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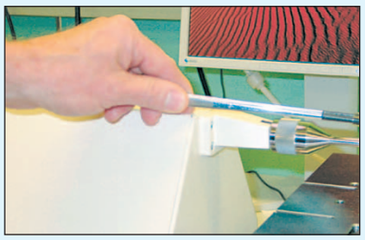

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Families of war receive support

Relatives of 1169th honored in ceremony

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

DAY FOR RED, WHITE AND BLUE— Betty Nelms, mother of Master Sgt. Jimmy Nelms, waves an American flag during a rendition of "God Bless the U.S.A." sung by 13-year-old Jessica McMahill, daughter of retired Sgt. 1st Class Chris and Kelly McMahill, during the Blue Star Service Banner Ceremony for the families of the National Guard's 1169th Engineer Group. With Nelms is her daughter, Debbie Wade and her son, 12-year-old Jacob. The 1169th deployed to Iraq last fall.

One by one, Reserve Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry shared words of comfort and support with the families of Soldiers serving in Iraq with the National Guard's 1169th Engineer Group.

"You're not alone … Stay busy … All of us are here to support you," Perry told family members as each was presented with a Blue Star Service Banner during a ceremony in their honor Feb. 17 at Whitesburg Baptist Church.

Perry's words were especially meaningful because they were spoken by a father who has walked in the shoes of the 85 families who are now "waiting and praying" for their Soldiers to return home safely.

"Ten days after our son came home (from advanced individual training), his unit was deployed," Perry told the families.

"My wife and I responded by immersing ourselves in the FRG (family readiness group). We immersed ourselves in the FRG work to keep our minds off what our son was going through."

Perry's son – Reserve Sgt. Chad Perry – served about three years ago in Afghanistan with Bravo Co. of the 926th Engineer Group. He is now back in Huntsville, going to school at Calhoun Community College on the GI Bill.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

WORDS OF COMFORT— Reserve Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry encourages Haley Brown to be strong during her dad's deployment to Iraq as he presents her with a commemorative coin from the City of Huntsville. Haley's father is Maj. James L. Brown of the 1169th Engineer Group. At left is Emily Vandiver, president of the local chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. Families from the 1169th received Blue Star Service Banners and other mementos at a ceremony in their honor Feb. 17. The banners were presented by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition.

"Chad was in a group of 144 Soldiers who went to Afghanistan," Perry said. "And every one of them came back. They had minor scrimmages and an IED went off when Chad was in a convoy. My wife and I know what it's like to have a son far away in a dangerous country."

Perry urged the families of the 1169th to turn to each other, their family members and their communities for support during their Soldier's deployment to Iraq.

"We have a tremendous support group here for you. If there is any need you have, we are here to help," Perry said.

Sharing the podium with Perry during the ceremony were representatives of Army Community Service, the Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army and the Cahaba Shrine. In addition, Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and Jim McCamy of Congressman Bud Cramer's office were in attendance.

The North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition sponsors and organizes Blue Star Service Banner ceremonies for the families of deployed units in North Alabama. The coalition presents every family with a Blue Star Service Banner that can be hung in their window at home.

"This is such an important program because it recognizes these families and tells the world that these families serve every bit as much as the Soldier," said coalition president David Carney.

Carney said the coalition hopes the service banners will be a keepsake to the military families.

"This is the type of token you can treasure for the rest of your life," he said.

Many of the family members of the 1169th have made adjustments in their lives to accommodate their Soldier's deployment. Connie Garrison, wife of Sgt. James Darren Garrison, has reduced her hours at work to only three days a week so she can be home more for the couple's children – 5-year-old Rebekah, 13-year-old Andrew and high school senior Matthew.

"We felt it was more important for the kids not to be on their own so much," Connie Garrison said. "Their grandparents help out a lot, too."

The family is in touch quite frequently thanks to the Internet.

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An open lane random survey

What do you think of the Redstone Tax Assistance Center?

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Bruce Cline
AMCOM Protocol
"I think it's great. I've used it three years in a row since I've been here. Everyone's very knowledgeable."

Pfc. Joseph Pryce
Charlie Company
"It's pretty good. It seems to get you around as much as you need. I had no problems with it. I mean I've gotten where I needed to be."

Sgt. 1st Class Chelsie Stokes
Charlie Company
"I think it's a good deal for the privates to go over there to get their taxes done, because most of them don't know anything about doing taxes."

Sharon Samuelson
Army Community Service
"I think it's great. It's something the Soldiers need as well as (military) retirees. It's a great service and I hope a lot of people take advantage of it, because it's great assistance. And we do get a lot of calls over here wanting the number (842-1040)."

Quote of the week

'Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.'

– *Anonymous*

Sorry for near accident

I would like to apologize to the person in a pickup truck driving east on Toftoy at about 1:45 p.m. Feb. 22. I attempted to pass a cargo truck headed west and did not see you approaching until you were right in front of me. This almost caused a serious accident.

I am a cautious driver as my record can attest, but I honestly did not see you headed in my direction. It scared the fool out of me as I'm sure it did you. I'm not sure why I did not see you unless it was a combination of the lighting, the color of your vehicle, and the color of the surrounding terrain. Again I apologize and if you'd like to contact me, I have given permission to the *Rocket* to provide you my name.

Name withheld by request

Office celebrates Mardi Gras

Fat Tuesday is the highlight of the Mardi Gras Celebration, an event extremely important in Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La. The DOIM Office celebrated with a small parade where JoAnn Stewart tossed beads and moon pies. She dressed in a Knight of Mobile costume which had been wore by her husband Mike Stewart (IMMC employee) in the Knight of Mobile Parade a few days earlier. The parade concluded with a festival of foods, which included seafood gumbo, red beans/rice and the famous King Cake. This is the first time the office has had a Fat Tuesday Celebration. Division chief Jack Padley says he hopes the office will continue the celebration which is "lots of fun and and a great morale booster."

Ann Simmons
DOIM, Garrison

Photo by Thomas Brown/DOIM

IN COSTUME— JoAnn Stewart is dressed for the occasion at the Directorate of Information Management.

Recipe for hot biscuits

Nothing in the world is better than the taste of homemade hot buttered biscuits. Add sticky sweet golden honey or apple jelly and you are eating food fit for the greatest connoisseur.

The taste is a treat to your senses, melting on your tongue and dripping down your fingers. The best biscuits, of course, are made in the South by Southern women. The recipes have been passed down from generation to generation.

In the past, young girls, who could barely reach the counter, were tied with aprons, placed on stools and, with flour flying, shown how to make biscuits. I am not sure modern girls have been thus equipped. This causes great concern on my part. With all the pre-prepared, packaged and fast food available, the homemade biscuit may be on the way to becoming extinct. I have decided, therefore, to share my recipe for making the best biscuits anyone ever tasted.

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Traffic location surveyed

I usually take the same route to work, coming south on Toftoy to the interchange with Martin Road west, then west on Martin. On several occasions, I have exited from Toftoy to find cars stopped and sitting right at the edge of Martin Road in the merge lane, waiting so that they can cut across all four lanes of traffic to enter the parking lot of building 4505. Is this legal? Even if it is, I believe it to be a hazard.

The dip in Martin east of the merge lane limits the view of those cutting across the four lanes and it also can block the merge lane from the eastbound Martin traffic. It defeats the purpose of the merge lane for the westbound Martin traffic.

An incident last week prompted me to send this letter. Returning from lunch going westbound on Martin Road, I witnessed a startled driver in front of me slam on the brakes as someone unexpectedly shot out of this merge lane across all four lanes and into the parking lot of 4505. The driver that hit the brakes was almost rear ended by the car following them. The few seconds that these people are saving using this maneuver is not worth the cost of an accident that could be easily avoided. It almost seems ridiculous to put up a sign that says "no left turn from the far right lane," but can something be done about this?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Traffic surveys have been conducted by traffic accident investigators, assigned to the Directorate of Emergency Services, and the installation traffic engineer. The survey, conducted on separate days during peak hour morning traffic, failed to indicate any violations of Alabama law. To date there have not been any traffic accidents at that location due to failing to yield to westbound Martin Road traffic. The location of both the access road, Toftoy south to Martin Road west, and the left turn lane into the parking area for building 4505 are in compliance with Department of Transportation and Alabama traffic laws. The DES will continue to monitor the area of concern and, if necessary, take appropriate action to mitigate the potential for traffic accidents at that location."

Safety and security concern arises

I was recently been told by security at Gate 9 that they only need to check the driver's ID when entering the base. Previously, all occupants in a vehicle were checked for proper identification such as a CAC, military ID or driver's license. I am wondering the logic behind this decision. Is it that people are complaining that they must wait so that all IDs are checked? Personally, I feel this new decision not to check each passenger is a security risk to Redstone Arsenal and its employees.

This is a new day of threats and terrorism. I have no problem waiting in a line if it means that my level

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Getting to know you

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Job: Lead photographer, Alutiiq

Where do you call home?
Hazel Green

What do you like about your job?
"I like meeting all the nice and interesting people."

What do you like to do in your spare time?
"I like to do things with my granddaughter (10-year-old Alexis Moore). And I like to shop."

What are your goals?
"Alutiiq photography department is upgrading to new cameras and new computers. I'm looking forward to that because we've got ancient stuff."

What's your favorite type of music?
Contemporary

Health tip to live by

Did you know that heart disease is the number one killer of women? The American Heart Association says you can lower your risk by following a diet low in fat, quit smoking, lose excess weight, regular exercise and keeping your cholesterol levels and blood pressure at low levels. *(Garrison release)*

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Feb. 17: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after being stopped at Gate 8. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 14 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 2 failure to judge distance.

Construction work rolls on at Redstone

Gate project ends as others begin

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Gate 7 on Martin Road west, just off of Zierdt Road, reopened Feb. 20 as scheduled. It had been closed almost six months to allow for revisions. The bridge over Indian Creek was replaced and some drainage issues resolved.

Drivers are making good use of the reopened gate, although guard Isaac Wilson said some people have been confused about when it is open. Wilson said he had heard different times from different local radio stations and news outlets.

"I've heard 6 to 6," he said. "I also heard it opens at 7."

The gate is actually open from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, but is closed on weekends and federal holidays.

With Gate 7 back to business, the Directorate of Public Works now shifts its attention to two other projects, one already under way.

The Patton Road bridge over Martin Road was closed in early fall. It was struck by a truck, making it unsafe for use. Funding was secured in September. The demolition and preparatory work on the bridge has since been under way. Preparations are beginning for the next phase of the project. Keith Cook, chief of the Engineering/Construction Branch of DPW, said they have asked the contractor for a revised construction schedule.

"We've been working issues. There are several utility problems along there," Cook said. "It's a design/build project. The design has been completed. We've asked for an updated timetable and expect that in the next day or so."
Once the revised schedule is in place, key information will be publicized.

As the construction phase of the project begins, Cook anticipates that the impact to existing traffic patterns will be minimal.

"We've actually worked out that the traffic impact will be very little. If it goes down to one lane, it won't be during peak hours. We're not going to close the road or stop traffic until maybe a Friday or Saturday when the beams are set across the road four or five months down the road," he said. "It will stay open all the time. There may be a flagman for a minute. The east-west traffic will not be impacted that bad."

While the bridge construction continues, DPW will begin a similar project nearby, replacement of the old bridge on Martin Road just before Gate 1.

"We built the new one when we four-laned it, or the state did, but left the old one in place. They actually did a lot of damage to it while they were constructing the new four-lane," Cook said. "We've got that funded and are supposed to start construction on it probably middle to the end of March. We've got one utility issue we're still working on."

He estimates that the entire project will take about six months. Traffic will be restricted because of bridge construction, Cook said, but only for a short span.

"We're going to route traffic over onto the outbound lane just over the bridge then back over just before the gate," he said. "You'll have two lanes go to one to convert over and around the little detour, but you'll still come to the gate in the three or four lanes there. The lanes coming through the guards and the number of guards won't change. It won't be like some of the headaches we had at some of the others."

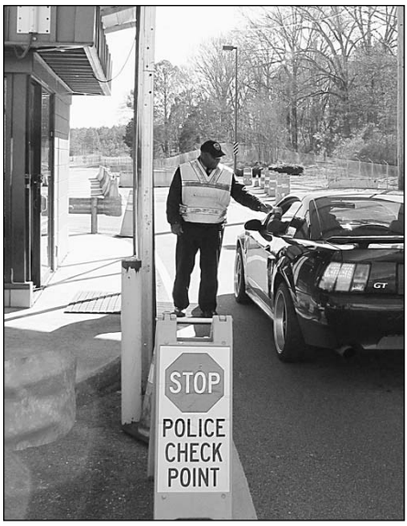

Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

BACK IN BUSINESS— Isaac Wilson checks identification and welcomes drivers through the newly reopened Gate 7.

Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

Gift of life

Phlebotomist William Milton draws blood from Marine Pvt. Shea Setser during the Armed Services Blood Program blood drive Feb. 13 at the Redstone Fitness Center. The Armed Services Blood Program collects blood for the U.S. forces deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Milton's group came to Redstone from Fort Gordon, Ga. Their main mission is to send blood to Iraq and Afghanistan weekly. More than 61,000 units of ASBP blood has been transfused during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. During its first blood drive at Redstone, ASBP collected more than 80 units of blood from Soldiers, Marines and civilians. To learn more about ASBP go to www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

Mentoring participants learn from experience

Commanding general presents certificates

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

CONGRATULATIONS— Dr. Richard Amos, deputy to the commanding general of AMCOM, congratulates Eric Shull and Tracy Swint, who were among the proteges in the "People Empowering People" Mentoring Program.

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury asked the latest participants if the command's mentoring program had been worthwhile.

"Yes, sir," came the reply.

He presented certificates Feb. 20 to the 16 pairs of mentors and proteges who completed the six-month "People Empowering People" Mentoring Program. The program's fourth cycle was held from Aug. 7 through Feb. 2.

"Anything that has to do with coaching, teaching or mentoring is important," Pillsbury said.

He told the group he is proud of what's going on in the Aviation and Missile Command. He also stressed the importance of communication.

"I'm proud of you," Pillsbury said. "I'm proud of each and every one of you for what you do every day. And I'm proud of what you've done in this program."

Addressing the mentors, Pillsbury said, "Sharing your experience is going to help AMCOM in the future."

Norris Taylor, a logistics systems manager in the fleet support branch of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, was among the proteges. He paired with mentor Charles Basham of the Program Executive Office for Aviation.

"I thought it was an excellent program," Taylor said. "I learned a lot."

The next cycle will begin March 2. For more information, call program administrator Jackie Timme at 876-6061.

"The 'People Empowering People' Mentoring Program," she said, "provides an opportunity for employees to see the organization from a different perspective while also developing and strengthening their knowledge, skills and abilities."

Participants in the program's fourth cycle included the following:

- **Proteges –** Deborah Asberry, IMMC; Tara Bell, IMMC; Shania Burrows, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; Myrtis Harmon, G-3; Willie Harris Jr., IMMC; Benita Kimbrough-Cross, IMMC; Arnita Lee, Program Executive Office for Aviation; Teri Mayo, G-1 (Human Resources); Greg McPherson, Acquisition Center; Timothy Mickelson, PEO Aviation; William Pederson, Lead AMC Integration Support Office; Archie Scott, PEO Aviation; Eric Shull, PEO Aviation; Tracy Swint, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment; Norris Taylor, IMMC; and Kathryn White, IMMC.
- **Mentors –** Charles Barnes, G-3; Charles Basham, PEO Aviation; Paul Bogosian, PEO Aviation; Christy Carter, PEO Missiles and Space; Ronnie Chronister, IMMC; Debbie Foley, Command Group; Tim Grey, G-1; Janice Isbell, Research Development and Engineering Center; Arthur Terry Neal, Acquisition Center; Tom Pieplow, PEO Aviation; Linda Readus, Command Group; Claudia Rhen, G-3; Daniel Rhodes, LAISO; Rick Turner, TMDE; Shelley Yarborough, PEO Aviation; and Louise Ystueta, IMMC.

Puck drops for annual fund-raising campaign

Army Emergency Relief gets boost from Huntsville Havoc hockey team

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The Army Emergency Relief campaign is off to a good start.

Representatives from the Huntsville Havoc hockey team are to present a $28,900 check to AER at the campaign kickoff Thursday at 1 p.m. at Heiser Hall. This represents proceeds from the sale of special jerseys worn by the Havoc players at Military Appreciation Night on Feb. 10 at the Von Braun Center.

"What a wonderful way to begin!" AER officer Kristi Foster said.

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski is the scheduled speaker for the kickoff. The entire Redstone community is invited.

The annual fund-raising campaign is Thursday through May 15 with a goal of $175,000. Last year's campaign collected $171,260 to surpass a $150,000 goal.

Army Emergency Relief gives no-interest loans, and in some cases grants, to active duty and retired military and their qualifying family members in times of emergency needs. Recipients can also include National Guard and Reservists who are called to active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code. Examples of emergency expenses include unexpected travel, car repair, mortgage assistance and utility bills.

Last year AER helped 383 military and their qualified family members with $380,918.

Contributions can be made to AER during the campaign through payroll deduction (from active duty and retired military), cash and checks. Fund-raising events are planned, including such things as the Program Executive Office for Aviation's online auction like last year, and the Acquisition Center's second annual "AER Idol."

Capt. Rob Dewberry is the 2007 campaign chairman, and Sgt. 1st Class Odri Hastings is co-chairman.

For more information, call Hastings or Foster at Army Community Service at 876-5397.

Support

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During the Christmas holidays, Garrison watched his children open their presents via an Internet web cam.

"Santa visited out house early this past year so that Darren could see the kids open their presents," Connie Garrison said. "Santa came before 9 on Christmas Eve. It was 6 in the morning for Darren. We had perfect audio and video for 20 minutes."

During the deployment, Connie Garrison said her family has been "taking one day at a time. We are counting down the days when he'll return home."

Garrison's two-week visit home is scheduled around the time of Matthew's graduation.

"We're praying that nothing happens to change that," Connie Garrison said.

The Garrison family, which is from Gadsden, has witnessed the tremendous support the Soldiers have received from their communities. Both Garrison and Sgt. Jonathan Ryan of Cullman have received boxes of necessities and goodies from their home churches.

"Our church got carried away and sent 12 to 14 boxes of stuff," said Jim Ryan, father of Sgt. Jonathan Ryan.

That support softens the worry and concern the families have for the Soldiers. Jim Ryan, who is a Vietnam Era veteran, and his wife, Peggy, are proud of their son's service. But, it was still a shock to hear he was going to Iraq.

"The day my son told me he was going he was at Fort McPherson (Ga.) doing some training," Jim Ryan said.

"I asked him 'When are you leaving?' He told me and then he said to not worry about him. He said he wanted to go because, number one, he doesn't want the war over here and, number two, he knows Jesus on a first-name basis."

Like Garrison, Ryan has watched his two children – ages 4 and 5 – on a web cam. But, while Ryan receives plenty of support from home, his dad wishes the nation, as a whole, would support the Soldiers in Iraq.

"What bothers me is the country is arguing and fighting about it when what we need to do is just do it and get it over with," Jim Ryan said.

"It's hard. But, at the same time, I couldn't think of anything else I would want Jonathan to do. He's serving his country with a bunch of guys that are super individuals. If he has to go to Iraq, I know this is the group to go with."

Julie Hunter, the family readiness group leader for the 1169th, has also felt the overwhelming support of her community and friends in Clanton. That support saw her through the birth of the couple's son and his subsequent health problems.

Talon Drake Hunter was born two weeks after the 1169th left North Alabama for training prior to their deployment to Iraq. Although Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Hunter returned for his son's birth, he didn't make it in time for the actual delivery.

"He was at O'Hare Airport in Chicago making his connection and listening on the cell phone," Julie Hunter said. "He was coaching me over the phone."

Julie Hunter said the Soldiers in the 1169th are especially close and have gotten closer since losing one Soldier in a car accident when he returned home for his mother's funeral. The Soldier's father also died in the accident.

"Wayne gave his eulogy in Kuwait (where the 1169th was stationed briefly before moving into Iraq)," Julie Hunter said.

Though she is busy with her baby and two other children, Julie Hunter finds the time to lend support to all the families of the 1169th. As its FRG leader, she is often e-mailing news to the Soldier's families.

"I am keeping the families as informed as possible," she said. "I'm a big believer in giving them information. I'm surprised they're not tired of getting e-mails from me."

Those e-mails often offer more than information.

"I also like to write about how I'm feeling," Julie Hunter said. "I tell them whether I'm having a good day or not. Chances are if I'm having trouble with feelings about this deployment, so are they. And, it's better to get our feelings out instead of keeping them in."

Since the homes of the 85 Soldiers of the 1169th are scattered throughout Alabama, Julie Hunter said there is a "tendency to feel isolated. The Internet lets us stay connected. I'm grateful for these families because they keep me on my toes and bring a special light in my life."

One wife of a Soldier turned to Julie Hunter when she was concerned about her husband's welfare in Iraq.

"She had called his cell phone and an Iraqi answered," Julie Hunter recalled.

"She called me in tears. I told her she needed to calm down because of her babies. I told her sometimes the lines get crossed. I said keep trying for 30 minutes and I assured her that her husband was OK. She called me back 10 minutes later and said 'You're right.'"

While Julie Hunter works to provide information to the families of the 1169th, Carney and other leaders at the service banner ceremony hope the families will also see community and military agencies as a resource for them.

Kathleen Riester of Army Community Service said the families have access to all 10 programs offered through the ACS office at Redstone Arsenal. But, three of those are most pertinent to families of deployed Soldiers. They are Army Emergency Relief, job search services and family readiness group training.

While Mayor Spencer pledged support of Huntsville's city hall, Jim McCamy of Cramer's office pledged to make sure the Soldiers have the best equipment to get the job done in Iraq and other leaders pledged support of various community agencies.

All that community assistance will be appreciated by the families of the 1169th, who are looking forward to having their Soldiers home in late 2007.

"We're confident that they're going to bring all our Soldiers back," said the Reserve's Perry.

Each family agreed with those sentiments as they waved their flags and sang "God Bless America" with a 13-year-old whose own family has lived through a deployment.

Jessica McMahill's father, retired Sgt. 1st Class Chris McMahill, was deployed to Iraq in 2003 and her mother, Kelly, was the unit's FRG leader. Now, located in Huntsville, McMahill works as the safety manager for Turner Universal Construction while his wife is the administrative assistant to Redstone Arsenal's chief counsel and staff judge advocate.

Laboratory gets international thumbs up

Accreditation enables lab to support Soldiers, DoD

By ANDY ROAKE
For the Rocket

The world today is well beyond the time where the length of a king's foot, sans shoe, determined his kingdom's standard of measurement for a linear "foot." But how does the Army today determine the precise calibration measurements that modern weapon systems require?

The Army Primary Standards Laboratory is the Army's center of excellence for metrology, which is the science of precision measurement.

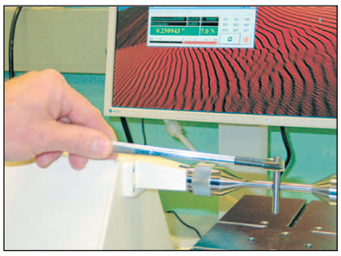

Photo by Skip Vaughn

PRECISELY—A precision measurement is performed by engineering technician Van Black in the APSL's dimensional lab.

"In essence, we ensure that everyone in the Army, and in many cases the Department of Defense, is measuring the same thing," APSL director Larry Tarr said. "We make sure that a pound in Alabama is the same as a pound in Iraq."

The APSL recently received two notable international recognitions for the high standards the lab must maintain to provide the DoD with critical metrology support.

"Accreditation and standards registrations are important to laboratories because they are a validation of the expertise and technical proficiency of the staff," Tarr said. "It is comparable to a school or hospital accreditation, in which a third party team of experts scrutinizes every aspect of your operations and compares them against a detailed set of performance standards. The goal is to validate processes that are working well and satisfy the standards, and identify opportunities for improvement."

The APSL achieved accreditation to the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission international quality standard for metrology and calibration laboratories, called the ISO/IEC 17025:2005. This is an upgrade of its previous accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025, which it has held since the inception of the standard in 2000.

The accreditation was awarded following an intensive three-day review of the laboratory's operations and quality management system by a team of subject matter experts from the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation. The team also scrutinized the proficiency of the APSL technical staff in every measurement parameter area.

The APSL also successfully renewed its registration to the ISO 9001:2000 quality standard for the fourth time since 1998. Renewal of the APSL's eight-year continuous registration to the standard followed a rigorous four-day assessment by an auditor from NSF-International Strategic Registrations Ltd. of all aspects of the laboratory's operations.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

APPLYING PRESSURE— Calibration technician Tim Skaggs works on a pressure standard in the Army Primary Standards Laboratory.

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"The APSL is the only metrology laboratory in the Department of Defense, and one of a very few government organizations, to be registered to these two standards," said Rick Turner, executive director of the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity. "We are all about accuracy of our calibration to support more than 17,000 items per year of test equipment from customers around the world."

Tarr added, "The accreditation and registration to internationally recognized standards show our customers and the government that we operate a quality laboratory here and we do it well."

Tarr pointed out that the APSL has a direct impact on the Soldier. "There is not a single weapons system that does not require direct support from us or from the other DoD laboratories that we support."

APSL support capabilities are unique within the Army, and some are found nowhere else in the United States. The laboratory maintains state-of-the-art metrology and calibration systems and support capabilities for Army weapon systems in at least 50 different measurement parameters. It has an annual workload of more than 17,000 items to measure and calibrate, and a staff of approximately 100.

"Critical weapon systems that we directly support include the Apache and Apache Longbow helicopters, the Hellfire missile system, and many others," Tarr said.

The APSL also supports non-weapons systems that are critical for national defense.

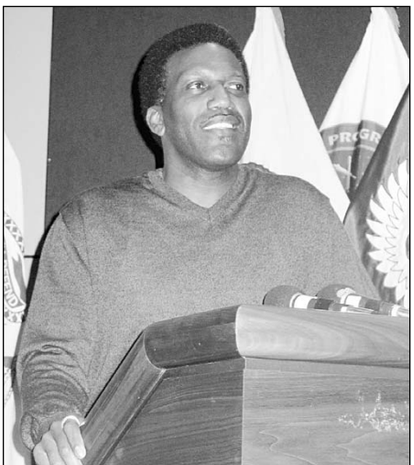
"We're the only gas mask tester laboratory in the DoD," Tarr said. "There are more than 8,000 gas mask testers throughout the DoD. Each company-sized unit in the Army has one of these testers and each tester must be calibrated at least every year. We are the ones who do the refurbishment and calibration of each gas mask tester to ensure they work properly."

The laboratory, a directorate of the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity and a part of the Aviation and Missile Command, has been in its present location on Redstone Arsenal since 1963.

The International Organization for Standardization is the world's largest developer of standards. The International Electrotechnical Commission is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes international standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

The ISO web site points out that "if there were no standards, we would soon notice. Standards make an enormous contribution to most aspects of our lives — although very often, that contribution is invisible. It is when there is an absence of standards that their importance is brought home. For example, as purchasers or users of products, we soon notice when they turn out to be of poor quality, do not fit, are incompatible with equipment we already have, are unreliable or dangerous. When products meet our expectations, we tend to take this for granted. We are usually unaware of the role played by standards in raising levels of quality, safety, reliability, efficiency and interchangeability — as well as in providing such benefits at an economical cost."

Making the best of a difficult situation



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SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE—Horace Wilson, of the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, has recited his poetry for more than 20 programs since arriving at Redstone in March 2002 from Fort Benning, Ga.

Poet and playwright mentors to youth

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The audience members listen intently as Horace Wilson stands in the middle of the stage, reciting his poem from memory. When he finishes, they applaud. Sometimes they give him a standing ovation to show they appreciate his message.

This is a common scene at many Redstone events the past several years. Wilson was called the "poet laureate for Redstone" by since-retired Col. Bob Devlin.

Wilson, a human resources specialist in the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, writes plays and poems in his spare time. His third and most recent play, "The Church," was performed Oct. 26-29 at the Von Braun Center Playhouse.

"I believe the playhouse holds 525, but we only opened roughly about 350 seats. And 310 showed up each night," Wilson said.

"Each night it was pretty much filled with a few seats left," he said. "There were a lot of comments (that) it was a strong message and was well received."

His first play, "Procrastination," was performed June 20-21, 2001 in the inner-city streets of Columbus, Ga., by teenage residents. Wilson arrived at Redstone from Fort Benning, Ga., in March 2002. His second play, "The Spirit Within," was performed by students at Liberty Middle School in February 2003 for Black History Month.

Wilson's one-man production company, Act Out Not Up Productions, put on "Jesus Christ Superstar" in 2004 at the Officers and Civilians Club. "And hopefully I'll be bringing the dinner theater back at full fledge here at the Arsenal," he said.

The Chicago native started writing poetry in 2001. He estimates he has written about 200 poems, which he is compiling into a book called "Lillies 'Memoirs From the Valley' Volume I."

"It (writing poetry) was a gift that the Lord had revealed to me after I got saved. I gave my life to the Lord in December 1998," Wilson said. "And after that the Lord showed me I had a gift of writing."

The writing themes he most values include suffering, relationships, love, history, reconciliation, restoration and life. He has experienced most of these.

His mother, a single parent, had nine children by the time she was 27. There were six boys and three girls; and Wilson, who never knew his father, was the seventh child. He overcame a childhood stuttering problem.

"It was the Lord," he said when asked how he stopped stuttering. "Because it was very difficult for me, very difficult.

"It was like my tongue was tied. But once it got loose, it was over with," he added laughing.

Wilson, 42, served in the Army from 1986 until 1988 when he medically retired. He received an associate degree in computer science in 1995 from Central Texas College/University of Texas. Wilson began his civilian career as a personnel clerk in 1998 at Fort Benning.

The Madison resident has three sons: Jeffrey, 18, a junior at Bob Jones High; Malik, 12, and Murshid, 10, both of whom live with their mother in Columbus.

Wilson, who has performed his poetry in more than 20 programs at Redstone, serves as a mentor in the community for youth and young adults. Just as he does in his writings and on stage when reciting his poems, he had one closing comment which best summarizes his life so far.

"You do not have to be born in a good situation," he said, "to do great things."

Black History poem: 'If cotton could talk'

Horace Wilson, of the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, wrote the following poem for Black History Month. It's titled, "If Cotton Could Talk."

The wind blows its horn, as if to say flow with me if you can,
The thunderous sounds of the waves as they come to a halt at the edge of the sand. Birds seem to be in unison while whistling a familiar tune, reminding us that spring will be here soon.
The voice of creation has been heard since the beginning of time, as a pig on a farm snorts to help sing a nursery rhyme.
Oh, but if cotton could talk, a legacy would be revealed, how a mighty people had been humbled against their will.
Would it tell us about those hot summer days when white was turned to red, working all day with no wages so tired not even having a bed?
Will it speak of their perseverance when being beat and dying was the norm, and how they rose up, and in their belly a song was being formed?
Will it speak of an inner peace that it had never seen before, or how a great people were persecuted but never broken at the core?
Will it speak of their laugher when tears should have been the result, how division was like a cancer but they still found a way to consult?
If cotton had legs would it had danced to the melody that came out of no where or would it just stare?
Some may say this is crazy cotton can't talk, but we will all agree it did cry, how could it not!
Day after day witnessing lie. Kings and Queens made into farmers a skill that is still utilized, a people finding the good even in the bad came as no surprise. If cotton could talk, I believe it would tell the whole story of how a great people went from strength to strength and from glory to glory.

Buffalo Soldier statue looking for public home

Fund-raising efforts renewed during Black History Month

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It's been nearly a year since a ground breaking for the placement of a Buffalo Soldier statue on the grounds of a Huntsville school. Yet, the site has not been cleared, concrete has not been poured and construction has not begun.

The Buffalo Soldier Memorial Ad Hoc Committee plans to change that.

In a Feb. 21 presentation scheduled to celebrate Black History Month at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Alex Harrison, treasurer of the ad hoc committee, said renewed efforts are being made to raise $300,000 to build a platform and park on the grounds of the Academy for Academics and Arts where Huntsville's Buffalo Soldier statue will be displayed.

As of today, only the $50,000 contributed by the City of Huntsville is in the coffers for the Buffalo Soldier Statue Project. Though some local individuals have tried to make donations since the ground breaking last May 9, the ad hoc committee has yet to accept any contributions.

But, two March fund-raisers – a pancake breakfast at Applebee's on North Memorial Parkway this Saturday and an invitation-only event at the Huntsville Museum of Art on March 16 — will hopefully raise the needed funds. In addition, the ad hoc committee is once again seeking donations and in-kind contributions from all sources to augment the fund-raisers, Harrison said.

"We decided we needed a big fund-raiser to really get these efforts started," Harrison said.

"We already have some in-kind donations in hand. For example, we have the concrete donated, but we first need to be able to pay for the site preparation before the concrete can be poured. We are planning to have the funds raised and the in-kind donations confirmed so we can start construction on the memorial in the spring."

Plans are to unveil the statue around Veterans Day in November. That event will include a week-long celebration of Buffalo Soldiers.

"We can raise contributions and donations for this memorial through public awareness," said Harrison, who mentioned that about 400 people attended a recent Buffalo Soldiers presentation at the Huntsville Museum of Art.

"The general public is not aware of the Buffalo Soldiers as a whole, and people in Huntsville are not aware of the statue and the connection we have with the Buffalo Soldiers."

After the Civil War, the Army established four regiments of black Soldiers so they could continue to serve in the military, said Maj. Darryl Gilliam of Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, who is also a member of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Horse Association.

Of those four regiments, the 10th Cavalry was formed on July 28, 1866, with 1,092 Soldiers. On Aug. 2, 1867, the regiment fought its first battle against Native Americans in the west.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

GLIMPSE OF HISTORY— Missile and Space Intelligence Center employees, from left, Beatrice Coleman, Farrah Hudson and Wyndolyn Fuqua look over an historical account of the Buffalo Soldiers following a presentation on the Huntsville connection with the Army's Buffalo Soldiers. The 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers were stationed in Huntsville on Cavalry Hill from 1898 to 1899 following their participation in the Spanish American War and prior to their transfer west to combat Indians and aid in the nation's westward settlements.

"The Buffalo Soldier name came from Native Americans," Gilliam said. "They took the name Buffalo Soldier as an honor, as a matter of pride."

During the course of their mission, the regiment traveled all over the west, from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., through Texas, Oklahoma and Arizona. They fought many battles against the Native Americans, built railroads, protected settlers and mapped territories.

"They battled Indians to include Geronimo and the Apache Kid," Gilliam said.

The western campaign ended on Oct. 7, 1886, with many Native Americans on reservations. The 10th Cavalry then went to Montana on an expedition.

"They had long expeditionary marches in blizzard conditions," Gilliam said. "They lost a lot of men and horses. It was very hard on them."

In 1898, the 10th Cavalry was sent to Georgia in preparation for the Spanish American War. The regiment fought in the battles of Kettle and San Juan hills in Cuba.

"The 10th won the war," Gilliam said. "They fought alongside Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders."

On their return, the 10th Cavalry was sent to Huntsville for rest and relaxation.

"The 10th was stationed here along with other cavalry units near Dallas Mills," Harrison said. "But, a conflict broke out and the officers had to separate the white Soldiers from the black Soldiers. So, the black Soldiers went to Cavalry Hill."

Many of the 10th Cavalry re-enlisted following the Spanish American War and

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Hail *and farewell*

Johnson joins ranks of senior executives

Test center's ex-director leaves for Aberdeen Proving Ground

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James B. Johnson had a choice to make on the site of his promotion ceremony.

The newest member of the Senior Executive Service could either have it where he now works, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., or where he spent most of his 20-year career, Redstone Arsenal.

He chose Redstone, not only so family members and friends could attend, but also so he could thank the Redstone Technical Test Center and others.

"You carried me on your shoulders to where I am today," Johnson said at his SES promotion ceremony Feb. 21 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The Athens native is the deputy to the commander and technical director at the Developmental Test Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He reported there Jan. 8 after serving as director of the Redstone Technical Test Center for the past year and a half. RTTC is a subordinate test center of the Developmental Test Command.

"You cannot reach this (senior executive) level without having a lot of help," Johnson said.

Brig. Gen. Frank Turner III, commander of the Developmental Test Command, presided over the ceremony. Of the Army's approximately 260,000 civilians, there are 252 members of the Senior Executive Service.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

TOP CIVILIAN— James B. Johnson is congratulated by Brig. Gen. Frank Turner III, commander of the Developmental Test Command, on becoming a member of the Senior Executive Service. Johnson is Turner's deputy/technical director at the DTC at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

"James very much deserves this promotion," Turner said. "He's not only a man of great achievements but a man of great character."

RTTC won the Developmental Test Command's quality award for 2006. David Byrd is serving as the center's acting director.

Johnson, 41, graduated from the University of Alabama-Huntsville in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and earned his master's from UAH in systems engineering. He and his wife, Sharon, have a daughter, Faith, 3.

He is the son of Betty Jenkins Johnson of Athens and Jim Johnson of Rogersville.

Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

End of trail

Staff Sgt. Ernesto Barreras, right, removes his campaign hat during a hat removal ceremony symbolizing the end of his time as a drill sergeant. Fellow drill sergeant, Staff Sgt. Patrick Williams, with Bravo Company, stands by with Barreras' beret. During his two-year tour as a drill sergeant, Barreras served with both Bravo and Charlie companies. For his hard work and dedication to both companies, the Bravo cadre presented Barreras with a guidon from both Bravo and Charlie as a token of their appreciation. An Integrated Family of Test Equipment operator maintainer, Barreras will only be moving up the road, as he leaves the trail to get on the platform and become an instructor and teach his former Soldiers the technical skills they need to be successful in their military careers.

■ Fund-raisers planned for Buffalo Soldier monument

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served in Cuba, and later in the southwest where they kept Mexicans from crossing the border into Texas. In 1929, they completed their mission on the U.S. border and returned to Fort Leavenworth, where the regiment was stationed until the Army was integrated in 1952.

The Buffalo Soldier Statue Project originated in 1997 with an original concept by Dr. John Cashin of Alabama A&M University to dedicate a statue to Sgt. George Berry, a member of the 10th Cavalry during the Spanish American War, and the only Soldier in U.S. military history to carry two standards through battle and plant them victoriously in enemy territory line.

"George Berry carried the flag of the 10th Cavalry, which was fighting alongside the 3rd Cavalry to try to take Kettle Hill," Harrison said. "The flag bearer of the 3rd was shot and killed. Berry carried his flag and the flag of the 3rd to the top of the hill."

The original statue concept had a Buffalo Soldier posting two flags on a hill. But, the completed statue has a Buffalo Soldier riding a horse and carrying a flag.

Also in 1997, the ad hoc committee was originally formed to raise funds for the monument and park.

"For various reasons, it never occurred," Harrison said. "I think there was some infighting and the project was dropped."

Though the statue was built, it didn't have a home. It was stored in a Huntsville warehouse.

In recent years, two groups in Huntsville have renewed interest in the Buffalo Soldier statue – one is a group of middle school students and teachers at the Academy for Academics and Arts, the other is the Huntsville chapter of the Buffalo Soldier Motorcycle Club, of which Harrison is president.

"When we formed the motorcycle club, we had heard rumors about the Buffalo Soldier statue in Huntsville. Our research took us to the State Black Archives at Alabama A&M University and that led us to the school," Harrison said. "Our chapter decided to adopt the statue as our first community project."

In 2005, Harrison and other members of the local motorcycle chapter presented the story of Huntsville's Buffalo Soldier statue to the national meeting of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club. The national club has since adopted the statue as a project.

"This is not only black history. It's not only Huntsville history and Alabama history," Harrison said. "Buffalo Soldiers left a footprint from east to west, from Montana to Mexico. So, it's American history, also, and it's something we never want to forget."

Currently, the Buffalo Soldier statue is on display in the front hallway at the Academy for Academics and Arts. It is important to establish the statue in an outdoor park where it is accessible for viewing by the public, ad hoc committee members said.

To donate toward the Buffalo Soldier Statue Project or to obtain an invitation to the March 16 fund-raising event, call Harrison at 585-9897 or 774-0738. The public is invited to the fund-raiser at Applebee's on North Memorial Parkway from 7 to 9:30 a.m. this Saturday.

Grandmother braves dangers of Iraq to serve U.S.

Eddra Jones left family to support Soldiers

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Eddra Jones

Eddra Jones is a grandmother and a 22-year Redstone Arsenal employee. She's also a wife, a gardener and a country girl.

So, what inspired this hometown lady to don Army fatigues and traipse through the desert in Iraq to inventory excess hardware?

Jones first got the inkling that her career would take her to the forward operating bases of Iraq in 2003 when she took a close look at the National Guard Soldiers who were then providing security at the Redstone Arsenal gates.

"Those National Guard Soldiers were older, like me, and they were serving their country," Jones said. "I started thinking if they can do something for their country at their age, why can't I?"

True, she had a family. But, her children were all grown and on their own, raising their own families. She had a husband. But, a few months apart wouldn't jeopardize their rock-solid marriage. She had a good job in the Security Assistance Management Directorate. But, her supervisor, Brenda Morgan-Bunley, was 100 percent supportive. She had other personal obligations and interests. But, there was nothing that couldn't be put on hold for a short while.

And, the salary bonus for working in a dangerous country would go far in her retirement years.

"This was strictly voluntary," Jones said. "I've had a wonderful career with the government after years of corporate work in industry. I saw this as an opportunity for me to do something wonderful for my country."

So, Jones packed her bags and headed out to become a lead for the Army's Redistribution Property Assistance Team in Balad, Iraq. The 175-day mission involved being a "FOB hopper," traveling to different forward operating bases to set up RPAT offices.

"We went to different locations all over Iraq to inventory excess equipment that units had brought into Iraq and that needed to be rehabilitated or brought back to the U.S.," Jones said. "And, we worked to set up five permanent RPAT offices."

In the process, she met a lifelong best friend, learned about the sacrifices Soldiers as well as U.S. civilians and contractors are making to the war effort, felt the enemy threat of bombs and mortar, and saw for herself how much the Iraqis need and appreciate the help of Americans.

While at Fort Bliss, Texas, preparing for her deployment, Jones met Julie Byrd, an Integrated Materiel Management Center employee at Redstone Arsenal who had also signed up for the 175-day mission. Both were assigned by the Army Materiel Command to work as team leads for RPAT.

Courtesy photo

CIVILIAN IN IRAQ— Eddra Jones poses in front of the office of the Army's Redistribution Property Assistance Team at the forward operating base in Balad, Iraq. Jones spent 175 days working in Iraq to inventory excess military equipment that needs to be refurbished or returned to the U.S. She returned home in late January.

"It was ironic because we came all the way from Huntsville to become friends," Jones said. "In Balad, we were assigned to the same trailer, to the same program and to do FOB hopping together. The only difference is I came home after 175 days and Julie decided to stay for four more months."

The two traveled with 174 other people – Soldiers, civilians and contractors – on the weekly Freedom Flight to Iraq. On the way, they spent two nights in Kuwait in the infamous tent city.

"The worst part is the travel," Jones said. "The tent city was so hot and the sun was so bright that it would put your eyes out. It was so dry that it was like being in an oven."

The two became inseparable "battle buddies" in Iraq, traveling around the FOB at Balad in a Humvee that Jones was able to obtain from the RPAT program. It wasn't long before they became known as the "grandmothers in Iraq."

Though they were isolated from the war effort at the FOBs, Jones said there were always reminders of danger.

"I was never really afraid," Jones said. "Even when I flew in a C17 or C13 strapped in a little tiny seat, I never felt fear.

"But, there were times when I was reminded of how serious it was, like the time I noticed all the armor on the Black Hawk that I was a passenger in and the times we would get alerts and have to get in a bunker. We were only four blocks from the Balad hospital and the helicopters were non-stop to the hospital. We only had to hear a helicopter to know things were serious."

The alarms were often scary because they came when Jones and others least expected them.

"You'd get in the bunkers, and just wait and pray to hear the 'All clear. All clear,'" she said.

"We would get them night and day. They were scarier at night when the two of us were in our trailer and away from other people. It wasn't as bad when we were around other people during the day."

The grandmothers also had to combat the threat of high temperatures. They arrived in July, a time of year when it can get as hot as 135 degrees. Army fatigues protected their skin from the heat and dust while helmets and armored vests protected them from enemy bombs and mortar.

"Iraq is not a pretty place," she said. "There are no flowers and very few palm trees. It's just a dust bowl. There were times when Julie and I would talk about what kinds of flowers we would be planting if we were home."

But, there wasn't much time for a lot of that kind of reminiscing. The grandmothers worked 12- and 14-hour days, seven days a week. They not only helped set up the RPAT operations office at Balad, but also four other permanent RPATs in Iraq.

"There was a $4 million program to make the sites permanent," Jones said.

"We needed the different sites so that Soldiers could go to the one closest to them to turn in equipment. As each permanent site was set up, we did less and less of the hopping around to the different FOBs. It made things safer for us, and more convenient and safer for the troops."

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There is a lot of moving U.S. equipment in Iraq. It is estimated that it would cost upwards of $60 billion to replace or update the U.S. equipment used in the theater.

"As long as we've got theater property in country, we'll have RPATs," Jones said. "Right now, the up-armor of moving equipment is the hot ticket. But, it all needs to be inventoried so the military knows where everything is, what needs to be refurbished or returned to the U.S., and what's been lost. As units leave country, we need to obtain their excess equipment so that it can be redistributed or refurbished."

Jones inventoried things like Humvees, trucks, wheels, transmissions and motors along with the basic issue items supplied with each vehicle. Once inventoried, items needing to be sent back to the U.S. were sent to Kuwait for movement by ship.

Even though her "battle buddy" remained in Iraq, Jones knew it was time to return when her 175 days were up. While in Iraq, her 93-year-old father was hospitalized and her three grandchildren moved from Florida to Huntsville.

"My family situation changed drastically while I was gone," said Jones, who returned to Huntsville in late January.

"I didn't feel good about leaving Julie. We were like sisters. But, I knew her circumstances were good. If missiles and bombs were flying it would have been a whole different issue to leave her. … It was sad leaving the friends I made. We all became family. Julie and I have plans to get together when she gets home in May. We made a friendship for life in Iraq."

Returning home to the Woodville/Grant area and to her job as the UH-1H program manager for the country of Georgia in the Army's foreign military sales program has been an adjustment for Jones.

"You have to refocus. The mindset is totally different," she said. "You get to come back home to freedom and your family. But, you also come back home to cooking and laundry, and to the everyday problems that don't seem as important anymore."

Jones, who is one of several AMCOM employees who have worked in Iraq, said she would return to the Middle East to help in the war effort.

"You are really treated pretty good in Iraq," she said. "Your meals are made for you. Your laundry is done for you. You can get mail from your family, and you can stay connected through e-mails and phone calling cards. Everybody takes care of each other. You meet lots of people and get to do a job that is really important to the Soldiers. We're doing a lot of good things in Iraq that nobody hears about."

But, if she returns, Jones would like to make the next trip with her husband, who is an electrician by trade.

"While I was there – a 60-year-old woman, sweating bullets and dust flying everywhere — a young Soldier asked me 'What are you doing here? Why aren't you retired somewhere?'" Jones recalled.

"I told him 'I'm here because of you. If you can do this for your country, then I'm here to support you.' It was tough, really tough. There's no way to describe it. But, time goes by quickly, and you get to meet and work with the Soldiers."

Kids can see what parents do for a living

Bring Child to Work Day scheduled April 26

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How many employees could honestly say their kids know what they do for a living? The Aviation and Missile Command wants to give some Redstone employees the opportunity to do just that and more.

In conjunction with the national Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work day, AMCOM will hold its second annual Bring Your Child to Work Day event April 26. The event will coincide with the national date, annually the fourth Thursday in April.

This year the Bring Your Child to Work Day event will be held at the Redstone Fitness Center adjacent to the parade field on Patton Road. The event is open to employees of AMCOM, Program Executive Office for Aviation, PEO for Missiles and Space, the Research Development and Engineering Center, Logistics Support Activity and the Garrison.

Children must be 8 or older to attend. Parents and/or guardians must be with their children at all times. In order to participate in the event, parents must register on the Intranet web site https://bringyourchildtowork.redstone.army.mil. Parents should check with their child's school to make sure the absence is excused. Excused absence letters can be printed from the web site.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

LESSONS LEARNED— Parents and children at last year's event got to see and operate robots from the Unmanned Ground Vehicles Joint Project Office.

The organized portion of the event will begin at 7 a.m. and finish at noon. The day will begin with parents and children signing in and receiving their badges and registration packet at the fitness center. The badges issued the morning of the event will be prepared in advance based on registration information. When entering the Arsenal, children 16 and older will be required to have a picture ID.

After a short opening ceremony, participants have the opportunity to attend two events that they registered for on the web site. Events include a TOW missile firing, a wetlands tour, a robotics demonstration, a Software Engineering Directorate tour, a hands-on tour of a fire truck, a military working dogs demonstration or a Raven Unmanned Aircraft Systems demonstration. Throughout the morning, military equipment that Redstone supports will be on display.

Some events will require bus transportation; others will be located at the parade field. Those riding buses will need to turn in a signed 'hold and release harmless' form before getting on the bus. Those forms are on the web site.

Since some events require bus transportation, seating is limited. When employees register they will pick an event for each of the two morning sessions. Events are first come, first serve. As sessions fill up, employees will not be able to select them. Registration will close April 19 or once maximum capacity is reached.

After the second session, parents and children are free to have lunch on their own and then employees can either take the child to their workplace or participate in their organization's event. Employees should look for information from their organization regarding the plans for the afternoon portion.

In case of inclement weather there will be an alternate schedule that includes demonstrations by the Military Working Dogs, Robotics and Unmanned Aircraft Systems indoors at the fitness center.

Employees are welcome to volunteer to help with this event. For more information, visit the web site at www.bringyourchildtowork.redstone.army.mil or the Intranet site. Participants who need to change or cancel their registration should contact Kim Henry at kimberly.henry2@us.army.mil or 842-0561.

Courtesy photo

Crafts demonstration

On March 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Arts and Crafts Center will be the site of demonstrations in Windsor chair construction and bowl turning. David Sapp (pictured), a longtime teacher of 18th century Windsor chair construction techniques, will show the century tools and techniques 18th century chair makers used in the construction of this enduring chair. Also demonstrating the art of bowl turning will be Edward Herbster, a local wood turner with 25 years experience in woodworking. The Arts and Craft Center plans to offer both spring and summer Windsor chair and bowl turning classes; and signup sheets will be available after each demonstration.

Win *or lose*

Marines push to perfect week on court

Aggressive, fast-break style delivers victories over Bravo and 326th

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The Marines didn't panic when they trailed the defending post champion 326th Chemical Company by seven points at halftime in their basketball game Thursday night.

Backed by an enthusiastic cheering section, the Marines erased the deficit and ran away with their second win of the week.

The Marines beat the 326th 45-37 at Pagano Gym. The previous night, they were victorious against previously unbeaten Bravo Company. The Marines went 2-0 for the week and improved to 4-3 on the season.

"We made a crucial switch at halftime," Marines player/coach Dustin Kershaw said. "We put some guys in who were a little quicker, and tried to outrun them. And they tired out before we did."

The Dragons led 23-16 at intermission and seemed in control of the game. But the Marines closed the gap and went up 33-32 with 7:17 left. After a 326th basket, they took a 35-34 lead on Joshua VanKallen's layup at 5:14 and never trailed again.

Marvin Fletcher scored 15 points and VanKallen had 12. VanKallen also grabbed five rebounds.

"We just wanted to come out and push the ball," said Fletcher, a forward. "All season long when we push the ball it's led to fast-break points for us."

Darrin Johnson had 15 points and five rebounds for the 326th (4-2).

"They outplayed us tonight," Dragons coach Eddie Bryan said. "On the boards, they were more aggressive. Bottom line, they were more aggressive."

NCO Academy 56, Headquarters & Alpha 49: The NCO Academy had four scorers in double figures in Thursday night's first game.

Richard Morgan and Joseph Kimbrough had 12 points apiece while James Godine and Tyron Stanley each added 11 for the Academy (4-2). The NCOs led 30-22 at halftime.

"We just had good teamwork," Academy coach Bernard Gaines said.

Headquarters & Alpha (2-5) closed within 49-47 in the final minute, but was outscored 7-2 the rest of the way. Curtis Davis scored 20 points for the Gators.

"We couldn't control the boards," Gators player/coach Steve Rickard said. "We couldn't get a body on them. They were too much inside for us."

Standings entering this week included: **Eastern Conference –** Bravo (5-1), 326th Chemical (4-2), NCO Academy (4-2). **Western Conference –** Marines (4-3), Headquarters & Alpha (2-5), Charlie (0-6).

Here are last week's results:

- **Feb. 21 –** Headquarters & Alpha def. Charlie 33-31 and Marines def. Bravo 44-42.
- **Feb. 22 –** NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha 56-49 and Marines def. 326th Chemical 45-37.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

FORWARD THINKING— Marines forward Marvin Fletcher scores 15 points in Thursday night's win over 326th Chemical Company.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

FORCE ON BOARDS— NCO Academy's Richard Morgan grabs an offensive rebound in the first half of Thursday night's win over Headquarters & Alpha. Morgan finishes with 12 points.

Golf tournament fore a worthy cause

The "007 Shootout" this Saturday has nothing to do with James Bond.

It's a golf tournament fund-raiser, sponsored by a Basic NCO Course class at the NCO Academy, which will be held at the Links at Redstone. Registration that morning is at 8, with the shotgun start at 9.

And how did it get the catchy name?

"It's our class number," explained Staff Sgt. Mitch Brannen, the class leader.

Proceeds will benefit the Phoenix Project, a countywide program that helps first-time offender youth become productive adults.

Tournament registration is under way, and spaces are still available. To sign up, call Staff Sgt. Richard Morgan at 603-4944, Staff Sgt. Richard Mantooth at 489-4262 or cell phone (228) 383-2525 or e-mail richard.mantooth@redstone.army.mil.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

DRESSED FOR OCCASION— Staff Sgt. Mitch Brannen is class leader for the Basic NCO Course class sponsoring Saturday's tournament.

TH-67 soars to historic aviation milestone

Training helicopter marks one millionth flight hour

By MARTI GATLIN
TRADOC News Service

FORT RUCKER — After more than a dozen years, Fort Rucker's instructor-pilots, students and maintenance crews reached an Army Aviation milestone here Jan. 16 — the one millionth flight hour in the TH-67 Creek training helicopter.

Used to train initial entry rotary wing students in primary, instrument and basic war-fighting skills, the Creek is a Bell Model 206B Jet Ranger III built by Bell Helicopter Textron.

To mark the event, Steven Dodge, Lear Siegler Services Inc. primary instructor pilot; Warrant Officer Jacob Rettig, student; and Jeffery Bowden, Army Fleet Support flightline mechanic; presented Army Aviation Warfighting Center and Fort Rucker commanding general Maj. Gen. Virgil Packett II, a framed, commemorative memento at a celebration Feb. 8 in the new Cairns Army Airfield maintenance hangar.

Packett said the one millionth hour is a remarkable example of combining bureaucracy, leadership and industry to train more than 15,000 aviators, and the TH-67 Creek has allowed and enabled Soldiers to become Army aviators in safe and reliable ways.

Replacing the UH-1H Iroquois (Huey), the first TH-67 Creek arrived here Oct. 15, 1993.

Maj. Gen. Dave Robinson, then the 16th commanding general of Army Aviation Center and Fort Rucker, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Howard Swan logged the first flight hour in the 01C model, according to post historical accounts. Robinson, now retired, and Swan, a chief warrant officer 5, attended the one millionth flight hour commemoration, in which the first TH-67 was displayed.

Photo by Marti Gatlin

MEMORABLE FLIGHT— Student and Warrant Officer Jacob Rettig, left, and primary instructor-pilot Steven Dodge of Lear Siegler Inc., discuss flight procedures for the TH-67 Creek at Fort Rucker's Cairns Army Airfield Jan. 16. They flew the one millionth flight hour in the aircraft and a ceremony recognizing the historical event was held at the airfield's new maintenance hangar Feb. 8.

Over time, Robinson said, some modifications have been made to the TH-67 such as removing the rear seat flight instrument panel and adding air conditioning. He called the aircraft resilient and said it handled well in repeated emergency-procedures training as well as actual, random emergencies. Robinson recalled an incident when an instructor-pilot was knocked unconscious from a bird strike through a cockpit.

"Training in the TH-67 is far more than stick wiggling," Robinson said. "It is where we first touch the soul of a warrior — an intangible thrust inside the being of all combat aviators."

Dodge and Rettig flew the historic one millionth training hour.

In June 1994, Dodge flew the first training flight with two students in the TH-67 Creek after its arrival here.

Dodge served 20 years as an Army aviator before his current position.

"I'm happy to be a part of history, and represent the former and present instructor-pilots and maintenance crews working towards this milestone. It was just as satisfying as the first training flight," said Dodge, who's originally from Fort Plain, N.Y. "The TH-67 has met and far exceeded all the safety and training requirements the Army could have asked for in my opinion."

Rettig, who joined the Army about 10 months ago, said he was honored to fly the one millionth hour with Dodge.

"I've always wanted to fly, and I have always been interested in it since I was a kid," said the 20-year-old Milwaukee native.

Among the Creek Indian Nation members attending the Feb. 8 ceremony and who took part in the helicopter's acceptance ceremony, was Tim Martin, Creek Indian Enterprises president.

"As (Maj. Gen. Packet) indicated, we're proud of the fact that the Creek is the base training model for the Army aviators of today," Martin said. "In this time of war all over the world, we certainly take pride in the fact that the Creek is the helicopter that's been training our troops to go. We were here in 1993 to put it into service."

Since the Army acquired the TH-67 Creek, student grades have improved, the course failure rate has been cut in half, and the helicopter has provided a highly reliable student- and instructor-friendly, low-cost airframe for nearly 15,000 future Army aviators, post officials said.

The TH-67 Creek was selected to improve training and reduce costs to American taxpayers by $29 million annually and more than a half billion dollars over the lifetime of the program. Today, Lear Siegler Services Inc. provides the flight training contract and Army Fleet Support furnishes maintenance support.

Huntsville Center workers honored for relief effort

More than 40 employees of the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville received recognition for going above and beyond to quickly help the areas devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Twenty-four employees received the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service for their work in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and parts of Texas in the weeks directly following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Twenty-seven employees received the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal for providing substantial support to the disaster relief operations in the affected areas. These medal recipients may or may not have deployed to the affected areas, but still provided critical assistance to the disaster relief operations.

Recipients of the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service include Raul E. Alonso, Keshia M. Appkins, Lequita Y. Byrd-Craig, Karan N. Dougherty, James A. Dunn, Arkie D. Fanning, Brett W. Frazier, Anthony E. Gibson, Kotriena M. Glover, Demetra C. Hill, Tommy J. Hunt, William O. Johnson, Robert B. Mackey, Arthur Martin III, Larry D. McIntosh, Suzanne G. Murdock, William F. Noel, Brandon A. Price, Margie R. Reed, John G. Runyans, Mindy M. Shelton, Christopher A. Shepherd, Laura M. Stiegler and Willie Mae Wade.

Recipients of the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal include Jason B. Adams, Keshia M. Appkins, Arnecia N. Bradley, Annette L. Butler, Donnie R. Butler, Gina M. Elliott, Arkie D. Fanning, Brett W. Frazier, Quintessia A. Fuller, Levi G. Gabre, Wanda C. Griffin, Wanda F. Hampton, Demetra C. Hill, Beverly K. Kirkland, Arthur Martin III, Kimberly K. Meacham, Linda L. Merschman, Charles D. Miller, Amanda L. Odem, Barbara J. Rich, Sarajane Rubert, Christopher A. Shepherd, Wesley A. Turner, Jacqueline L .White and Roger J. Young. *(Huntsville Center release)*

Get ready for 2007 Job Fair

As you look for employment, you have probably used a number of approaches to locate job openings. But nothing can compare to meeting employers face-to-face.

The sixth annual Job Fair will be held March 19 from 12-3 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. This event is open to the entire Redstone community, including those with common access to enter the Redstone Arsenal gates.

Making the most out of the Job Fair will require more than just showing up and handing out resumes. The challenge begins "before the fair." A workshop will be held March 8 from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road, to help you get ready for the job fair.

The workshop is designed to help you increase your productivity and effectiveness at the Job Fair. Topics will include rules and protocols, resume writing and interviewing tips. Seating is limited, so don't delay. Call Debra Jefferson at 876-5397 to register.

The following companies are participating in the Job Fair: Accent, Aerotek, ATI Alldyne, BFA Systems, Bradley-Morris, Crestwood, D&Y, DRS Test & Energy Management, Defense Contract Management Agency, EG&G Technical Service, Frito-Lay, Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville Police, InStaff, Intergraph, Jacobs, Kelly Service, Kwajalein Range Service, LG Electronics, Manpower, Millennium Engineering & Integration, Redstone Federal Credit Union, Regions Bank, Sentar, S3, Techni-Core, Torch Technologies, TRI Staffing, University of Alabama-Huntsville, Verizon Wireless, Volunteer of America, Weiser Security, West Corp., WestWind Technologies, and Yulista Management Service. *(Army Community Service release)*

■ Homemade biscuits on the way out

Biscuits

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Let me add, I do have a reputation as a great biscuit maker. I once turned down an offer of marriage that was based solely on my hot biscuits. But remember, it is not just the ingredients that make the biscuits good, but how those ingredients are put together.

Our first ingredient is flour. I prefer Martha White self rising flour. I think self rising is the best because two other key ingredients, salt and baking powder, are already mixed into the flour in perfect proportions. No sifting is necessary. Now, being a true cook, I do not measure ingredients, but know by sight what is right. However, for those not so inclined, put two cups of flour to a glass bowl. Do not use a plastic bowl of any kind. Plastic can add an undesirable taste all of its own.

Add one cup of shortening to the flour. This is the solid white stuff that comes in a round can, not the liquid oil. The important part here is cutting in the shortening. Use two knives. Keep cutting the shortening into smaller and smaller pieces until you have the consistency of coarse sand. It takes a little effort, but this must be done for the shortening to be spread evenly throughout the flour. The better you mix the shortening in, the better the biscuit.

The final step is adding milk. For the best biscuits, use whole milk; and for good biscuits, use 2 percent milk. Do not use 1 percent or skim milk. After all — who are you kidding — you are going to put butter on these biscuits. The amount of milk is very important, one to one-and-a-half cups more or less, maybe two. When thoroughly mixed the biscuit dough should be able to be poured like cake batter, only slightly thicker. It should not be a solid or semi-solid ball of dough. This is an important tip because you will pour the batter onto a cutting board or wax paper heaped with flour. As you knead the dough, it picks up more flour and, if you start out with a ball of dough, you will end up with a tough wad ball.

Once you have a flexible ball, it is time to roll it out. Once you do, fold it over in half upon itself and lightly roll again. The dough should be approximately one inch thick. By rolling it in half upon itself, you have made a line where the biscuit will open when done. Cut the biscuits out using anything round, a well cleaned tuna can, a drinking glass or whatever you have to get the circle. Place the biscuit on a non-greased sheet with the side of the biscuits touching each other.

Cook at 350 degrees until done, brown on the outside with no evidence of dough on the inside. Now comes the best part, load the biscuits with butter, honey or jam of your choice. Enjoy! Of course you could smother it with milk gravy, but that is another story.

Laura Kesting

■ Garrison explains security change

of safety will be increased. For the safety and security of everyone involved, I hope this decision is reconsidered.

Jaclyn Tippie

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "We appreciate your concerns about the security on Redstone Arsenal and the safety of those who live and work here. Both of these issues are at the very top of the Garrison's list of responsibilities and we take them very seriously and would never compromise them. We assure you and everyone else — this installation is secure and is safe. As indicated in your letter, Redstone in conjunction with other installations no longer requires individual occupant ID checks for passengers in 'decaled' vehicles that are driven by a CAC card holder. The reason for this change is not targeted solely at getting vehicles through the gates faster. The primary reason for the change is because there is no 'measurable' risk associated with 'not' checking passengers in an authorized vehicle driven by a CAC card holder. If the vehicle is not registered/authorized to drive on post, if the vehicle is not decaled (rental vehicle for example) or if the driver is not a CAC card holder then all passengers are required to be checked."

Sports & Recreation

Golf league
The Redstone OMMCS Golf League is looking for players/teams to play in this year's golf schedule. Matches are held on the Redstone golf course each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon beginning April 3 and running until mid-September. Teams should have a roster of 6-12 players. All players who meet the eligibility requirements for the use of the Redstone golf course as defined by post regulations may participate. A final organizational meeting will be held March 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Redstone course clubhouse. Team dues are $110 per team. Individuals are also welcome and will be placed on existing teams when possible. If you need more information or plan to attend the meeting, call 313-4196 or e-mail dparker@camber.com.

Youth sports
Child and Youth Services' Sports will offer sports skill development camps during the Huntsville City Schools' Spring Break, March 19-23. Instruction will be provided in these individual sports: golf, tennis, racquetball and bowling; in team sports: basketball, baseball/softball, football, soccer and volleyball, as well as conditioning, speed, agility and strength training. Transportation will be provided from School Age Services if needed. CYS registration and sports physical must be current. Registration paperwork and more information can be found at www.redstonemwr.com For more information, call 313-3699.

Bass tournament
The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America invites you to participate in its spring 2007 bass tournament April 21 at Goose Pond Colony on Lake Guntersville. A social will be held April 20 at 5 p.m. at rental cabin 11, tournament headquarters. The tournament starts at first safe light April 21 and ends at 2 p.m. with weigh-in immediately following. For more information call Bob Vlasic 881-4144, Chuck Ogle 883-7974, Matt Boenker 313-9117 or Tom Geoffroy 876-5359 or visit the chapter web site http://www.tennvalleyquad-a.org.

Baseball league
CYS Youth Sports is registering youth ages 5-12 for little league baseball through Friday. The registration fee is $50, which includes the uniform plus the $18 central registration fee if not already paid. To register, stop by CYS Central Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, with a copy of the child's birth certificate and a current sports physical, if not already on file. Registration paperwork and more information can be found at www.redstonemwr.com For more information, call 313-3699.

Scramble event
A Captain's Choice, Best Ball Scramble will be held Saturday at the Links at Redstone. Sign in begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9. Cost is $50 for non-members, and $36 for members of Redstone golf course. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Kari Ley (910) 922-3404 or Staff Sgt. Sean Hegg (928) 202-1408. Proceeds benefit NCO Academy Basic NCO Course Class 645-89B30-007-07, and the Phoenix Project, a local non-profit organization that helps troubled youth become productive adults.

Golf tournament
The ninth annual George H. Hobson Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., is March 31 at the Hampton Cove Golf Course, 450 Old Highway 431 South in Owens Cross Roads. Tee times start at 8 a.m. Registration deadline is March 10. Cost, which includes the after tournament meal, is $75 ($100 after deadline). For more information, call Walter A. Baker 797-5673.

Inline hockey league
Join CYS Sports for its Inline Hockey League, which is for children ages 5-18 as of April 1, 2006. Registration continues through March 30. Registration is $85 per player. Practices begin the week of April 9 and games run May through June. Teams are age-appropriate. For more information, call 313-3699. Registration paperwork and more information can be found at www.redstonemwr.com.

Ladies golf
The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will have a Signup Coffee on March 7 at 9 a.m. at the Redstone golf course. Ladies meet on Wednesday mornings at the golf course from March through October to play golf. There are also tournaments by the golf association that members are eligible to compete in. All women age 17 and over who meet the eligibility requirements for the use of the Redstone golf course as defined by current Army and post regulations may apply for membership in the association. Membership fee for RSALGA is $20 per year. If you need more information or plan to attend, call 772-8603 or e-mail katn@knology.net.

Babe Ruth baseball
Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registration for the summer season this Saturday and March 10 and 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Players ages 13 to 18 as of April 30, 2007 are invited; and 12-year-olds are eligible to sign up, too. Registration forms will be accepted after March 17 on an individual basis upon park approval and team availability. HBRL boundaries are the Huntsville city limits. The registration fee is $70, and a birth certificate is required for all players. Persons interested in coaching a team are encouraged to apply. The Babe Ruth parks and their primary contacts are: Central Division, Brahan Springs, call Bud Gambrell 564-5612; Northern Division, Mastin Lake, Dewayne Friend 830-7077; Southern Division, Sandhurst, Tim Harrison 544-3180; and Eastern Division, Optimist Park, Mike Samples e-mail michael@samplesproperties.com.

Conferences & Meetings

Materials conference
Registration for the Metamaterials and Nonlinear Materials Conference has begun. This conference will be held April 4-5 in Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, visit the conference web page at http://smapcenter.uah.edu/MNM07 or e-mail angie.cornelius@us.army.mil.

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
High points of the Consumer Electronics Show, a Las Vegas major event for the introduction of new products, and the Association of PC User Groups national convention will be discussed in a special meeting March 10 at 9:15 a.m. at the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Rod Rakes will also introduce several new software programs. Rakes is the Huntsville Personal Computer User Group newsletter editor and the Southeastern regional adviser for APCUG. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 830-2232.

Civil War round table
Michael Flannery, associate director of historical collections at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, will give a presentation for the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for $6.95. For information call 858-6191.

Space society
HAL5 (National Space Society) will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at Huntsville/Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Gregory H. Allison, executive vice president of the National Space Society, is to speak on orbital settlement. A social will follow. The public is invited. For more information, call Ronnie 509-3833.

Data managers
Association for Configuration and Data Management will hold its 12th annual conference March 5 in Destin, Fla. To register go to http://www.acdm.org/2007/conference.php.

Veterans association
National Dusters, Quads and Searchlights Association will have its 2007 reunion July 11-15 in Evansville, Ind. The site is the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 4101 U.S. Highway 41 North in Evansville. For more information, call 721-0913 or e-mail sgmstokes@juno.com.

Test week 2007
The Department of Defense Test Resource Management Center, in cooperation with the International Test and Evaluation Association, will sponsor Test Week 2007 from June 11-15 at the Von Braun Center. The theme this year is "How to Make Test and Evaluation Relevant to the Joint Warfighter." The web site is www.testweek.org, where you can pull off a preliminary agenda, registration form, exhibitor registration form, and floor plan. The conference is also in TIP, Catalog F73TW. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Defense summit
The second annual Joint Integrated Air & Missile Defense Summit will be held

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March 5-8 in Huntsville. This event is being planned by the Tennessee Valley Chapters of the National Defense Industrial Association, Women In Defense, and the Huntsville Chapters of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association and the International Council On Systems Engineering. For information on the summit, call Ralph Powell 259-6500 or visit the web site www.JIAMDsummit.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 651-3621or 313-4696 or e-mail cpurifoy@bellsouth.net.

Miscellaneous

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

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

Courtesy photo

Gracious hosts

From left Stan and Pat Johns of Huntsville show some American hospitality as host sponsors at a local Mexican restaurant for international students Lt. Dennis Pickhard and Warrant Officer Robertus Martens, both from the Netherlands.

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 Thrift Shop will be open this Saturday from 10-2. The shop is accepting spring 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.

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.

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/armyrotc/.

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/.

Scholarship program
The American Society of Military Comptrollers announces its annual scholarship program for ASMC members and their immediate families. This scholarship is open to high school seniors, undergraduates and those working on graduate programs. The application can be found at http://www.asmconline.org/national/nationalawards.shtml or you may call Judy Smith 313-2379 or Debbie O'Neal 876-2671. Application deadline is today. Packages may be mailed to AMCOM, Attn: AMSAM-RM-FD, Judy Smith, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898 or taken to Smith in building 5300, third floor, work station 53B062.

Call for papers
A call for papers has been issued for the "Workshop on Algorithms for Autonomous & Aided Target Recognition" June 6-7 at Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, e-mail Angie Cornelius at angie.cornelius@us.army.mil. A call for papers has also been issued for the Conference on Reconfigurable Systems, Microsystems and Nanotechnology, May 8-10. For more information, e-mail angie.cornelius@us.army.mil.

AER scholarships
Army Emergency Relief is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. Scholarships are available for children and spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers. Applications are available online at www.aerhq.org. For more information call Kristi Foster, AER officer, 876-5397, or e-mail kristi.foster@redstone.army.mil.

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Welfare requests
The Officer and Civilian Women's Club distributes money to nonprofit groups each year and is now accepting applications for grants. If you would like an application, they are available by mail (RSAOCWC, Attention: Welfare Chairman, P.O. Box 8113, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35808), and via the Internet by requesting a form by sending an e-mail to: ocwcwelfare@mchsi.com. Forms are also available in the OCWC newsletter Southern Exposure (January and February issues) and at Army Community Service. All requests must conform to the OCWC Welfare Request Form. The request deadline is today. Requests will be accepted by mail (postmarked no later than the deadline) and e-mailed or hand delivered no later than the deadline. The 2006-07 Welfare Committee will not consider requests by any delivery method after the deadline. For more information, call Pam Powell 864-2900.

Community volunteers
Do you have a few hours to volunteer with Soldiers and family members? Volunteers are needed at Army Community Service. Training and orientation are provided. If interested call volunteer coordinator Kim Anton 876-5397 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

Military collectibles
A military collectibles show will be held March 17-18 at the Jaycees Building, 2180 Airport Road. Buy, sell, trade or display. For more information, call 651-7302 or visit www.almilitarycollectors.org.

Quarterly retirements
The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is scheduled March 22 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 to participate, call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969 by Thursday. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled June 21.

Scholarships for freshmen
The 100 Black Men of America, Greater Huntsville Chapter announces its 2007 Scholarship Awards. As a part of its "Four for the Future" cornerstone programs (mentoring, educational, health and wellness, and economic development), the 100 BMOA is committed to the growth and development of America's youth. Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 point system. The program is for freshmen entering an accredited two- or four-year college, regardless of race, sex, creed or religious preference. Applications for scholarships must arrive in the 100 BMOA, GHC Business Office, P.O Box 5194, Huntsville, AL, 35814 by March 9. Scholarship award letters will be forwarded to selected winners by March 31. Applications can be obtained from local high school counselors, or by calling Freeda McDowell 536-8050. Interested students may also call scholarship chairman Sam King 722-1074.

Women's luncheon
The fifth annual Women's History Luncheon will be held at Post 237 on March 13 at 11:30 a.m. The event, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary 237 and 176, will honor the Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Wives of all wars. The honorary guest of honor will be Auxiliary national president JoAnn Cronin. If you know of any Gold Star Mothers or Wives, call Americanism chairman Shirley Mohler 539-3660.

Math tutoring
ACT and SAT Math Prep Tutoring Sessions will be held at the Youth Center through May 8 from 4:30-6 p.m. These sessions are free to children that are registered with Child and Youth Services. For more information, call 876-5437. Registration paperwork and more information can be found at www.redstonemwr.com.

Florida Tech signup
Florida Tech Graduate Center, Redstone registration for the summer semester begins April 30 at building 5304, room 4326. Class is weekly from 5-8 p.m. in building 5304. For information call the administrative office 881-7878.

Senior school
Alabama Senior Assisted Placement Inc., Decatur General, Decatur General Rehab Access, Morningside of Decatur, NARCOG, and the All American Senior will present "Senior School 2007" March 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Baptist of Decatur, 123 Church St. northeast, Decatur. This free event will cover such topics as home safety for senior citizens. For information call Chanda Crutcher 382-0426.

Spring registration
The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus is now registering for the spring term March 19 to May 20. Classes offered include the Air Transportation System; Concepts of Integrated Logistics; Studies in Rhetorical Theory; Human Factors in Aviation Safety; and Logistics Management for Aviation/Aerospace. The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels in Aviation/Aerospace and Management fields as well as certificate programs in Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Industrial Management, Occupational Safety and Health, Aviation Safety, and Space Studies. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses. Deadline to register is March 16. Call 876-9763 or visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222.

Master's program
The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is offering a Master of Science in Management program on Redstone Arsenal. Students applying for admission to the Master of Science in Management may choose from specializations in Management of Integrated Logistics; Aviation/Aerospace Industrial Management; and a General Management Option. Courses are offered in nine-week terms and are available online as well. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses. For more information visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222; the web site at http://www.erau.edu/huntsville, or e-mail the center at huntsville.center@erau.edu.

UAH lectures
Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, founder and president of Educational Achievement Services Inc., will be a guest speaker for Women's History Month at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. The theme for National Women's History Month in March is "Generations of Women Moving History Forward." Kickbusch will give two lectures Thursday. A UAH Honors Forum Real World Seminar will be presented at 11 a.m. in the North Campus Residence Hall Multi-Purpose Room. And at 7 p.m., she will give an Empowerment Seminar "Journey to the Future: A Roadmap for Success" in Roberts Recital Hall. Both lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Office of Multicultural Affairs 824-6822.

Youth classes
SKIESUnlimited classes are offered to enrich the academic, physical and emotional lives of youth. This program is open to youth ages 4-18. SKIESUnlimited offers Tae Kwon Do, Dance, Drumming, and Kindernastics. For more information, call 876-7801.

Greyhound adoptions
A Greyhound Adoption Event will be held March 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tractor Supply on North Memorial Parkway. "This is a perfect chance to meet this wonderful, gentle breed," a prepared release said. For more information, call 883-9384.

Car wash benefit
The Optimist Club will hold its annual car wash fund-raiser, benefiting local youth, May 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Lee's Magic Tunnel Car Wash. Wash, vacuum and double hot wax costs $8; and street or "walk in" sales are $14.

Parliamentary procedure
A "Parliamentary Procedure Workshop," sponsored by the American Institute of Parliamentarians Region 5 and Meeting Etiquette Partners, will be held March 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holiday Inn Research Park. This workshop is designed to help church groups, non-profits and schools learn how to build and develop better meeting etiquette skills that will benefit their respective goals and objectives. The cost is $110 in advance, $135 after Friday. For more information, call 541-4395 e-mail ltgovernor@aipregion5.org.

Labyrinth volunteers
The Mental Health Center of Madison County broke ground Feb. 15 on its Labyrinth Project funded by the Jane K. Lowe Charitable Foundation. The 60-foot labyrinth expected to open in May will be used as a therapeutic tool for clients in individual therapy, group therapy and day treatment programs. It will also be available free of charge to other health and human service agencies, churches, schools and other organizations in the community as well as the general public. This will be the first labyrinth at a health care facility in Alabama. The center is looking for volunteers who are interested in coming out on the weekends to help lay rock and sod and develop the site.Work dates are March 3-4 and March 10-11 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. If possible please

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bring tools, shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes, gloves and kneepads; and wear boots or suitable shoes. This activity is not recommended for children under 12. Snacks and lunch will be provided. For more information, call Marilyn Lands 705.6338.

Civilian of year award

The Association of the U.S. Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, will sponsor the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award and Dinner on April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. This award and dinner recognizes local DA civilians who have demonstrated exceptional performance as members of the Army team. This year AUSA will expand its award program by recognizing nominees from three groups: Management/Executive Award, Professional/Technical Award, and Supporting Staff Award. Support your outstanding civilian nominees by attending the recognition dinner. Tickets can be purchased from the AUSA event coordinator, Jerry Hamilton. Cost is $30 for individuals, and $240 for a corporate table of eight. For a reservation form, call Hamilton 971-7065.

Business honorees

The first Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama Business Hall of Fame, "A Celebration of Legends and Legacies," will be held April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center, South Hall. This black tie event will honor four laureates who were chosen because they have made outstanding contributions to free enterprise and have set new standards for future business leaders while serving as inspiring role models for young people. For more information, call the Junior Achievement office 533-4661.

Symphony concert

The circus is coming as the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra presents "Under the Big Top: A Symphony Circus Spectacular" on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Huntsville High School. "Conductor Carlos Miguel Prieto is renowned nationwide for his family concerts and he is the imaginative ringmaster of this colorful extravaganza that will delight the whole family," a prepared release said. Lobby activities before the concert add to the family fun. Cost is adults $7 and children $5.

Spring registration

Registration for spring classes at Calhoun Community College, Redstone Arsenal Extension continues through March 5. Sign up for the second eight-week session, which begins March 7. Call 876-7431 for more information, or visit Calhoun's web site at www.calhoun.edu and click on Spring Schedule. Calhoun is located in building 3343 on Little John Drive.

Moonbuggy race

Teams of high school and college students from across the country and around the world are designing and building their own lunar vehicles in preparation for NASA's 14th annual Great Moonbuggy Race, sponsored by Northrop Grumman Corp. The event, open to the public, runs April 13-14 at the U.S Space & Rocket Center.

Book sale benefit

The Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for the Army Emergency Relief campaign is April 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 5300, first floor, in the corridor between buildings 5303 and 5304. "As in the past, we accept donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotapes," a prepared release said. "We will be able to receive donations (now) until April 18." If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-8563 to arrange delivery and pickup.

Space Camp scholarships

The ACS Volunteer Committee announces the Space Camp, Space Academy, and Aviation Challenge Scholarship Program for 2007, open to active and retired military family members. Children of Guard and Reserve members having served on active duty from March 16, 2006 to March 16, 2007 are also eligible. Applications are available at the Post Exchange, local schools, Army Community Service and www.redstonemwr.com. The applications must be returned by noon March 16 to ACS, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Previous winners are not eligible. For more information, call 876-5397.

Business scholarships

The Redstone Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals invites students to apply for its scholarship program. Two scholarships for $750 each will be awarded to students majoring in business (high school and college). For more information, call Dorothy May 842-8391. The application can be found at www.geocities.com/iaaprsa/current.htm.

Farewell party

A "DJ Azúcar Farewell Party" is Saturday night at 9 at the American Legion ballroom, 2900 Drake Ave. Cost is $10 per person; and you must be over 21 with a photo ID. For more information, call 651-9626 or 430-6179.

Help wanted

The Thrift Shop is seeking a part-time assistant manager. For more information, call Gabriel Cannon 721-0927.

Professional development

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a seminar on "Putting Your Best Foot Forward – Managing Your Career" April 11-12 at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. The same session will be held each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is from 7-8 a.m. Janie Walters of Champion Communications is the seminar leader. Cost is $75 for ASMC members, $85 for non-members. For information call Cody Swinford 876-3363, Dana Wilbanks 876-4283, Debbie O'Neal 876-2671, Sandy Balog 842-8012 or Theresa McBride 842-9272.

License plate update

A ceremony to open a satellite of the Madison County License Department has been postponed. The site, formerly scheduled to open March 1, is in the Commissary/PX area.

Science and faith

"Are we alone?" That's the subject of a three-part free lecture series to be held at 7 p.m. March 6-8 at the Von Braun Center (East Hall 2). Two visiting scientists, David Penny and Michael Windheuser, will give presentations on the interplay between science and faith. Opportunity for discussion will be provided.

Rosary making

Ben Tainatongo says he would like to share his interest in rosary making. By making rosary, this can help churches, institutions and serve as a way of supporting the troops, he says. This effort "does not cost anything to join or materials." He can be reached at 603-2185.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?										
AS OF 22 Feb 07		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK07784475	Supv Gen Engr;Supv Elect Engr;Supv Mech Engr;Supv Physical Scientist;Supv Physicist;Supv Oper Research Analyst	28-Feb-07	USADTC	GS-0801;0855;0830;1301;1310;1515	15	15	105,720 - 137,434		X		X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK07784475D	Supv Gen Engr;Supv Elect Engr;Supv Mech Engr;Supv Physical Scientist;Supv Physicist;Supv Oper Research Analyst	28-Feb-07	USADTC	GS-0801;0855;0830;1301;1310;1515	15	15	105,720 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07806566R	Budget Analyst	28-Feb-07	AMRDEC	DE-0560	3	3	48,570 - 83,148		X										
SCBK07724358D	Practical Nurse	28-Feb-07	MEDDAC	GS-0620	5	5	29,108 - 37,839								X				X
SCBK07794610	Secretary (OA)	28-Feb-07	Corp. Of Engrs	YB-0318	1	1	16,630 - 37,130		X		X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK07841043	Logistics Mgmt Spec	28-Feb-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X										
SCBK07739153	Prgm Supp Clerk (OA)	1-Mar-07	Corp. Of Engrs	YB-0303	1	2	16,630 - 55,580		X		X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK07816492	Tech Writer-Editor	2-Mar-07	IMMC	GS-1083	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X							X		X	
SCBK07834695D	General Engr	2-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	2	2	29,108 - 69,373	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07802582	General Supp Spec	2-Mar-07	GARRISON	GS-2001	9	9	44,104 - 57,334		X										
SCBK07840854	Electronics Engr	2-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	2	2	29,108 - 69,373		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK07840854D	Electronics Engr	2-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	2	2	29,108 - 69,373	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07865036	Procurement Analyst	2-Mar-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-1102	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		X						X			X	
SCBK07800434	Inventory Mgmt Spec	5-Mar-07	GARRISON	GS-2010	11	11	53,362 - 69,373		X										
SCBK07870917	Prgm Analyst	5-Mar-07	AMCOM	GS-0343	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X										
SCBK07761574D	Contract Spec	5-Mar-07	USADTC	GS-1102	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07858289	Prgm Analyst	5-Mar-07	IMMC	GS-0343	12	12	62,751 - 81,572	X	X										
SCBK07829512	Engmg Tech	6-Mar-07	AMCOM	GS-0802	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X										
WTST07745582	Intelligence Spec (I&TS)	6-Mar-07	Aviation Ctr	GG-0132	13	13	75,414 - 98,041	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07837961	Public Affairs Assistant (OA)	6-Mar-07	GARRISON	GS-0303	6	6	32,446 - 42,180						X						
SCBK07864933	Sys Mgmt Analyst	6-Mar-07	AMC-G8	GS-0501	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X										
SCBK07821786	General Engr	6-Mar-07	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	76,056 - 98,876			X	X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK07821786D	General Engr	6-Mar-07	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07858619	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Mar-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X										
SCBK07830760	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Mar-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X										
SCBK07855930	Computer Scientist	7-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-1550	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK07855930D	Computer Scientist	7-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-1550	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07806360D	Gen Engr	8-Mar-07	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07808079	Aerospace Engr	8-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK07807048	Mechanical Engr	8-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK07807048D	Mechanical Engr	8-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07780710	Mgmt Services Spec	8-Mar-07	Corp. Of Engrs Huntsville	YA-0341	1	2	25,623 - 87,039		X										
SCBK07860335	Mgmt Assistant (OA)	8-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DK-0344	3	3	36,057 - 51,914	X	X										
SCBK07800616	Lead Gen Engr	10-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK07800616D	Lead Gen Engr	10-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07814153	Lead Electronics Engr	10-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK07814153D	Lead Electronics Engr	10-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07816030	General Engr	10-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK07816030D	General Engr	10-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07835461	General Engr	13-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK07835461D	General Engr	13-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07790225	Supv Financial Mgmt Spec	14-Mar-07	Corp. Of Engrs	YC-0505	3	3	79,115 - 127,031		X			X			X				
SCBK07790225D1	Supv Financial Mgmt Spec	14-Mar-07	Corp. Of Engrs	YC-0505	3	3	79,115 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07843203	Lead Gen Engr	14-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK07843203D	Lead Gen Engr	14-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07824205	General Engr	15-Mar-07	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	89,875 - 116,835			X	X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK07824205D	General Engr	15-Mar-07	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07841217	Lead Aerospace Engr	20-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK07841217D	Lead Aerospace Engr	20-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07840845	Lead Gen Engr	20-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK07840845D	Lead Gen Engr	20-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK07784475D	Supv Elect Engr	28-Feb-07	USADTC	GS-0855	15	15	105,720 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07784475D	Supv Gen Engr	28-Feb-07	USADTC	GS-0801	15	15	105,720 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07784475D	Supv Mech Engr	28-Feb-07	USADTC	GS-0830	15	15	105,720 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07784475D	Supv Oper Research Analyst	28-Feb-07	USADTC	GS-1515	15	15	105,720 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07784475D	Supv Physical Scientist	28-Feb-07	USADTC	GS-1301	15	15	105,720 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07784475D	Supv Physicist	28-Feb-07	USADTC	GS-1310	15	15	105,720 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07790225D1	Supv Financial Mgmt Spec	28-Feb-07	Corp. Of Engrs	YC-0505	3	3	79,115 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07840854D	Electronics Engr	2-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	2	2	29,108 - 69,373	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07834695D	General Engr	2-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	2	2	29,108 - 69,373	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07821786D	General Engr	6-Mar-07	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07855930D	Computer Scientist	7-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-1550	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07806360D	Gen Engr	8-Mar-07	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07807048D	Mechanical Engr	8-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07808079D	Aerospace Engr	8-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07816030D	General Engr	10-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07814153D	Lead Electronics Engr	10-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07800616D	Lead Gen Engr	10-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07835461D	General Engr	13-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07843203D	Lead Gen Engr	14-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07790225D1	Supv Financial Mgmt Spec	14-Mar-07	Corp. Of Engrs	YC-0505	3	3	79,115 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07824205D	General Engr	15-Mar-07	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07841217D	Lead Aerospace Engr	20-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07840845D	Lead Gen Engr	20-Mar-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
U - All U.S. citizens

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

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