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Standing up for troop medical care

Commander seeks improvements at Fox health center, Armywide

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As Col. Mark H. Smith watches from afar the shakedown occurring at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and within the high-ranking offices of the Army's medical corps, he can only respond in frustration and amazement.

Smith knows good officers are taking the blame for conditions created by inadequate funding, a situation caused by Congress and reverberating down through the Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, the regional medical commands, and the commands' hospitals and medical centers, and continuing, lastly, to wounded Soldiers.

"We did not have the kind of fiscal responsibility that we needed at the beginning of the war," Smith said.

"You've got three things going on here. First, you've got a Congress that will do anything they can to make George Bush wrong. Second, in the Army, you have thousands of rooms and hundreds of buildings that are far worse than Building 18 (an outpatient facility at Walter Reed that has recently become known for its poor conditions). There are training installations in the Army that are garbage dumps compared to Building 18. It is just a tip of the iceberg for the entire Defense Department.

"And, third, commanders knew they had to quit fighting and deal with what they have or risk their career. There is a culture in the



Photo by Kari Hawkins

ENJOYING COMMANDER'S ROLE— Col. Mark H. Smith, the new commander of Fox Army Health Center, enjoys serving in a leadership role where he can affect positive changes. He has a list of changes he wants to make at Fox, which involve making medical care more accessible and expanding medical care once again to retirees and their families.

Army not to buck the system, not to push too hard."

But, Smith, the new commander of Fox Army Health Center, is a "Soldier's Soldier" who is not comfortable with that culture. With 28 years of military service and a

recent return from a deployment in Iraq, Smith is standing down the culture, and standing up for the medical care of Soldiers, retirees and their families.

A self-professed "hard-charged, hard-core tanker," Smith is a unique medical professional in the Army. After graduation from the University of Alabama in 1979, Smith tried to turn his bachelor's degree in chemistry into a career as a doctor. But, unable to get into medical school, Smith pursued his second love – field artillery – and held various Army positions where he commanded and instructed artillery Soldiers. During that time, he traveled around the world three times in 12 years and attended West Point as a graduate student pursuing a master's in leadership development.

But, while commanding Company H, 3rd Regiment, U.S. Corps of Cadets, U.S. Military Academy, a situation occurred that changed the direction of Smith's career. One of Smith's cadets broke his neck in a swimming pool accident while on leave. Smith visited the cadet in the hospital on several occasions, and met a doctor who encouraged him to go to medical school.

So, in 1991, at age 35, Smith left the Army to attend New York Medical College. After a residency in family medicine, he reentered the Army and was assigned to West Point as the chief of Cadet Health Services,

Health center looking beyond budget concerns

Military retirees invited back into care system

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When Col. Mark H. Smith arrived at Redstone Arsenal in December, he found Fox Army Health Center in the same situation as other health centers in the Army Medical Command – budget cuts during the past 10 years and a fear of future budget cuts had caused leadership to restrict services and limit accessibility.

"Fox has gone from being a hospital to being a clinic in the past 10 years," Smith said. "It's gone through three RIFs and has been transformed from a 50/50 split between military and civilian employees to 10 percent mili-

tary and 90 percent civilian. In the last three years, to manage budget constraints, enrollment to retirees has been turned off. Retirees have been 'turfed' to the outside medical network, and priority of space has gone to active duty and their family members."

That shift was easy for the Army, Smith said, because Huntsville offers two outstanding hospitals and a large medical services community. But, complaints have come down to the personal business of customer service – military retirees want to continue using military doctors and facilities regardless of what the local medical community has to offer, and all patients want to have easy access to Army medical care.

So, first off, Smith has made changes in the center's business management model. He has brought many of the



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What do you think of the Army medical system?

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2nd Lt. Eric Moorman
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"I can speak about it from a deployment standpoint, having been to Iraq. What I've seen over there medically, it's out-

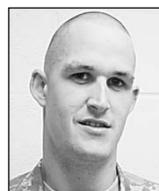
standing. It is the best program I've ever seen — from the time they're injured to the time they're evacuated. The doctors, nurses, everybody does an outstanding job. Everything works perfectly."

Master Sgt. Tim Clingan
senior medical NCO
"I love the Army's medical system. I think they're extremely professional. They're doing great things with less."



Tracey Lenz
military spouse
"I like it. I'm well impressed with it. It doesn't take long to get your prescription. It doesn't take long to get in, get out."

Pfc. Adam Massie
Charlie Company
"It's good, has good benefits to it. It's a good thing."



Parking guidelines wanted

Is there any regulatory authority for having a "Motorcycle Parking Space" in the building 5301 lot?

This morning there was a motorcycle parked in a "car" parking spot (a space much nearer to building 5301 than the space marked for "motorcycle parking"). That's OK; a motorcycle is a vehicle and therefore entitled to a full traffic lane or parking space just like any other vehicle.

No other "car" parking spaces were available near building 5301, so I parked my car in the "motorcycle" space. Two hours later, a note was on my windshield: "MOTORCYCLES ONLY! NOT A CAR PARKING SPACE. STAY OUT!" I have seen similar notes on other cars that parked in that space. Does the vigilante have a real case?

What is the regulatory authority for marking parking spaces specifically for motorcycles? If there is authority to designate a parking space for motorcycles, shouldn't the designated space be a "prime" one, so the intended user(s) would actually use it?

As it is now, motorcyclists park as close to the building as they can, as most people do, and the marked space often sits empty.

Please clarify whether cars must "STAY OUT!" of the "motorcycle"-marked space.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Sparkman Management Office provided the following response. "Thank you for your letter concerning parking at the Sparkman Center. Parking is very important to all of us working at and visiting the Sparkman Center. Parking at the complex is governed by AR 210-4, the American Disabilities Act and the AFGE Local 1815 union agreement. The Sparkman Center has approximately 3,500 parking spaces of which less than 10 percent are designated for handicapped. Management Official and the two motorcycle spaces in question. When the Sparkman Center was constructed, these two motorcycle spaces were included in the original design. The remainder of parking spaces is open parking to any licensed vehicle. All open parking is used on a first served basis. In answer to your question about whether to STAY OUT, since the designated spaces are governed by regulations, laws and management, their designations should be honored."

Unimpressed with gate fix

I went out Gate 7 (recently) for the first time. Traffic was very light. The first thing I noticed was a very cheap safety rail, less than the state of Alabama highway and county gravel road standards. Some of the metal safety railing looked like wood landscape timbers; and the rest was not impressive. I believe we could have done better than this in 30 days and for about \$10,000 and split the profit three ways ... I expected a showplace of improvements with flashing colored lights, etc., for that major expense and almost a year of inconvenience, waste of time and gas, and traffic accidents and delays.

Dallas Crowell Jr.
IMMC

Thrift Shop's help appreciated

Christmas Charities Year Round would like to thank the Redstone Thrift Shop for the generous donation given to CCYR.

The money will be used to buy new clothing for school-age children. Your support is always appreciated.

Gerri Mills
CCYR director

Getting to know you

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Name: Sgt. 1st Class Robert Taylor

Job: Becoming a drill sergeant at Charlie Company after attending school in July at Fort Benning, Ga.

Where do you call home?
Washington, D.C.

What do you like about your job?
Mentoring Soldiers. Guiding them in the right direction. Making them true professionals.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to work out (at the gym).

What are your goals?
To achieve the rank of command sergeant major. To complete a four-year degree in the studies I'm currently engaged in (physical fitness and physical fitness management). And also it leads into a master's as well.

What's your favorite type of music?
Hip hop



Photo by Kaye Richey

Where's the lollypop?

1st Lt. Arnelle Lewis, a nurse from the Virgin Islands Army National Guard, takes a Guatemalan boy's temperature during a medical readiness training exercise in Santa Cruz Balanya, Guatemala.

Quote of the week

'Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.'

— Henry Ford

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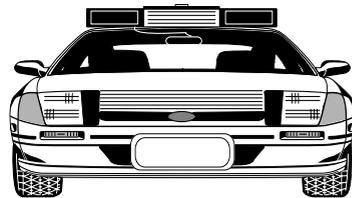
Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

March 10: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

March 10: An individual was observed selecting several items in the Post Exchange, and then exiting without rendering proper payment. The subject was arrested and processed by the Redstone Police. Investigation continues by the investigative section.

March 10: A Soldier was brought to the Police Station, where he was being administered a breath test. He became unruly and was



then arrested and placed in the detention cell. He was released after his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level. Investigation continues by his unit.

March 11: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, after allegedly running into a barricade at Gate 10. He was arrested by Redstone Police, processed and placed in the deten-

tion cell. He was later released after his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level. He was also issued two violation notices.

March 11: A Soldier was arrested by the Huntsville Police Department for public intoxication in downtown Huntsville. He was placed in the Huntsville jail until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

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

Violation notices issued: 18 speeding, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired tag, 1 driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, 1 driving under the influence, 2 parking violations, 9 cell phone violations.

Get your laugh on for the weekend

Redstone's third Comedy Night brings headliners this Friday

By VICKIE MARKS

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Sometimes it's plain hard to laugh. On Redstone, it just got easier. This Friday, professional comedians will return to the Officers and Civilians Club.

Performing this time around will be the nationally known headliner Mark Knope. A 20-year veteran of comedy clubs, Knope has credits that include Comedy Central, ABC's "America's Funniest People" and FOX, as well as the nationally syndicated "Bob and Tom" Radio Show, heard regularly on XM Satellite Radio. He is jovial and a bit silly, energetic and playful with the audience. It is the type of act that all walks of life can enjoy. Knope also believes you don't have to be crude to be funny.

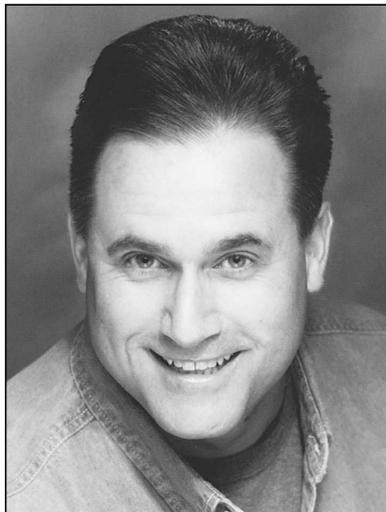
In the feature spot are two great performers. Indiana's Marques Bunn is a laid back and talented performer who is also great at celebrity impressions. Following Bunn will be Mel Fine, also from Indianapolis. She takes control of the stage and always wins over the crowd.

"Tickets are going fast," said Steve Sabo, president of Inside Joke Productions, the company bringing this show to Redstone Arsenal. "We are bringing the best performers in the country, hands down. Comics you have seen on The Tonight Show, Comedy Central, HBO and Showtime. If you like to laugh, you will have a great time."

Said Joe Majchszak, promotions and operations director for Inside Joke Productions, "It's an amazing feat to get some of the performers that we do for these shows. Usually, comics of this caliber are not seen in club venues, but rather huge auditoriums and theaters. But Steve Sabo has the connections to bring the top talent to any town, and the crowds seem to appreciate that."

Advance tickets are \$8 without dinner and \$13 with dinner. Tickets at the door are \$12 without dinner and \$17 with dinner. The buffet dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30. For more information, call 830-2582. This event is open to the entire Redstone community and their guests.

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Mark Knope



Marques Bunn



Mel Fine

Tax center popular with military community

Federal refunds top \$1.5 million with doors open until April 13

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The Tax Assistance Center is a Redstone hotspot these days.

"It's been awesome," officer in charge Capt. Paul Laracy said. "The staff has really worked hard. We are on record pace in all quantitative categories including federal returns, federal refunds, state returns, state refunds, and tax preparation fees (saved)."

By March 13 the free center had done 1,118 federal returns and provided more than \$1.5 million in federal refunds. The value of services provided was more than \$200,000, which represents what clients would have paid if charged preparation fees.

The center had delivered more than \$250,000 in state refunds and completed 1,000 state returns.

"So, we have really hit a stride here," said Laracy, in a brief respite before returning to work. "Last year's OIC, Capt. Dan Papacik, and our volunteer coordinator, retired Lt. Col. Randy Duff, did so much to get the ball rolling. We've since been off to the races. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with such a great staff and assist so many in the Redstone community."

The center, building 3489 at the corner of Ajax and Zeus Roads, will continue to serve active duty and retired servicemembers and their dependents until April 13.

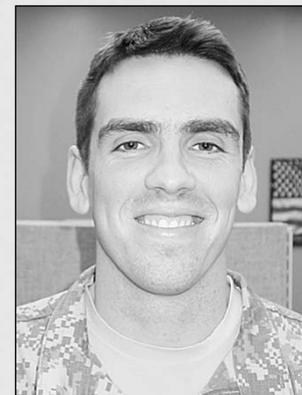
The staff includes 20 IRS-trained Soldiers and civilian volunteers who serve as income tax assistants under the supervision of the Office of Staff Judge Advocate.

"We have three full-time Soldiers, and another Soldier who's actually a volunteer. There are 17 total volunteers (including civilians)," Laracy said.

The center's open from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with tax return preparation offered by appointment only. Services are also offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 by appointment. Walk-ins are welcomed for E-4s and below during the extended evening hours only. All others must make an appointment. For an appointment or more information, call the center at 842-1040.

Clients should take the following items to their appointment: all W2s, 1099s, 1098s and brokerage statements; Social Security cards for spouse and dependents; spouse (or a power of attorney that authorizes filing on his or her behalf) when filing a married filing jointly return; any receipts for deductible expenses; check showing bank account number and routing number; last year's tax return or other applicable years; dependent care provider's EIN, name, address, phone number and Social Security number; and advance child tax credit notice if received.

Last year's center saved clients more than \$400,000 in tax preparation and filing fees and helped obtain almost \$2.5 million in refunds.



Capt. Paul Laracy

AMCOM and Redstone to have new commander

Myles selected for command

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles will become the next commander of Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command.

Myles is expected to succeed Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury in July, according to Army officials. He currently leads the Test and Evaluation Command in Alexandria, Va.

Myles was commissioned in 1974 upon graduation from Middle Tennessee State University. He received a bachelor's degree in business management from MTSU and a master's in business administration from Webster University.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Transportation Officer Advance Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. His aviation training includes the initial entry Rotary Wing Course, Aviation Maintenance Officer Course, the UH-



Maj. Gen. Jim Myles

60 Qualification Course, and the Fixed Wing Qualification Course.

In his first assignment, he served as an infantry platoon leader in C-1/501st Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. While serving in Panama, his positions included

production control officer and scout platoon leader of the 210th Aviation Battalion, 193rd Infantry Brigade at Fort Clayton. After moving to St. Louis, he served as the fixed wing readiness project officer and assistant SGS at TSARCOM. His final company-grade assignment came as the aviation maintenance officer for USREDCOM at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

He commanded C Company, 2nd Aviation Battalion in the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey, Korea. He then moved to Fort Campbell where he served in the 160th Special Operations Aviation Group for four years as the simulations officer and regimental executive officer.

Myles' battalion command came with the 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; followed by a return assignment to the 160th SOAR (A) as the regimental deputy commander. He was selected to command the 17th Aviation Brigade in

Yongsan, Korea and completed a follow-on assignment as the Eighth Army chief of staff. He left Korea for a position as the chief of the Middle-East Division (J-5) on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. He returned to Fort Hood, served as the assistant division commander (maneuver) of the First Cavalry Division, and the commanding general of the Operational Test Command. He became commander of the Test and Evaluation Command in 2004.

His awards include Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with three oak leaf clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster). Myles wears the Master Army Aviation Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.



Courtesy photo

New director

George Snyder was selected in February as the new director for the Sensors Integration and Test and Evaluation Directorate, a Senior Executive Service position. The directorate is within the Technical Center, a part of the Research, Development and Acquisition element of the Space and Missile Defense Command. Before this assignment, Snyder was the deputy director of the Applied Sensors, Guidance and Electronics Directorate of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. He was also the program manager for the compact kinetic energy missile advanced technology demonstration program. He has worked for the government more than 25 years and served 10 years as an officer in the Army Reserves, Corps of Engineers.



Photo by Pat Sheahan

At the controls

Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson, military deputy/director to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, takes a front seat view of the new UH-60M Black Hawk digital cockpit. Maj. Dave Cheney, UH-60M Upgrade assistant product manager, gives Thompson a tour of the new cockpit.

Drivers reminded of cell phone ban

*Police issuing citations;
fine slated to be added*

By KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY

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Driving while talking on a cell phone is a hot issue these days. Many cities and states are considering a legislative ban. When the Defense Department implemented such a ban in December 2005, it seemed that

was the end of that. Apparently not, as many drivers are ignoring the regulation.

The ban, reflected in Garrison Policy 358-55, prohibits not only cell phone use while driving, but also personal data assistants and global positioning systems. It also includes headphones and earphones – except those for hands-free cell phone use. Signs bearing the picture of a cell phone and an unmistakable red line through it are on almost every street on post.

Capt. Roger Triplett, assistant operations officer for the Directorate of Emergency Services, said he's not sure the regulation has made much of a dent in the number of people having a chat while motoring down Redstone's roadways. In fact, he said officers had written 15 citations for the offense in the preceding week alone. That's without really trying.

"We're not even targeting cell phones. If my guys see them, they pull them over and write the ticket," he said.

Officers can pull over anyone they see violating the policy. Drivers do not have to be committing any other offense. Currently, a ticket for driving and talking on a cell phone carries an administrative action.

"It goes to your supervisor. The supervisor can take action, whether it's counseling or counseling in writing," Triplett said. "We're encouraging them to take action against these people."

Drivers also accumulate points on their licenses that can add up to having their driving privileges on the installation suspended or revoked. Plans are in the works to change the penalty to hit people where you get their attention the most – their wallets.

"We're in the process of adding a fine," Triplett said. "It will probably be a \$25 fine for a first offense."

As if disregarding DoD regulation alone wasn't enough, doing so is putting both their safety and others around them at risk. A driver having a conversation is a distracted driver. Triplett tells a story of a woman who learned the hard way.

"There was an accident, not in the state of Alabama, where a lady had to be extricated from a



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

JUST PULL OVER— Although cell phones were banned while driving on post more than a year ago, some drivers persist in using them.

vehicle," he said. "When they removed her, her right arm was missing. The paramedics went back to get the arm to see if it could be reattached. In her right hand was her cell phone."

While no cell phone related accidents on Redstone have been quite that dramatic, they have happened, Triplett said.

"We've had a couple 'I was talking on my cell phone and I didn't see the car in front of me' and then Bam!" he said.

Use of a simple hands-free device complies with regulation. Most cell phones come with a simple ear piece when they are purchased. After market and higher end devices are available

from the service providers and many retailers. Prices for such items start under \$10 for the most basic items and go up to \$100 or more for blue tooth and designer stereo models. Even though a hands-free device will prevent a citation, Triplett said, it does not eliminate the other risks involved.

"We recommend you just pull over at the first convenient spot out of the way, like a parking lot or off the shoulder of the road," he said. "Pay attention to the road. When you're talking on the phone you're not paying attention to your driving. You're distracted by the conversation, trying to hang up or dialing the cell phone."

Traffic cameras to arrive at busy city corridors

Commuters able to check routes before travel

The City of Huntsville has installed the first of a network of cameras planned to be installed along heavily traveled roads in Huntsville. Commuters will be able to view traffic volumes by checking the city's web site: www.hsvcity.com/traffic and clicking on "LIVE Traffic Cam!"

"This will be another way for residents to stay informed, up to the minute, concerning any traffic delays," Mayor Loretta Spencer said. "We are fortunate to have so many projects in our city. There will be some delays during the construction, and we hope that this will become a useful tool for people traveling in those areas."

The first traffic camera was

installed on Governors Drive and gives a visual of the road east of Monroe Street, southwest, which will help keep people informed of traffic flow as the Governors Drive widening project progresses.

"The location of cameras will expand to include all of our major thoroughfares," Spencer said. "We not only want to provide avenues to efficiently move traffic in Huntsville, but as a service to residents I also place a high priority on keeping everyone aware of any delays in traffic movement. The ability to check traffic before leaving will help commuters determine whether taking an alternate route will aid their travel."

The city will not incur a cost initially. This is part of a franchise agreement with Traveller which provides the city wireless connectivity as an offset for tower attachment. (*Huntsville release*)

Red Cross director has Redstone connection

*Wife of military retiree
knows services firsthand*

By JULIE FREDERICK
For the Rocket

The American Red Cross has always played an important role in the lives of servicemembers and their families. For Mary Moreillon, a retired-military spouse from Redstone, the organization meant enough to give 20 years of service culminating in her appointment as the new executive director of the Madison/Marshall County Red Cross chapter.

Moreillon's previous assignment was director of volunteer services.

"This position is a drastic change for me," she said. "Over the last 20 years my primary focus has been on our volunteers. The switch to the executive director position gives me completely different priorities and responsibilities."

A naturally soft-spoken woman, Moreillon has a passion for the Red Cross and its mission as well as the steely resolve of a career military spouse to see a mission succeed.

"The Red Cross always has to look ahead, planning how to be better prepared for whatever comes our way and how to keep the community prepared," she said. "A big part of that are our community partnerships, like the disaster preparedness drills we assist with at Redstone Arsenal.

"We are always planning things like blood drives, first aid and CPR preparedness classes. As far as our work with the



Photo by Julie Frederick

ARTWORK— Mary Moreillon, executive director of the Madison/Marshall County Red Cross chapter, points out the student generated artwork for the "Red Cross For All People" contest. The annual contest asks local students to create artwork based on the history of the Red Cross.

Arsenal, serving our armed forces and their families is mandated for us. Right now we have a big push for programs to inform activated Soldiers and their families of services we can provide them."

The Red Cross also works on blood drives, summer teen volunteer programs with Fox Army Health Center, health and safety activities, and collaborates with Army Community Service and Army Emergency Relief initiatives.

"We all work together to enhance both the Redstone and local communities," Moreillon said. "We focus on all of our partnerships and leveraging our resources to meet more of the communities needs."

Her appointment to executive director came during the national Red Cross Month.

"With this month being Red Cross Month our goal this month is to do a communitywide awareness blitz," she

said. "We really want to remind everyone of what we are here for and thank them for their continued support."

Moreillon is slated to speak on the Arsenal later this month for Red Cross Month.

This year's theme for Red Cross Month is Hometown Heroes. The national web site invites visitors to give their definitions of a hometown hero, and Moreillon offered her definition as well.

"Based on my background I would have to say our 2,000-plus local Red Cross volunteers are my definition of hometown heroes," she said. "When you see how much our volunteers give to this community, I would hate to see where we would be without them."

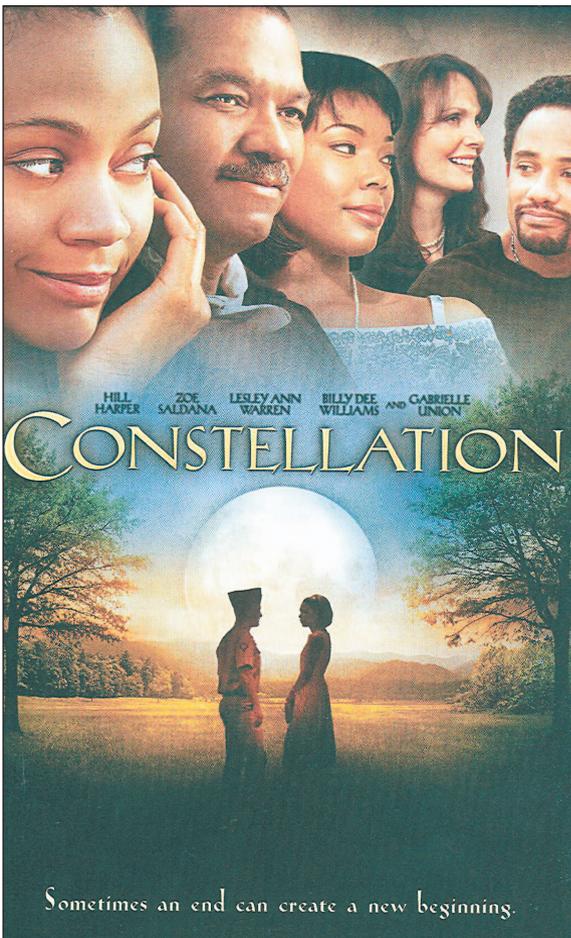
Moreillon started volunteering for the Red Cross while stationed overseas working with Soldiers and their families. When her husband was reassigned to Redstone, she decided to affiliate with the on post chapter as a caseworker because she loved what the Red Cross stood for and its humanitarian mission.

Her years of continued service as a volunteer led to a job offer when the Redstone chapter merged with the Madison County chapter in 1985.

In her 20 years she has seen many things change, from engaging service volunteers to getting blood donors.

"Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal are such giving communities," Moreillon said. "It can be very challenging for the Red Cross to get volunteers and we are very fortunate to be a part of a community with a very giving spirit."

Soldier makes movie debut in 'Constellation'



Courtesy graphic

LOCAL CONNECTION— “Constellation” was filmed and released in Huntsville.

NCO Academy small group leader wins speaking role in Hollywood film

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The Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School has a movie star in the house.

But unless you attended the Jan. 26 release of the movie “Constellation” at the Regal Hollywood 18 theater in Huntsville, you’d never know that Sgt. 1st Class David Beier, an NCO Academy small group leader, played the role of a commanding officer in the movie.

“I got the call in between mobilizations (in 2004) that they were looking for extras for a film in Huntsville and I went to it,” he said. Beier is among many Reserve component NCOs with the 13th Battalion, 18th Division Institutional Training unit who have been mobilized to support the training mission at OMEMS.

He showed up at the casting call thinking he would be an extra and ended up not only picking up a speaking role but also being the adviser on military uniforms and customs.

A uniform issue was actually what got Beier the promotion from extra to cast member. The person tasked to be the commanding officer was too young for the role, he said. Looking more mature than the other actor, Beier was given the role of a commanding officer.

“It went from a non-speaking role to a role for which I had to get really angry to do a scene with Gabriel Union,” Beier said. “It took me more than an hour to get myself worked up enough for it.”

When he wasn’t rubbing elbows with Gabriel Union or Daniel Bess, Beier was busy guiding the extras who were playing the role of African-American and white Soldiers.

“I told them the importance of looking sharp as Sol-

diers,” he said. “The particular time period of the film was supposed to be prior to the Vietnam Era and Soldiers were still segregated. I made sure they understood the importance of being an African-American (and a Soldier) in that time period.”

Many non-Hollywood types who have worked with Hollywood-types could probably tell you horror stories, but not Beier. Why would he? On the Constellation web site, he’s listed as a cast member — not just an extra.

“They valued my opinion and wanted my input,” Beier said. “To interact and to see what it takes to set up a scene and to put it all together was a great experience. I mean, how often do you have the opportunity to be part of a movie?”

“Constellation” follows the lives and loves of an African-American family in the deep South as they are forced to come to terms with a turbulent past marked by an interracial affair. After the death of a family member, the entire family is forced to return to Huntsville for a family funeral. Once they arrive, they are forced to deal with the problems they’ve avoided for many years and the painful memories of their deceased aunt which went back nearly 50 years in time.

Starring Lesley Ann Warren, Rae Dawn Chong, Gabriel Union, Zoe Saldana, Hill Harper, Billy Dee Williams — and Beier, of course — the movie, filmed on locations throughout Huntsville, received many awards including the Audience Award at the Urbanworld Film Festival in



Sgt. 1st Class David Beier

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Writers on road to higher education

Future looks bright for young students

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When eighth graders at Stone Middle School began keeping journals for a class assignment four years ago, they had no idea where it would lead. Thanks to a book assembled from their writings, it has taken them around the country and now off to college.

After hearing about how another teacher had done something similar, Bobbi Murphy, gifted education teacher at Stone Middle School, helped her students share their own voices with the world. Fourteen kids selected journal entries to be bound and published. Required to keep a journal as a creative writing exercise, the kids picked entries from what they had already written.

"We used what we already had about our neighborhoods, love, friendship and things like that," Brittany Gibbs, one of the co-authors, said. Gibbs' parents are

retired military.

The book, titled "Reality Street," was published in 2003. Because the authors were so young at the time, Murphy said, the decision was made to identify their writings by numbers instead of using their names. The book itself was quick work, she added.

"We started in August and it was ready to go to the printer in March," Murphy said.

It also made quite a splash, the ripples of which are still radiating. The authors have been invited to speak at several education conferences over the years, including Washington, D.C., Denver and Atlanta. One such speaking engagement for the Chamber of Commerce just a few weeks ago is helping to further secure their future.

"Some of us were offered scholarships by the president of UAH," Gibbs said.

It has also earned them some big-name friends. John Stallworth supplied the introduction to the book and the foreword was written by author Homer Hickam, of "October Sky" and "Rocket Boys" fame.

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Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

PRIZE WORK— From left Reshell White, whose son Jamarious was among the co-authors of "Reality Street"; Stone Middle School teacher Bobbi Murphy, and co-author Brittany Gibbs show the book that has impacted their lives.

■ Hollywood can wait as far as NCO-actor is concerned

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New York and the Official Selection Agora Lumieres 2005 at the Cannes Film Festival in France.

"This movie may not have been a blockbuster film but it helped put Huntsville on the map," Beier said. "In the movie you could see the Space & Rocket Center, the Huntsville Museum of Art. This city is the best kept secret — there's a blend of people, there are a lot good Southern traditions here. The people here just embrace you. It was great to be a part of that."

The "Constellation" DVD will be on sale May 22. But don't expect Beier to be walking around with a Sharpie in his pocket ready to sign autographs. A modest

man, he isn't in it for the grandeur.

"We're trying to play (his movie role) up but he keeps trying to play it down," said 1st Sgt. Debra Buie, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course branch chief at the OMEMS NCO Academy. "That's just the type of person he is. I had to pull information out of him because he's very modest."

Even in the workplace, "he's due credit but always gives it to the Soldiers," Buie added. "That's just the kind of person he is. I couldn't ask for a better Soldier."

Fame or no fame, Beier enjoyed the experience and said that if another opportunity like this comes his way he'll take it but he isn't moving to Hollywood just yet.

"I'm not going to get sucked up into the glitz," Beier said. "I'm just me and I don't want to compete or try to keep up with (movie stars)."

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and the cadet corps' command surgeon and the military academy's flight surgeon. He was later assigned to USA MEDDAC Heidelberg, Germany, where he served as deputy commander of Outlying Clinics.

Smith's military career took another life-changing turn when he volunteered for deployment. It was during his time as the deputy commander of Clinical Services for the 10th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad that Smith solidified his resolve to be heard when it comes to the health and welfare of the Army's wounded warriors.

"As chief of the medical staff at the Combat Support Hospital, I couldn't get basic, significant trauma or surgical equipment replaced," he said.

"Money was tight, and political correctness failed at word and duty. We begged, borrowed, stole and cheated to get what we needed. We found friends who would send us stuff from other military hospitals ... We had Soldiers dying, Soldiers losing limbs, Soldiers burned to a crisp. We fought the good fight so that if we didn't have the equipment the failure was above us on the medical chain of command."

The concern regarding Walter Reed is focused on "medical hold" operations, which involves Soldiers receiving outpatient care. Because of the poor care and facilities recently uncovered, the Army

medical corps is reviewing medical hold operations Armywide.

"Wherever there is an inpatient hospital on an Army post, you have a medical holding company," Smith said. "The medical hospital commanders are accountable for the care Soldiers receive as they go through the gates of care, whether they are active Army, National Guard or Reserve.

"At Redstone Arsenal, our health center is an outpatient clinic. So, there is no medical holding company here. But, we do have a Community-Based Health Care Organization."

Redstone's CBHCO is commanded by Lt. Col. Rachel Clay, and provides health care services to deployed National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who have been returned stateside because of wounds, but who are well enough to be cared for while serving at their unit's headquarters.

So far, in the Southeast Regional Medical Command, review teams have visited Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Stewart, Ga., and Fort Gordon, Ga. Preliminary indications are that there are no problems with "medical hold" situations at these sites, Smith said.

"This (Walter Reed) story actually broke four years ago at Fort Stewart and other major medical centers," Smith said.

"At the time Walter Reed was becoming a BRAC casualty and experiencing a loss of employees, there was also a surge in medical hold cases. What has now happened, ultimately, boils down to a patient

mate goal is to offer all kinds of wellness classes in things like healthy eating and cooking, oral hygiene and exercise."

Customer service is the focus of Smith's mission at Fox. He hopes to provide the leadership needed to expand the center's services and increase its customer base.

"I have a great American captain-of-the-ship mentality," he said. "There is no greater honor, no higher recognition, than to be selected to be a commander ... As a commander, I believe that not knowing is not an option."

His eight months as a leader with the 10th CASH in Baghdad taught him to demand excellence in service.

"I played fearlessly anchored in the notion that we're in combat and we're not able to tolerate anything that is inappropriate," he said.

"I fired a lot of doctors simply because they weren't good enough. The results of playing fearlessly was that people felt led, there were less mistakes made because we weren't playing scared and safe, and I've never had an experience like that in my life. There is no reason to just play fearless in the context of a war. So, I play fearlessly in everything now."

Though Smith's career has taken him around the world, he feels at home in Alabama. He was raised in Tuscaloosa and is a tried-and-true Alabama fan.

And, though he speaks for all Soldiers, he also has a personal stake vested in seeing improvements Armywide. Both his

sons are serving the Army. His oldest - Lt. Wade H. Smith - deployed just a month ago to Afghanistan with the 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne and serves as a sapper platoon leader. Bryant Smith is a medic in the Alabama National Guard and a sophomore at the University of Alabama. Smith's wife Lori also has two daughters, and the couple has two grandchildren.

Fox Army Health Center, which provides family practice, internal medicine and pediatric primary care along with optometry, physical therapy services, health promotion/preventive medicine services, pharmaceutical services, and laboratory and X-ray capabilities, is a long way from the front lines of the nation's Global War on Terrorism and from a high-profile career as a decorated veteran (Smith has received the Bronze Star Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, Iraq Campaign Medal, two Overseas Service Ribbons, two National Defense Service Medals, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal and Army Service Ribbon). But, Smith is very much entrenched in changing and expanding the services the center has to offer.

"I wanted to be a commander before I retired," he said. "I highly respect the senior leadership in the Southeast Regional Medical Command, and I wanted to work for its commander, Brig. Gen. Donald Bradshaw, and Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury."

Changes under way at Fox Army Health Center

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staff's 200 military, civilian and contractor employees to the table to discuss and aid in transforming Fox services. At the top of the list of changes are improving access to care, expanding preventive medicine offerings and expanding the center's customer base to once again include retirees and their families.

"Access to care here is broken. I know it's broken," Smith said.

"Our priority is ensuring flawless access to care. There will be clear business rules ... I've heard complaints that patients will call in for medical help and they won't get a call back until the next

day or never. They don't even get a call back from a nurse to tell them there aren't any appointments available and they need to go to the emergency room."

The center's phone system will be changed, Smith said, so that patients calling in can dial one number for acute care access and another for routine care access.

"Acute calls will be answered or get a call back in 60 minutes," Smith said. "We can't fail that standard. Routine calls will be returned within 24 hours."

But, Smith also wants Fox to offer health assessments and wellness classes.

"When in-processing patients come through the clinic, I want them to have a health assessment prior to being assigned to a doctor," Smith said. "And, the ulti-

mate goal is to offer all kinds of wellness classes in things like healthy eating and cooking, oral hygiene and exercise."

And, he wants to expand the direct care Fox now offers to 11,000 active military and their families to include the 6,000 retirees and family members in Tricare Prime that live in the Greater Huntsville area.

"We want to invite them back," he said. "Within the next 90 days there will be a personal mailing of invitation explaining to them the process of getting back into our system. There is no extraordinary reason to say 'No' to these retirees. We will be implementing operating efficiencies that will accommodate these people."

Smith said the Fox staff is supportive of the changes, especially the expansion of services to retirees.

"Most of the staff members are military retirees themselves," he said. "There is a feeling of incompleteness, of sadness, of just not doing what we could be doing. These employees want to take care of Americans who have served their country. The staff is incredibly capable and they will do an exceptional job at it. They really want a retooling and a re-emphasis on primary care, outpatient medicine."

The shift to offering retiree care at Fox has the potential, Smith said, to save millions of dollars in Tricare costs.

There will be changes in other areas, too. The center's electronic health care system will be updated so its computers can interact with other government agency computers, such as those used by Veterans Affairs.

Some radiology services may also be changed at Fox. The center will no

longer offer CAT scans, which are usually not offered at clinics because they don't offer traumatic patient care and don't have orthopedic surgeons on staff. Consideration was also given to ending ultrasound and mammography services at Fox, Smith said. But, these services will probably continue with the aid of command specialists or local medical doctors to read the X-rays.

"We also want to get away from the referral mentality," Smith said. "We have three family practitioners here, and they are inspired by the possibility of me making them hang on to their patients and treat them for everything, rather than referring them to an outside specialist."

Smith also hopes to encourage more Fox patients to use the Tricare online appointment scheduling service. And, he wants to establish a call-in system that local doctors will use to call in pharmacy prescriptions, which will eliminate hassles caused when a customer brings in a handwritten prescription for a medicine not offered through Fox.

And, lastly, Smith said he will work diligently to get more local medical doctors to accept Tricare patients.

"Huntsville has every subspecialty in town, and yet Tricare patients are forced to go to places like Birmingham for specialty care," Smith said.

"I will appeal to the humane side of local doctors through the Madison County Medical Society to urge them to accept Tricare so they can provide services to Soldiers and their families ... I think this is a great post and a great town. Our system ought not to work here, it should be great here. It's all about taking care of folks serving their country."

Helping hands

Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- Watch for the AER Online Auction www.aer-redstone.com. Brought to you by PEO Aviation. For information call Maj. Mathew McCauley 313-4260.

- You can support AER by drinking Bay Springs 100 percent Natural Spring Water. During the campaign, Bay Springs will donate \$1 to AER for each 5 or 3 gallon bottle ordered by any Redstone Arsenal offices or post housing occupants. The delivery price for 5 gallon bottles is \$5.75. Monthly cooler rental is \$9. No contract is required; and only a \$6 per bottle deposit is required – or they'll accept any bottle you may have already bought. To start delivery or get a sample of Bay Springs water, call toll free 1-800-815-7704.

- Check out the Integrated Materiel Management Center events at <http://immcweb.redstone.army.mil/aer/>.

- AMCOM G-8 is selling Sonic Value Cards for a minimum requested donation of \$5. For information call Larry Bowlin 842-7103.

- From now until May 31, you can support AER by eating lunch at Chick-Fil-A on Thursdays. Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the campaign, Chick-Fil-A at 11820 South Parkway – just past Redstone Federal Credit Union and Wal-Mart – will donate 10 percent of its total lunchtime sales to AER. Be sure to tell the cashier that you are there to support Redstone Arsenal's AER campaign.

- Project Manager's Office, PEO Aviation, will hold "The Great American Pastime" March 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5309. Hot dogs, brats, chips and drinks will be served. Call JoAnn Rice 313-3742.

- AER 2007 Blue Star Golf Tournament is March 30 at the Links at Redstone. Register now through Friday. Hosted by the Acquisition Center, the start time is 9 a.m. Call Colleen Rodriguez 876-8849 and Steven Froniabarger 842-7284. The rain date is April 27.

- The Acquisition Center will hold an Easter Bake Sale April 5 at the Sparkman Center near building 5303. Call Candice Scruggs 842-7304.

- PEO Missile and Space, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, will hold a brunch April 5 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Call K.C. Bertling 876-1195, Jill Mayes 842-0339 and Maria Roth 876-8121.

- 2007 AER Idol contacts include Anthony Grayson 955-9002, Sherry Miller 842-0736 and Sharon Nolen 842-9431. Projected performance dates are April 10 and May 23.

- IMMC Readiness Directorate will hold an AER Spring Cleaning Yard Sale on April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5301. All proceeds will be donated to AER. If you have items you would like to donate call Eric Cowan 313-1572, Maj. Owen Ward 876-4541 or bring them to 5301 from 7-9 a.m. the day of the sale.

- Old Skool vs. Nu Skool Softball is April 12, hosted by the Acquisition Center. Call Chris Campbell 876-3448. The rain date is April 19.

- AMRDEC System Simulation and Development Directorate will hold the second annual "No-Limit Texas Hold-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SWEET SALE— Members of the Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office hold a cake sale March 14 to benefit Army Emergency Relief. From left are Maria Roth, K.C. Bertling and Jill Mayes.

em" Poker Tournament on April 12 at 10 a.m. at the Rustic Lodge. Winner will receive the Redstone AER Poker Tournament Trophy. Participation is limited to the first 100 persons to pay entrance fee. Call Pat Hooper 876-4273.

- Command Analysis Directorate's annual Book Sale will be held April 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5300, first floor in the corridor between 5303 and 5304. It will accept donations of books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotape from now until April 18. If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-8563 to arrange delivery and pickup.

- Bake sales, sponsored by the Utility Helicopter Project Office, are April 18 and May 8 from 7-9 a.m. in the lobby of building 5308. For information call Donna Luke 955-8964.

- AMRDEC Engineering Directorate Golf Scramble, a four person scramble is April 19 at the Links at Redstone. Registration deadline is April 5. Call Chris Farmer 313-6553, Will Lovell 955-2370 and Ken Nebrigg 842-4994.

- Fish Fry is April 16, hosted by the Acquisition Center. Call Colleen Rodriguez 876-8849. Rain date is May 3.

- Fox Army Health Center, Vets with Vettes, Corvette Owners will hold the fifth annual Cars and Camouflage Car Show on April 21 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Museum on Airport Road. The event is open to all. Registration for judged vehicles is \$20. There will be special rides and motorcycles plus Tommy Mac, DJ, will be there to play music. Military equipment displays, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors and more are planned. For information call Seth Wood 755-7422 and Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins 955-8888.

- AER Hoop it Up 3-on-3 basketball, hosted by Missile Logistic Directorate, is May 17 at Redstone Fitness Center. Cost is \$20 per team by May 11, or \$25 per team on May 14. Tickets to attend will go on sale April 30 for \$2, or \$3 at the door. For information call James Minnon 955-9300 or Whitney Stone 842-6218.

War fighter gets hero's welcome home

Chief warrant officer stationed at Redstone

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Listening to Chief Warrant Officer Craig Long recount the history of his military career, one thing becomes evident – for this Soldier, all roads lead to Redstone Arsenal.

Recently returned from his third deployment in Iraq, Long has just received orders to report for duty at Redstone Arsenal this summer. That is good news for a Soldier who permanently located his wife and young daughter to the Huntsville area prior to his third deployment to Iraq in January 2006.

“This seemed like a good place for us,” said Long, who has gone to school and served at Redstone Arsenal several times during his military career.

“I liked this area. And, whenever I retire, this will probably be the best place for me to get a job in the missile maintenance field.”

Long and his family were in Germany when preparations began for his third deployment. He purchased the family's home in Toney between field rotations.

“I had a leave before the second field rotation, so I decided if I'm going to retire I might as well go back to the states and buy a house,” he said. “We looked online and found the houses I would look at while I was here for 10 days. I called a realtor and we ran around for seven days looking at houses. We closed by proxy in October 2005.”

At the time, Long was a chief warrant officer 2 with plans to retire in 2007 after 20 years of service. So, when he went to



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FAMILY TIME IN TONEY— Chief Warrant Officer Craig Long is glad to be home with his wife Terri and their daughter Rachel after a third deployment in Iraq that brought him into daily contact with small arms fire and mortar explosions. Long's wife and daughter moved to Toney when he deployed in January 2006. Long will be stationed at Redstone Arsenal this summer and plans to spend his retirement years in the Huntsville area.

Iraq in January 2006, his wife and daughter moved to their new home in Toney.

“They've lived here about one and a half years. I've lived here 25 days,” Long said.

Since purchasing their home, however, Long has been promoted to CWO 3, which extended his service into 2008. So, the family was looking at a longer separation as Long prepared to return from Iraq and go on to his next assignment, which was most likely going to be at Fort Hood (Texas), Fort Riley (Kan.) or Fort Knox (Ky.). The assignment to Redstone Arsenal's 59th Ordnance Brigade came as a wonderful surprise.

“We are so happy about this news,” Terri Long said. “We are so glad he has been assigned to Redstone Arsenal ... Everything is just looking so positive for us.”

Coalition organizes flag-waving event for Soldier

About 100 well-wishers greet his return from war

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When Terri Long found out the date of her husband's arrival at Huntsville International Airport, she contacted David Carney of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organization with one small request.

Was there any way a few people – maybe 20 – could welcome her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Craig Long – home from his third deployment in Iraq?

No problem, Carney told her. And, he got the word out.

Through phone calls and e-mails, community volunteers and civilian Redstone Arsenal employees were notified of Long's return. When his plane landed at Huntsville International Airport on the evening of March 9, about 100 well-wishers were there with “Welcome Home” banners and U.S. flags.

Long was first greeted by his wife and 8-year-old daughter Rachel. He then walked into a crowd of well-wishers who cheered him on, shook his hand and patted him on the back. Television stations and other local media were in attendance.

It was a quick “Welcome Home Ceremony” for one of Huntsville's heroes.

“I was very surprised,” Long said later. “I really appreciated it.”

While waiting for his plane, wife Terri personally greeted and thanked the well-wishers. Virginia Douglas of Huntsville, who served her country as the spouse of a captain who served during the Korean War, presented Terri Long with flowers.

“I was an Army wife and I know what she went through,” said Douglas, whose husband retired from the Army and is now deceased.

“I wanted her to know we were thinking of her. She's had a long wait to get her husband home. Even though we don't know him (Craig Long), we want to show him our support. We want to show our support to all the troops.”

Douglas attended the Welcome Home ceremony with her daughter, Susie, who was only 6 months old when her dad deployed to Korea. Susie Douglas now works in the THAAD Project Office and learned of Long's return home from employee e-mails that were circulating about the Welcome Home Ceremony.

“I think this turnout is tremendous,” Virginia Douglas said. “I think these fellows deserve a welcome.”

Though the Welcome Home Ceremony honored only one Soldier, Carney said every Soldier deserves a hero's welcome home.

“Yes, we will do this for one Soldier,” Carney said. “This is the most patriotic community in the nation. People want to turn out to welcome Soldiers home and have the opportunity to tell them ‘thank you.’ Our community is very exceptional in that way.”

“Welcome Home ceremonies honor Soldiers who were sent away by our government to defend our freedoms. We have an obligation to be there and welcome them home when they get back. This is a validation of their service, of their sacrifice, and shows them we care.”

Terry Smith of Madison, a volunteer with Alabama Marine Moms/Military Moms, had a hard time keeping her emotions in check while she waited for Long's plane. Smith's son, Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher Roy, has just deployed to Iraq with the HMLA 269th Ordnance to serve as a door gunner on a Huey helicopter.

“This is his first deployment,” she said.

Members of the North Alabama chapter of the Patriot Guard Riders, a national organization consisting primarily of motorcycle riders who's goal is to show their respect for U.S. servicemembers, was in large attendance at the ceremony. Members such as Jerry Blankinship of Muscle Shoals brought their families to wave flags and shake Long's hand. With Blankinship was his wife, Joyce, and three of their grandchildren, 5-year-olds Austin Marcum and Kattie Waits, and 7-year-old Sarah Waits.

“We wanted them to be a part of this, to know what a Soldier does,” Joyce Blankinship said, her grandchildren posted with their flags all around her.

“They're fighting for our freedoms over there. They're keeping the enemy away from us.”

Patriot Guard Rider Joel Mullins of Huntsville was glad to be at a Welcome Home Ceremony. Earlier in the week he had been in Florida as a Patriot Guard Rider, where he showed his respects at the funerals of two Soldiers who had just lost their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

“This is the kind of mission we like,” Mullins said, referring to the happy occasion at Huntsville International Airport. “I think half the town should come out for these things.”

Tradition of Heroes on full display

If you know of Team Redstone employees, military and civilian, or their family members, who are serving this country in hostile areas or have served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Public Affairs Office wants to know.

“A Tradition of Heroes” display, located in the Sparkman Center, first floor, building 5300 and the Garrison building 4488 in the main lobby, honors Team Redstone employees and family members serving in hostile areas of the world. “A Tradition of Heroes” stands as a reminder that the everyday freedom Americans enjoy was not won, and is not maintained, without service and sacrifice.

Submit their name, Team Redstone organization or unit, and where they served or are serving, along with a photograph (5-by-7 preferred) to the Public Affairs Office, AMSAM-PA, Attn: Julie Frederick, building 5300, Redstone



Photo by Julie Frederick

LASTING TRIBUTE— Acquisition Center workers Nancy Larch and Greg McPherson visit the display in building 5300, which recognizes deployed servicemembers.

Arsenal, AL 35898. Provide your contact information with your submission including a return address if you would like to have your photograph returned. Photographs can also be e-mailed to julie.a.frederick@redstone.army.mil.

For more information, call Frederick at 955-9174.



Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Andy Dunaway

Resting a spell

Staff Sgt. Christopher Pearce sits beside an Iraqi boy during a visit to a sheik's house in Riyadh, March 8. Pearce is from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

School deputy commander welcomes challenges

Movie buff, walking encyclopedia and 'Army Strong' without the 'y'

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As a young graduate student at Indiana University in Bloomington, Richard Armstrong wasn't necessarily contemplating the military – then he met a civilian recruiter.

The son of a World War II veteran, Armstrong decided to join the Army civilian force as part of an internship program. What the Winston-Salem, N.C., native thought would be “something different to do for a few years,” turned into a 23-year career spent mostly at the Army Armor School at Fort Knox, Ky., during which time he climbed the professional ladder from an instructional systems specialist intern to the chief of a newly formed Training Development Division.

In 2006 Armstrong decided, yet again, to try something new and he relocated to Redstone Arsenal and became the Ordnance Munitions and



Richard Armstrong

Electronics Maintenance School deputy commander.

“Deciding whether or not to come down here was a hard decision,” Armstrong said, as he sat in his office surrounded by photos of his family – wife, Mary, and their “energetic” dog, Portia.

“But I needed the challenge of trying something different.”

The “different” environment he was looking for was exactly what he found at OMEMS. He went from working with four military occupation specialties at the Armor School to 20 specialties at OMEMS; from courses which lasted 16 weeks with 80 students at the Armor School to nearly a year of training for some specialties with only six students per class at OMEMS; and from the predominately male dominated environment of combat arms to the gender blend of the Ordnance Corps.

Since becoming the OMEMS deputy commander, Armstrong has been faced with many challenges — one of which includes laying the groundwork for the Base Realignment and Closure move to Fort Lee, Va., in the years to come.

“The logistics of moving the school will be a tremendous challenge,” Armstrong said. “We can't just shut down training and move the school. We have to figure out a way to move everyone and continue training Soldiers.”

Although change can be different and difficult at times “the level of experience, knowledge and the desire to help of the staff” has helped smooth the transition. “The people (at OMEMS) have been great,” he said.

Armstrong himself has also been a hit with his newly acquired team. As he's been heard to say, “the only difference between Army Strong and Armstrong is one letter.”

“The difference is the Y and it's stands for ‘yes,’” said 59th Ordnance Brigade commander Col. Jose Enriquez, referencing Armstrong's constant support and dedication to the mission. “He's been a tremendous asset to this team, he's a true professional. He brings with him a lot of experience, not only in the training arena but also as a senior manager. He's not just a team player, he's an integral part of this team.”

“(Armstrong) is one of the few individuals with whom you can discuss the development of a course curriculum and who the best American Idol contestant is in the same conversation,” 59th adjutant Desiree Burgess-Fields said. “He brings something different to the table. He is very knowledgeable but he also has a side to him that brings the fun that you need to have in this type of envi-

ronment. Did you know he's an author?”

Indeed he is — it was a family affair. Armstrong met his wife, Mary, more than 25 years ago while they were both students at Indiana University. Since Mary was from South Bend, Ind., and Armstrong was from North Carolina, they had long trips to visit the families so they found something they both liked a lot and made a game out of it — the movies.

“We'd challenge each other to see who could name more movies about a certain topic,” Mary said. For example, name seven movies about rabbits or name five movies about vampires, etc.

They enjoyed the game so much they wrote a book about it — an encyclopedia to be exact.

In 1990 the Armstrongs published their first edition of “The Movie List Book” which the Library Journal called “the most valuable film reference in several years.”

That was followed by a second edition in 1994 and the new and revamped 2001 edition called the “Encyclopedia of Films, Settings, and Series,” which has more than 600 entries and is listed as a valuable research resource at film schools across the country.

“It was an enormous labor,” Mary said. “But we had a lot of fun putting it together. Rick is an extraordinarily intelligent person and has a wonderful playful side. He loves to be on top of things and really get a feel for what is going on in the world.”

Although Armstrong may not boast about the success of his book, his career accomplishments or his extensive knowledge on just about everything, he will say one thing.

“Most of what I've (earned) in life is from being persistent. That's the key to having getting a doctorate degree,” he said. That's yet another accomplishment Armstrong is known for. Not because he boasts about it but because that's what most everyone calls him, “Doc,” due to his earning a doctorate in education from the Indiana University in 1993.

“The way (Armstrong) has incorporated himself to this team,” said Enriquez, “I have no doubt that things will continue to flow smoothly once this command transitions out and the new team takes over. He's a true friend, a professional and a true leader.”

Javelin weapon system team shooting for excellence

*Logistics efforts
earn recognition*

By DAN O'BOYLE

For the Rocket

In tune with its motto "Keeping our war fighters armed," the Javelin logistics team is also rightfully proud of the Close Combat Weapon Systems "One Shot, One Kill" slogan.

The team has been honored with the Defense Logistics Agency award for military and industry collaboration in supporting war fighters in the field, and the Lockheed Martin Logistics Facility Award for Excellence.

Team members include the Javelin Division from the Close Combat Weapon Support Program Office at Redstone Arsenal, the Raytheon/Lockheed Martin Javelin Joint Venture, Raytheon Missile Systems, Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, the Javelin Maintenance Support Center at Los Angeles, depot partner Letterkenny Army Depot, and DHL Global Forwarding.

Last year the team accepted the Lockheed Martin Logistics Facility Award for Excellence on behalf of the Javelin Maintenance Support Center located in Los Angeles. This award honored the Lockheed Martin offsite logistics facility that has made significant contributions in support of Javelin customers by demonstrating the attributes required of a world-class support, maintenance, repair and modifi-



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FIRE AND FORGET— Javelin is the world's first one man-portable and employable fire-and-forget medium-range missile system.

cation facility.

Also, late last year, the team accepted the Defense Logistics 2006 Award for Contractor-Military Collaboration of the Year from the Defense Logistics Agency. This award honored the Javelin military and industry team for providing timely and efficient support to the war fighter in the field.

"You are so used to getting awards, I'm

not sure what's next," Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury said. "Everything you touch turns to gold."

Javelin is the world's first one man-portable and employable fire-and-forget medium-range missile system. Designed to take the fight to the enemy, the compact, lightweight Javelin is ideally suited for one-Soldier operation in all environments. It is produced by the Raytheon/Lockheed

Martin Javelin Joint Venture, and is supported under a Performance Based Logistics contract with JJV.

The Javelin depot system managed by Javelin Maintenance Support Center in Los Angeles also includes repair centers at Camp Casey, Korea, the Army National Training Center located at Fort Irwin, Calif., the Regional Repair Center located in Swindon, England, Letterkenny Army Depot, the government-partner, and DHL Global Forwarding.

"The logistics support infrastructure includes a secure network of commercial hardware transportation," project manager Col. Ray Nulk said. "The Javelin logistics support team has managed more than 60 repairs in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, with an average turnaround time of just 18 days. That's 18 days from fighting position to the contractor depot and back to the war fighter."

Since the establishment of the depot partnership, Letterkenny has furnished the JMSC with rapid and high quality repairs of the Operator Interface, Maintenance Trainer OIF, Forward Looking Infrared, and the Maintenance Trainer FLIR circuit card assemblies. During this time, Letterkenny has displayed a high level of technical competency, and has worked 156 circuit card assemblies with an average turnaround time of 18 days, which has contributed to an operational readiness rate for command launch units of more than 98 percent.

CIID warns against personal computer threat

'Keylogging' methods can steal Thrift Savings Plan account funds

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Soldiers, family members and Army civilians using their home computers to access Thrift Savings Plan accounts online can be vulnerable to having their personal information stolen, according to a recent alert posted on TSP's web site.

According to the alert, TSP officials have identified customers who are victims of a computer crime known as "keylogging" or "keystroke logging." Keylogging is a diagnostic tool used in software development that captures a user's keystrokes, but in the wrong hands, it enables criminals to record all the typing on a keyboard without the user's knowledge. The technique can capture a computer user's TSP Personal Identification Number or other personal account information such as a Social Security Number.

The director of the Criminal Investigation Command's Computer Crime Investigative Unit, Michael Milner,

said personal information is increasingly available on 'keylogger' lists for sale through criminal networks and so far, all of the TSP cases involve the transfer of electronic funds, since criminals normally prefer the 'paperless' way to steal money.

"Computer users should protect themselves from keyloggers and other malicious software and should promptly close the web browser after they have checked their TSP account information," Milner said. "Users must remember that logging off a web site does not clear a browser's memory, and subsequent users might be able to access the TSP account information."

Milner said he is unaware of any Army victims at this point, but strongly recommends computer users review their home system's security effectiveness to reduce exposure to these types of attacks.

According to the TSP's notice, external penetration testing determined the TSP record keeping system was not breached, but concluded personal information was compromised when keyloggers monitored each indi-

vidual keystroke of some victims when they used home computers to enter their TSP PIN and Social Security Number. TSP was also able to identify participants who had relatively small amounts withdrawn from their accounts. As an added security measure, TSP has discontinued making electronic payments for online transactions, according to TSP officials.

Milner said the best advice for computer users is to follow general computer security principles at home and to download antivirus software. Army personnel can download free antivirus software for their home computers by visiting the Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations web site at https://www.jtfgno.mil/antivirus/home_use.htm. They must access the JTF-GNO web site from a ".mil," or military computer system and authenticate with their government Common Access Card and PIN. After downloading the software, they can then install it on their home computers. (*Criminal Investigation Command release*)



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First in chapter

Diane Williams, professor of systems acquisition management at Defense Acquisition University, is recognized March 8 at the American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon for successfully completing the exams for the Certified Defense Financial Manager with acquisition specialty. Attaching her pin is Larry Bowlin, CDFM certification chairman for the Redstone/Huntsville ASMC Chapter. Williams is the first person in the chapter to achieve the CDFM-A designation. She is also a certified public accountant and an attendee of the Senior Service College Fellowship at the university.

Camp slated for children of wounded troops

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — After reviewing a record breaking number of proposals, the National Military Family Association has announced its 2007 Operation Purple Summer Camp sites. NMFA developed this free summer camp program in response to the need for increased support for military children, especially those whose parents are or will be deployed.

This year NMFA's Operation Purple Camps will host more than 3,500 deserving children at camps in 26 states: Arizona, Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

The association is proud to dedicate a camp this year exclusively for the children of wounded servicemembers. NMFA is hosting this pilot camp in Southern Cal-

ifornia with plans to add more dedicated camps in additional states next year. Children who could benefit from this specific camp but do not live near the California location are encouraged to apply to the Operation Purple Summer Camp nearest them.

NMFA understands that these are trying times for our youngest heroes; Operation Purple camps teach kids skills and appropriate outlets for dealing with their feelings. Children who have been through similar experiences will have the chance to share in some carefree fun, maybe more than they've had in quite a while. All camps provide military children the support and resources they need to successfully manage the challenges of growing up in a military family.

Information about specific camp locations and the registration process are available on the web site <http://www.operationpurple.org/>. (*NMFA release*)

Student authors looking toward graduation

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They will also receive a commendation from Alabama Gov. Bob Riley in April.

"On the 27th (of April), we're taking a bus to Montgomery," Murphy said. "The governor is honoring them with a special recognition."

A nonprofit agency, the Reality Street Writers Foundation, was set up to manage the proceeds of the book. Those profits have been kept in an account waiting for this summer, when the authors graduate from high school and head off for college. Each will take a portion of the proceeds to help pay some of their education costs.

"It would be great if we had enough money to pay for everyone's education, but it's a small amount," Murphy said. "It will pay for some textbooks though."

Murphy is also proud to say that every single one of the students is graduating.

"The goal was to get these kids to realize that there is a whole different world outside of this school and this neighbor-

hood," Murphy said. "In the last four years, the students have succeeded academically, done community service, and plan on further education. They are responsive, responsible and active — totally engaged in their education."

The experience has been a great source of pride for both the students and their parents, said Reshell White, whose husband is deployed with the Army Reserves. Her son, Jamarious, is one of the co-authors.

"I think they were very mature. It was a special group of kids," White said. "It's helped them. Jamarious is a better speaker now. I love to hear him speak."

Gibbs said being involved in the project has definitely impacted her life.

"I write a whole lot more now, just my thoughts and feelings," she said.

She also laughs a little at her younger self.

"It's kind of funny to read about the stuff we did," Gibbs said. "It's like wow, we did that?"

The book is available at Shaver's Bookstore and Barnes & Noble. For more information, call Murphy at 428-7740 or bamurphy@hsv.k12.al.us.

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This is not the family's first time in Alabama. Long was living in Boaz when he joined the Army. He received his advanced individual training as a missile maintenance technician at Redstone Arsenal in 1987. He then was stationed at Redstone from 1991-94 and then, after he and Terri married, again in 1997 to 2000, when he served as an AIT instructor for missile systems.

But, this last return to Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal was unlike anything Long has ever experienced. The recipient of a Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge received a hero's welcome when he returned March 9. David Carney, president of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, organized a Welcome Home Ceremony that included greetings and cheers from a group of about 100 well-wishers as Long walked with his family through Huntsville International Airport.

That hero's welcome was well deserved by a Soldier whose skills as a missile maintenance technician first took him to Iraq in January 2003 during the initial months of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During that deployment, he was part of the military's desert invasion from Kuwait into Iraq with the 203rd Forward Support Unit, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

He returned for a second deployment in Iraq in November 2003 to May 2004 as part for the 1/4 Air Defense Artillery, 1st Armored Division. His last deployment in January 2006 was with the 501st Forward Support Battalion in support of the 136th Infantry and 1st Marine Division.

Each of Long's deployments came with its own set of challenges.

"The first time was the beginning of the war. We slept in our trucks as we moved into Baghdad," Long said. "Our job was to supply fuel, ammo and maintenance in support of the infantry. We saw a lot of wreckage as we drove through the desert. We saw a lot of bad weather. We drove through sandstorms that were orange. When it rained, it was like raining mud because of all the sand in the air."

Once in Baghdad, Long, whose expertise is in maintenance for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, was assigned to work out of a military factory that U.S. troops had taken over. There was a 20-foot wall around the compound, which was north of Baghdad. With U.S. forces in control of

the area, it was a secure location.

Long's second deployment involved working on Avenger systems at the Baghdad airport. It, too, was a relatively secure area.

But, Long's third deployment took him right into the heart of the enemy. He was the officer in charge of the maintenance support team at an abandoned train station in the town of Hit (pronounced "Heet") in the al-Anbar Province northwest of Baghdad.

The small city is one of a string of Sunni population centers that is volatile. It is considered to be the main route traveled by non-Iraqi insurgents on their way from Syria into central Iraq. Hit has been the scene of intermittent fighting between U.S. forces and Iraqi and foreign insurgents and has long been the territory of stand-alone Army and Marine battalions on short-term deployments.

"The third time was the worst," he said. "We didn't have a PX, a phone bank or an Internet. We got one 15-minute phone call a week. There were no running toilets.

"The battalion we supported was stationed five or six miles away in the desert. We had to be near town to provide maintenance. We took small arms fire, mortars and everything else. We were mortared on pretty much a daily basis. The area was the third dangerous place for IEDs. On any given day, Soldiers found at least one IED and hit one IED."

There were plenty of close calls, plenty of times when Long ducked from an incoming mortar, and survived with only dirt and debris scattered nearby. Each attack was followed by Long and others searching to check to see if anyone was injured. And, although the Soldiers tried to locate the insurgents making the attacks, the enemy remained invisible.

The Bradley Fighting Vehicles that Long supported with maintenance were always on the move, and constantly needing repairs — specifically new transmissions — because of up-tempo use and high temperatures.

"There were no days off," Long said. "If there was work to be done, you had to do it. It didn't matter when."

Long and other Soldiers were also called on frequently to help the medic team at the train station. A doctor and medics often needed help in stabilizing wounded Soldiers who were transported to safety by helicopter.

"Regardless of what was happening, when a call came in for Medavac, it took priority over everything," Long said.

"I knew quite a few of the Soldiers who were brought in injured. We would



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HAT'S OFF— Eight-year-old Rachel Long puts on her dad's Army hat before stopping to take a close look at her hero, Chief Warrant Officer Craig Long, on his return from his third deployment in Iraq. Behind the pair are Long's sister, Tammy Wittmaak, and Long's parents, John and Pat Long, all of Pennsylvania. Long received a hero's welcome at Huntsville International Airport from about 100 well-wishers during a Welcome Home Ceremony coordinated by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition.

help out the medics, putting in IVs, cutting off clothing, putting personal effects in a bag. The doctor and medics were always busy. One night we had seven Soldiers injured by mortar while they were

waiting for a helicopter."

During those rare periods when they weren't busy, Long said the Soldiers had to deal with incredible boredom. It wasn't safe for them to play basketball outside the train station and there was no room inside for a gym. There was a small room for weight lifting. But, there was no place where the Soldiers could go to relax. Toward the end of their deployment, the Soldiers did get use of an MWR television.

Looking back on his career, Long isn't surprised about being deployed so often in support of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

"I'm going to do the same job, regardless of where I go," he said. "Because I fix Bradleys, I know I am going to go where the infantry goes."

Fighting in Iraq is difficult for U.S. troops, Long said, because the enemy is so illusive.

"It would be an easier war if we actually had a known enemy," he said. "You never see people putting off IEDs or mortar rounds. It's all done by hit and run."

Long said surviving the environment at Hit took courage and caution, self control and discipline. Focusing on the job to be done was the only way to escape the periods of danger and boredom, and to stay safe.

One Soldier — a cook — became an example for the rest of the Soldiers.

"He wanted to ride with the scouts at night," Long said. "He finally did and that night they got hit with an IED. The cook got wounded and medavaced out. He probably lost an eye.

"It's best to remember to not take any unnecessary risks when you're in a place like Hit. You need to stay in your own lane. You have a job to do and you need to focus on your job."

326th Chemical gets hot at right time

Dragons beat Bravo for basketball title

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Monday night brought a rematch of last year's final for the post basketball championship.

Defending champion 326th Chemical met Bravo Company again to decide the title at Pagano Gym. Like last year, Bravo advanced from the losers bracket and needed two wins against the Dragons.

But the 326th prevailed 57-43 for its second straight title.

"Everybody turned out," Dragons coach Eddie Bryan said. "We played good team ball, did everything. Good ball movement, cohesion out there on the court. We did everything."

Darrin Johnson scored 13 points, Kenster Shannon had 12 and Billy Clark added 11 for the 326th (10-4). David Gleaton had 10 rebounds while Clark grabbed nine. Point guard Louis Baldwin had six rebounds and five assists.

"Number 22 (Baldwin) controlled their offense well and he broke us down on defense," Bravo coach Rod Brown said. "I think he was the difference in the game, I really do. He controlled the tempo of the game and picked us apart."

The Dragons beat Bravo on Thursday night 57-39 to send the Bulldogs to the losers bracket of the postseason tournament. After the Marines beat the NCO Academy 60-54, Bravo stayed alive by beating the Marines 48-33.

Shannon had 20 points, nine rebounds, made two steals and blocked two shots for the 326th against Bravo on Thursday. The Dragons led 32-21 at halftime and cruised in the second half.

"We had a big win against the Marines (48-45 on a last-second shot March 13)," Shannon said after Thursday's win. "That really gave us motivation to step up in the playoffs. We're the underdogs. We're feeding off each other. We're trying to get a

championship again this year."

Gleaton, who hit the half-court shot that beat the Marines, added 15 points and three rebounds in Thursday's win. Baldwin, the only returning starter from last year's team, had 10 rebounds and four assists. Clark had five rebounds and three assists.

"It was excellent ball movement," Bryan said. "By playing together as one unit on defense, the offense is automatically going to come."

The 326th's returnees from last year included Bryan, Baldwin, Samuel Davis, David Morgagne and Gregory Miller.

"Everybody's coming together at the right time," Bryan said. "During the regular season, we had players that were TDY. But (Thursday and again Monday) everybody was together as a unit."

Ronell Roberson led Bravo on Monday with 11 points. Lawrence Scott had 13 rebounds for the Bulldogs (11-3).

On Thursday, Roberson and Scott scored 10 points apiece for Bravo, the tournament's top seed. Roberson also had six rebounds and three steals. Scott had four rebounds and two steals.

The Bulldogs bounced back against the Marines as Jarvis Payton scored 28 points and Roberson added 10. Payton, a shooting guard, had five 3-pointers.

"Payton came through for us," Brown said. "His outside

shooting, he got hot. I think that put the nail in the coffin, because the Marines had to play two games. After we hit those 3s, I think that kind of took the air out of them."

Bravo led 30-20 at halftime and scored the first six points of the second half.

Samuel Riffel scored nine points for the Marines (9-5), who finished third in the tournament.

Marines 60, NCO Academy 54: Damian Cason scored 23 points and Marvin Fletcher had 12 as the Marines advanced before being eliminated by Bravo.

James Godine scored 23 and Richard Morgan added 15 for the NCO Academy (8-6). The score was tied 25-all at halftime.

Results in the tournament included:

- **March 12** – NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha 57-37 and 326th Chemical def. Charlie 34-32.

- **March 13** – Bravo def. NCO Academy 50-45 and 326th Chemical def. Marines 48-45 on David Gleaton's half-court shot as time expired.

- **March 14** – Marines won by forfeit over Headquarters & Alpha and NCO Academy def. Charlie 48-32.

- **March 15** – 326th Chemical def. Bravo 57-39, Marines def. NCO Academy 60-54 and Bravo def. Marines 48-33.

- **March 19** – 326th Chemical def. Bravo 57-43 for the championship.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SHARPSHOOTER— 326th Chemical small forward Kenster Shannon scores 20 points against Bravo on Thursday night in the winners bracket final.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GETTING DEFENSIVE— Damian Cason gets a defensive rebound for the Marines in the first half against Bravo, but the Bulldogs eliminate his team. Bravo's Marcques Waters (23) looks on at far left.

Drill sergeant prepares for Armywide competition

*Horrocks representing
59th Ordnance Brigade*

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Not one for being in the spotlight, Staff Sgt. James Horrocks was more than taken aback when they announced him to be the winner of the 2007 59th Ordnance Brigade Drill Sergeant of the Year competition during a luncheon Feb. 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"I was very surprised," said the B Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, drill sergeant who is with the 59th brigade's battalion located at Fort Gordon, Ga. "(The other competitors and I) had been going back and forth trying to figure out who would be the winner. We knew the competition was close, but I didn't think it would be me."

This year's competitors for the title of the 59th DSOY were Horrocks, Staff Sgt. James Zurcher, with C Company, 73rd Ord. Bn. and Sgt. 1st Class James Epps, with C Company, 832nd Ord. Bn. located on Redstone. They expected a competition similar to last year's, which included a physical fitness test, land navigation, weapon qualifications, drill sergeant module demonstrations and a formal board. Instead, they got a glimpse of what is expected of DSOY candidates at the Training and Doctrine Command competition.

"(We included) more things that will reflect events the winner should expect at the TRADOC level competition," said Master Sgt. Lawrence Scott, 2006 59th winner who placed second in last year's TRADOC competition. "I (made the competition) as challenging as what I experienced at the TRADOC level. We don't want to get second place again, we want to take it all this time."

In addition to last year's events, this year's competition featured a variety of battle focused challenges. One of the biggest additions was an entire orienteering day, during which the drill sergeants were sent on a road march throughout the installation and faced a variety of obstacles, including weapons maintenance, responding to improvised explosive devices, retrieving a casualty, calling in a medical evacuation, combatives, building an improvised entry control point, entering and clearing buildings and reacting to ambushes.

"It was all definitely unexpected," Horrocks said. "We were told where to be and what equipment to have on us but not what we would be doing."

Horrocks had been a sponsor for one of the 2006 competitors and had the opportunity to see what the competition was all about.

This year's revamped competition caught everyone off guard. "It was good though because it was more challenging," he said. "We all had a lot of fun, even during the intense moments. We didn't know each other but we all came together as a team and we didn't let each other fail. It was a good way to get to know one another."

Now that the competition is over, Horrocks has had more time to reflect on his



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

PASS IT ON— Staff Sgt. James Horrocks, the 2007 Drill Sergeant of the Year, receives the DSOY badge from last year's winner, Master Sgt. Lawrence Scott, during a Feb. 2 luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

accomplishment.

"It didn't really hit me that I had won until I got home that night," he said. "(The unit) had a party for us when we returned to Gordon and we all celebrated together. I think my first sergeant was more excited than I was."

With reason too — the last time a B Co., 73rd, drill sergeant had won the title was in 2004.

"I wasn't surprised that (Horrocks) won the competition because I know the caliber of drill sergeant that he is," said 1st Sgt. Donavon Brent, B Co., 73rd Ord. Bn. first sergeant. "He's very competitive and I know he worked very hard in preparation for the drill sergeant of the year competition."

"(His success) leaves a great impression on his Soldiers," Brent said. "Drill sergeants are there for the Soldiers and they lead by example. If he can do it so can they. They'll (always) remember that Drill Sergeant Horrocks was their drill sergeant."

Surprisingly enough, the hardest part during the competition for Horrocks had nothing to do with the events — it was the cameras that got the best of him. The first thought when he was announced as the winner was "don't pass out," Horrocks said.

"I'm not a big (fan) of the spotlight so I was a little worried," he said. "I can be in front of my Soldiers and it's not a big deal. But for something like (that) it was different."

To keep himself calm, Horrocks looked at his newly acquired team for composure — fellow competitors Epps and Zurcher and also Scott who were all sitting at the front table.

"He's one of the most humble individuals I know," said Staff Sgt. Timothy Hale, Horrocks' roommate and friend. "He gets nervous and shaken up (in front of cameras). He doesn't like the limelight."

A native of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Horrocks admits he's always been a rather reserved person, with one exception — his three brothers and his sister.

Horrocks, 28, is the oldest, and he decided to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather when he joined the Army. He became an avionics systems repair specialist. One of his siblings, Nathan, decided to break the mold and join the Air Force.

"We talk all the time," Horrocks said. "He's special (operations) so he's deployed a lot but we stay in touch when he's home."

His youngest brother, Derek, is also joining the Air Force, but that doesn't bring any branch of service competitions to the dinner table, Horrocks said.

"My brothers and I have always been very close," he said. "This is a lifelong thing for us that only brings us closer together."

It's a wonder Horrocks himself didn't join the Air Force — he flies on his time off. In May he earned his private pilot license and he is working on his instrument and commercial ratings so he may someday become an airline pilot.

Right now Horrocks' main focus is preparing himself for the June 17-22 competition at Fort Monroe, Va., and the pressure is building.

"I pressure myself more than anyone else," Horrocks said. "I know I still have a lot of work to do (before the competition)."

Acquiring honors for outstanding Soldier support

Center receives awards from Army secretary

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Last summer Marlene Cruze, executive director of the Acquisition Center, decided it was time to show off what her employees were doing.

On a daily basis, employees in the Acquisition Center deal with tough deadlines, changing requirements, contractor issues, tightening financial constraints and numerous other contract issues that must be managed so that needed military equipment and supplies get to Soldiers both on and off the battlefield.

As a former panel judge for the annual Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting, Cruze knew her employees were performing as well as or better than previous winners. In the past, a few AMCOM acquisition employees have been nominated for the annual awards. But, this year, Cruze decided it was time to really put her employees on the judge's stand for review.

The end result: Of the 14 Secretary of the Army Awards presented Feb. 23, four were won by AMCOM/Life Cycle Management Command Acquisition Center employees.

"Of all the winners, I think we took the sweep for the most wins



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WINNING WITH ACQUISITION— Marlene Cruze, executive director of the Acquisition Center, third from left, is proud of the work all her employees do on a daily basis to support the acquisition needs of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal. Recently, three of her employees and an employee division were presented with awards of Excellence in Contracting from the Secretary of the Army. With Cruze are, from left, Lillie Williams, chief of the SFL Cargo Helicopter CH-47 CH-B Division that won the outstanding unit/team award for Systems Contracting; Pamela Myres, outstanding contracting officer, Logistics Support (Sustainment) Contracting for her work as the division chief of the Maintenance and Overhaul Division, Aviation Logistics Directorate; Kathy Ford, outstanding contracting officer, Installation Lead-Directorate of Contracting for her work as the lead contract specialist for the Acquisition Center's Base Operations Division; and Yvonne Reynolds, outstanding contract specialist for her work on the Apache Block III program. The employees were honored during a Feb. 23 ceremony at the Pentagon.

in the entire world of contracting," Cruze said. "That's really exciting. Southerners tend not to brag about themselves. I'm trying to break that mold. We're going

to do some bragging because we have great employees who are doing great work every day."

Cruze said AMCOM could have received many more awards

over the past years if the competition had been given priority.

"My problem is getting my people to stop working long enough to say they've done something good," Cruze said. "It takes a lot of time to apply for these awards and to go through the process. It's commendable that these employees' bosses took the time to say 'good job' by making sure nomination forms were put together so they could be nominated."

AMCOM Acquisition Center winners for the Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting were: Yvonne Reynolds, outstanding contract specialist; Pamela Myres, outstanding contracting officer for Logistics (Sustainment) Contracting; Kathy Ford, outstanding contracting officer for Installation Level-Directorate of Contracting; and the entire SFL Cargo Helicopters CH-47 CH-B Division, outstanding unit/team award for Systems Contracting.

The excellence in contracting awards were established in 1997 to recognize and honor the Army's contracting and acquisition professionals who excel in timeliness, customer support quality and contracting innovation that lead to process improvements and specific achievements in supporting the contracting mission worldwide. This year, the AMCOM employees were among 100 names nominated for the 14 awards.

"The competition for these awards is fierce," Cruze said. "We were really pushed to take the time to be a part of this competition. The professionalism, strategizing and innovativeness of this contracting work force gets lost in the shuffle because we are so busy making a difference and making change happen that we don't have time for recognition. But, it's important for us to do a competition like this because it is a validation for our work force."

The awards recognize outstanding achievements for contracting officers and units/teams between Jan. 1, 2005 and May 31, 2006. Those chosen to be nominated from the Acquisition Center were recommended, indirectly, by the customers they support.

"As a director, I see two things," Cruze said. "I see the best and I see the worst. I don't see the middle. When I see these workers, I see the best. Our nominations were the result of customer feedback. I've heard comments about the appreciation for their work, how they did a good job pulling things together and how they are willing to go the extra mile. General (Jim) Pillsbury every single day makes a comment on how great the Acquisition office is at AMCOM."

The four awards reflect efforts by the entire 600-employee Acquisition Center to be responsive to Army acquisition needs during wartime, she said.

Honorees applaud teamwork, stress mission's importance

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The following Acquisition Center employees recently received 2006 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting at a ceremony at the Pentagon. Presenting the awards were Dr. Francis J. Harvey, then secretary of the Army, and Tina Ballard, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for policy and procurement.

Yvonne Reynolds, Outstanding Contract Specialist: Reynolds is a senior contract specialist in the Apache Directorate within the Acquisition Center, where she is the acquisition expert for the development and execution of the Apache Block III program.

When she was first assigned to the program, she developed an acquisition strategy for Apache system modifications. She oversaw the program during a 15-day time frame when it went from a modification program to a new start program, which resulted in redefining the acquisition strategy for the more than \$2 billion program. And she continues to oversee it as the program moves from a system design and development effort through testing and into production of 248 aircraft through 2015.

"The Apache had not been a develop-

ment program for probably 15 years or more," Reynolds said. "There was a lot of change in the program from an acquisition standpoint. Acquisition planning and strategy changed frequently. The program requires a lot of OSD (Office of the Secretary of Defense) oversight and with that comes changes daily. There are a lot of contract changes due to funding changes."

In addition, she is the contracting officer for a wide range of Apache reset, modernization, reliability and safety programs. She has been recognized for her innovative approach to web-based contracting, and has taught a course on web-based contracting for the Acquisition Center University.

"The whole office is an outstanding contracting office," Reynolds said. "I accepted this award for the team as a whole."

Pamela Myres, Outstanding Contracting Officer for Logistics (Sustainment) Contracting: Myres is the division chief for the Acquisition Center's Maintenance and Overhaul, Aviation Logistics Directorate. She provides guidance and direction to 23 contract professionals who execute more than 500 maintenance and overhaul contracts for AMCOM's Aviation components, systems and support equipment valued at more than \$400 million annually. The organization's primary customer is the Integrated Materiel Man-

agement Center.

The efforts of Myres and the division's staff are critical to ensure the readiness of military equipment used in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and for Army Aviation missions worldwide.

"We keep the field supplied with parts," Myres said. "Maintenance and overhaul should have the quickest turnaround to the Soldier in the field ... It is a continuous up-tempo environment. It requires intensive oversight. We are also working to make our processes more efficient in our support of every Aviation platform managed by IMMC and some of the program managers who need our support for sustainment."

Myres has advanced the use of acquisition reform concepts that reduced contractual lead times and improved the flexibility of contracts. She works on acquisitions for multiple programs, including Black Hawk, Apache, Kiowa and Chinook. She consistently develops new and innovative contracting techniques for customer needs.

"I didn't do all this myself. My staff did it," she said. "I might have led the way, but they certainly were following. I work with a lot of people who are mission oriented. They care about the mission, about supporting the Soldiers in the field."

Kathy Ford, Outstanding Contracting Officer for Installation Level-Directorate of Contracting: Ford is a lead contract specialist for the Acquisition Center's Base Operations Division, providing contractual support to Redstone Arsenal and AMCOM's support of forces involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and other missions. She has provided contracting support to PEO-Soldier's Product Manager Air Warrior, Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, Logistics Support Activity and PEO-Aviation Product Manager for Air Traffic Control Systems.

"The type of contracting that we do has to have a very practical nature," she said. "We have an innovative approach, but it still has to stay practical."

"Everyone is working with less assets. There are less people and less money to buy the supplies and services needed. But, we still manage to get everything done for the Soldier that we can whether that Soldier is here at home or overseas in theater."

She personally manages the instructor support contract for OMEMS, which primarily furnishes Explosive Ordnance Disposal training, and has worked as the contractor officer for Installation Support Services, including custodial support,

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Army's 'Logistician of Year' works at Redstone

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

When it comes to raising the achievement bar, Amy Barnett has rung the bell.

Those 'rings' occurred Thursday with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award and late last year with the Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year award.

In her dual-hatted PEO Missiles and Space and AMCOM role, Barnett has implemented the Life Cycle Management Command and Soldier Focused Life Cycle Logistics missile initiatives.

"To implement the SFL vision, she reorganized her directorate within the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center and collocated all of her item managers, who were previously centralized in the IMMC, with the project managers they support," Brig. Mike Cannon, the program executive officer for missiles and space, said. "This enabled lean and effective leadership, and decisions at the PM level on modernization, sustainment and obsolescence issues



Amy Barnett

and strategies across funding types and phases of the life cycle."

SFL gives project managers the responsibility, authority and accountability for their assigned systems across all phases of the product life cycle and all funding appropriations.

"She has been instrumental in prioritizing funding and she has successfully justified those priorities throughout the Army to assure critical sustainment fund-

ing for the highest priority needs to maintain required readiness rates," Cannon said.

Under Barnett's leadership, the SFL initiative is producing lean processes and numerous cost savings. For example, she played a key role in establishing an innovative item recovery program for the Multiple Launch Rocket System launcher which will result in estimated cost savings of \$40 million over the life of the program while maintaining superior readiness rates. The item recovery program uses excess launchers as a source of supply by harvesting high dollar, high usage, and/or obsolete parts to sustain the remaining operational fleet while significantly reducing engineering, spares and repair costs and providing high stockage and readiness rates. The strategy also allows the Army to fulfill sustainment commitments made to Foreign Military Sales customers through 2016.

Integration and collocation of the life cycle logisticians with the project managers — as a part of Barnett's SFL implementation

— has resulted in elimination of backorders through refurbishment of training assets by consolidating spares and major item buys. The consolidation of spares and major item buys for Hellfire 2 alone has resulted in significant benefits to the Army, Navy and Air Force by reducing administrative lead time by 11 months, reducing unit costs and elimination of non-value added overhead by reducing the number of contract requirements packages from one for each spare part to only one integrated package.

As chairman of the 11-nation MLRS Weapon System Partnership Committee, Barnett has led the development of a cooperative, cost effective missile demilitarization program across all partner nations. The cooperative program will save the Army shipping costs, while also providing cost sharing savings across all partner nations through the development of common demilitarization procedures, technical data and equipment.

Barnett also played a key leadership role in development

and ultimate approval of the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System Core Depot Assessment resulting in a Performance Based Logistics Life Cycle Contractor Support concept that effectively partners the prime contractor organic depots, as well as the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency. She also managed and led development and ultimate approval of all logistics documentation and strategies for the successful HIMARS and Guided MLRS Milestone Cs.

"Barnett is a true acquisition, logistics and technology professional at the top of her game," Cannon said. "She manages several hundred million dollars and more than 350 acquisition and logistics professionals. She is keenly focused on cost savings, efficiencies and lean processes to maintain high readiness rates in the severely constrained budget environment. She has ensured adequate staffing, training and attention to detail in supporting more than three dozen fielded systems in support of operations around the world in the Global War on Terrorism."

Support to Soldiers motivates Acquisition honorees

Honorees

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grounds maintenance, multimedia and visual information, intrusion detection and fire protection maintenance, administrative support, human capital development support, education services, chapel services, copier maintenance, cable television, data processing, video-teleconferencing, software development and maintenance, construction, pest control services, moving and storage, laundry, food services, travel services, various communications contracts, and various commercial services and supplies.

"Basically, if it doesn't fit anywhere else, they give it to me," Ford said. "And, I do what needs to be done to make things happen."

It was important to Ford to instill a cus-

tommer service focus in developing acquisition strategies to expedite the procurement process. She is an expert at installation support contracting at Redstone Arsenal.

CH-47 Team — Outstanding Unit/Team Award for Systems Contracting: The CH-47 Team consists of David Beddingfield, Berthina Bills, Robin Hadlock, Eunice Jett-Day, Timothy Kirkpatrick, Charles Malone, Edward Mobley, Sharon Sapp, Joann Tyra and Lillie Williams. The employees work for the SFL Cargo Helicopter CH-47 CH-B Division to provide support services, life cycle management planning, sustainment and logistical support to its customers, which include the Program Management Office, Integrated Materiel Management Center, Foreign Military Sales, Special Operations Command and Technologiese Applications Project Office.

The division's employees made improvements that decreased administra-

tive leadtime/procurement leadtime by more than 75 percent for major items and production requirements and by 25 percent for spare parts. The team awarded \$1.3 billion for more than 200 actions for the Army's "workhorse."

"The CH-47 is the Red Cross for the Army," said Williams, the division chief for the SFL Cargo Helicopter CH-47 CH-B Division. "It is used to carry troops, vehicles and supplies; and to lift bridges and vehicles. You name it, it does it. It is the Army's and everyone else's workhorse when they need transport or lift capability."

One of the division's specific projects was the development of a spare parts catalog to reduce contracting costs and streamline the acquisition process. The catalog now has negotiated prices for 4,292 Cargo Helicopter spare parts, allowing execution of awards to be done in record time and reducing leadtimes from 125 days down to 14 days. The catalog serves as a model for other directorates to follow.

"We were challenged to come up with innovative ideas to get things on contract in a much shorter time frame," Williams said. "Our work affects Soldiers in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Mexican border and all over the world. We've been able to do our job smarter, more efficiently, less expensively and in a more timely manner."

Although the Global War on Terrorism gave a sense of immediacy to the division's work, Williams said developing better and more efficient ways to manage contracts is something that can always benefit Soldiers.

"You cannot get stale in this Army," she said. "You have to keep up with innovative techniques and technology so that you can support the Soldier. You have to stay ahead of everyone else and the foreign countries we are in competition with so that our technology remains number one in the global economy. As a work force, we are going to do whatever it takes to get the job done."

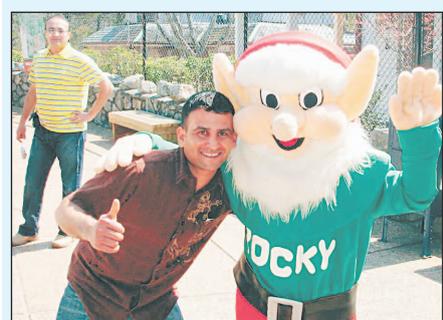
Sports & Recreation

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>.

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.



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Rock on

Sgt. 1st Class Boulbaba ElKamel of Tunisia meets "Rocky," the Rock City mascot, during the International Military Student Office visit to Rock City on IMSO's trip to Chattanooga. The office took 15 international soldiers on an overnight trip March 10-11. They were from Egypt, Bulgaria, Tunisia, Netherlands, Italy and Guyana. They had an opportunity to visit Cathedral Caverns, the Tennessee Aquarium, walk across the 113-year-old Walnut Street Bridge, learn about the Civil War Battle for Chattanooga at the Battles for Chattanooga Electric Map Museum, and visit Rock City.

Teams are age-appropriate. For more information, call 313-3699. Registration paperwork and more information can be found at www.redstonemwr.com.

Senior softball league

The Huntsville Senior Softball League, under the auspices of the Huntsville Senior Center and the City of Huntsville Recreational Services, is seeking softball players who turn 55 or older by Dec. 31. The league consists of players of all skills and abilities, so join the fun, make new friends, and enjoy the popular summertime sport of slow pitch softball. First practice is 10 a.m. March 31 at field 4, and the season starts around mid-May. For more information, call Ray Beverly 859-7419 or Fred Garcia 883-1135.

Turkey hunt

Turkey Hunt for children age 10-15 will be held from sunup until noon Saturday and Sunday at Outdoor Recreation. Any Redstone hunter, age 25 or older, may sponsor a child. Sign up at Outdoor Recreation, building 5129 on Sportsman Drive. For more information, call 876-4868.

Conferences & Meetings

Materials conference

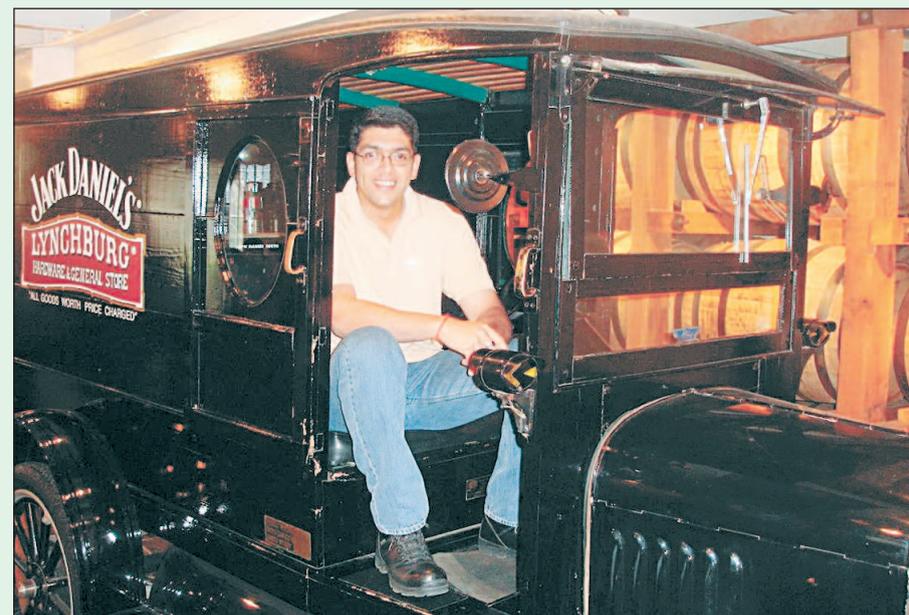
Registration for the Metamaterials and Nonlinear Materials Conference has begun. This conference will be held April 4-5 in Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, visit the conference web page at <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/MNM07> or e-mail angie.cornelius@us.army.mil.

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.

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.



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Special delivery

Maj. Deepak Rishi of India checks out the old delivery truck at the Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg, Tenn. The International Military Student Office took two students, including one from El Salvador, on a field studies program trip to Lynchburg on March 14.

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.test-week.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.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. The chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting March 28 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Lube Cohelska, Madison County executive director of the International Service Council, is the scheduled speaker. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

Genealogical society

Annewhite Fuller, a manager of the library heritage room, will speak at the regular meeting of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society at 7 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium of the Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe St. For more information, visit <http://www.tvgs.org>.

Spring seminar

Shirley Wilson, certified genealogist from Sumner County, Tennessee, will conduct the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar on March 31 from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the auditorium of the Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe St. The cost for this event is \$30; and the deadline for signup is March 28. Send checks to TVGS, P.O. Box 1568,

Huntsville, AL 35807. For the day's schedule, visit <http://www.tvgs.org>.

Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society) presents a free public talk April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Stephan R. Davis, NASA MSFC, deputy manager of Flight and Integrated Test Office Ares I-X at Marshall Space Flight Center, is to speak on "The First Step in the Long Journey Ahead." For more information, call Ronnie 509-3833.

Fleet reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565 Exit 3. For information call Gene Aittala 773-6283 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

Defense acquisition

Defense Acquisition University's community conference, "Trends in the Acquisition and Program Management of Services in DoD," is April 17 at the DAU campus at Fort Belvoir, Va. The conference will be broadcast live to the South Region via video-teleconference. The VTC will be sponsored by the DAU Alumni Association South Region at Raytheon Company located at 401 Jan Davis Drive in Huntsville. For more information or to register, go to <http://dauaa.org> or send e-mail to DAUAA.South@dau.mil.

Trade show

The 2007 GSA International Expo is May 15-17 in Orlando, Fla. This free training conference and trade show is designed for procurement and program professionals. Training will be available on topics such as government contract law, performance based acquisition, strategic sourcing and other procurement-related courses. All classes grant Continuous Learning Points. Admission is free. For more information and to register, call 1-888-272-5565 or visit web site www.expo.gsa.gov.

Toastmasters

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

Strategic speakers

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



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Light work

Chugach worker Hugh Burks redoes a light in the parking lot at building 5250 on March 14.

from 9-12:45. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The Thrift Shop will be open April 14 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.

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/>.

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.

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.

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 sign up

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.



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Class act

Members of a Basic NCO Course class at the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy have provided support to the Phoenix Program in the local community. The class, 645-89B30-007-07, contributed \$300 to the program, a county-wide effort that helps first-time offender youth become productive adults. Its fund-raising efforts included the "007 Shootout" golf tournament March 3 at the Links at Redstone. From left are Staff Sgt. Randal Wright, Staff Sgt. Lasean Fox, Staff Sgt. Travino Porter, community chief probation officer Charlotte Camper, Staff Sgt. Kari Ley, class leader Staff Sgt. Mitch Brannen, small group leader Staff Sgt. Richard Mantooth, Staff Sgt. Dylan Shaw, Staff Sgt. Sean Hegg, Staff Sgt. Daniel Ortiz, and community probation officer Evon Webster. Not pictured is Staff Sgt. Richard Morgan.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Walk benefit

The "Walk for Wishes," a fund-raiser for the Make a Wish Foundation, is April 14 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville duck pond. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk at 10. For information on helping out or joining the walk, call Vicki Brewer 509-4823.

Security professionals

The eighth annual NCMS/DSS Security Seminar "Security For a Changing World" will be held April 12 at the Von Braun Center. The program features presentations by DOHA, NSA, and the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff. The keynote speaker is Vice Adm. Robert Murrett. For exhibitor and registration information, call Sonja Wood or Leslie Weil 890-3001. Registration cost is \$65 before April 1 or

\$80 thereafter (includes continental breakfast and sit-down lunch). Registration details and more information are available at <http://ncms-midsouth.org>.

Comedy night

The Officers and Civilians Club is once again bringing three acts for Comedy Night on Friday. Mel Fine and Marques Bunn are the feature act; and the headliner is Mark Knope. Tickets are on sale at the club. Advance tickets are \$8 without dinner and \$13 with dinner. Tickets at the door are \$12 without dinner and \$17 with dinner. The buffet dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30. For more information, call 830-2582. This event is open to the community.

Wine tasting

Join the Officers and Civilians Club for an International Wine Tasting on March 30 at 6 p.m. There will be many different wines from different countries. Advance tickets are \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Tickets at the door are \$12 for members, \$14 for non-members. For more information, call 830-2582.

Stuffed animals wanted

Amy Balch is collecting new or gently-used stuffed animals for the pediatric ward at Huntsville Hospital East. Contact her at 631-7886 or gospelsonglover@yahoo.com.

Fund-raiser walk

To celebrate Autism Awareness Month, the Autism Society of Alabama is hosting a "Walk for Autism" April 21 at Chapman Middle School. Everyone is invited to participate. A \$25 pre-registration fee includes a walk T-shirt. Registration on the

day of the walk will be \$30. The walk begins at 9:30 a.m., with registration opening at 8:30. Fun activities planned for after the walk include a moon bounce, slide, food, drinks, face painting, mini-resource fair, music, balloons, raffle prizes, etc. For more information on the Huntsville walk, call the local walk coordinator 527-8061.

Aviation ball

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America will hold its "St. Michaels Aviation Ball" Friday at the Von Braun Center South Hall. Social begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 and music at 8:30. This business formal event is an evening of dinner, music and dancing. Dance music will be provided by Juice. Registration forms can be found on the AAAA TVC web site at <http://www.tennvalleyquad-a.org/> or call Jim Santaferrara 430-3745.

Grant program

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association conducts an annual community support grant program to give back to Soldiers, military families, and community. Local tax exempt organizations that qualify under Section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code may apply for one of the grants. Typically, the ADAA does not fund: (a) recreational activities, (b) tax supported institutions, (c) cultural/civic organizations/businesses, (d) religious organizations/institutions, (e) social organizations/committees, and (f) political organizations/campaigns. Rather, the grant is designed to support organizations and activities involving the

education, health and/or social welfare of all Soldiers and their families. Representatives of eligible organizations may request a grant application from the ADAA Grant Committee chairman, Ron Sumera, at 774-1054 or via e-mail at Ron.Sumera@cas-inc.com. The deadline for the submission of grant applications for this year is March 30.

Helicopter society

The American Helicopter Society, Redstone Chapter will award two one-week scholarships to the international Aviation Challenge at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center for 2007. "This award is to kindle interest in, encourage and promote students in fourth through 12th grades to pursue education in the fields of rotorcraft and vertical takeoff and landing aircraft," a prepared release said. Call scholarship chairman Steve Parker 313-5421 for eligibility and application requirements. Deadline for submission is April 7.

Women's history program

A Women's History Month program will be held March 30 at 10 a.m. in Morris Auditorium, NASA/building 4200 on Rideout Road. The keynote speaker is NASA astronaut Col. Catherine G. "Cady" Coleman.

Ty Herndon concert

Athens State University will be the site for an outdoor concert featuring country music sensation Ty Herndon at 8 p.m. May 12 to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of North Alabama. Southern Crossroads and Kix96 country radio are bring-

ing Herndon back home to kick off his new CD, "Right About Now." Get tickets for \$20 in advance at www.ticketweb.com or \$18 with military/student ID at any Railroad Bazaar in North Alabama or at Prestons Western Wear in Athens.

Alcorn scholarships

Alcorn State University announces its annual Tennessee Valley Alumni Scholarship Award Program. Scholarships are for incoming freshmen who would like to attend Alcorn State University (proof of enrollment/acceptance required). Amounts will be \$500 for each scholarship awarded. Scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants who maintain a 2.5 on a 4.0 point system and will be awarded without regards to race, sex, creed or religious preference. Applications packets have been mailed to high schools' senior counselors in Huntsville and within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. Submission deadline is April 6. Application packets should be mailed to Tennessee Valley Alumni Alcorn State University, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 5413, Huntsville AL 35814. For more information, call Melvin Mayo 721-9336 or Sam King 882-7733.

Brunch benefit

The Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, PEO Missiles and Space (building 5250) will hold a brunch for AER on April 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call K.C. Bertling, Jill Mayes or Maria Roth 876-1195 or 876-8121.

Bone density screenings

Fox Army Health Center will conduct bone density screenings May 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redstone Fitness Center for the MWR Health Fair. The fitness center is located on Aerobee Road, east of Patton Road.

Admin professionals

The Officers and Civilians Club will celebrate Administrative Professionals Day, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a buffet style lunch. Cost is \$12 per person. There will be a number of door prize drawings, and gifts for the admin professionals. Tickets are available in advance at the club cashier's office, or you can purchase them at the door the day of the event. For more information, call 830-2582.

Young stars pageant

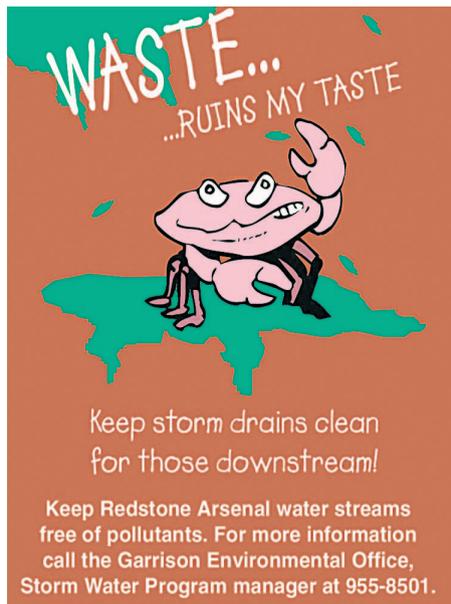
The "Sparkling Stars Pageant" is April 7 in Huntsville for ages 25 and under, with boys and girls divisions. For information call 658-5553.

Yard sale

It's spring cleaning time, so clean out your garages and closets and donate your gently used items to the IMMC Readiness Directorate sponsored AER Spring Cleaning Yard Sale. The yard sale is April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5301. All proceeds will be donated to Army Emergency Relief. Any remaining items will be donated to Army Community Service or a local charity. If you have items that you would like to donate, call Eric Cowan 313-1572 or Maj. Owen Ward 876-4541 or bring them to 5301 from 7-9 a.m. the day of the sale. "We ask that all donated items be clean with a suggested price attached," a prepared release said.

Train rides

The North Alabama Railroad Museum will kick off its 2007 season March 31 with the Peter Cottontail Express. The train rides will be at 10 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 2 p.m., and the tickets are \$12 for all riders. The trips are designed for children age 10 and younger. "Peter Cottontail will be on the train to meet with the kids and hand out some Easter basket goodies," a prepared release said. For tickets call the Chase Depot 851-6276 on Saturday and Wednesday mornings, and make your reservations now. The Chase Depot, 694 Chase Road, can be found by taking Highway 72 east of Huntsville to Moores Mill Road and then to Chase Road. Or local traffic may wish to take Meridian Street north to Chase Road.



Motorcyclists meeting

Calling all motorcyclists – military, civilian, contractors, NASA and retirees on Redstone Arsenal: The 59th Ordnance Brigade is holding an initial gathering of riders to introduce a Motorcycle Riders Safety Program. Stop by Brooklyns Sports Bar in Redstone Lanes on Patton Road on March 29 anytime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to provide input and meet new and old friends. For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer William Bradshaw 876-5628 or e-mail william.bradshaw@redstone.army.mil.

Family online seminar

A Military OneSource "webinar" on Recordkeeping for Special Needs Families is scheduled March 29 at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. A webinar is a free interactive online workshop available through Military OneSource. Anyone with Internet and phone access can attend. Registration is required. To register, visit www.militaryonesource.com and click on the Webinar link under the Events and Community section on the left side of the page. Choose a session date and click on the registration link. Once you have registered, you will receive an e-mail confirmation providing the information that you need to join the session. For questions regarding registration, send an e-mail to webinars@militaryonesource.com.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service New-

comers' Orientation on April 3 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Senior service college

This announcement is directed to civilian Acquisition Corps members who occupy positions within the Army in grades GS-14 and 15 or equivalent grades within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System. Employees interested in applying for the Senior Service College Fellowship Program opportunities commencing in 2007 should respond by April 24 to announcement number SSCF-Huntsville-07H. AL&T work force members who do not currently possess Acquisition Corps membership but who wish to participate in this opportunity must be members of the AC at the time of application. The purpose of the SSCF Program is to provide leadership and acquisition training to prepare senior level civilians for senior leadership roles such as product and project managers, program executive officers and key acquisition positions. Individuals who complete the program will be awarded equivalency for the Program Managers Course; and those attending the Huntsville offering will be provided the option to obtain a master's degree from the University of Alabama-Huntsville. For more information call Shirley Hornaday, regional director of the Acquisition Support Center, Southern Region, at 955-2764.

Library week

The J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center, Alabama A&M University will hold activities to celebrate National Library Week, April 15-21. The third annual Friends of the Library Membership Dinner is April 16. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 in the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the A&M campus. The honorees this year will be Dr. Carl Marbury, founder and for-

mer dean of the Alabama A&M University School of Library Media Program and seventh president of A&M; and Lila White, retired school librarian of the Jefferson County school system in Bessemer. The second annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is April 19-20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the First Floor Computer Lab of the J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center (Library).

Scholarships for youth

YOUTH Friendship Foundation Inc., in partnership with the Investing in Our Youth Partnership, announces its annual scholarships for the youth. This scholarship is open to all high school seniors. Students should contact their school counselors for applications or call Maj. Alonzo McGhee 655-9616. All applications must be received by April 18. Investing in Our Youth Partnership members include Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter, Lockheed Martin Corp., Northrop Grumman, Dynetics Inc., Lockheed Martin Space Systems Co., Advanced Systems Development Inc., Intergraph Corp., COLSA Corp., Peduzzi Associates, Engineering Management & Technology Corp., SAIC, Advanced Engineering & Planning Corp., Tec-Masters Inc., General Dynamics, Analytical Services Inc., Intuitive Research & Technology, Booz Allen Hamilton, Advanced Federal Services Corp., Holiday Inn Research Park, DESE Research Inc., Systems Studies & Simulation Inc., Gray Research Inc., Green Hills Grille, Mercedes Benz of Huntsville, Space and Missile Defense Working Group, Suzuki of Huntsville, and U.S. Space & Rocket Center. For partnership information call 655-9616.

Blood drives

Upcoming blood drives for the American Red Cross include the following: Thursday from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4488. March 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive. April 6 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Post Exchange, and 7-noon at building 5681. April 13 from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers, and 7-12:30 at building 4545. April 19 from 7-12:30 at Ground-based Midcourse Defense (5000 Bradford Drive), building 5400 and the Sparkman Center. April 20 from 8-1:30 at NASA building 4316 and 7:30-12:30 at MDA, 106 Wynn Drive. April 26 from 7-noon at building 6263 and 7-12:30 at SMDC building 5220.

Rocket Announcements

Welfare requests

The Thrift Shop is accepting written requests for donations. It can only accept requests from charitable organizations that have a federal tax exemption number. Please include your federal tax exemption number, point of contact, telephone number, the amount requested and the specific use of this donation. The deadline for requests is April 5. Requests can be delivered or mailed to: Thrift Shop, Attn: Mary McCarthy, welfare chairperson, building 3209, Hercules Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

Bunny tree

School Age Services, building 3400 on Gray Road, has a "Bunny Tree" through April 2. "Stop by SAS to adopt a bunny from our Bunny Tree and help a less fortunate child living at the Downtown Mission," a prepared release said. "Each bunny will have the name of the child, as well as their shoe and clothing size. These children are thrilled to get new clothes, shoes, toys or candy." The gifts must be returned to SAS by April 2. Please make sure the name of your bunny is prominently displayed on the gift. For more information, call 876-6595.

Fraternity convention

The Southern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will hold its 76th Anniversary Convention March 29 through April 1 in Huntsville. More than 1,500 members are expected to attend this year's convention. The Redstone community is invited to participate and attend the following events: Alpha South Public Program, "Go to High School Go to College: A Conversation with University Presidents," March 30 from 6-8 p.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall, free admission; Alpha South Step Show, March 30 from 9:30-11 p.m. at VBC South Hall II, \$8 in advance for Soldiers, \$10 in advance for the general public and \$15 at the door; Alpha South Miss Black & Gold Pageant, March 31 from 7-9 p.m. at VBC South Hall Ballroom, \$8 in advance for Soldiers, \$10 general admission; and an "Evening of Jazz" concert featuring Between 9 & 7 Band, March 31 with pre-reception at 9:06 p.m. at the VBC South Hall Ballroom, \$20. Tickets are available at James Records and Tapes, Mr. Shoe's or by calling 651-0981. For more information, e-mail vstrickland@knology.net.

Administrative seminar

The Huntsville Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its fourth annual Seminar and Education Forum, "Pride in Professionalism," on April 24 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Huntsville. This

is an all-day event open to all administrative professionals. It includes keynote speaker Beverly Marchelos on "Maximizing Human Potential" and a choice of attending two afternoon workshop sessions. Full registration is \$125, and registration after April 14 is \$140. The deadline is April 19. To register call Rozella Coggin 824-2907.

Bring child to work

In conjunction with the national

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, AMCOM will host its second annual Bring Your Child to Work Day event April 26. 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. Since the registration for the event filled in two days, spaces have been added to accommodate more

registrants. Registration for the additional spaces will begin April 3. Please know that regardless of whether or not you're able to register, you can still bring your children to the parade field that day during session 1 or 2 to see the Military Working dogs, military equipment displays, or Firefighter Demonstration. Also, you're encouraged to bring your children to your workplace during the afternoon. All information about the event,

including registration is on the Bring Your Child to Work web site at <https://bringyourchildtowork.redstone.army.mil>.

Medal of Honor recipient

Vietnam veteran and Medal of Honor recipient Paul Bucha is to be interviewed on radio station WBHP AM 1230 "Morning Show" with Toni Lowrey and Gary Dobbs at 8:20 a.m. Thursday, according to a prepared release.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																												
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SCBK07905245	Human Resources Specialist (Staffing)	26-Mar-07	SCCOP	YA-0201	1	2	29,108 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
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SCNAFBK0721	Child & Youth Prgm Assistant(Entry Level)	30-Mar-07	Child & Youth Serv	CC-1702	1	2	10,18 - 18,13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
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WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).