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Civil War re-enactment images

Avid photographer has history interest

By SKIP VAUGHN

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A two-year assignment in Korea won't keep Santos Rubio from his hobby.

He plans to come home on leave when some Civil War re-enactments are scheduled. That way he can continue his pastime of taking pictures at these events.

Rubio, the fire support branch chief for Readiness Directorate at the Integrated Materiel Management Center, spent his last day in the office Friday. As part of his promotion to branch chief last December, he will serve two years as the senior command representative in Korea. He reports there May 7.

"I go around to all the re-enactments and I take pictures," Rubio said. "I've probably got 4,000, 5,000 or 6,000 pictures. I take my pictures and I try to portray history as best I can."

He puts his professional-quality color photographs into a slide show, adds Civil War period music and loads them onto a DVD. He has completed 10 DVDs since March 2006. Two of his DVDs are being evaluated by the Killeen, Texas, school district for potential use in the classroom to teach Civil War history.

Two months ago he started writing a book or travel guide on where Civil War re-enactments take place. His work is tentatively titled, "Civil War Re-enact-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

KEEPSAKES— Santos Rubio of the Integrated Materiel Management Center shows some of his many pictures from Civil War re-enactments.

ment Campaign and Living History Field Guide."

Rubio has been into photography since 1980. In February, right after his 55th birthday, he began taking a correspondence course on professional photography through the New York Institute of Photography.

He attended his first re-enactment, "The Siege of Bridgeport," in March 2006 in Bridgeport, Ala. He was just taking pictures

of the battle and the Union and Confederate camps. A young woman, who was a member of a period music group called Unreconstructed, asked him what he was going to do with his photographs. Rubio hadn't thought about that until she asked. He began thinking; and he decided to combine his photography with his new interest in re-enactments.

"I like taking pictures. I like history also. And this was a good

way to combine both of them," he said.

Rubio's home is in Lawton, Okla., where his wife, Iris, resides with two of their three daughters – Corinna Bontly, 29, and Bianca Rubio, 20. Sabrina Sotelo, 24, resides at Fort Hood, Texas.

Iris said of her husband's hobby, "I really think that it's fantastic. He was always interested in history and this is just an extension of what he likes to do."

Rubio served 23 years as an infantry Soldier including regular Army, National Guard and Reserves. He retired from the Reserves as a sergeant first class in 1993. He became a logistics assistance representative for Redstone in 1989 and was promoted to logistics management specialist in 2001.

So far Rubio has attended about 13 re-enactments in Alabama, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina and Florida. They usually happen on weekends. "I've learned a lot of history that was not taught in school when I was going to school," said Rubio, who was born in Germany and raised in Texas.

He recently learned on the Internet that 11 individuals with the last name Rubio fought in the Civil War.

"Nine of them fought with the Confederate side and two with the Union," he said. "And I don't know if any had a direct linkage to my family, but I'm going to start doing the research to find out."



Photo by Santos Rubio

GOING TO BATTLE— Re-enactors portray a Confederate unit.



Photo by Santos Rubio

FIRE AWAY— Union guns erupt during a re-enactment called "The Siege of Bridgeport," in March 2006 in Bridgeport, Ala.

An open lane random survey

What's your favorite thing about spring?

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Angie Hill
PEO Missiles and Space staff office



"Fishing. I love the outdoor feeling that you can go fishing and be in the woods and just be outdoors. That's the first thing we do in my home – is fish."

Stella Green
Badge checker/receptionist,
Phoenix Services
"Oh, the beautiful trees and the flowers. Because it's like we had a long winter. I'm a person that thanks the beauty of the Lord. It's nice to see the beauty of spring, His wonders."



John Peterson
Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems
Project Office



"All the beautiful flowers and trees blooming. It's just kind of a sign of new life and new summer beginning, and enjoying the warm and nice weather."

Greg Wilson
Acquisition Center
"The change in temperature with the warm weather. And enjoying the blooming of the flowers and greening of the trees. I really do like that."



Quote of the week

'When we played softball, I'd steal second base, feel guilty and go back.'
– Woody Allen

Getting to know you

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Name: Frank De Luca

Job: Assistant program executive officer for future programs and initiatives, PEO Missiles and Space

Where do you call home?
Pittsburgh, Pa.



What do you like about your job?

What I really like is the challenge, because a lot of people don't know about Lean and Six Sigma. Those are two things. When you do Lean, you take out non-value added tasks in your process. And Six Sigma allows you to reduce variability in your processes. They're your tools to measure variability, and ultimately you end up improving quality. And under U.S. Army business transformation, our charter is to become more efficient and effective in our support to the Soldier. So, Lean and Six Sigma play an important role in that process.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to play golf. I just like to get outside, be outside. And the other thing is I just love to ride my motorcycle. And I do more riding than I do playing.

What are your goals?

My goals are to address ignorance and perceptions of Lean Six Sigma so that we can more efficiently – and I mean that by product and cost efficiency – support the Soldier.

What's your favorite type of music?

I like jazz. I really do like jazz.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

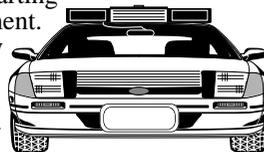
The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

April 1: An individual got stopped on Rideout Road for speeding and was found to be operating their vehicle with a suspended license. The subject was issued two violation notices and released.

April 4: An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange then departing without rendering proper payment. The subject was detained by PX security, and Redstone Police were called. The subject was processed, issued a summons and released. Investigation continues by the Redstone Investigations Section.

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

Violation notices issued: 15 speeding, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 expired tags, 1 failure to yield, 1 cell phone violation.



Volunteers recognized for their service

Annual honors presented at luncheon April 18

Not every most valuable player receives a paycheck. Just consider the volunteers throughout the Redstone community.

Redstone Arsenal will celebrate annual Volunteer Week, April 15-21 with a luncheon April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"You truly can't put a value (on volunteers) because they give their time and their energy without any kind of monetary compensation," Cathy Hays, the community events coordinator for Morale Welfare and Recreation, said.

These Volunteer of the Year winners will be recognized during the luncheon:

- Jalen Lanier, Redstone Arsenal School Age Service Young Leader Award;
- Taylor Nulk, Redstone Arsenal Middle School Young Leader Award;
- Myron Carter, Redstone Arsenal Teen Young Leader Award;
- Daniel Cunningham, Redstone Arsenal Service to Youth Volunteer of the Year;
- Jim Pool, Redstone Arsenal New Volunteer of the Year;
- Staff Sgt. Michael Huffaker, Redstone Arsenal Active Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Phyllis Cox, Redstone Arsenal Community Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Thomas Kunhart, retired colonel, Redstone Arsenal Community Dedicated Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Walter Whitacre, Redstone Arsenal Community Lifetime Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Rick Phillips, Military Community Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Becky Taylor, Military Community Dedicated Service Volunteer of the Year;
- Frank Thomas, Military Community Lifetime Service Volunteer of the Year.

Soldier dies at his residence

A non-commissioned officer died April 3 at his home on Redstone Arsenal.

Staff Sgt. Charles E. Thomas, 40, an instructor at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School's Missile Systems and Electronic Training Department, died in his sleep, according to officials. The cause of death is under investigation.

Thomas was a member of Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade.

Survivors include his wife, Honey; two daughters, Tracy and Apryl; and a son, Antonio Rodriguez.

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Von Braun Complex second phase nearly done

Office building will be ready for Missile Defense Agency

By CHRIS GARDNER
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Construction on the second of the three phases making up the Wernher Von Braun Complex should be completed by the end of June, according to the Corps of Engineers Mobile District, Redstone Resident Office.

Phase II, as the second building is called, will be home to members of the Missile Defense Agency which is being partially relocated to the Arsenal from Washington, D.C. as part of base realignment and closure.

The first building of the Von Braun Complex, called Phase I, opened in January 2004. At approximately 220,000 square feet, it is home to the Space and Missile Defense Command. A smaller central plant building is attached to it.

Construction on the slightly



Courtesy photo

UPPER LEVEL— Work continues on the fifth floor of the Phase II building.

larger, 230,000 square foot, Phase II building began in fall 2005. This building should be fully operational and home to MDA employees by August, according to Von Braun Complex project engineer Larry

Brackin of the Mobile District's Redstone Resident Office.

"A big goal is to allow people coming from D.C. the chance to move here during the summer," Brackin said.

Phase II will cost about \$44 million. Phase I was \$32 million.

Approximately 950 MDA employees will work in Phase II, including several high-ranking military officers and members of the Senior Executive Service.

Most occupants in Phase II will be coming from MDA offices throughout Huntsville both on and off the Arsenal, but they will also include many moving from D.C. offices.

Mike Price, the project superintendent for Phase II contractor Turner Universal Construction Company, said at the construction site he is confident the building will be done by the end of June. All that is left are final touches for the most part, like putting in the rest of the carpeting, finishing the painting and putting furniture throughout the

building, he said.

By the end of April or early May, Price expects his crews will be ready to start turning on the major mechanical and electrical systems throughout the building and double checking to ensure everything works properly.

A walkthrough in early April showed floors two through four of the five-story structure are essentially done with carpeting, furniture and cubicles in place.

The fifth floor was not as far along since it needed extra executive offices for the influx of high-ranking officials coming with MDA. But, Price said it would be ready in time for the planned June completion date.

The first floor, scheduled to be finished last, was not as far along as the middle floors, but was near completion.

Planning for a third building in the complex, Phase III, is already in the works. It will be 850,000 square feet, which will be larger than both the first two buildings combined. It will like-

ly include an auditorium, cafeteria and fitness center.

Wade Wooley, Mobile District's Redstone resident engineer, said the cost for Phase III is estimated at \$220 million. It is slated to house more than 2,000 MDA employees. Wooley expects the contract for the design-build of Phase III to be awarded in early 2008 and construction should start by the middle of that year.

All three buildings combined will be approximately 1.3 million square feet when finished, which will make the Von Braun Complex larger than the largest office complex on the Arsenal now, the Sparkman Center. Sparkman Center building manager Ed Cronin said the Sparkman Center's nine buildings total about 1.1 million square feet.

There are no immediate plans for more buildings after Phase III. But, Wooley did say there will be room left in the Von Braun Complex footprint for at least one more building if needed.

Iraqis show confidence in security forces

Decline in sectarian violence reflects acceptance of police

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Iraqi people are starting to show more confidence in their security forces, and this is paying off with better security in Baghdad, coalition officials said April 4.

The largest indicator is that sectarian killings have dropped 27 percent in March from February, coalition spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell said during a Baghdad news conference.

But although that and other indicators point in the same direction, Caldwell cautioned, security should not be measured in progress over days or weeks, but rather over months.

With the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, in place, three of the five U.S. brigade combat teams slated for deployment as part of the surge are in place. Two more coalition brigades will move into Baghdad in the late May, early June time frame.

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— Maj. Gen. William Caldwell
coalition spokesman

Iraqi security forces are holding up their end of the deal, Caldwell said. All

nine Iraqi battalions that are part of the surge are in place and contributing to security in all neighborhoods of the capital.

"The progress of the Iraqi forces is good and will get better," said Iraqi government spokesman Dr. Ali Aldabbagh. "Despite all the challenges of the terrorist groups against the Iraqi people, and despite all the terrorist operations carried out in March ... the Iraqi people now have more trust in their Iraqi security forces. This will lead to more cooperation between the Iraqi people and the security forces."

Caldwell said security is the key to change in Baghdad.

"When the people feel more secure, everything else is possible," he said. "That's why we are working diligently with our Iraqi partners to secure progress and provide hope."

Iraqi and coalition efforts are centered in Operation Fard al-Qanoon, an Arabic phrase that means "enforcing the law."

"The effects of our commitment will be felt over many months," Caldwell said. "We know our increased presence among the people is having an effect."

The Iraqi people are seeing more Iraqi army and police personnel patrolling the streets and manning checkpoints in the neighborhoods. This higher level of contact is building increased confidence, which in turn is leading to greater cooperation, Aldabbagh said.

The cooperation between the Iraqi people and their security forces is at an all-time high, Caldwell said. While Iraqis can still

use a national tip line to turn in terrorists, insurgents and criminals, more in the Baghdad area are taking advantage of the fact that security forces are in the neighborhoods.

"It is a true community police effort," he said. "Police and soldiers live among the people and share their knowledge and concerns. Now, the people can report criminal activity directly to the stations."

As Iraqi and coalition forces patrol and as the security situation improves, Baghdadis are engaging the forces more and providing them far more information than in the past, the general said.

"This cooperation is helping to bring down the levels of sectarian violence," he added. "Results produce more results. As the people feel more confidence in their protectors, they are less likely to take the law into their own hands. There are encouraging signs that more people are buying into restraint rather than retribution."

Al Qaeda in Iraq continues its high-profile car bomb attacks to massacre innocent civilians, Caldwell said. Even with Iraqi security forces foiling more attacks at checkpoints, "too many still occur," Caldwell said.

The general said al Qaeda in Iraq is trying to ignite a cycle of tit-for-tat violence, but the downward trend in sectarian attacks may mean the Iraqi people increasingly aren't letting themselves be drawn in by al Qaeda's tactics. "The decline in sectarian murders may be a sign that the people of Iraq are rejecting this cycle of violence," he said.

THAAD missile hits test target

A THAAD interceptor had a successful flight test Friday at the Pacific Missile Range Facility off the island of Kauai in Hawaii.

The Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system intercepted a target representing a Scud-type ballistic missile launched from a mobile platform positioned off Kauai in the Pacific

Ocean. The interceptor took off from the THAAD launch complex at the missile range facility.

This was the 26th successful "hit to kill" intercept for elements of the Ballistic Missile Defense System since 2001, and the third successful THAAD intercept in the current program phase.

Youngsters, parents step outside for fun

Parade kicks off month devoted to military kids

By **KARI HAWKINS**
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The Month of the Military Child kicked off in a big way April 2 at the Child Development Center with a ribbon cutting, parade, and visits with Sparky the Fire Dog, Pluggy the fire hydrant and Freddie the fire truck.

The Redstone Arsenal Fire Department often brings charac-

ters like Sparky and Pluggy to child-friendly events to help teach young children not to be afraid of firefighters and other emergency personnel.

In comments made to the children at the CDC event, Col. Steven Froniabarger, representing the Garrison, said "April is your month to have fun! The whole month is dedicated to you!"

Other events hosted by Morale Welfare and Recreation in April include the Block Party this Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. on the grounds near the Youth Center.



Photo by Kari Hawkins



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PROCESSION— From toddlers to preschoolers, all CDC children walk in the parade with the help of their teachers and parents, including teacher LouAnn Moore who is holding the hands of, at left, Kirk Christian and, at right, Jael Kelly.

RIBBON CUTTING— Jim Williams of Space and Missile Defense Command and his 3-year-old daughter, Madison, work together with other children to cut the ribbon that signified the beginning of the Month of the Military Child and the parade.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

EVENT SPARK— Child Development Center youngsters, from left, Miranda Beauchamp, Kiara Coman-Ubiles and Kimberly Whitehead pose with Sparky the Fire Dog right before the parade begins.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

DISTRACTED— Twenty-month-old Keivon Green wants to spend more time with Pluggy the fire hydrant, getting behind in the parade with his mom, Supply Sgt. Angela Blaze-Green of HHC 59th Ordnance, and friend Deron Johnson, 2, son of Debra Johnson of the Logistics Support Activity, who was also at the parade.

Social sponsors wanted for international students

The International Military Student Office is looking for a few good social sponsors.

Redstone Arsenal is scheduled to support international students from 25 countries in fiscal 2007. Most international students are in the United States for their first and only time. The office wants to find social sponsors to show these men and women this country as it really is. Students attend training in Huntsville from three weeks to eight months.

The International Military Student Sponsor Program is a hospitality program to provide international students, and possibly their families, an opportunity to become acquainted with American life in the broadest sense.

A good sponsor must be willing to expose the international military student to American life; and the sponsor must



Courtesy photo

RELAXED SETTING— Warrant Officer Paulo Ferro of Italy enjoys some American hospitality with Stan Johns of Huntsville.

agree to take a genuine interest in the students.

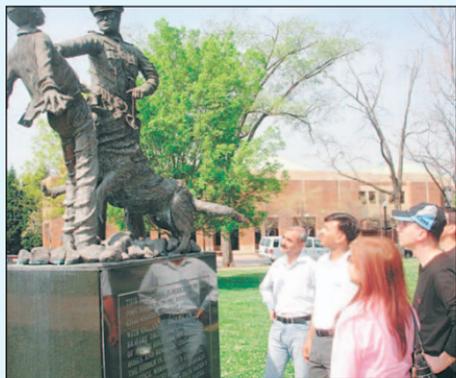
Sponsors must have a sincere interest in the purpose of the Department of Defense program and be interested in making a student feel at home and part of their family. A desire to learn about his or her country is also important.

“Your reward will be knowledge about the student and his or her country and personal satisfaction from participating in the program,” a prepared release said. “You will see your life, community and country in a different light through the eyes of your student. Deep personal relationships may develop through these informal relationships, and knowledge of other countries, customs and people will be rewarding to you and your family and friends.”

Sponsors should invite their student to participate in some activity at least once a month. Entertainment need not be lavish; in fact students prefer experiencing day-to-day American life.

Some suggestions for things to do are: Go on picnics, show slides or home movies of trips you have taken, take the student sightseeing around the area so he or she can take snapshots to send home, take the student to local sporting events, bring them golfing or fishing, or just take them shopping at a local mall.

If you would like to become a social sponsor or have questions about the program, call the International Military Student Office at 842-0582.



Courtesy photo

History lesson

International students view the Police and Dog Attack statue by James Drake at the Kelly Ingram Park in downtown Birmingham on March 29. The International Military Student Office took six international students to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the 16th Street Baptist Church. The students were from Greece, Pakistan and El Salvador.

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.

- AMRDEC is offering patriotic lapel pins, patriotic Boyd's teddy bears, patriotic tote bags and many other items until May 15 in building 5400, room A-220. Call Janet Martin 842-0691.

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

- IMMC is holding an aluminum recycling campaign. Collection boxes are located in break rooms throughout the Sparkman Center. If you have aluminum cans at your house that you would like to donate, call Maj. Owen Ward 876-4541 or Eric Cowan 313-1572.

- IMMC Readiness Directorate will hold an AER Spring Cleaning Yard Sale on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5301. All proceeds will



Photo by Skip Vaughn

KITCHEN TIME— From left, Janice Dove, K.C. Bertling and Cathy Borden cook food for last Thursday's AER brunch at Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office.

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.

- AMCOM G-8 is selling Sonic Value Cards for a minimum donation of \$5 until May 15. There are two cards to choose from. 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.

- Coupon books are being sold by ILS/Manprint Office. The \$15 books contain discount coupons for local restaurants and businesses. Call Cheryl Baker 842-8695, Ranny Vinson 842-8793 and Kim Sharp 876-8696.

- Handmade lanyards are offered in the SELA lobby, building 5400, daily from 6:30-9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call Dorothy May 842-8391 and Gay Horry 842-8389.

- Barbecue lunch plates, sponsored by IMMC, are available Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 106 Wynn Drive. Call Roosevelt Pitts Jr. 313-1068, Dave Moudy 313-1069 and Pam Reyer 313-1077.

- Old Skool vs. Nu Skool Softball is Thursday 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-em" Poker Tournament on Thursday 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.

- AMCOM G-6 is holding a Car Wash on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 3714 (the old post chapel) on Patton Road. Cost is \$5 per car and \$7 per truck/SUV. Call Luereen Phillips 876-6942.

- Cinnamon Roll and Coffee Sale, sponsored by Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, is Thursday from 7:30-10 a.m. in the lobby of building 5308. Call Andora Crawford 876-4609.

- 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.

- 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.

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

- Aviation Engineering and Avion are holding a Picnic on April 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the NASA Recreation Area. Cost is \$12 for adults; and it's free for children 12 and under. Reservations after April 16 will be \$15. Call Matt Boenker 313-9117, Vonnie Shelton 313-9089, Ed Oldani 955-0989 and Maj. Kirk McCauley 313-4286.

- A four-person scramble Golf Tournament is April 19 at the Links at Redstone. Call Chris Farmer 313-6553, Will Lovell 955-2370 and Ken Nebrig 842-4994.

- A hot dog sale is April 24 and April 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside building 5302, sponsored by NMP, IMMC. Call Kay O'Brien 313-2451, Greg Jones 876-9644 and Rod Mathewson 313-2454.

- The third annual Old Fashioned Fish Fry, sponsored by the Acquisition Center, is April 25 (rain date May 2) at building 5303. For \$8 per plate you get two catfish fillets, bread, hushpuppies, baked beans, cole slaw and a drink. Tickets are available through April 20. Call Ellaphine Ragland 955-0966, Regina Phippen 876-7347 and Deon Davis 876-8988.

- The White Elephant Dollar Day Sale, sponsored by PEO Aviation, PM AV-AS, is April 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at building 5309. All items are \$1. Call JoAnn Rice 313-3742, Ruthy Gordon 876-3654, Julie Rice 955-9531 and Cathy Knipe 955-0729.

- IMMC will hold its fourth annual bowling tournament May 2 with a second event Saturday, May 5 from noon to 3 p.m. at Redstone Lanes. Tickets are \$10 for each event and include three games plus shoes. Call Lynn Moore 955-6001.

- Barbecue lunch plates, sponsored by IMMC, are available May 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5309. Call Roosevelt Pitts Jr. 313-1068, Dave Moudy 313-1069 and Pam Reyer 313-1077.

- 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.

- 2007 AER Idol final performance is May 23 at 1 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. Cost is a \$5 suggested donation. Call Anthony Grayson 955-9002, Sherry Miller 842-0736 and Sharon Nolen 842-9431.

Dinner makes progress for charity

Top bidders from auction enjoy fruits of donation

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A charitable donation is usually its own reward. For the 12 diners who purchased a special dinner through the Officer and Civilian Women's Club craft and services auction, it was even more.

A progressive dinner with top Redstone officials was among the offerings at the OCWC's silent auction benefit Feb. 24. Diners could bid on a dinner with Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski and his wife, Sharon; Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon, program executive officer for missiles and space, and his wife, Gabriel; Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and his wife, Becky; and Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips, deputy PEO for aviation, and his wife, Marilyn. By the evening's conclusion, the dinner had been auctioned for a tidy sum.

"The total was \$1,550 dollars," Becky Pillsbury said. "It all goes to charities that impact Soldiers and their families."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

EVENING HOSTESSES— From left to right, **Becky Pillsbury, Gabriel Cannon, Marilyn Phillips and Sharon Olshefski open their homes for a progressive dinner.**

The progressive dinner was held March 31 on Wadsworth Drive, which is home to all four hosts. Diners were greeted by one of the officers, who then valet parked their car for them. Each of the households did its own cooking worthy of any gourmet – no caterers here.

"As much as we all entertain, we do our own cooking," Becky Pillsbury said.

The evening began at 5 with appetizers at the Olshefski home. Diners were served a sumptuous spread which included shrimp, crab dip, bacon-wrapped scallops, chicken and steak kabobs, and spinach dip. Attendees were then able to mingle and chat for an hour before heading on to the next stop down the street.

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer gave a tour of one of the

new general officers houses being constructed on Wadsworth.

"This will be (Lt.) Gen. (Kevin) Campbell's house," Col. John Olshefski said of the home for the commander of Space and Missile Defense Command.

The new homes were admired by diners and hosts alike.

"Isn't this nice?" Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips asked. "This is a great house – a lot of improvements."

After taking the tour, diners were hit with a surprise twist – karaoke. A tent with sound equipment was set up in the middle of the cul-de-sac.

"They have to sing for their supper," Becky Pillsbury said laughing. Guests cheerfully complied one by one, amidst howls of laughter from the crowd.

After the floor show, the group moved indoors to the Cannon home. There diners feasted on roasted yellow pepper soup and roasted tomato soup with Serrano crème fraiche. They were then served avocado and shrimp salad on baby greens with remoulade.

Next, they moved on to the Pillsbury home. There they found out that not only can Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury run an instal-

lation, he can cook, too.

"We had beef tenderloin which had been marinated and smoked all day long by my husband," Becky Pillsbury said. Accompanying the beef were twice baked potatoes and snow peas. There was another surprise in store. Spencer had prepared flaky rolls from her mother's special recipe.

"I didn't want to show up empty handed," the mayor said laughing.

For the last course, the guests' final stop was the Phillips home. There they found a chocolate fountain surrounded by fresh fruit, cake and cookies for dunking. As if that wasn't enough, they were then presented with parfait glasses filled with a lemon, blueberry and strawberry layered dessert.

At the end of the evening guests went home full and smiling from good conversation, a few laughs and knowing that not only had they given to a good cause, they had definitely gotten their money's worth. It also had a nostalgic note for the hosts.

"This may be the last time we get to do this," Becky Pillsbury said. "This summer all four of us will be going different directions."

Who you gonna call? Try Protocol

Offices do preparations for events, top visitors

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It's Wednesday and you just found out a general officer is visiting your organization on Friday. Someone has to make sure he has transportation. Someone has to plan his itinerary. Someone has to make sure his luggage doesn't end up in Idaho. Who do you call? After running screaming in panic-stricken circles for several moments, you call the Protocol office.

Although they don't wear capes, their identity is somewhat of a secret. Many people confuse their function with that of a public affairs office.

"They think we're the same, protocol and public affairs," Garrison protocol officer Sarah Brazzel said. "Any kind of administrative logistical support needed to pull off a ceremony or visit is a protocol office responsibility."

While their job may not be simple to perform, it is relatively simple to explain. It breaks down into two basic categories: events and visitors.

For events, the protocol office handles the arrangements necessary to make ceremonies and conferences happen, Brazzel said. This means everything from finding a venue, planning refreshments and even who stands where during ceremonies. They rely on tradition, guidelines and experience to direct their duties.

"When I started working in protocol, there really were no real guidelines. You had a manual for doing the official military things like laying out flags," AMCOM protocol officer Shelly Feltmeyer said. "Protocol in and of itself though is a lot of common sense. It has evolved through the years."

The protocol offices handle all of the arrangements for special visitors.

"We support generals, SES members, congressional people, foreign dignitaries, political appointees — anybody that according to DoD is a one-star equivalent military or civilian person or above," Brazzel said.

Besides the obvious needs like transportation and lodging, they also cover things like meals, entertainment and the all important tasks of making sure visitors get everything out of the trip they intended.

"We usually talk to the person's secretary and find out who they think they're coming to see and then we bounce that off the



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CONFERRING— Garrison protocol officer Sarah Brazzel, left, and AMCOM protocol officer Shelly Feltmeyer share ideas at Bob Jones Auditorium.

person who contacted us locally to make sure that what they think they're doing is what the local organization thinks they're doing," Brazzel said. "Then we try to put together an agenda that covers all of those bases and works with all the different people they need to see."

They keep detailed records. Knowing what each person prefers makes a big difference with visits.

"We keep files and lists on our visitors. We remember not only what they like and don't like, but also what they've already seen so that when they are here they see another facet of Redstone and not the same things over and over," Brazzel said. "I have discs going back to 1990 of visits and events that I personally worked on to use as reference tools."

Feltmeyer added that the preferences of the particular commanders involved also shape and change how they do business, even if business itself does not change.

"It's dictated a lot by who you are working for and at what level," she said. "Every commander has what is important to them. The bottom line is we do what we do so that the man in the corner office does his job well so he can support the Soldier in the field. He doesn't have to worry about the nuts and bolts of things or a senator's underwear getting lost. That's what we're here for."

we, the Garrison, handle."

There has been some talk of expanding and consolidating all of them into one large office to serve the entire installation. Brazzel and Feltmeyer both believe the future holds some difficult challenges as Redstone grows and expands with base realignment and closure.

"I think our mission is going to get a lot more interesting over the next couple of years as we get all these generals, commands and SES's. Trying to figure out how we're going to support them all and where we're going to put them when they come here," Brazzel said. "That's a big challenge that we're facing — VIP billeting, transportation and conference facilities. There's a lot of work going on behind the scenes to figure out how we're going to support all our new arrivals. I think our job is going to expand exponentially. It's going to be exciting."

All organizations on post are encouraged to use whichever office they happen to fall under. Not only does it make things less stressful, it keeps potentially embarrassing slipups from happening in the form of etiquette faux pas or commanders not knowing who is in town.

"People need to let us know when they have visitors coming in. If we don't know about it, we can't do our job," Feltmeyer said. "There will be times when the general will come in and ask why we didn't know General So and So was on post? How do you answer that? We can just say we're sorry and that we didn't know."

Many people may have the impression that working in protocol is a glamorous occupation. Not so, Feltmeyer said. It involves long hours and great responsibility, she explained. It takes great attention to details often overlooked by outside people.

"We are the first impression any visitor or dignitary gets of the command," Feltmeyer said. "Most people only see the end product. They don't see the work that goes into pulling things together. It is a very demanding job. In protocol you have to be flexible and fluid. Anything that can go wrong will. You have to anticipate that. It's not something you can set aside and say you'll finish it tomorrow."

It is also not a job one jumps into overnight. The idea of a formal training program specifically for protocol is a new idea, Feltmeyer said. Traditionally, members of the protocol offices have learned through experience and guidance from existing team members. It has taken many years to learn the ropes and gain the competence necessary to handle the high level personnel and happenings that are a part of the daily job. Between the two of them, Brazzel and Feltmeyer have more than 40 years of protocol experience. Learning to remain calm and gracious under pressure is critical to the job.

"I have what I call the protocol smile. No matter what you're thinking or what disaster is taking place, you keep that smile glued on your face," Feltmeyer said laughing. "Like an airline stewardess — you may be going to crash, but you keep that smile on your face the whole way down."

After a visit or event is over, the work itself often has to be its own reward. When their job is done well, members of the protocol office often seem to fade into the background. However, they take great pleasure in having done their job well, Brazzel said.

"For me personally, I just like to know when it's over that I helped make sure everything went off well," Brazzel said. "A note from a secretary saying 'When he got back he said it was a great visit!' is why I'm here. I like that."

Feltmeyer agreed, adding that true teamwork and great co-workers are critical for pulling off the juggling act of being concierge, event planner, diplomat, magician and hostess all at once.

"You have to have good people," Feltmeyer said. "Thankfully, we have some of the best."

To coordinate a visit or event with one of the protocol offices, call Garrison Protocol at 313-0546 or AMCOM Protocol at 876-7135.

"Call us, we're here to help," Brazzel said. "Our job is to make Redstone look good when we do visits or host an event. If we don't know about it, we can't do our job."



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GETTING READY— Members of the AMCOM Protocol office handle behind the scenes preparations.

Warrant officers on roll with wheelchair ramp project

Members build ramps for local residents

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Leaving his home used to be a challenge for Gary White.

Since being wheelchair-bound after a stroke in 1996, White has relied on a short, steep ramp made by a family member to go in and out of his front door. Not only was the slope unsafe, but the ramp didn't have any railings to grab onto in case of a fall.

Members of the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Army Warrant Officers Association recently took on the challenge to make White's situation safer. With hammer and nails, and a spare Saturday morning, association volunteers built White a wheelchair ramp that meets all the safety standards as outlined by the Disabilities Act.

Since October, the association has teamed with CASA (Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound) of Madison County to build wheelchair ramps at the homes of wheelchair-bound residents. It is one of many community projects the association is involved in.

"At the Retiree Appreciation Day in 2006, we set up a booth and CASA had a booth, too," said Joe Shiver, the association's vice president of retired affairs. "We were all there to answer questions about our organizations. So, I went over to the CASA table to find out about what they did. We had built a wheelchair ramp for a disabled Vietnam veteran in Athens in 2005 under the direction of the Disabled Veterans Association."

With that experience already under their hammer, the association's key vol-

unteers thought constructing wheelchair ramps would be a good ongoing project for association members.

"Our guys like to volunteer to do stuff," Shiver said. "So, I thought maybe this would be a program our group would like to do once a month."

So far, the association has built seven wheelchair ramps. In February, the association took on two ramps – one they built on their own and another they supervised and worked with a Boy Scout troop. They also doubled their efforts in March.

"It's very easy to schedule this for us because there is a handful of us who will be there no matter what," Shiver said.

"We are primarily a volunteer organization," added Johnie Keeter, the chapter's secretary. "Volunteer work is what we like to do."

The association has about 90 members, with 30 of those considered active. Other volunteer work done by the association includes building storage sheds for Habitat for Humanity homes in Limestone County, maintaining the Youth Sports Activity Field on Redstone Arsenal, ringing donation bells for the Salvation Army during the holidays, transporting entertainers during Big Spring Jam, adopting highway miles through Operation Green Team, assisting with the Redstone Arsenal concert series, serving as parade marshals during the Veterans Day Parade, assisting with Memorial Day ceremonies and providing educational scholarships.

The CASA wheelchair ramps are designed by an engineer, taking into account the space around a home's front door. All materials to build the ramp are supplied by CASA.

"We use the engineer's drawing to guide our work. Every one is customized to the house," Shiver said. "We build the set

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

FREEDOM TO ROAM— Now that Gary White has a new and safer wheelchair ramp at his home he can more freely come and go as he pleases. The ramp was built by members of the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Army Warrant Officers Association. With White on his new ramp are, from left, retired Chief Warrant Officers Joe Shiver, Johnie Keeter and Max Bennett, who are all officers in the association's local chapter.

Project office on journey for process improvement

Cargo Helicopters developing metrics

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For the Rocket

The Cargo Helicopters Project Office shared its Continuous Process Improvement success March 29 at an international conference in Austin, Texas.

The office's approach blends several mandated or directed improvement efforts to leverage resources, skills and knowledge.

The Soldier is the motivation for this continuous process improvement initiative. All improvement efforts support Life Cycle Management Command/Soldier Focused Logistics and are designed to assist the organization in its transformation to a performance-based life cycle management process.

"Our ability to continuously improve our processes is a key enabler in getting products and services to the customer more efficiently," deputy project manager Ray Sellers said.

By combining efforts and focusing on documenting then streamlining internal acquisition and system engineering processes, the office is fulfilling various directives that have been levied on the Army from 1963 through 2006.

The office combined the best of Lean Six Sigma, Balanced Scorecard, and Acquisition Process Improvement methodologies and toolsets to support the Soldier Focused Logistics initiative. By merging resources, subject knowledge, techniques and skills, the office was able to set a high standard in continuous process improvement.

A Management Steering Group, consisting of the senior management, has oversight activities including: being the focal point for the direction, sponsorship and approval of all office's continuous process improvement efforts and ensuring that all improvement efforts are supportive of Cargo's vision and goals. A Process Improvement Team, a cross-functional team, facilitates, monitors and coordinates the day-to-day improvement efforts.

The third component of the office's infrastructure is the Process Action Team, the heart and soul of the continuous process improvement effort. Each team includes a cross-functional set of individuals who live and breathe the process being documented; in other words, they are the subject matter experts. While the first two components are permanent, a process action team's life is finite. After its tasks are finished, the group disbands.

Other keys to the office's success include its continuous process improve-



Photo by Barry Schrimsher

BANNER EVENT— Mamie Danley Morgan of Westar Aerospace & Defense Group does a presentation in Austin, Texas, on behalf of the Cargo Helicopters Project Office.

ment approach to metrics, schedule and document repository. The office, for example, is capturing baseline data to assist in establishing metrics to monitor and drive improvement in processes. Since, the office serves under the LCMC/Soldier Focused Logistics initiative the organization's focus has been made clear: Cargo's customer is the Soldier and every resource should focus on support of the Soldier. The office is developing a Strategic Readiness System/Balanced Score Card that will be used to document and collect indicators (metrics) on organizational performance.

The Continuous Process Improvement schedule is flexible, thanks to the office's senior leadership recognizing that this initiative was a new undertaking requiring a cultural change and that there would be a learning curve. This allows the office to train individuals on how to document processes, improve individual and group communication channels, and clearly define roles and responsibilities.

Cargo Helicopters Project Office's Continuous Process Improvement initiative is a journey that has just begun.

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Honor Flight delivers memorable day



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WELCOME HOME— Dr. Will Gibson, a WWII Navy veteran of the Pacific Theater, shakes hands and talks with well-wishers who met him and 13 other WWII veterans at Huntsville International Airport following their one-day trip to Washington, D.C. to see the WWII Memorial. The 14 veterans participated in the inaugural Honor Flight, which is making plans to take between 80 and 100 WWII veterans on its next all-expenses paid trip in September.

World War II veterans get hero's reception

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Tears and smiles intermingled on the faces of World War II veterans as they were greeted with a hero's welcome upon returning from a life-changing, one-day deployment that took them to their memorial in Washington, D.C.

As a "test run" for a larger scale deployment of some 80 to 100 WWII veterans in September, the April 4 trip hosted by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight involved taking 14 veterans to the WWII Memorial and other D.C.-area memorials, including the Iwo Jima Memorial and Korean War Memorial.

A crowd of people – family, friends and supporters – waiting for the veterans near the entrance to the security area at Huntsville International Airport made it difficult for ordinary travelers to walk down the airport's corridor. But, when the WWII heroes arrived shortly after 7 p.m., a path was cleared and the veterans – some walking, some in wheelchairs – were escorted by their guardians through a throng of well-wishers waving U.S. flags, cheering, clapping and reaching out for a handshake or a hug.

The tears and smiles told the day's story – the inaugural Honor Flight out of Huntsville was a success, giving the veterans the opportunity to see their memorial, and remember the good and bad of a war that changed their lives, and the lives of Americans and people worldwide forever.

"This was a gift to us. It really was," James Daniels, an Army Air Forces veteran who flew 45 missions over Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania, France and Italy, said of the all-expenses paid, one-day trip.

"We don't expect anything. No one owes us anything. When something comes along like this, it's a gift."

Early morning start

The day began prior to a 6 a.m. flight when the veterans – from Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Limestone and Jackson

counties — arrived at Huntsville International and were greeted by a Redstone Arsenal color guard arranged by the Garrison; Marine Col. Terry Griffin, project manager for the Army and Marine Corps Robotic Systems Joint Project Office, and a host of Soldiers, Marines and others who wanted to give the veterans a big send-off. They formed an honor corridor that the veterans walked through on their way to the airport security area.

While waiting to board their U.S. Airways flight, the veterans ate breakfast and participated in a short program. Joe Fitzgerald, president of the local Honor Flight chapter, told the veterans "You are hereby requested to deploy to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials that were built to honor you ... Our nation thanks you. It is our wish that today be one of the best days you've ever had."

There were several happy surprises on the inaugural Honor Flight. The first came at Reagan International Airport, where the veterans were greeted by fire trucks and emergency vehicles that saluted their plane with water cannons, and by U.S. Airways employees who greeted the plane and waved flags as it reached the terminal.

When they left the plane, the veterans walked through a jet way decorated in red, white and blue, and entered a terminal where hundreds of airport employees and passengers, American Legion members and Shriners cheered and clapped for the veterans. Flags and balloons added to the festive atmosphere.

"(Army Air Forces veteran) Ed Gamble was the first veteran to step out into the crowd," Fitzgerald said. "He really broke down and cried. He couldn't hold it back."

Thanks from children

The group boarded a bus and traveled to the World War II memorial. Along with the veterans were flags that once draped the coffins of three WWII veterans. The interment flags represented the lives of Marine Cpl. Arthur Monroe Letson (father of arrangements director Faye McWhorter), Marine Sgt. Thomas Wilbert Fitzgerald (father of organizer Fitzgerald)

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and Army Capt. Robert L. Garman (father-in-law of guardians director Mike Measles). The veterans participated in a ceremony at the Alabama pillar that recognized the sacrifices of the three veterans

“The rest of the veterans set up an honor guard. As the names and stories of those veterans were read, their flag was put on a stand at the Alabama pillar,” said Max Bennett, first vice president of the local Honor Flight chapter.

“A veteran placed the flag, saluted and then stepped back. The idea was since those guys couldn’t come see their memorial; we would bring their flags instead.”

Since the Honor Flight occurred on a weekday, there were many teachers and students visiting the WWII memorial.

“Many of the children came up and thanked the World War II veterans,” Bennett said.

The veterans also got a walking tour of the east wing and the main section of the White House. They visited the Korean War, Lincoln and Iwo Jima (Marine Corps) memorials. They drove by the Vietnam, Jefferson and Roosevelt memorials, and took a window tour of sites throughout Washington, D.C., including Arlington National Cemetery.

“It went better than I expected,” Fitzgerald said. “Even the weather was better than expected. It was slightly raining when we arrived. But, when we got on the bus, the rain stopped. Not one drop of rain fell on these veterans all day. The

weather was mild — not too hot, not too cold. The Lord looked down on us.”

It was an emotional day, both for the veterans and for the guardians who cared for them on the Honor Flight.

“I’m a planner. I’m a logistician and I don’t let things get to me personally,” said Bennett, who was also guardian on the trip.

“From the day I helped pick out these 14 guys and read their stories ... Well, I’m not one who cries. But, I can tell you I didn’t get through this without crying. When you have elderly men come up to you with tears in their eyes, and they’re shaking your hand and thanking you ... that warms you up.”

Return to Huntsville

Waiting for the veterans return to Huntsville at 7 p.m. were not only family and friends, but also members of the local community, including Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, and members of various organizations, such as the Patriot Guard, Alabama Marine/Military Moms and American Legion Post 229 in Madison.

“I know a lot of these guys,” said M.R. Stevens of Post 229, referring to the returning veterans. “I was curious to see how they made out because I know it was a trying day.”

Stevens was a B-29 aerial gunner for the Army Air Forces over Saipan during WWII and was recalled during the Korean War. He served 21 years in the Air Force and worked as a civilian in the public affairs office at Redstone Arsenal and at the Huntsville Division, Corps of Engineers before retiring in 1988. Stevens has his application in to go on an Honor Flight.

While Stevens waited to see old friends, three siblings — 10-year-old Brandon, 11-year-old Lauren and 14-year-old Sarah Powers — held “welcome home” posters in anticipation of the arrival for their great-grandfather, Ed Gamble, who served in the Army Air Forces at Utah Beach on D-Day and in Germany and England.

At the front of the crowd, Pat Garner waited quietly with her two daughters and several other relatives for her husband, Douglas Garner, an Army Air Forces veteran who flew 30 missions over Germany.

“This is the first time we’ve been separated since World War II,” she said.

Her daughter, Deborah McAnally, spent the day with Garner.

“We went to Athens. Then, I took her home and she piddled while I mowed her yard,” McAnally said.

“I was sick yesterday, so I had to catch up on what I didn’t do,” Garner said.

Douglas Garner came back to his family in a wheelchair, which was provided as needed to all veterans on the Honor Flight. Each veteran also had their own guardian, a volunteer who assisted them throughout the day.

“I told him when I take him again in five years, I want him to lose five pounds,” said guardian Bennett, joking with Garner’s family about pushing his wheelchair.

“No, seriously, I’ll push you whenever or wherever you need to go, buddy.”

High school reunion

Douglas Garner was also the source of a complete surprise for fellow Honor Flight veteran James Daniels, who has been looking for classmate D.C. Garner ever since the two attended Evergreen High School in Evergreen, Ala.

D.C. Garner moved away before completing his senior year. But, he and Daniels found each other again at basic training and gunnery school. Then, they were separated when D.C. Garner went to England with the 8th Air Corps and Daniels went to Italy with the 15th Air Corps.

“Since our 20th class reunion in 1963, I’ve been looking for him,” Daniels said. “But, I couldn’t find him.”

Daniels and Douglas Garner sat next to each other on their D.C. tour bus. The two started sharing stories about their lives and the war. Then, Daniels asked the question that surprised them both.

“Are you kin to D.C. Garner?” Daniels asked.

“I am D.C. Garner,” Douglas Garner replied.

Daniels was taken aback. He hadn’t put the two together. The man he had always known as D.C. Garner was the Douglas Garner sitting next to him. Douglas Garner had changed his name from D.C. to Douglas when the Army insisted he had to have a first name instead of only the initials that were on his birth certificate.

“Our next reunion is in May and I’m going to be the hero of the reunion,” Daniels said. “I found D.C. Garner! I can’t believe I was sitting next to the guy I’ve been looking for all these years. Of the 56 who graduated, there are 14 of us still standing. Now, this makes 15. He’ll be surprised at the reunion to see all the people who have been thinking about him all these years.”

The veterans were not back long before they were telling stories of their day. During the trip, Elvin Kennamer, a Soldier

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General officers help carry on Soldier's legacy

Funeral service participation represents cherished duty

By JULIE FREDERICK
For the Rocket

The duties of a general officer reach far and wide, daily touching the lives of servicemembers and radiating out to their families. But there is one mission, a responsibility to their Soldiers, which stands out.

Every Soldier that dies while on active duty will have a General officer attend and take part in his or her funeral service.

"This is a duty that we cherish, it is an honor," Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon, program executive officer for missiles and space, said. "It's hard of course, but absolutely worth our time."

Generals are contacted by the General Officer Management Office when a Soldier in or near their region dies.

The number of installations and general officers available in a region determine how often a general might have to preside over a funeral. GOMO sends the closest general available to assist with funerals and some have to travel farther. Cannon, for instance, has presided over seven funerals in four states.

Funeral arrangements vary, depending on the wishes of the Soldier and his or her family.

There are two important duties that a general will participate in when a Soldier comes home for the last time.

First they will meet Soldiers returning remains at Dover Air Force Base, Del., no matter what time of day or night or the weather conditions. They will preside over a formal ceremony of the repatriation of the Soldier's remains before the Soldier is returned to his or her family.

Second, and possibly the most important mission, is to attend and participate in a Soldier's funeral on behalf of the chief of staff of the Army. The general is there to ensure that the proper respect and honor are given to the Soldier and their family. They also work with the casualty assistance officer to ensure that the family receives proper assistance and to offer any additional assistance needed.



FROM A GRATEFUL NATION— Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon presents the flag to Lula Mae Phillips, widow of Henry Charles Phillips, during the Korean veteran's funeral April 1 in Huntsville.

The level of a general's involvement in the service itself is ultimately determined by the family of the Soldier. At a minimum a general officer will pass the burial flag and present any posthumous medals to the family.

If the family wants the general to be more involved in the service, then GOMO provides them with the Soldier's background information to help familiarize them with who that Soldier was in case they are asked by the family to make remarks. Having a speaking role in the service makes maintaining composure difficult.

"The Purple Heart citation is always difficult to finish reading," Cannon said. "You just try to be as unemotional as possible for the sake of the family. And the words that you say to the family as you pass the flag are difficult as you look the family in the eye while trying to express your appreciation."

A military funeral is a solemn and beautiful time to express the appreciation

of a grateful nation for the sacrifice that both the Soldier and their family have



Photo by Stephanie McCrary
HONOR GUARD— Members of the honor guard carry the casket of Henry Charles Phillips to the gravesite.

given. It is a time to recognize the legacy that they leave behind for their family and their fellow servicemembers.

"The legacy of a Soldier begins with a contribution, a piece of them that will never leave the Army," Cannon said. "Something that that Soldier taught to the Soldiers around him that they'll teach to somebody else and that'll continue forever, as long as there is a United States Army, until such a point in time that something this Soldier had done will have touched every other Soldier in the Army. No matter how small it might be, it will have gone all the way through. That's the legacy of each Soldier that will never die."

■ Wheelchair ramps make disabled more mobile

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platforms before we come out here and then we put them together. A ramp can have up to seven set sections. We combine any seven different sets together to make a ramp."

Though the ramps don't require a lot of carpentry finesse, they must be built by certain standards.

"We can't exceed a one-inch drop per foot," said Max Bennett, the chapter's president. "We have a tool that measures the drop."

"Even though we have an engineer's pencil drawing and a picture of the site, each ramp has to be specifically modified for the site and the standards. We do a custom job based on the set of standards."

When they first began the wheelchair project, the association volunteers were supervised by CASA's Jim Vann. But, it wasn't long before the volunteers were on their own. Each ramp must also pass an inspection.

"On our second one, we forgot a brace bar," Bennett said. "It wasn't a major thing that jeopardized safety. But, it had to be in place. So we came back out and did that."

Their third ramp project was especially rewarding because of the response they got from the woman who needed the ramp.

"Her house was up from the ground. If she wanted to go somewhere, her family would have to carry her out of the house. So, she just stopped going anywhere," Bennett said. "When we finished the

ramp, she was like a kid at Christmas. It was the first time she had been out of her house in three years. That's the kind of payoff we're looking for."

Often, the association takes on the toughest and most complicated wheelchair ramp projects.

"They're wonderful workers," said Mary Putman, coordinator for volunteer services at CASA. "They will tackle anything. How hard the ramp is to construct does not stop them. They've even helped to train some new people for us. They go above and beyond. I'd like to have a dozen more groups like them."

Though most work days begin with an early morning breakfast meeting and end around noon, the association's next ramp project will require a full day's work.

"Our next wheelchair ramp build will be the biggest ever done," Keeter said. "It will involve nine sections in a U-shape."

Often, the association members will bring their sons or friends to help build a ramp.

"It's good exposure for sons to come out and work alongside their dads," Shiver said. "It teaches good stuff."

There are 80 Army Warrant Officers Associations worldwide. In 2004, the Redstone Arsenal Chapter won chapter of the year. Its leadership hopes to host the international association's annual meeting in Huntsville in 2009.

For more information about the Army Warrant Officers Association or to volunteer with the association, check out its web site located at <http://www.redstonewarrants.com>. For more information about the wheelchair ramps, call CASA at 533-7775 or check out its web site at <http://www.casamadisoncounty.com>.

Units add 22 Soldiers during month

The Garrison provided the following in-processing list of 22 Soldiers who joined Redstone units in March. Some may have already been on post but moved to other units here:

- 1st Sgt. Petey Joseph Smith, Space and Missile Defense Command; Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Ann Hughes, NCO Academy; Chief Warrant Officer Jason Monroe Day, Military Police; Chief Warrant Officer Patrick Kenneth Oneill, Corpus Christi Army Depot; Chief Warrant Officer John Henry Wiederecht, Aviation and Missile Command; Chief Warrant Officer Richard Barnard, AMCOM; Maj. James Burgess, PEO Aviation; Maj. Steven Hankins, MEDDAC; Maj. Benjamin Lipari,

HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade;

- Master Sgt. Dwayne Garrett, Logistics Support Activity; Master Sgt. Christopher Mazur, Bravo Company; Sgt. 1st Class LaQuaine Bess, Charlie Company; Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wayne Parker, Bravo Company; Sgt. Maj. Stanley Parker, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Sgt. Angela Blazegreen, HHC 59th; Sgt. Dennis Godfrey, PEO STRI Orlando; Sgt. Terek Myers, HHC 59th; Sgt. Carla Tous-saint, AMCOM; Spc. Rosa Linda Arreguin, Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School; Spc. Clayton Jennings, Military Police; Spc. Randal Rhodes, MEDDAC; and Staff Sgt. Adrian Lopez, HHC 59th.

Mourners remember 'Mister Henry'

Korean War veteran worked at building 5250

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

Gone is the familiar face.

Gone is the jaunty, lanky, Texas A&M cap-wearing, self-proclaimed 'Trash Hauler.'

Gone are the familiar and memorable anecdotes and jovial greetings of 'Mister Henry.'

But not gone – most importantly – are the vivid and lasting memories of a remarkable human spirit.

Perhaps 'Mister Henry's son said it best: "God needed another flower for his garden, and, Dad, he picked you."

Yes, 'Mister Henry' will long be remembered in the wings and floors of building 5250, PEO Missiles and Space headquarters.

Henry Charles Phillips was a Korean War veteran who worked as a custodian at building 5250 until he was diagnosed with cancer about a year ago. He died March 23 at age 75.

Truly, there are some who walk among us and share our space, and although in passing they are missed, there are some who have walked among us and leave the place that they walked a much better place.

Such is the legacy of the beloved 'Mister Henry.'

That legacy was poignantly illustrated by Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon, the program executive officer for missiles and space, during Phillips' funeral April 1 at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

"I've known 'Mister Henry' for three years," Cannon said. "There was something very special about that man. Whenever I heard laughter in building 5250, I knew that 'Mister Henry' was somewhere. He was always telling stories; I don't know if they were true, but they made people laugh."

Cannon visited the Louisiana native twice in the hospital.

"I only saw 'Mister Henry' sad one time," Cannon said. "He had done something that was against the rules of his company, but was exactly the right thing to do for us.

"He took pride in his work, and our building had some trash piled up outside that wasn't the responsibility of his company. He removed that trash and was punished by getting moved out of our building.

"As soon as I found out about that, I was on that company, and 'Mister Henry' was back in our building the next day.

"He was our friend. He was my friend, and I loved him. I will be eternally grateful for the three-plus years that I was able to spend with 'Mister Henry.'"



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

FINAL SALUTE— A PEO Missiles and Space honor guard salutes the remains of Henry Charles Phillips, who served as a Soldier, Sailor and Marine.

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who fought the way in Germany, told his fellow veterans about his twin brother, Melvin, who enlisted when Elvin was drafted and who was killed at Elvin's side during a firefight.

"There were some breakdowns in terms of some vets who were really emotionally struck," Fitzgerald said

Jack Kraus, an Army staff sergeant who fought at Normandy shortly after D-Day and in Germany, was surprised when his daughter and her family from New Jersey surprised him at the WWII memorial.

Ed Gamble made a name for himself among the veterans when he and his guardian tried to get some extra walking in during the group's stop at the Korean War Memorial, where they had to be tracked down by Honor Flight organizers.

During their stop at the Iwo Jima Memorial, Marine WWII veteran Jimmie Fay Tanner, who fought at Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima, gave Fitzgerald the highest compliment he could ever receive.

"He told me 'This is the best day of my life. I've lived a long time. So, when I say this it means something.' That was really special," Fitzgerald said.

Editor's note: Since the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight was announced in January, about 300 WWII veterans from across North Alabama have applied for a trip to their memorial. Funds are still needed to pay for the September Honor Flight and subsequent flights. Eventually, Honor Flight plans to offer the program to Korean and Vietnam veterans. For more information, check out the web site at www.honorflight.net. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to Honor Flight, c/o The Huntsville Times, P.O. Box 1487 West Station, Huntsville, AL 35807.

Have model boat, will travel for racing

International group based in Huntsville

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Many people feel the need to unwind away from their workplace. John Zuber feels the need for speed.

Zuber, a logistics management specialist at the Integrated Materiel Management Center, is president of the International Model Power Boat Association, based in Huntsville. The group met March 30 to April 1 at Brahan Spring Park for the April Fools' Record Trials. Members from throughout the world get together to race radio-controlled speedboats in several size and style categories. Don't let the word "model" fool you, though. With the largest coming in under 60 inches, they may be small — but they pack a lot of punch.

"The current record is 120 miles per hour," Zuber said. "We had some guys here from Virginia running at 109 (mph) this morning."

Zuber started out as an RC car enthusiast. After a while, he found himself looking for a more user-friendly hobby. He found it when he switched to boats in 1986.

"With the cars it gets pretty dusty," Zuber said. "It's hot. With boats, if you get too hot you just go jump in the lake."

He joked that his enthusiasm for model boat racing even played a part in making the move from St. Louis.

"I knew they had a pretty good club down here," he said laughing. "I sold my wife on it by saying it would be closer to family."

The boats are divided into categories based mainly on their physical design, much like their real-life counterparts. Mono hulls are fairly self explanatory. Boats such as outriggers, catamarans and others fall into the category of hydros. They are also divided by their fuel source. In addition to sailboats and electric motors, gas and even nitro-methane powered models are common at club events. Zuber runs several different styles. The style and fuel help determine the top speed.

"Some guys run boats especially built for speed trials. They're running two engines. They get up over 100 (mph)," Zuber said. "My fastest speed is 78 mph."

It is a hobby that encourages friendship and collaboration among enthusiasts. Walking around events, members will be admiring each other's designs, discussing tips and even lending a hand when needed.

"We like to look at each others' setups and see what's working for them," Zuber said. "Some of us have even built boats together."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

TOOLS OF TRADE— Logistics management specialist John Zuber finds time to indulge in his passion for model boat racing.

Events are held throughout the country, and even a few in Canada. Zuber is proud of the setup here.

"The city of Huntsville has really been great," he said. "All of us work together and it's a really nice site."

The timing for events is high precision. The course on the lake has been carefully surveyed, Zuber said. An infrared timing system is used to ensure that results are accurate.

Competitor turnout ranges from a handful of boaters up to the high teens. Smaller numbers makes for a better time. With fewer competitors lining up to run, boaters can make several passes for the best speed possible. It also makes it more fun for each person, Zuber said.

"If you have a whole bunch of people, you don't get a lot of time to run," he said.

Zuber advised those thinking about breaking into model boat racing to not try to go it alone. He said the technical support and advice available from fellow boaters is invaluable.

"It's a hard thing to break into alone," he said. "With a club you have people to ask questions."

While most boaters become designers and mechanics over the years, it is not necessary to be an expert to get started. Local hobby shops and online retailers carry several ready-to-go models for beginners.

"There are some nice models for under \$300," Zuber said.

Spring and summer are busy times for boaters. Racing events are scheduled every weekend in various locations until late fall. Even if you can't make the trips to some of the Texas, Indiana or Michigan races, there are plenty of local boaters around.

"We've got Decatur guys and Birmingham guys here," Zuber said.

For more information on IMPBA, visit its web site at www.impba.net or call Zuber at 684-2995.

Marines making their pitch for softball repeat

Defending champions sport veteran lineup

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The Marines look ready to defend their post softball championship from last year.

They have seven returning players from the team that finished 15-2 and beat MEDDAC for the title. The preseason tournament is tentatively scheduled to start April 16 and take two weeks.

"We have a lot of returning players from last year and we'll fill the rest of them with students and see what happens," player/coach Lee Burket said. "I think we'll be competitive. We're going to show up and give 100 percent."

The returnees include Burket, third baseman Sean Newsom, shortstop Orlanda Grimsley, first baseman Tim Collins, and outfielders Marvin Fletcher, Chris McCarthy and Chris McNally.

Newcomers include outfielder Dustin Kershaw, infielder Keith Viau and player Robert Bufkin.

Last year the Marines won the preseason tournament, regular season conference championship and postseason tournament.

Games will be played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at Linton Field. Teams include the Marines, 326th Chemical, Bravo, Headquarters & Alpha, NCO Academy and a new addition to the league, the 22nd Recruiting Battalion, a National Guard unit.

Sports director Gaylene Wilson was awaiting word last week on whether Charlie Company and MEDDAC will play.

"I'm looking at starting the regular season around May 7," she said. "And it usually takes about a month. So probably around June 1 we'll finish the regular season and hopefully go into postseason and finish that on June 15th."

The preseason and postseason tournaments are double-elimination.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WINDING UP— Sean Newsom and the Marines won the 2006 softball championship.

Health events trek toward 5K run

Road race on tap at Pagano Gym

Runners in the Redstone community will culminate a series of events leading to MWR's annual Health Fair.

A 5K run is scheduled May 5 at Pagano Gym for community members – civilian, military and contractor – who are at least 18 years old. Runner check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. and the race at 8.

Registration continues through April 20 at Pagano; and the cost is \$10 per person, which includes a T-shirt. Morale Welfare and Recreation's Sports and Fitness is sponsoring the run with Crestwood Medical Center.

"We've tried to have runs in the past that have been unsuccessful," Sports and Fitness director Gaylene Wilson said. "And we wanted to do events this year that are tied into the health fair, so we

decided to do this run."

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers age 39 and under, and the top three finishers 40 and older for both males and females.

This is among three events leading to the Health Fair, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redstone Fitness Center. These include a free Aero-bi-thon, Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at Pagano Gym; a free self-defense class, April 17 from 6-7 p.m. at Pagano Gym with signup in advance; and the run.

Crestwood Medical Center is involved in the Health Fair which will include dietitians and screenings for cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, bone density, and other valuable health information. Carraba's is among the sponsors. The fair has been held every May for the past decade.

For more information about the run, call Pagano Gym at 842-2574 or 876-6701.

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Super Bowl honoree

The Huntsville Progressive Alumni Association of Alabama A&M University will hold a banquet honoring Robert Mathis, a defensive end for the 2007 Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts. This event will be held April 21 at 6 p.m. at Elmore Gym on the campus of Alabama A&M University. Tickets are \$35 and reserved tables are available. To purchase tickets, call the Office of Alumni Affairs 372-5286 or Jacqueline Hurt 372-5671. Proceeds from this event will benefit the university 2007-08 Council Challenge Campaign.

Boating safety

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights from April 12 through May 24 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive, Redstone Arsenal. Classes are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621.

Tennis tournament

Everyone is invited to watch a USTA National Tennis Tournament for ages 60-90 which opens April 16 at the Huntsville Tennis Center, located in John Hunt Park on Airport Road. Admission is free.

Senior softball

The Huntsville Senior Softball League, under the auspices of the Huntsville Senior Center and the City of Huntsville Recreational Services, seeks softball players who turn 55 or older by Dec. 31. The league has players of all skills and abilities, so join the fun, make new friends, and enjoy the popular summertime sport of slow pitch softball. For more information, call Ray Beverly 859-7419 or Fred Garcia 883-1135.

Youth basketball

The Alabama Ballers Athletic Association will hold the Alabama Ballers Invitational Classic on Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Lee High School and Madison Academy gymsnasiums. The competing basketball teams will consist of AAU girls 10-and-under through 16-and-under, and boys 10-and-under through 14-and-under throughout the Southeast.

Golf benefit

The Integrated Material Management Center will hold its annual Army Emergency Relief fund-raiser Golf Tournament on May 3 at the Links at Redstone. It is a four-person scramble with a shotgun start for 8 a.m. Registration deadline is April 27. Cost is \$40 for members, \$44 for non-members. Organizers are accepting prize donations and sponsorships. For more information, call David Newton 876-2585 or Veronica Crute 876-9043.

Talladega tickets

The MWR ITR Office and the Talladega Super Speedway have joined to offer tick-

ets to the "Aaron's 499," April 29. Tickets for reserved seating in both the Gadsden and Talladega grandstands are \$55. Tickets are only available through Friday or while they last. For more information, call 876-4531.

Spring kickoff tourney

The Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury "Spring Kickoff Tournament" is Saturday at the Links at Redstone with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. Cost is \$40 per person, which includes golf cart, food, drinks and prizes. Price does not include greens fees. For more information, call 883-7977.

Sports festival tribute

Opening ceremonies for Alabama Sports Festival XXV will honor all Alabama military personnel who have been deployed in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. This event will take place June 29 at 6:45 p.m. at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex and will be televised statewide. Any Alabama servicemember who is serving in Afghanistan or Iraq may be represented by a family member to receive a specially minted bronze Liberty Bell medal. Register by June 15 by contacting Daniel Monplaisir at heroes@alagames.com. Correspondence should be done via e-mail. However, if e-mail is not available you can send a fax to 334-280-0988, or mail Honoring Our Heroes c/o Alabama Sports Festival, P.O. Box 20327, Montgomery, AL 36120-0327. The phone number is (334) 239-3297.

Bowler tribute

Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama Inc. recently held its 2007 Bowl-A-Thon Celebration Luncheon. Businesses, sponsors and individuals were recognized for their participation in making the 2007 Bowl-A-Thon a success. With the help of more than 60 local companies and 1,100 bowlers, more than 5,000 students will receive Junior Achievement programming.

Women's football team

Meet the women of the Alabama Renegades, Huntsville's only full-contact women's football team. This is the seventh season for the Renegades. They will be signing autographs and giving away door prizes at Madison Fitness Kickboxing on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Madison Fitness Kickboxing is located at 8089 Hwy 72 West in Madison, across from the old Bruno's. For more information, visit the web site <http://www.alabamarenegades.net>.

Hawaii tour

Join the Leisure Travel Office in September for Redstone Arsenal's Hawaii tour. "We have seven nights and eight days at the beautiful Hale Koa Armed Forces Recreation Hotel right on Waikiki Beach, just minutes from Honolulu on the breathtaking island of Oahu," a prepared release said. The travel dates are Sept. 19-26 and include roundtrip air fare from Huntsville aboard American Airlines, transfers to and from Honolulu International Airport and

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partial ocean view rooms at the Hale Koa. "Included are escorted tours to the Arizona Memorial and Honolulu City Tour, the Hale Koa's delicious and authentic luau and the Polynesian Cultural Center that includes the IMAX movie presentation, luau dinner and spectacular evening show, 'Horizons,'" the release said. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today. For more information or to sign up, call the Leisure Travel Office 313-0090 or e-mail grace.bennett@redstone.army.mil.

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>.



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.

Small business forum

North Alabama Small Business Conference 2007 is May 3. The various speakers include the luncheon speaker, Tracey Pinson, Secretary of the Army's director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. The cost for this all-day event is \$95, which includes lunch. There is also the option to attend the lunch and networking session only for \$20. You must be an NCMA or HASBAT member to attend the lunch only. Anyone can attend this conference. Register through National Contract Management Association www.ncmahsv.org.

Test week 2007

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

Federal retirees

The National Active and Retired Federal

Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. It will meet at 9 a.m. for breakfast in the cafeteria – cost is \$6 – and then move to the auditorium at 10 for the program. Chapter member Guy McAllister will talk about HDTV. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

Unmanned vehicle systems

The 18th annual symposium for the Pathfinder Chapter of the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems is April 17-19 at the Von Braun Center. The symposium will feature speakers from DoD, headquarters DA, Joint Services, PEO Aviation, tactical operators, Robotics Systems JPO, PM RUS, industry, AMRDEC, as well as Marshall Space Flight Center. There will be exhibitors from military, industry and academic organizations. More information may be found at the chapter's web site <http://www.auvsipathfinder.com/symposium>.

Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St. The scheduled speaker is Norman Shaw, founder of the Sultana Association and the Knoxville Civil War Round Table. He will speak on "The Explosion on the Civil War Steamer, Sultana." There were 1,800 deaths when the boilers of the steamer exploded while carrying the former Union POWs from the Confederate Andersonville, Ga., and Cahaba, Ala., prison camps. Use the Elk's Club north entrance

for this meeting, which is free to the public. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. For more information, call 858-6191.

Admin professionals

International Association of Administrative Professionals, Redstone Arsenal Chapter will meet April 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speakers are Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski and chapter vice president Carolyn Drake. RSVP by noon Friday to Hillary Clay 313-1349 or Celyevyne McCaulley 876-6659.

Computer users

The latest in Internet web browsers and computer operating systems will be discussed at the Huntsville PC User Group meeting Saturday at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. HPCUG president Kevin Wangbickler, co-leader of the windows/Internet special interest group, will speak at 9:15 a.m. Microsoft Office specialist Mona Slaven will speak at 10:45. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 830-2232.

Engineer society

Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers will meet April 19 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at SAIC. The speaker is J.R. Richardson, director of contracting for the Army Corps of Engineers Huntsville Center. His topic is "Small Business Mentor Protégé." The Spotlight

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speaker is Jeffrey Cosiol of Kling-Stubbins. Cost of the lunch is \$10 payable at the door. For reservations call Amber Martin 895-1834.

Aeronautics group

The AIAA luncheon is April 17 with social at 10:45 a.m. and lunch at 11 at the NASA/USSRC Educator Training Facility between the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and Marriott Hotel. Cost is \$10 for the hamburger lunch. Irene Willhite, archivist/curator at U.S. Space & Rocket Center, will give a presentation on publishing the book "Project Mars: A Technical Tale," containing von Braun's fictional and technical writings on Mars exploration. Her talk will be followed by a tour of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center exhibits of interest for lunar and Mars exploration, and the von Braun gallery. Contact Mike Tinker at e-mail (preferred) mike.tinker@nasa.gov or phone 655-9665 by noon Thursday.

University women

American Association of University Women will meet May 1 at the UAH Bevell Center. Lynnae Hamilton, a career development grant recipient, is to speak on "AAUW Educational Foundation Funds at Work." The public is invited to the 6:30 p.m. dinner and the program at 7. Reservations for dinner are due by April 23. Call Lois Guendal 880-8643 for more information or reservations.

Genealogical society

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet April 16 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville Public Library Auditorium. For information call 883-5650.

Project institute

The North Alabama Chapter of the Project Management Institute will meet April 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Rick Schwarz is to present a case study based on his personal experience in designing and building his dream home. For more information, e-mail PMI-NAC president Lisa Galentine president@northalabamapmi.org.

Redstone employees

All Redstone employees are invited to a Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders presentation Thursday from 9-11 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. Dr. Gary Huckaby Jr. is to speak on "Are We Having Fun Yet?," a humorous look at how your perspective on life affects the way you interact and lead others. Register in the Tip with course



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Classic gift

Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Pete Coronado receives a free copy of "To Kill a Mockingbird" from Post Library director Gail Alden during the library's open house April 3.

number ATQM. For more information, e-mail candice.scruggs@us.army.mil.

Technical conference

Registration has begun for the "Reconfigurable Systems, Microsystems and Nanotechnology" conference May 8-9 at Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, visit the conference web page <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/rsmn07>, or e-mail Angie.Cornelius@us.army.mil.

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

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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 follow-

ing 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.gsauctions.gov, search by State of Alabama; and there you

will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

Thrift shop

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

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/>.

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.

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/>.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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 schol-

arship 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 Saturday 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 Thursday at the Von Braun Center. For exhibitor and registration information, call Sonja Wood or Leslie Weil 890-3001. The program features presentations by DOHA, NSA, and the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff. Registration cost is now \$80 (includes continental breakfast and sit-down lunch). Registration details and more information are available at <http://ncms-midsouth.org>.

Stuffed animals wanted

Amy Balch is collecting new or gently-used stuffed animals for the pediatric ward at Huntsville Hospital East until May 1. "Please do not drop off stuffed animals at the lobby of (building) 5300," she said in a prepared release. "Please call me at 631-7886 or contact me by e-mail at gospel-songlover@yahoo.com for me to pick up

the stuffed animals. Thanks to everyone who has already donated stuffed animals."

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.

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 bringing 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.

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

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Shrimp Tenders \$6.95

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Fried Zucchini \$5.49

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Fried Green Tomatoes \$5.49

Breaded and fried cauliflower served with ranch dressing.

Fried Cauliflower \$5.49

Breaded and fried cauliflower served with ranch dressing.

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Club Sandwich \$5.95

Deli sliced smoked turkey, ham, and bacon, with cheese, mayo, lettuce, and tomato served on Texas toast.

Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$6.95

Marinated chicken breast, served with mayo, onion, tomato, & lettuce on sourdough bread.

French Dip \$5.95

Deli sliced roast beef smothered with Swiss cheese and aujus sauce on a sub roll

3rd Base Cheese Burger \$5.95

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Ribeye Steak Sandwich \$8.95

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Philly Cheese Steak \$5.95

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Southwestern Chicken \$9.95

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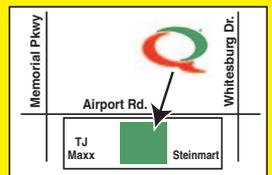
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for the MWR Health Fair. The fitness center is located on Aerobee Road, east of Patton Road.

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 former 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., Pедуzzi 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.

Senior service college

This announcement is directed to civilian Acquisition Corps members who occupy positions within the Army in grades GS-



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Contract coverage

Shay Assad, director of defense procurement and acquisition policy, speaks during a town hall for contract specialists April 3 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

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.

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.

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 Thursday 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.

Graduate courses

Florida Tech Graduate Center's courses for the summer semester begin April 30 at building 5304 with class once per week from 5-8 p.m. Those interested should call the administrative office 881-7878 or visit room 4326 in 5304.

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.

Bikers against abuse

The Alabama chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse will sponsor its third annual 100-mile BACA National Child Abuse Awareness Ride on April 28. The ride increases community awareness about child abuse and child abuse prevention, and raises funds in support of abused children. There are more than 1,500 child abuse reports in Madison County each year. Registration for the ride will begin at 11 a.m. The ride will start at noon at the National Children's Advocacy Center on Pratt Avenue and include stops in Athens, Decatur and Hampton Cove. The cost to ride is \$10. Additional information about BACA can be found at <http://www.bacausa.com> or you may

email Alabama@bacausa.com. Or you can call 797-2097 or 417-2522.

Youth service day

The Volunteer Center of Madison County is sponsoring dozens of local projects for the 19th annual National and Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22. Groups can register now for projects at www.volunteerhsv.org. For more information about National and Global Youth Service Day and how to get involved, call Roz Stevenson at The Volunteer Center 539-7797.

Appreciation in store

The Base Supply Store, building 3775 on Maintenance Row, will have a Customer Appreciation Day/Vendor Show on April 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available. For more information call Celeni Sasser 375-5449 or store manager Morris Burbank 876-4011.

Garage sale

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fund-raiser garage sale is Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2823 Castle Pines Circle in Owens Cross Roads, the Hampton Cove area. Rain date is April 21. The sponsor is Beta Pi Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority, Huntsville. All proceeds will go directly to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Wellness outreach

Fox Army Health Center and its Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion section will conduct free Blood Pressure and Bone Density screenings on April 25 from 8:30-11 a.m. for the staff of SMDC at their facility. The contact for Space and Missile Defense Command employees for the event is Zakiyyah Shakoor, SMDC work/life coordinator, at 955-5652. If your agency would like to schedule a wellness outreach at your facility call Rick Stock, health promotion educator, at 955.8888, extension 1443.

Personnel update

Attention all SMDC bargaining unit employees: This is an opportunity to learn about the National Security Personnel System and your employee rights. AFGE Local 1858 will have a Lunch and Learn on April 24 at the Space and Missile Defense Command, building 5220 in room 5014E. Attend session one from 11-11:30 a.m. or session two from noon-12:30. Lunch will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Block party

Child and Youth Services will hold the Month of the Military Child community Block Party on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 955-8401 or 876-3704.

Sweet sale

An AER Cinnamon Roll and Coffee Sale, to benefit Army Emergency Relief, will be held Thursday from 7:30-10 a.m. in the lobby of building 5308. The sponsor is the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Columbia donations

The Columbia High School theater department is seeking a variety of donated items to be used in its productions. Donations of furniture, clothing, latex paint and painting supplies, tools, fashion accessories and any other gently used items would be appreciated. Any items that can't be used by the theater department will be sold in the department's May Madness Marketplace fund-raiser May 5. Contact Janet Stephens at jstephens@hsv.k12.al.us for more information or to schedule a pick-up date.

Mother's celebration

Girls Incorporated, a youth development organization committed to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold, is seeking nominations for the "2007 A Mother's Celebration" and would like to invite you to submit your nomination of that special person in your life. Girls Incorporated will recognize mothers in the following categories: traditional, non-traditional, and mothers in military service. The finalists will be selected by a panel of judges and will receive notification of their selection prior to the event honoring them. To receive a nomination form or for more information, visit the Girls Incorporated web site at www.girlsinc-huntsville.com.

Prayer breakfast

The 19th annual Huntsville-Madison County Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville, will be held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer on May 3 from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall. The scheduled speaker is Dr. June Scobee Rodgers, the Challenger Center founding chairman. She is the widow of Dick Scobee, Challenger astronaut. She remarried in 1989 to retired Gen. Don Rodgers. For reserved seating and tickets, call Lee Jones 883-5361 or Fran Hamilton 536-9845. Individual tickets are \$12 per person and reserved tables are \$96.

Rosaries for troops

Ben Tainatongo is making rosaries for deployed troops as a way to show support. He invites help from volunteers. "I'm going to be making a whole lot of rosaries and I need more hands," he said. Tainatongo can be reached at 603-2185.

Web site on move

The Alabama web site al.com has launched al.com/welcome, a guide devoted to employees considering moving to this area under base realignment and closure. Individuals and families moving to the Tennessee Valley will be able to find community resources such as school listings and report cards, crime stats, area attractions, local bank and church listings, forum discussions as well as news stories from The Huntsville Times and Redstone Rocket. Visitors can also find their next home and career on al.com.

Benefit breakfast

Alabama Marine Moms is hosting a pancake breakfast May 12 to raise funds in support of deployed troops and fallen heroes. The second annual event will be held from 7-10 a.m. at the Applebee's at 302 Hughes Road, Madison. The cost is \$5. Funds raised from the event will be used to send care packages to deployed Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force servicemembers, to help with the cost of compiling keepsake scrapbooks for fallen servicemembers and to support events organized by Alabama Marine Moms for Marines stationed at Redstone Arsenal. For more information call Pam Adcock 683-8212, Terry Smith 658-0594 or Sharolyn Harbin 379-4082.

Female volunteers

Habitat for Humanity of Huntsville/Madison County is recruiting female volunteers for a "Woman Build" Habitat Home that is under construction. Women have raised money for the home, and a single mom and her daughter will live in the home. Now, all that's needed are women volunteers to help with the home's construction. Work at the site is being done on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers can either work an entire day or part of a day. Lunch is provided on Saturdays for volunteers. Plans are to have a wall raising ceremony at the site April 14, followed by a home dedication on Mother's Day. To volunteer, contact Jennifer ShROUT at jshROUT@hfhmc.org or 533-2282.

Soldier retirement

A retirement ceremony/luncheon

honoring Sgt. 1st Class Henry Dickerson will be held April 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost is \$10. RSVP today with Sgt. 1st Class Henry Hayes 876-5265 or Anna Glasgow 876-3508.

Children's benefit concert

A "Kids for Kids" benefit concert

will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Rock Family Worship Center, 2300 South Memorial Parkway. This debut will feature local sisters Joyful Noize, Valley Conservatory, Derrick Byars, and others in a children's cancer benefit concert. Net proceeds will be donated to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation. General admission is \$20 in advance, \$25

day of the show; and children's tickets are \$10. Reserved seating tickets are \$50, which includes admission to a post-concert catered reception. Tickets are available at Lifeway Christian Book Store, Family Christian Book Store, the Rock Family Worship Center, and Infinity Technology. For more information, call 705-3570.

**ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																		
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SCBK07909413	Equip Sspec (Gen)	11-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	63,958 - 83,148													X						
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SCNAFBK0725	Reservation Clerk	11-Apr-07	CRC	NF-0303	2	2	7.61 - 13.48	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCNAFBK0714	Lifeguard	12-Apr-07	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.15 - 10.63	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
WTST07932593	Security Sspec	12-Apr-07	Installation Mgmt Agency	GG-0080	11	11	52,912 - 68,787	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
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WTST07704137R	Electronics Engr	17-Apr-07	PEO, SIM, TRNG& Instrumentation	GG-0855	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07921319	Secretary (OA)	18-Apr-07	LOGSA	GS-0318	6	6	32,446 - 42,180	X	X																	
SCBK07918438	Equip Spec	18-Apr-07	AMCOM, TMDE Actvy	GS-1670	11	12	53,362 - 83,148	X	X																	
SCBK07930628	Logistics Mgmt Spec	18-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X																	
SCBK07934431	Materials Handler	18-Apr-07	GARRISON	WG-6907	7	7	15.93 - 19.56													X						
SCBK07853867	Secretary (OA)	19-Apr-07	SMDC	GS-0318	9	9	44,104 - 57,334	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK0784435	Acquisition/Prgms Spec	19-Apr-07	USAAAC	GS-0301	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X																	
SCBK07915953	Supv Contract Spec	19-Apr-07	Corp of Engrs Huntsville	YC-1102	2	2	63,958 - 122,678											X								
SCBK07941039D	Aerospace Engr	19-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	2	29,108 - 69,373	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07915173	Lead Protocol Spec	19-Apr-07	AMCOM, Secretary of Gen Staff	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X																	
SCBK07824268	Human Resources Assistant (Military)	20-Apr-07	USAOEMMS	GS-0203	5	5	29,108 - 37,839	X	X										X	X						
SCBK07921132	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07921132D	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07919767	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07919767D	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
WTST07928090	Security Spec	23-Apr-07	Installation Mgmt Agency	GG-0080	11	11	54,438 - 70,772	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07886234	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	23-Apr-07	GARRISON	GS-2210	13	13	76,056 - 98,876													X						
SCBK078788973	Supv Contract Spec	29-Apr-07	AMCOM, Acq Supp Ctr	YC-1102	3	3	79,115 - 127,031											X	X	X						
SCBK078788973DR	Supv Contract Spec	29-Apr-07	AMCOM, Acq Supp Ctr	YC-1102	3	3	79,115 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBSONPM.GOV																										
SCBK07917968D	Engrng Tech	13-Apr-07	AMCOM, TMDE Actvy	GS-0802	11	11	53,362 - 69,373	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07879253D	Aerospace Engr	14-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07877415D	Aerospace Engr	14-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07876335D	Lead Aerospace Engr	14-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07884107D	Gen Engr	16-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07925182D	Gen Engr	16-Apr-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07933314D	Aerospace Engr	17-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
WTST07704137R	Electronics Engr	17-Apr-07	PEO, SIM, TRNG& Instrumentation	GG-0855	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07921132D	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK07919767D	Lead General Engr	23-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK078788973DR	Supv Contract Spec	29-Apr-07	AMCOM, Acq Supp Ctr	YC-1102	3	3	79,115 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																										
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																										
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																										
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																										
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required)																										
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																										
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)																										
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																										
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																										
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																										
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)																										
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																										
U - All U.S. citizens																										
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																										
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.																										
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