Having AEDs on Redstone Arsenal is a good idea because the working population is aging. But, age doesn't always dictate who may experience a cardiac arrest.

"Anyone can have a sudden cardiac arrest. They don't have to be older or a smoker or have any other high-risk factors," Schoo said. "A cardiac arrest can happen to anyone at anytime, anywhere, anywhere. That's why the Red Cross has a strong program to make AEDs as commonplace as fire extinguishers. We've been able to place over 400 AEDs in our community in the last three and a half years."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ON SCALE— Marilyn Valentine, a member of the Sparkman Center Weight Watcher group, gets weighed by group leader Wendy Deaton last Thursday.

Efforts to obtain the new AEDs were made possible by commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, chief of staff Col. Tom Newman and retired chief of staff Bob English along with Pat Vittitow, chief of the AMCOM Safety Office, Bryan Lorge of the AMCOM Safety Office, Theresa Weigartz and Nancy Larch of the Acquisition Center, Annie Haygood and Lisa Hughey of Resource Management, and the Sparkman Management Office.

For more information about AEDs and the CPR/AED classes, call Lynn at 842-8625.

'Our job was to stop the bleeding ...'

Fox center medics describe serving at Baghdad ER

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A year in Baghdad, Iraq, went by in a heartbeat for two medics from Fox Army Health Center.

Amidst the fast-paced, dire circumstances found in the Baghdad emergency room at Iba Sina hospital, Spc, Eric Moorman (now a second lieutenant) and Sgt. Michael Wolonsky spent their waking hours stabilizing seriously wounded American Soldiers, preparing the worst cases for emergency surgery, and getting Soldiers treated for transport on to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

It was a job that didn't leave much time for making personal connections with America's heroes as they flowed in and out of the ER. But, it was job that made their adrenaline rush, answered a calling to put their medic skills into service, offered them one-of-a-kind emergency room experience and, on most days, gave them a strong sense of accomplishment in helping American Soldiers wounded in the Global War on Terrorism.

"We're not sure how we ended up working in the ER," Wolonsky recalled of the assignment. "Somehow we were hand picked. We were told we were working in the ER, so that's where we worked."

Wolonsky and Moorman were among 13 Fox center Soldiers who served in Iraq as members of the 86th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Campbell, Ky., from November 2004 to November 2005. Until recently, they were not allowed to discuss their experience 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, the Soldiers can talk about their



Courtesy photo

WORKING TO SAVE A LIFE—Sgt. Michael Wolonsky takes life support measures to save the life of an American Soldier wounded in Iraq. Wolonsky was among 13 Soldiers from Fox Army Health Center who deployed with the 86th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Campbell, Ky.

experiences working in "the busiest trauma center in the world."

Though they were certified in emergency management training and CPR, trained as medics and prepared for deployment, their training couldn't prepare them for the demands of working in a wartime emergency room.

"It was more on-the-job training," Wolonsky said. "You couldn't possibly simulate what was going to happen there. For two weeks, we worked alongside the medics from the 31st CASH (Combat Support Hospital). They taught us what we needed to know and then they watched to make sure we could do the job."

Once Soldiers of the 31st left to return home, Wolonsky and Moorman were among the 25 medics assigned to the emergency room. Ten medics were assigned to each 12-hour shift. They would work four days and then get a day off. But, the Soldiers' rare leisure time was often interrupted by emergencies.

"The room where we slept was closest to the emergency room and the flight line, so we were always the first to be called in to help with mass casualties," Wolonsky said.

Iba Sina hospital was built by



Courtesy photo

RUSHING TO EMERGENCY ROOM—2nd Lt. Eric Moorman, left, helps to lift a wounded American Soldier off a helicopter outside the emergency room at Iba Sina hospital in Baghdad. At the time, Moorman was a specialist from Fox Army Health Center deployed with 86th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Saddam Hussein for use by his family and closest friends, and is now located in the heavily fortified Green Zone. The ER at Iba Sina consists of 10 beds, with three of those in the trauma room and the rest in the treatment room. Most often, Wolonsky and Moorman worked the busy noon to midnight shift in the trauma room. There were many times when that shift stretched until 2 or 3 a.m.

The ER would see 30 to 35 patients each day, with 10 of those having serious and traumatic injuries.

"We were given a basic report on Soldier wounds as birds were flying in," Wolonsky said. "There would be shrapnel wounds to legs, amputation of a limb, all kinds of serious wounds that needed to be in the OR within two hours. We would have two medics to each bed with a nurse floating from patient to patient. One medic's job was to hook the machines and equipment up to sustain the patient's life, and expose the wounds for the nurses and doctors. The other medic's job was to insert two large bore IVs for fluids to pass through."

The medics would make observations of their patients and share them with the doctors. Nurses and doctors would assess patients, and the medics would carry out their orders. There were many shrapnel wounds, lost or shattered limbs, severe burns, head injuries and other harsh wounds caused by improvised explosive devices, rocket-propelled grenades and land mines.

"The casualty presents itself to us, the injuries are obvious, and we know what we can and can't do," Wolonsky said. "Our job was to stop the bleeding, put IVs in and do what the doctors told us to do."

Patients with serious conditions were treated and stabilized, and then sent to the operating room for surgery. They would be in recovery for three hours and then transported by helicopter to Landstuhl. Normally, patients were transported out of Iba Sina within 24 hours.

"If we didn't send them back to duty, then we sent them to Germany," Wolonsky said. "It was so dirty there, so we were concerned about infection. We only did surgery if it was necessary."

The ER also provided medical care for everyday injuries and illnesses, such as a gunshot wound or abdominal pains.

"We saw all kinds of stuff not battle-related. But, they would be an emergency," Moorman said.

"We treated everybody that came in. If they were Iraqi civilians, we would treat them if their injury was a threat to life, limb or eyesight, or if our Soldiers inflicted the wound. Our priority was to make sure we had enough beds for wounded American Soldiers or U.S. contractors."

When Iraqi civilians or wounded insurgents found their way to the Iba Sina ER, they would get the same care as an American Soldier.

"The majority of Iraqi patients we treated were either Iraqi soldiers or police," Wolonsky said. "But, there were instances in our trauma room where we would have an American Soldier in one bed and the Iraqi who blew him up in the next bed. We just didn't have time to think about it."

Most times, a patient's injuries were so severe and the ER pace so fast that Moorman and Wolonsky didn't have the opportunity to get the particulars on who their patients were or how they were injured.

"It's a job and we just had to do it," Moorman said.

"A lot of times we didn't know who our patients were, and I didn't want to know half the time. They were human beings who needed treatment and that's all I needed to know."

But, sometimes their patients remembered them. Moorman said he once met a contractor at an airport who had been a patient in the Iba Sina ER during Moorman's deployment. He came into the ER with his neck slit open by shrapnel. The cut just missed the contractor's jugular vein.

"He had a scar on his neck and he told me 'I think you treated me,'" Moorman recalled.

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Despite the stress of working in the Iba Sina ER, both Moorman and Wolonsky said they and other medical personnel had much better living conditions than the majority of Soldiers. They were given free long distance phone usage and computers by Morale Welfare and Recreation. Wolonsky was often able to watch his then baby daughter playing at home on the camera phone. Both Wolonsky and Moorman spent much of their off time working out in a gym near the hospital.

“Our living conditions were not rough, but our job was horrible,” Wolonsky said.

“You get to the point where you disengage. When you first get to Baghdad you feel like you can save everybody’s life. You don’t know any better. Then, you get to where you hear the call from the birds, and you know right away what you can and can’t do for the patients coming in. But, you still give 100 percent even when you know the outcome.”

Wolonsky said it was always difficult when a Soldier died in the ER. Often, there were Soldiers in the lobby waiting to find out their comrade’s condition.

“You come out to tell them and they are all looking at you,” he said. “There’s nothing that can prepare you for that job. The injuries you see desensitize you. But, you never get use to a Soldier dying. When you

are over there, they are all your family and death never gets easier. It gets harder.”

“Fallen angels” were cleaned up as best as possible and then moved to a private room where fellow Soldiers could pay their last respects.

Even in the Green Zone, Wolonsky and Moorman had to be concerned about their own safety. They had to wear body armor and carry weapons just to walk the mile to the gym.

But, the danger of serving in Baghdad didn’t keep the medics home at Fox.

“There was a need for two medics and I wanted to go,” Moorman said. “I wanted to get the experience. I wanted to put my medic skills to use.”

Wolonsky, who is Redstone Arsenal’s basic life support training program director, also volunteered for the assignment at Iba Sina hospital for the experience. Serving with other Soldiers from Fox made it an easier deployment.

In January, Wolonsky will be reassigned to the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Ga., which is scheduled to deploy to Iraq in early 2007.

“My daughter will be 3 in January. It will be extremely difficult to leave her and my wife again,” he said. “It will be even harder because this time I won’t be in a fixed facility hospital.”

Moorman, who works as Redstone Arsenal’s medical readiness officer, will also be leaving Fox in the January time frame for training as an armor officer.



**Sgt. Michael
Wolonsky**



**2nd Lt. Eric
Moorman**

■ Congregations feed Soldiers and Marines for Thanksgiving

Feast

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with the Soldiers in that a significant number of Soldiers decided that the dessert table should be the first course of the Thanksgiving dinner.

Many of the volunteer servers were amazed at the large Soldier turnout. Retired Col. Jerry Hamilton and his spouse, Pat, both remarked that this was the largest Soldier turnout they have seen in the past 10 years of annual Military Thanksgiving Celebrations. The Soldiers all had smiles on their faces as they enjoyed the spirit of the season and looked professional in their Army combat uniforms.

A large number of the volunteer servers were military retired personnel or dependents that engaged the Soldiers by asking them their hometowns and what were their plans for the holidays. Betty Bland, John Gonzalez and Rob Robley tag teamed on making sure every Soldier

was greeted as they joined in the serving line. Larry Bayer, Chad and Fran Granger, Annette Myers, Demy Robley, Sam and Marianna Liberatore, Gladys Gonzalez, Phyllis Gibat, Patty Wilson and numerous other appreciative volunteers served the Soldiers the outstanding and delicious Thanksgiving meal.

The Redstone chaplains and their assistants ensured that the event ran efficiently, spiritually and that the Soldiers genuinely felt welcomed enjoying the food and time with the community. Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski participated and provided leadership and remarks to the Soldiers.

This Thanksgiving, we prayed, expressed thanks, and celebrated with the Army men and women who have volunteered to work to keep America safe and secure. This holiday season let us of the Redstone community particularly give thanks for the selfless sacrifices of those who serve in our nation's military.

Dave Macedonia

■ Soldiers have patriotic return from Iraq

Home

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and wonderful, wonderful men from the Purple Heart Legion — many in their 70s and 80s handing out flags to each person coming into the gym.

The gym was decorated in Welcome Home signs from one end to the other, a Vietnam veteran was DJ and spinning music tunes for the young folks to stay occupied. You couldn't help but feel patriotic and in awe of their support.

Everyone was so patient as the hours ticked by, then the DJ announced "your Soldiers are at the airport" and everyone broke out in applause. People started chattering and you could feel the excitement. Then he announced "your Soldiers are on the bus en route to the gym!" Children starting screaming, parents/wives started crying. This long separation was about to come to an end. Then the final announcement: "Your Soldiers are outside the gym!" It was a standing ovation, people were cheering and crying all at the same time. And then those wonderful, wonderful men from the Purple Heart Legion formed an honor guard, standing at attention, and the DJ released some smoke and cut lose a song and 200-plus Soldiers came running into the gym lining up in formation.

Wives, husbands, mothers, fathers and children were searching through their tears to find "their Soldier." I was the first to spot my stepson to his mom and dad. "There he is! There he is!" I screamed above everyone else cheering.

Once all the Soldiers were in formation, we all turned to the American flag and sang the national anthem. Then the local chaplain prayed and the local commander took 60 seconds to thank the men and women in formation. Then we got to yell out what we had been practicing in the gym before their arrival: "Dismissed!" It was like a herd of cattle as people were jumping off the bleachers and children went running to find their daddy. We had lost sight of Jonathan during the formation. Then my husband saw him.

I don't think I've ever seen my husband jump off bleachers or run so fast to grab his son. Jonathan was home! Thank you God, thank you God! This saying was posted in the gym and serves as a reminder to us all the sacrifices our Soldiers are making each and every day for us. Please continue praying for our troops. "For those that have fought for it, freedom has a flavor the protected will never know."

Sherry Hilley
support services specialist,
T&E Management Office, RDEC

Charlie stops Marines in showdown

Wolfpack wins in overtime on touchdown pass

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Charlie Company learned from its previous games against the Marines in flag football.

The Wolfpack had lost once to the Marines in the regular season and twice to them in the preseason tournament, including the final. They met again Nov. 27 at the flag football field off Patton Road.

This time, Charlie won 12-6 in overtime on a 40-yard touchdown pass from quarterback LaQuaine Bess to Paul Riley. It came on the first play in the overtime format in which the teams get four plays apiece.



Courtesy photo

All-County player

Jessica Belue, a sophomore at Buckhorn High School, has finished her second year as a setter where she made All-County and MVP during the 2006 Buckhorn junior varsity volleyball season. She also plays softball and maintains a 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of the Student Ambassadors, SGA, FCCLA, Math Team, and the E-Club. She is the daughter of Ashley and Yolanda Belue. Ashley supports the THAAD Project Office and Yolanda works for the Targets Management Office.

Charlie improved to 4-1 while the Marines fell to 5-1 with their first loss. The Marines had beaten Charlie 22-16 on Nov. 8.

“Those losses against them, we kind of looked at that game plan and how they beat us,” Charlie coach Chelsie Stokes said. “So we sort of adjusted our defense this time, kept them from scoring this time. We sort of did our homework.”

Charlie took a 6-0 lead in the game’s first six minutes when Bess threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to David Hooks. The Wolfpack’s one-point conversion pass failed.

The Marines tied the score 6-all with one second left in the game. Quarterback Sean Newsom threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Todd Lawhon. The Marines’ two-point conversion pass attempt failed, bringing overtime.

“We just didn’t come to play at all,” Marines receiver/cornerback Marvin Fletcher said. “We couldn’t generate enough offense.”

Stokes expects the league’s top two teams to meet again in the postseason.

“If we keep winning and they keep winning, we pretty much know we’re

going to end up meeting them in the playoffs,” he said.

“With that loss it made us just realize you can never take a team softly,” Fletcher said. “We’re going to bounce back, though.”

They did. The Marines blanked HHC 59th 20-0 on Nov. 29 and 326th Chemical 20-6 on Nov. 30 to improve to 7-1.

Results from last week included:

• **Nov. 27** – 326th Chemical def. NCO Academy 20-12, Bravo won by forfeit over Headquarters & Alpha and Charlie def. Marines 12-6 in overtime.

• **Nov. 29** – 326th Chemical def. Bravo 22-7, NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha 12-6 and Marines def. HHC 59th 20-0.

• **Nov. 30** – HHC 59th def. Headquarters & Alpha 28-0, Charlie def. Bravo 6-0 and Marines def. 326th Chemical 20-6.

League standings entering this week had the Marines (7-1), Charlie (5-1), 326th Chemical (4-2), NCO Academy (3-4), HHC 59th (3-4), Bravo (2-5) and Headquarters & Alpha (2-6).

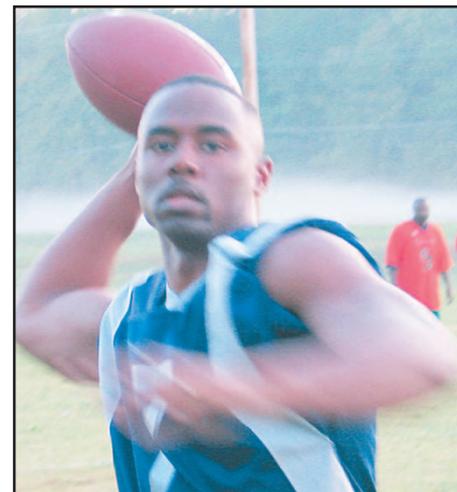


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ARMED AND READY— Charlie Company quarterback LaQuaine Bess, shown warming up for a preseason win over Headquarters & Alpha on Oct. 17, leads the Wolfpack to a 12-6 win over the Marines in overtime Nov. 27.

Troops running marathon in Afghanistan

Huntsville event reaches abroad

The 30th annual Rocket City Marathon includes more than just the streets of Huntsville on Saturday.

Eighty Soldiers will be running the 26.2 mile distance at the same time in Salerno, Afghanistan. They’re eight and a half hours ahead of Central time, so they’ll actually finish theirs before the stateside race which starts at 8 a.m.

“It will be four laps on a 6.5-mile course,” race coordinator 1st Lt. Sarah Destremps said in an e-mail from Forward Operating Base Salerno. “The runners can participate as either individuals running all four laps on their own, or as part of a relay team with either two or four runners equally splitting the course ... Hopefully the weather is nice for us. It’s been quite cold in the morning lately,

so I wouldn’t be terribly surprised if we had some snow or ice to deal with on race day.”

Huntsville’s race starts and finishes at the Holiday Inn downtown. Everyone is invited to watch and cheer the runners along the course.



Graphic by Skip Vaughn

Stay tuned

Skip’s Picks will return next week with predicted outcomes for college football bowl games.



Fifty-two new workers complete depot program

*Graduation recognizes
Corpus Christi trainees*

By JAMEY GIDDENS

CCAD publicist

CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT, Texas — Anyone wanting a glimpse of the future of Corpus Christi Army Depot needn't bother with a crystal ball. All they had to do was attend the graduation of 52 newly-minted workers from the CCAD and Del Mar Student Career Experience Program held Nov. 28 in the Cribbins Room.

The student workers graduated from the dual purpose program. These new employees officially entered into the depot work force, complete with an education and skill set that gives them an advantage over the average incoming depot employee.

"A lot of people go to college and get a degree that says they know how to do something before they have actually proven they can do it. That isn't the case with you all," depot commander Col. Timothy Sassenrath told the graduates.

"You have been doing the work since day one and the proof is in the pudding. You all are very hot commodities here at the Corpus Christi Army Depot. It's no longer about how long you've been in your job, it's about what you know, and your knowledge, thanks to completing the SCEP program, is immeasurable. Keep up the good work."

The SCEP program gives qualified students the opportunity to gain work experience directly related to a specific field of study, according to Sharon Flores, depot human resources specialist.



Courtesy photo

ON THE JOB— Joseph Saenz, a student trainee in the CCAD and Del Mar College Student Career Experience Program, inspects a T700 fuel injector and primer nozzles during an assignment in the Fuel Control Shop at Corpus Christi Army Depot.

"The student trainees were required to work 32 hours per week here at CCAD while obtaining their associate degrees from Del Mar College," Flores said.

The student workers obtained associate degrees from Del Mar in the following applied sciences: Airframe Applied Technology, Computer Network Electronic Technology, Airframe Technology and Power Plant Technology. Depot directorates presented their respective SCEP trainees with certificates in Aviation Maintenance Airframe Applied Technology, Machining and Management Development-Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

Corpus Christi Army Depot has quality year

*2006 brings awards,
coveted certification*

By JAMEY GIDDENS

CCAD publicist

CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT, Texas — This was a banner year for the Corpus Christi Army Depot.

The South Texas-based facility, which repairs and performs overhaul and recapitalization on battle damaged helicopters and component parts for all branches of service and foreign military sales, received numerous awards and accolades throughout the year, including certification to the coveted AS9100 standard. These recognitions came about as a result of the depot's commitment to providing Soldiers participating in Operation Enduring Freedom and the continuing Global War on Terrorism with the highest quality aircraft components and returned-to-service aircraft possible.

Following a rare "no deficiencies" certification to the ISO 9001:2000 standard for industry quality management systems near the end of 2005, Corpus Christi in 2006 set its sights on certification to the more scrutinized AS9100 standard for aerospace industry original equipment manufacturers. An audit to the AS9100 standard measures such business practices as customer focus, leadership, work

force involvement, process approach, system approach to management, continual improvement, a factual approach to decision making and mutually beneficial supplier relations.

With much of the aerospace industry now requiring certification to the standard as a prerequisite for doing business, Corpus Christi zeroed in on doing whatever was necessary to achieve the certification. Utilizing the revolutionary tenets of Lean Manufacturing, coupled with Six Sigma ideology, as well as a vigorous campaign against Foreign Object Damage and promotion of work force safety initiatives, Corpus Christi managed to achieve the highly sought after certification.

Corpus Christi's efforts were rewarded in the fall when auditors from Quality Management Institute certified the depot to the AS9100 standard.

Neil Hickey, lead auditor on the certification process, said he was most impressed with Corpus Christi's control of Foreign Object Damage and emphasis on workplace safety.

"You usually don't see such control of FOD at a facility this size," Hickey said. "CCAD has definitely been one of our stronger customers. We were very impressed by the commitment to achieving certification to AS9100 we saw at CCAD, from everyone to include the commander and deputy commander to the workers on the shop floor."

Letterkenny celebrates Shingo Prize

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Congressman Bill Shuster and AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury were on hand to salute employees of the Tactical Vehicle-Humvee line for winning the 2006 Shingo Prize, Public Service.

Letterkenny is the only Army depot to win this coveted prize two years in a row. The 2005 prize was awarded for work on Patriot ground support equipment.

In a ceremony Nov. 28 in Letterkenny's building 350, Dr. Ross Robson, the executive director for Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing, presented the award to Shuster. He subsequently turned it over to depot commander Col. Robert Swenson on behalf of the employees. Nearly 250 employees are affiliated

with the Humvee production program.

Business Week has equated the Shingo Prize with the "Nobel Prize of manufacturing."

A rollout concluded the ceremony where 27 Humvees, each sporting an American flag, were stationed in a row throughout the building. At the conclusion, they rolled past the crowd and out the door ready for transport to the field. The efficiencies resulting by implementation of Lean Manufacturing concepts have allowed Letterkenny to produce an additional 27 Humvees free each month for use by war fighters. The ceremony recognized Number 81, the number that totals three months free production. (*Letterkenny release*)

Air Warrior gear destined for Iraq

Brigade Soldiers receive equipment

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – The 10,000th Air Warrior Kit will be issued Dec. 14 to an air crew member from the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade in Landstuhl, Germany. Next step for the 12th CAB is Iraq.

This pre-deployment kit contains the best available Aviation Life Support Equipment.

Army air crews are going to Iraq, Afghanistan and other danger spots around the world with the Air Warrior system, new-generation air crew gear that gives them better protection from bullets, chemicals, weather, and environmental hazards. This gear also improves their mobility inside the cockpit and

greatly facilitates their ability to exit the aircraft and survive if they go down.

The Dec. 14 ceremony for the 10,000th kit will begin with distribution of Air Warrior equipment to the 700 members of the 12th CAB at Landstuhl Army Base.

Program Executive Officer Soldier Brig. Gen. Mark Brown and Lt. Col. Shannon Womack, product manager for the PEO Soldier Air Warrior program, will participate.

Representatives of contractors who developed the Air Warrior System for the Army will be available to answer questions. Contractors include Armor Holdings, Aerial Machine and Tool, Aerospace and Defense Group, and the Individual Equipment Group. (Program Executive Office Soldier release)

Community sends gifts from home to troops

For the second straight year, Beta Sigma Phi chapter Xi Alpha Omicron has helped the Moms On-a Mission organization gather, sort and package items that were shipped to U.S. troops on foreign soils. On Nov. 4, the group packed and shipped 49 boxes (approximately 900 pounds with postage over \$900).

The items were donated by Beta Sigma Phi of Huntsville, Elkmont Senior Beta High, St. Paul's Auxiliary in Athens, Friendship Church members, and residents of Athens and Limestone County. Military units on the receiving end of these packages are in Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, in the Navy off the coast of Asia, and Korea. Packages were also sent to any Soldier who asked for "a little bit of home."

Some of the items included candy, socks, shampoo, liquid body wash, lotion, magazines, batteries, small games and more. Notes were included with the package letting the Soldiers know they are receiving "a little bit of home" and to be encouraged as there are many that are praying for their safety and safe return.

"These Soldiers are fighting for us, so we felt the need to return something good for them," said JoAnne Jarmon, Beta Sigma Phi chapter vice president. Five members from the sorority — Nancy Hargan, JoAnne Jarmon, Lori Fridlin, Marilyn Michaels and Gwenda Hall-Aaberg — joined other volunteers in Athens to help with this mission.

Moms On-a Mission was started in May 2001, after Karen Koenders and her husband received an e-mail from their son, Jeremiah, who was in Iraq, stating they needed supplies. What started as a cry for help for one

unit, has been a support to more than 500 units and keeps on growing as Soldiers themselves send their address for a package from home, or family/friends send their loved ones' address to be included.

The organization continues to grow as Koenders, the founder of Moms On-a Mission, travels to communities throughout the United States organizing points of collections to pack and ship from that community.

"People want to help, they just want to know how," Koenders said. Typically, a collection lasts for a week to 10 days, and then Koenders brings the necessary equipment and helps the organizations complete the project. The Mission is not just a holiday mission; it is year-round.

Another project called "Adopt a Soldier" takes a \$25 donation and Moms On-a Mission will shop, wrap, pack and ship a "special" gift. A card with the donor's name is placed with the package.

Moms On-a Mission set up a collection point at K-Mart in Athens before Nov. 4 and distributed a shopping list for the troops. A young couple came in with an infant, took the list and responded with a thank you. A few minutes later, they returned to say thank you for all the supplies he had received from Moms On-a Mission when he was in Iraq.

"The greatest blessing from all this is to one day meet the recipient of the supplies we send and to thank them for all the sacrifices they have made," Koenders said.

For a complete list of items needed or if you want to help, call her at (256) 233-0398 or e-mail karen_momsonamission@yahoo.com. (Beta Sigma Phi release)

Contractors killed in Iraq identified

Two U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville contractor employees killed in Iraq have been identified.

Misale Matawalu Raiwale, from Fiji, was killed Nov. 15 during a small arms fire incident. Raiwale worked as a security specialist for Armor Group, which is headquartered in London.

Hussein Abid Mohammed, from Pakistan, was killed Nov. 18 during a small arms fire incident. Mohammed worked as a transport driver for Armor Group.

Thirty-four contractors have been killed while working for the Coalition Munitions Clearance program since September 2003.

"Our condolences go out to the families," program manager Bill Sargent said. "Our personnel are highly trained

and experienced and are doing a superb job, but it remains a very dangerous mission."

The incidents are under investigation.

Huntsville Center is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Center of Expertise for Military Munitions. 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. To date, more than 400,000 tons of ammunition have been destroyed by the Huntsville Center program, significantly reducing risks to Iraqi citizens and U.S. personnel serving in Iraq. (Huntsville Center release)

Civil Air Patrol legacy acknowledged

Organization marks 65th anniversary

Huntsville mayor Loretta Spencer has signed a proclamation declaring Dec. 1-7 as Civil Air Patrol Week.

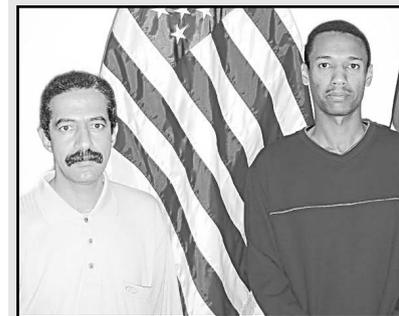
Spencer commends the CAP for its "Missions for America" and its outstanding cadet, aerospace and emergency services programs. CAP annually touches the lives and ensures the safety of thousands of American citizens. This proclamation recognizes an organization that has provided disaster relief during many emergencies throughout CAP's long history.

The proclamation coincides with the 65th birthday of the CAP. CAP was founded Dec. 1, 1941, less than a week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor led to America's involvement in World War II. Its members soon proved their worth by conducting aerial patrols, vigilance that discouraged and eventually stopped deadly German U-boat attacks on shipping in American waterways. During the war, 64 members died while carrying out CAP missions.

Today CAP, the official Air Force Auxiliary, is a civilian, volunteer, nonprofit, service organization. The unpaid members perform 90 percent of inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center. Volunteers also

take a leading role in aerospace education and conduct one of America's finest youth programs through CAP Cadet Programs.

Capt. Dani Richards, 1st Lt. Anthony Beresford, 2nd Lt. Kim Miller and cadet Staff Sgt. Travis Wilson represented the Huntsville and Redstone CAP squadrons at the signing ceremony Nov. 28 at City Hall. (Civil Air Patrol release)



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Saudi students

Warrant Officer Abdulkarim Alyama and Staff Sgt. Mohammed Alshamrani, both of the Saudi Arabian Army, attended the Patriot Missile System Repairer Course from Sept. 1 through Nov. 15. They will return to their country and be scheduled for Phase II of their training at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Sports & Recreation

Rocket City Marathon

The 30th annual Rocket City Marathon is Saturday morning at 8 with the start and finish at the Holiday Inn in downtown Huntsville. Everyone is invited to watch and cheer the runners along the 26.2 mile course.

Conferences & Meetings

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. This Thursday's 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.

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.

Computer users

Ron Schmitz will speak to the Huntsville Personal Computer User's Group at 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. 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. Thursday 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.

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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Holiday elf

"Juko," aka Alton Douglas of the Columbia High School choir, helps entertain youngsters during the Community Christmas Tree Lighting on Nov. 28 at Bicentennial Chapel.

clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cook 876-8710 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus

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

Thrift shop

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

Water cooler refills

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

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

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

Car show benefit

Alabama Custom Car and Truck Club will present its first "Just Showin' Off," for Toys for Tots, Saturday 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

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a \$20 cash donation or an unwrapped toy of equal value. Rain date is Dec. 10. For more information, e-mail Jay McGiboney at Jay-Mack75@aol.com or visit www.alabama-customcarandtruckclub.com.

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 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 1600 AM, WGSV 1270AM, WJAB 90.9FM, WLRH 89.3FM, WRAB 1380AM, WTKI 1450AM, WVNN 770AM, WWIC 1050AM and WZYP 104.3FM; television — WAAY (Channel 31), WAFF (Channel 48) and WHNT (Channel 19). Two additional methods have been implemented to provide current information about delays or closures: you can call 955-8445 to hear a recorded announcement, or you can find adverse weather announcements on the Team Redstone Internet site (<http://www.redstone.army.mil>) by clicking on "Links" and then Adverse Weather; on the AMCOM Portal Intranet site (<https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/>) by clicking on Adverse Weather under Key

Sites; or the AMCOM Internet site (<http://www.amcom.redstone.army.mil>) by clicking on Adverse Weather.

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.

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 get-

ting an application from the high school senior counselor or college placement service, call Julie Lumpkins of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center 313-4834.

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 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.

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.

King observance

Team Redstone will have a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Program on Jan. 11 – note the new date — 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.

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 <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, e-mail arotc@uiuc.edu, or visit the web site <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc/>.

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. Judy Kehr, educator for Hoover High School,

will speak on communicating across cultures and generations. For the afternoon sessions, attendees can select two of the six developing topics by local presenters. The course is in TIPS by the course number PPE ; and the vendor name is International Association of Administrative Professionals. 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 Thursday 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.

Tax assistance volunteers

The Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center is a free service helping service-members 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

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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.

Quarterly retirements

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is scheduled Jan. 16 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are required to participate in one of the quarterly retirement ceremonies. To arrange participation, call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969. Dec. 27 is the signup deadline. Retirement ceremonies are also scheduled March 22 and June 21.

Christmas trees

All offices, day rooms, military personnel on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area northeast of the Ammunition Supply Point which is located across the road from the Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity. Trees should not be cut for commercial or unauthorized use. This area has been marked with orange flagging for easy recognition. Travel will be limited to the single pasture trail along the east side of the open pastureland. Cutting operations will

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be limited to inside the Christmas tree cutting area only. Extreme caution should be exercised to prevent straying outside of the area or off the access route and removing any objects other than a Christmas tree. Trees should be cut Dec. 9-24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way, railroad tracks or access roads. For further information and a location map, contact personnel at the Outdoor Recreation Office, building 5132, phone 876-4868.

Blood drives

American Red Cross blood drives in December include the following: this Thursday – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ground-based Midcourse Defense, 5000 Bradford Drive; 7 a.m. to noon at building 6263; and 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400. Dec. 8 – from 7 a.m. to noon at building 5681; 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive; and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Post Exchange. Dec. 14 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sparkman Center buildings 5308/5309. Dec. 15 – from 7 a.m. to noon at Corps of Engineers; and 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4487. Dec. 21 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at SMDC building 5220.

Holiday concert

The Gardners will give a free Christmas concert – with a special guest to sing “O’ Holy Night” – at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 at Hyun’s Korean Garden Restaurant. “You are all invited and enjoy the nominees of the United States Association of Gospel Entertainers and Musicians,” a prepared release said.

Team Redstone party

The annual Team Redstone Holiday Party is Dec. 15 beginning at 6 p.m. (cocktails from 6-6:45), at the Officers and Civilians Club. Prime rib dinner will be served at about 7:15 and dancing will begin about 8:30 to the sounds spun by

the DJs at America’s Party Pros. Tickets are \$31 per person. For more information, call Garrison protocol officer Sarah Brazzel 313-0546.

Employees association

The National Active and Retired

Federal Employees Association will hold its annual Christmas luncheon Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. The Huntsville Community Chorus will present a Christmas program. And the Chapter 443 officers for 2007 will be

installed. For reservations call 881-2957 or 519-3327.

Auto skills shop

Morale Welfare and Recreation’s Auto Skills will have an open house Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. “We have a trained and

knowledgeable staff that is here to help you,” a prepared release said. “There will be free refreshments and door prizes. We’ll also be giving free safety classes every 45 minutes and free winter safety inspections.” For more information, call 955-7728.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																			
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																											
SCBK06667390	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Dec-06	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0346	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X																		
SCBK06682470	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Dec-06	AMC	GS-0346	13	13	74,621 - 97,003		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						
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	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						
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	X						
SCBK06684871	Firefighter (Hazmat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	8-Dec-06	Garrison	GS-0081	7	7	35,375 - 45,985		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	X						
SCBK06693326	Secretary (OA)	11-Dec-06	LOGSA	GS-0318	7	7	35,375 - 45,985		X																		
SCBK06614159	Supv Strategic Planning Ofcr	11-Dec-06	SMDC	GS-0301	15	15	103,723 - 134,838			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06614159D	Supv Strategic Planning Ofcr	11-Dec-06	SMDC	GS-0301	15	15	103,723 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06564465	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						
SCBK06691541	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Dec-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572		X																		
WTST06677134	Security Assistant	12-Dec-06	AMC	GG-0086	5/6	9	28,559 - 41,383	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06686922	Logistics Mgmt Spec	14-Dec-06	AMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,291 - 80,975			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	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	X						
SCBK06680385	Supv Gen Engr	26-Dec-06	Garrison	GS-0801	13	13	74,621 - 97,003			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06674805	Lead Elect Engr	28-Dec-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	88,178 - 134,838		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
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WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																											
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																											
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																											
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																											
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)																											
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																											
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)																											
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																											
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																											
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																											
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																											
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																											
U - All U.S. citizens																											
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																											
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.																											
Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil , search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647, for more information.																											