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# Salute to civilian bomb technicians

Hazardous Devices School holds memorial dedication

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It was a sight that brings comfort to the grieving.

Standing next to the bronze statue of a civilian bomb technician at a memorial dedication ceremony April 16 at the Hazardous Devices School were two family members who embody the love, hope and dreams of civilian law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

As they carefully unveiled the statue, the two family members – one the oldest in attendance, the other the youngest – symbolized a message that rings true through the generations – the ultimate sacrifice made by 13 civilian bomb technicians since 1909 have helped to keep many Americans free and safe from the random terrorism caused by bomb attacks.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**REMEMBERING THE FALLEN**— Members of the New York Police Department Bomb Squad and Boston Police Special Operations stand at attention during the presentation of the colors at the April 16 dedication of the Civilian Bomb Technician Memorial, located on the grounds of the Hazardous Devices School.

# Names listed on bomb technician memorial

The names of the following public safety bomb technicians are listed on the Civilian Bomb Technician Memorial that was dedicated at the FBI's Hazardous Devices School on April 16:

- **Lt. Giuseppe Petrosino, New York City Police Department** – Died March 12, 1909, assassinated in Palermo, Sicily, while investigating extortion bombings by members of a New York City criminal gang known as Black Hand.
- **Det. Ferdinand Socha, New York City Police Department** – Died July 4, 1940, while investigating a suspicious package located in the British Pavilion of the 1940 World's Fair.
- **Det. Joseph Lynch, New York City Police Department** – Died July 4, 1940, while investigating a suspicious package located in the British Pavilion of the 1940 World's Fair.
- **Officer Vincent Connolly, New York City Police Department** – Died Dec. 3, 1973, while responding to the investigation of a terrorist bomb on Fifth Avenue in lower Manhattan.
- **Det. Brian Murray, New York City Police Department** – Died Sept. 11, 1976, while attempting to render safe an explosive device planted by terrorists and removed from a locker in Grand Central Station; he was the first HDS graduate killed in the line of duty.
- **Det. Arleigh McCree, Los Angeles Police Department** – Died Feb. 8, 1986, while attempting to render safe two pipe bombs located during a search of a home that was connected to a shooting investigation.

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- **Officer Ronald Ball, Los Angeles Police Department** – Died Feb. 8, 1986, while attempting to render safe two pipe bombs located during a search of a home that was connected to a shooting investigation.

- **Cpl. David Pulling, Delaware State Police** – Died Nov. 18, 1987, while attending a basic course at the Hazardous Devices School when a disruptor discharged prematurely.

- **Officer Jeremiah Hurley, Boston Police Department** – Died Oct. 28, 1991, while investigating a suspicious package found on a vehicle in a residential neighborhood.

- **Sgt. Richard Schuening, Oregon State Police** – Died Oct. 2, 1997, while attempting to dispose of illegally stored explosives in a rural area.

- **Lt. John "Jack" Galvin, Wichita Police Department** – Died Nov. 4, 2000, while assisting in the destruction of 1,500 pounds of fireworks.

- **Det. Claude Richards, New York City Police Department** – Died Sept. 11, 2001, while attempting to aid victims of the World Trade Center explosions.

- **Special Agent Leonard Hatton, FBI** – Died Sept. 11, 2001, while attempting to aid victims of the World Trade Center explosions.

## An open lane random survey

Should someone get fired for racist comments?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Lynn Moore

Integrated Materiel Management Center  
"That's really hard to say. It probably depends on the media that was used –

like if it was TV or radio or published, or something said in the office. They should definitely be counseled. I can't think of any place where that would be appropriate."



Homer Reynolds

Resource Management

"Let me preference my answer to the question by saying this, 'Let he who cast the first stone be without sin.' In saying that, I would say this is not a yes or no question. Every action must be judged on its own."



Maj. Kelley Donham  
Army Reserve

"Absolutely. I just think there's no place for that. It's childish and inappropriate."

Shannon Riley

recreation specialist

"I don't think so. I think it (firing radio personality Don Imus) was a little bit harsher punishment for the crime."



### Quote of the week

"The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done."

– Arnold Palmer

## Help prevent child abuse

As the installation commander, I call upon every Soldier, civilian employee and family member to support our mission. Preventing child abuse and neglect is one aspect of that mission. In today's environment, with the stress of deployment and family separations on all our communities, protecting the well being of our children is a particularly critical challenge. What we do on behalf of children today determines their future — and ours.

What we can do for Child Abuse Prevention Month (in April) at Redstone Arsenal is to show our children a community filled with caring adults, safe homes and schools, multiple opportunities for healthy development, effective chances to learn and grow, and an installation committed to their protection and welfare.

The first and most important line of defense for children is their family. Resilient parents and relatives are indispensable in the lives of children particularly in stressful situations.

Making our families and our installation a protective and nurturing place for children is all our responsibility. Our children deserve:

- Safe streets, safe schools and safe communities;
- Opportunities for growing up strong and healthy;
- Chances to develop to their highest potential in physical, emotional and intellectual terms;
- Ways to learn naturally the value of helping others.

Whatever your duty assignment here at Redstone Arsenal, I call upon you to do your part to keep your family and our community a place where any child can grow into a healthy future. There are many resources available in this community to support families and protect children. If you require assistance, please contact the Family Advocacy Program at 876-5397.

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury  
AMCOM and Redstone commander

## Funerals for servicemembers

I have some steam to let off about the article that was written in the *Redstone Rocket* on April 11. The two articles are "Soldier dies at his residence," and "General officers help carry on Soldier's legacy."

In your article dealing with the Korean veteran's funeral you mentioned every Soldier that dies while on active duty will have a general officer attend and take part in his or her funeral service. I have talked to a couple of people in reference to what a Soldier deserves when he or she dies while on active duty. Can you clarify if a Soldier dies while on active duty, does a general officer attend and take part in his or her funeral service? I have heard only if you die while in combat will a general officer attend and take

part in his or her funeral service. Is that true?

The Soldier that you mentioned in your article, "Soldier dies at his residence" was a very close friend of mine that I have known for 10 years. The military memorial for Staff Sgt. Charles Thomas was held at the chapel on post ... Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Johnson was the highest ranking Soldier that attended the memorial service for Staff Sgt. Thomas. ...

Staff Sgt. Marc W. Compton  
MLRS Division

*Editor's note: To clarify the Army's policy, a general officer will attend and participate in funeral services for Soldiers who die as a result of injuries incurred in Operation Iraqi Freedom.*

## Tunnel of course has purpose

This is in response to the comment made by Dean Anderson in April 18 article about road-side signs at the golf course. Mr. Anderson said, "I'd recommend a crosswalk and reducing the speed limit down to 25 mph. There's no reason for going any faster there (Goss Road) anyway." I would like to remind Mr. Anderson that Redstone Arsenal is a military installation, not a country club. Goss Road is the main access road to the housing area, child care facility, chapel, PX, commissary, hospital, club, many other recreation facilities, and lots of folks who work in the northeast corner of the Arsenal. In other words the number of folks who use Goss Road for other than golf course access is probably 500-to-1 and at least 1,000-to-1 compared to golfers who are too lazy to walk through the tunnel. I say make them use the tunnel or ticket them for jaywalking. If they persist in jaywalking, then pull their golf course privileges. Rules are made to be obeyed and are there to keep folks safe.

Tim Heinse

## Retiree returns to work site

Recently, I had lunch at the Officers and Civilians Club and took a drive by my old home place, building 5681. During April 1967 to 1988 I was assigned to the Chaparral/FAAR/Redeye and Targets Branch on the north end of building 5681. My old building 5681 looked great and had the concrete pillars out front. However, something caught my eye that made a red flag pop up! As I was leaving to Patton Road, I noticed that the back side of my old home place (building 5681) was wide open. There were no concrete pillars for protection on the back side!

Just wanted to bring this to your attention and what could become a major problem. Best wishes to you and those that are still working and carrying the torch for democracy.

Hershel D. Cramer  
civilian retired (1988)

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Nirmal Singh

**Job:** Aerospace engineer, Utility Helicopters Project Office

**Where do you call home?**  
Jalandhar, India

**What do you like about your job?**

I see new products, or product improvements I am responsible for, actually implemented in the field. I like the challenges, the coordination challenges as well as the technical. Making sure that the solutions are technically sound and those solutions get developed to schedule and cost is part of my job.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I have a couple of hobbies. One is music, singing. And yoga and fitness stuff – playing tennis, running, step aerobics. I teach yoga classes at two places – Huntsville Athletic Club and Don's Gym. I like hiking, to enjoy nature.

**What are your goals?**

My goals are to continue to improve technical skills as well as project management skills, skills to handle the more challenging projects.

**What's your favorite type of music?**

It's India classical music.



# Safekeeping

## Working to prevent violence in the workplace

*Redstone has tools to report concerns*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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The pressures of change are real in today's workplace.

There are new systems for doing business, and fewer people to do the jobs. Workers are told to suck it up, work smart and do more with less.

Change – even a positive one, like moving to a larger office – is inherently stressful. And some people don't cope with change as well as others.

So, what are the warning signs people can look for in their co-workers? How can we prevent a catastrophe like what happened last week at Virginia Tech?

Some of the early warning signs include general suspicion of others; mood shifts; changes in appearance, dress, personal hygiene; bizarre behavior; difficulty carrying on conversations; loss of impulse control; and substance abuse.

"One of the glaring red flags or early warning signs is significant change in behavior and attitude," Ruby Turner, the alcohol and drug control officer, said. "And it's usually you've been working with someone for a while, you notice the changes. That person isn't like he used to be."

He or she might have a major traumatic stress, like death of a significant person, a recent illness, a family or parenting crisis, marital problems, divorce or separation, job jeopardy or loss, financial losses or other personal problems.

"We are seeing more people under stress," Turner said. "We're seeing a lot of people with a lot of anxiety due to the changes we're going through. We're going through changes with the Army and some people just are not comfortable with that."

"I think people need to know: If you feel unsafe in your workplace, your management should know it. Report it. If you don't feel safe, report it to management. We at Red-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ANGER SIGN—** Warnings of potential violence can be as apparent as a co-worker's fist or subtle changes of attitude.

stone do have tools to help."

Turner leads the R-Team, which stands for Redstone Threat Evaluation Assessment Management. This team – which has been in place since probably 1995 – includes representatives from the Garrison's Human Resources Directorate, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Provost Marshal, Legal, Public Affairs, Safety, Chief of Behavioral Medicine, employee assistant professional, and the labor union. Turner can be reached at 842-9895; and Richard Lewis, her employee assistant professional, is at 842-9897.

"It's all about violence prevention and incident management," Turner said.

Suicide is a form of violence as well. "And if you suspect or hear someone talk about committing suicide, please confront that person and call us. You never know," Turner said.

Stan Walker, chief of Provost Marshal Investigations, stressed the importance of calling to report concerns about the workplace.

"If you have a question, ask someone, contact someone, versus do nothing," Walker said. "When there is a hostile work environment, the person they suspect has the problem isn't the only one affected. Others (in the workplace) may respond or overreact. So you don't want to under-react or overreact. I think it's important to utilize the systems in place."

Turner's office provides Violence in the Workplace training upon request from organizations. "Training is available upon request for all organizations and we'll come to them," she said. "If you have seven or more people you can come to us or we can go to them. It's not mandatory right now, but I'm trying to work on it. I think it needs to be (required training)."

Any incident involving immediate danger, such as a visible weapon, should be called to 911.

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**April 16:** An individual stopped at Gate 1 and was found to be operating their vehicle with suspended license. The subject was issued a violation notice and released.



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

**Violation notices issued:** 12 speeding, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 expired tags, 1 improper lane change.

# Helping *hands*

## Redstone honors its volunteers of the year

*Annual luncheon draws over 200*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury's request to the audience of more than 200 volunteers brought nervous laughter in this home state of the Crimson Tide.

"Raise your hand if you're a Tennessee fan," he said. "What a great team nickname they have."

He was referring of course to the Volunteers, but not the Big Orange variety. People who donate their time to help others without regard or expectation of monetary rewards were honored April 18 at Redstone Arsenal's 23rd annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"My hat's off to you. My enduring gratitude will be given to you forever, simply because this is the best place my wife (Becky) and I have lived in 33 years in the military. And it's certainly because of you," Pillsbury said.

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski thanked Becky Pillsbury for her own voluntary service to this community.

"You give a lot of your time for us," Olshefski said about her. "And we appreciate it very, very much."

National Volunteer Week was April 15-21 with the theme, "Volunteers Inspire by Example."

The Volunteer of the Year honorees are Jasika Williams, Joshua Knight, Benjamin Stigel, Maureen Vaughn and Elizabeth Stengel.

The Volunteer of the Year recipients include the following:

- Jalen Lanier, School Age Services Young Leader;
- Taylor Nulk, Middle School Young Leader;
- Myron Carter, Teen Young Leader;
- Daniel Cunningham, Service to Youth;
- Jim Pool, New Volunteer;
- Staff Sgt. Michael Huffaker, Active Service;
- Phyllis Cox, Community Service;
- retired Col. Tom Kunhart, Community Dedicated Service;
- Walter Whitacre, Community Lifetime Dedicated Service;
- Rick Phillips, Military Community Service;
- Becky Taylor, Military Community Dedicated Service;
- Frank Thonus, Military Community Lifetime Service.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**APPRECIATION—** Attendees applaud their fellow volunteers during the 23rd annual luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

# Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- Watch through May for the AER Online Auction at [www.aer-redstone.com](http://www.aer-redstone.com). New items are added weekly. 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://immweb.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.

- T-Shirts, Polo Shirts and Twill Shirts are for sale in assorted colors and sizes. This is sponsored by AMRDEC, ASGE Directorate. Call Bertha Cole 876-2536 and Kristie McClure 842-8791.

- 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.

- Command Analysis Directorate's annual Book Sale has been extended through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5300, first floor in the corridor between 5303 and 5304. For information call Brian Barry 876-8563.

- A bake sale, sponsored by the Utility Helicopter Project Office, is May 8 from



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**COOKOUT— Savannah Atchley and Aubrey Fencher prepare for the fund-raising barbecue April 18 outside building 5302. Other organizers for the event, sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center, include Billy Sanders and Austin Lundy. "It's all for the Soldier," Fencher said.**

7-9 a.m. in the lobby of building 5308. For information call Donna Luke 955-8964.

- A hot dog sale is Thursday 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 today (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. 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 Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at building 5309. All items are \$1. Call Jo-Ann 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 – on sale today from 10:30 a.m. until noon in front of the Sparkman Cafeteria — are \$10 for each event and include three games plus shoes. Call Lynn Moore 313-1302.

- Yellow bows are on sale today from

10:30 a.m. to noon in front of the Sparkman Cafeteria. These large bows, sold by IMMC, are made of outdoor quality ribbon and look great on cubicles, doors, trees, fences, etc. The suggested donation is \$5. Call Lynn Moore 313-1302.

- The Garrison's Resource Management Directorate is holding a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale Thursday from 6:30 a.m. until all sold. The sale is in the lobby of building 4488 and building 5301. Call Liz Kuykendall 842-6332.

- A disc golf tournament, sponsored by AMRDEC Engineering Directorate, is May 3 at 2 p.m. at the Redstone Disc Golf Course. Call Pat Kelly 842-9421.

- 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.

- Garrison AER Fun Day is May 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NASA Picnic Area. There will be barbecue rib and chicken plates. Some of the planned activities include a hula-hoop contest, live auction and deal-or-no-deal. Everyone is welcome. Call Kim Wright 842-2565.

- Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity will hold its second

annual Bake Sale and Silent Auction on May 17 at building 5435 from 7 a.m. until everything's gone. Call Tenna McGee 955-6398, Teresa Salmon 955-6185, Mary Ann Brown 876-3638 and Michele Green 876-9914.

- A car wash, hosted by TMDE, is May 17 from 1:30-3 p.m. at building 5435. Call Tenna McGee 955-6398, Mary Ann Brown 876-3638 and Teresa Salmon 955-6185.

- 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.

- A barbecue, sponsored by AMRDEC Engineering Directorate, is May 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rustic Lodge. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call Mary Burnett 876-1501, Patrick Kelley 842-9421 and Lisa Ryder 842-7078.

# Earth Day proves real hoot for youngsters

## Area school children attend celebration

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Redstone's 13th annual event to celebrate the 37th Earth Day had a different twist Thursday at the Path to Nature.

This time the Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville teamed up with the Environmental Office

for the celebration. The Huntsville Center provided a mock environmental activity for the busloads of youngsters from area schools.

There were 40 fifth-graders from Monte Sano Elementary and 108 fourth-graders from Priceville Elementary. Some home-school youngsters also attended.

"It's going well," Gabbie Ehinger, staff ecologist in the Environmental Office, said during the event.

North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation also participated.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**WHO, WHO ARE YOU?**— Patty Demos, a volunteer and licensed wildlife rehabilitator with North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation, looks at the great horned owl she introduced to the school children.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GREAT OUTDOORS**— Students from area elementary schools enjoy their time in the sun during Earth Day.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SUITED UP**— Grant Humphries, a fourth-grader at Priceville Elementary, wears a protective suit for the mock environmental activity. "I hate this thing," he says. "It feels so weird."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**TAKING SPILL**— Priceville fourth-grader Lucas Randolph slips and falls in the mock decontamination area.

## Arbor Day bears fruit Thursday

*Help celebrate beauty of trees*

Redstone Arsenal will celebrate Arbor Day at 10 a.m. Thursday in front of the Visitor Center, building 4122, near Gate 9.

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski will join Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer in signing an Arbor Day 2007 proclamation followed by planting a tree.

Preschool children from the Child Development Center will sing. Redstone's commitment toward education and practices of planting, protecting and caring for trees for the future supports the ideals of Arbor Day. This annual commitment is reflected in Redstone's receipt of special national recognition as a "Tree City USA" from the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Redstone will raise its "Tree City USA" flag in front of the Visitor Center. At the conclusion of the 15th annual event, there will be a limited number of cherrybark oak, tulip poplar, water oak and white oak tree seedlings available at no cost for those in attendance.

Around noon Thursday, Olshefski will participate in Huntsville's celebration of Arbor Day at Big Spring Park, in front of the bell tower. Olshefski, Spencer and members of the Huntsville Tree Commission will speak and sign a joint proclamation declaring the day as Arbor Day to signify their rededication to helping the environment by protecting and planting trees, shrubs and other plants. (Garrison release)

# Dudley does right in teaching Soldiers

*He's named Instructor of Year in Training and Doctrine Command*

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Since 1989, the first year for the Training and Doctrine Command Instructor of the Year competition, the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and the 59th Ordnance Brigade have been waiting for their chance to win the title for the Ordnance Corps. This year they did just that.

Sgt. 1st Class Adrain Dudley of Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade, has won the fiscal 2006 Noncommissioned Officer category of the TRADOC Instructor of the Year competition and becomes the first Soldier to bring the title to OMEMS.

"I'm extremely proud to have a Soldier of his caliber in the brigade," said Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle, 59th Ordnance Brigade command sergeant major. "He's an awesome example of an instructor in TRADOC not satisfied with merely being an associate instructor, a senior instructor or even a master instructor. He's an example of a Soldier being the best in his craft and turning a TRADOC assignment into perhaps one of the best assignments of his career."

It takes a lot of determination and dedication to win brigade instructor of the year, Battle said. "To enhance that tenfold only by winning TRADOC instructor of the Year just shows his incredible determination, his professionalism and his leadership."

Although it is the first time that an OMEMS Soldier won the prestigious title, Dudley is not an Ordnance Corps Soldier — he's a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist and the senior instructor at OMEMS Technical Escort Training Division. He's a Chemical Corps Soldier.

"He may not be an Ordnance Corps Soldier but he's a product of the Ordnance family because he is a 59th Ordnance Brigade Soldier," Battle said, "and he's training (students) extremely well."

When he initially competed for the brigade Instructor of the Year title in November, Dudley wanted to win only to put the Technical Escort division on the map.

"Most people really don't realize that Technical Escort is here and we don't get a lot of attention," Dudley said. "My hope is that this recognition will open some eyes to our existence and to the fact that we do a great service for our country and the Global War on Terrorism."

Since the news of Dudley's achievement was announced the first week in April, Technical Escort has really been put on the map. In one week, the deputy to the commander of the Com-



Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

**CONGRATULATIONS—** The commander of the U.S. Army 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives), Brig. Gen. Kevin Wendel, left, visits the Technical Escort Division April 6 to congratulate Sgt. 1st Class Adrain Dudley on becoming the Training and Doctrine Command Instructor of the Year.

bined Arms Support Command, Bill Moore, and the commander of the U.S. Army 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives), Brig. Gen. Kevin Wendel, have visited the training area to congratulate Dudley and to learn about the Technical Escort mission.

"I was only doing the best I could with the job the Army asked me to do," Dudley said downplaying his achievement in the midst of all the attention.

The mission of the Technical Escort Division is to provide training to U.S. military and Department of Defense civilians in order to be able to perform worldwide, no-notice missions involving field sampling, detection, identification, limited decontamination, and mitigation or remediation of hazards associated with chemical and biological materials.

A Birmingham native, Dudley came to OMEMS to become an instructor more than two years ago but he has trained Soldiers in other countries in the past. A Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veteran, he brings his experiences from the war zone to his students during their training.

"(In this field) we are responsible for protecting people," Dudley said. "We don't do anything offensively but we keep people safe. The two biggest things I address in training are safety and accountability. Those are two very big things for me; you will have safety if you have 100

percent accountability. They go hand in hand with each other."

Dudley joined the Army Reserves in 1983 and joined the active ranks in 1987. He's Airborne and Air Assault qualified. He's a member of the Sergeant Audie L. Murphy and Sergeant Morales clubs. He's a senior rated jumpmaster and a college instructor.

"He's a born teacher and leader," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Pastorek, who was a private when Dudley joined the 21st Chemical Company (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C., in 2001. Pastorek is deployed to Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division and was one of Dudley's Soldiers at Bragg.

"Being a leader comes so easily and naturally to him," Pastorek said. "I learned everything from him. I would not be where I am today if he hadn't given me the chances or the mentoring I needed to become a good NCO. To this day, people talk about (Dudley) at the 21st Chemical Company and I believe they will for a long time to come."

Pastorek said Dudley's focus on accountability, safety and Soldier readiness enabled his platoon to be the first chemical platoon chosen to deploy to Iraq in March 2003. "When they came looking for chemical platoon to be deployed, we were ready," he said. "His main goal was to make sure we were ready."

Dudley has a war-fighting mentality when it comes to teaching, said Maj. Justin Meissner, chief of the Technical Escort Division and a former Dudley stu-

dent. "He's not here to teach for teaching's sake, he's here to teach people how to react on the battlefield."

Meissner said he is proud of Dudley and that his achievement highlights the small division which trains a small amount of people with an extremely important mission.

As if he doesn't do enough teaching during the day, Dudley also teaches at night. He's a psychology instructor for Columbia College and said teaching college students and Soldiers is completely different.

"College is where young peoples' minds are molded and their ideas about the world are formed," Dudley said. "Every professor is going to have their own spin on different things. I wanted to be a part of doing that."

Dudley has a bachelor's in communications from the University of Alabama. He also has a master's in behavioral science from Cameron University, in Lawton, Okla. He began teaching psychology courses at Campbell University while he was stationed at Fort Bragg and has continued to teach college classes while stationed at Redstone. He is in one of the final phases in the completion of his doctorate in philosophy with a concentration in general psychology.

Aside from being a Soldier, an instructor, a professor and a student, Dudley is also father to sons Xavier Zamar, 21, and Isiah Emmanuel, 16, and a husband to wife Tonda.

# Reservist helping drive cancer away

*Recognized as local hero at upcoming fund-raiser*

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**

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Life doesn't always go smoothly. Sometimes there are bumps in the road. For Susan Shapiro, one of the biggest was breast cancer. She has been named Huntsville's local hero for the 2007 BMW Drive for the Cure fund-raiser scheduled this Friday. The fund-raiser asks people to come into their local dealership and test drive specially marked vehicles. For each mile driven, BMW will donate one dollar to the Susan G. Komen foundation to provide money for breast cancer research, education and treatment.

Shapiro, a senior analyst with SAIC, comes from a military family. She knew that she wanted a life serving her country. She has spent seven years active duty since 1989. Along the way, she said that she was given much in return.

"The Army has given me my life. I met my husband on active duty. I had my son on active duty. They gave me my education," she said.

Shapiro had made the transition from active duty to the Army Reserves when her life took a detour. She had found a lump in her breast. For the next year, things moved quickly.

"I found it on my birthday, March 11, 2001. I was 34. I was diagnosed about a week and a half later. It was very quick," she said. "I had a right radical mas-

tectomy by March 30th. I started chemo on May 5th. I didn't have time to think about it. I'm almost glad for that."

Even while dealing with cancer treatments, Shapiro carried on in the Reserves. Chemotherapy had compromised her immune system, making drill attendance difficult and exposure to the myriad of germs associated with groups dangerous.

"I was with the 87th Division down in Birmingham. They were very supportive," she said. "If I had a treatment near my drill weekend they would allow me to do a different drill so I wouldn't be around a lot of people."

She got the medical proclamation all cancer patients hope for at the end of September – all clear. She has remained cancer-free the six years since.

"I'm really happy. It was a long haul, but it made me stronger," Shapiro said.

Even though she was healthy once again, cancer almost kept her from doing the things she loves. When her unit deployed to Iraq in 2004, Shapiro was almost left behind due to her medical history. She fought back with the same determination she had used to beat the disease.

"I told them that I would pull every bit of my cancer out of my files and they would never know I had it," Shapiro said. "I felt that strongly about it. I had never been activated for a war or crisis situation before. The Army had given me my life. They deserved something from me."

Shapiro had become active in breast cancer walks to raise money and awareness. She had



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**BEHIND WHEEL— Susan Shapiro looks forward to sliding behind the wheel of a new BMW during the Drive for the Cure breast cancer fund-raiser this Friday.**

made plans to meet two of her siblings in Charlotte, N.C., to participate in a walk there. The date for the walk, however, would now fall after her deployment began. Once again, Shapiro would not be foiled. Instead, she helped to organize a simultaneous walk in Al Taqaddum, Iraq.

"Of course, we had to walk in full armor to protect ourselves," she said. "We had a good showing though."

The spin-off event was well received by her fellow Soldiers. Shapiro estimated that 50 to 60 Soldiers participated. She found that she wasn't alone in her battle with breast cancer.

"There were other survivors there," she said. "While we were there one of the majors was diagnosed with breast cancer."

She remains a Reservist today, serving as executive offi-

cer for her battalion, 108th Division 13th Battalion 4th Brigade, serving at Redstone. She holds the rank of major, but hopes to be promoted to lieutenant colonel within the next year. Shapiro thinks having cancer has changed her – for the better.

"I'm stronger. I'm more assertive. I go after what I want now," she said. "Nobody knows how long they have to live, so try to do everything you can."

She also credits her teenage son, T.J., with being her inspiration and motivation.

"I do everything for my son. This is his time now. I live vicariously through his youth," Shapiro said.

While celebrating her health and the honor of being the local hero, Shapiro is also mourning the loss of a cherished friend. She met Stephanie Payne while

discussing an upcoming procedure at a party. The two formed a fast friendship.

"We were best friends. We found out we lived less than a mile away from each other. We would walk. She kept me active during my chemo," Shapiro said. "She got me involved in a support group, Bosom Buddies."

Payne was named local hero for the 2004 Drive for the Cure event. Unfortunately, she died before she could be told her dear friend would receive this year's honor. For 13 years she had waged war against cancer. Shapiro said she will continue the charge in her honor.

"It was a bittersweet moment," she said. "I will be accepting the award in her honor on Friday."

At the Friday event, donations will also be accepted on behalf of a trust fund set up for Payne's children.

As part of her title, Shapiro will lend a hand with some of the more onerous duties of the fund-raiser. She will help drive the sports cars on to the next event.

"They're driving the fleet to Chattanooga for their event. I'll be driving one of those BMWs to Chattanooga," she said laughing. "I hope I get the convertible."

While she is honored to bear the title hero for this year, Shapiro asked that everyone remember the survivors' heroes as well.

"The true heroes, in my view, are the donators, the volunteers and the researchers. Those are the people who help us survive," she said. "They are the backbone of cancer research. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here."

# Osteoporosis creeps up on victims in middle age

## Bone deterioration the 'silent disease'

May is National Osteoporosis Prevention Month. Osteoporosis is a debilitating disease in which bones become fragile and are more likely to break.

It has been called the "silent disease" because there are often no symptoms until the fracture occurs. In most cases, osteoporosis can be prevented and treated.

Each year in the United States this disease leads to 1.5 million fractures. Low bone density can be identified, and preventative steps can be taken before osteoporosis and fractures occur.

Osteoporosis affects more than 28 million Americans, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation. In the United States today, 10 million people already have osteoporosis and 18 million more have low bone mass, which places them at an increased risk for developing the disease.

Some of the risk factors include: small body stature; advancing age; family history of osteoporosis; early menopause; eating disorders; low calcium intake; lack of exercise; cigarette smoking; alcohol abuse; and long-term use of corticosteroids (drugs for conditions like asthma and arthritis).

"Probably the most important things you can do

are eat foods high in calcium, get plenty of exercise, be tobacco free and limit alcohol use," Tami Centeno of Fox Army Health Center's Preventive Medicine said. "Building and maintaining strong bones are an integral part of lifelong health and independence."

Here are facts and figures about osteoporosis:

- One out of two women over age 50 will develop osteoporosis;
- One in eight men develop osteoporosis;
- While people over 50 get osteoporosis most often, it is important to start preventing it when you are young;
- The national cost of treating fractures is estimated at over \$13 billion each year.

Osteoporosis doesn't have to be a major public health threat. Early detection is easy. Preventive Medicine at Fox advises everyone to ask their doctor or health care professional if they should have a bone density scan to detect loss of bone mass. The scan is safe, quick and painless. Several treatment options are now available to treat osteoporosis. Fox Army Health Center will conduct free bone density screenings at the MWR Health Fair on May 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redstone Fitness Center.

For more information on osteoporosis, call Capt. Carly Skarphol at 955-8888, ext. 1442, or go to the National Osteoporosis Foundation's web site at [www.nof.org](http://www.nof.org). (Fox Army Health Center release)

# Take that first step toward better fitness

## Heart association encourages walking during lunch break

Why don't you just take a walk?

That's the message from the American Heart Association, which sponsors the "Start! Walking at Work Day" today. The association encourages this activity for working Americans as a step toward a healthy lifestyle.

People are encouraged to wear their sneakers to work and join their colleagues for a walk today at 2:41 p.m.

The association provides the following reasons for walking:

- With the lowest dropout rate of any physical activity, walking is the simplest positive change individuals can make to effectively improve their heart health.
- Heart disease is everyone's number one killer. Physical inactivity doubles the risk of heart disease. Start walking at work and start decreasing your risk.
- You'll gain about two hours of life expectancy for each hour of regular exercise, even if you don't start until middle age. The benefits are clear: 241.

The association hopes to get 5 million Americans in participating cities to wear their sneakers at work and join their colleagues for a walk during their lunch hour.

The Health Promotion Council, comprised of various commands and organizations on post, supports this event. For more information, call the American Heart Association at 533-8500. (American Heart Association release)

# Extra help available for prescription drug costs

## *Social Security Administration opens online application*

The Social Security Administration and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services are working together to get Medicare beneficiaries extra help with their prescription drug cost.

They are making a special outreach effort in May titled "This Mother's Day show someone you love how much you care." They would like to reach everyone that may be eligible for extra help with prescription cost.

Typically, on Mother's Day, everyone celebrates the special people in their lives. There are a number of ways you can show someone you love how much you care. So consider doing something for them that can really make a difference. Show them how to get extra help with their Medicare prescription drug costs.

The high cost of medicine can be a burden on your loved ones who have limited income and resources. Extra help — available through Social Security — can pay part of their monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-

payments. The extra help could be worth an average of \$3,700 per year.

To figure out if they're eligible, Social Security needs to know your loved one's income and the value of their savings, investments and real estate (other than the home they live in). To qualify for the extra help, your loved one must be receiving Medicare and have:

- Income limited to \$15,315 for an individual or \$20,535 for a married couple living together. Even if their annual income is higher, your loved ones still may be able to get some help with month-

ly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. Some examples where income may be higher include if they or their spouse: support other family members who live with them; have earnings from work; or live in Alaska or Hawaii; and

- Resources limited to \$11,710 for an individual or \$23,410 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. Social Security does not count their house and car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that anyone — family members, friends and caregivers — can complete. You can find it at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). To apply by phone or get an application, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

So this Mother's Day, give someone you love something special: the peace of mind that comes with knowing extra help is available with Medicare prescription drug costs. Then go one step further — help them apply. There is no better way to show how much you care. (*Social Security Administration release*)

## Weight-loss competition gets results

### *Awards given to top 3 teams*

Nearly 100 folks at Team Redstone showed they were serious about losing weight.

The latest "Movin' n Losin'" weight-loss program sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation drew 20 teams with a total of 96 participants. The eight-week exercise and weight loss team competition went from Feb. 6 until April 3.

Some 615 and one-fourth pounds were lost, according to assistant sports director Phylissa Shannon.

The top three teams received awards April 17 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. Points were awarded for weight loss and for exercise.

Wasting Away, with members from Chugach, was the winning team with 5,830 points. Team members included Gilbert Congo, the captain; Brenda Tate, Ray Stephenson, Daphne Kirby and Tina Anderson. They received exercise bands (tubes), sweatbands and certificates.

Taking it Off took second place with 5,555.5 points. Members included captain Lisa White, Sherry Pool, Cynthia Brooks, Jean Ann Snowbarger and Teri Johnson. They received pedometers, sweatbands and certificates.

Mass Destruction finished third with 4,501.9 points. Members included captain Connie Smith, Susie Adams, Mary Ottman, Tim Haney, Walter Keener and David Hardiman. They received water bottles, sweatbands and certificates.

"We're going to start (the next program) end of May, beginning of June," Shannon said.

# Lifelong commitment to Army continues after retirement

Reserve sergeant major marks 37-year career

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“My name is Perry and I am an American Soldier.”

Those words of farewell spoken by Army Reserve Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry at his April 14 retirement luncheon expressed his feelings about a 37-year military career that gave him opportunities to mentor young Soldiers, grow the reputation of the local Reserve units, and assist in bringing the local Army, Reserve and National Guard units together under the “An Army of One” philosophy.

At age 60, Perry may be retiring from his post with the Reserve’s 4th of the 108th Chemical Battalion, but his heart will always be with Soldiers. He will continue to show his support for Soldiers and their families through volunteer work with a number of local organizations, including the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, Sergeant’s Major Association, American Legion Post 229 and the Association of the U.S. Army.

“I’m not drilling anymore, but I’m still going to wear the uniform,” Perry said. “I guess I’m always going to be a Soldier. It’s a great organization to be in. I wish more young people would get into it.”

In March, Perry and commander Lt. Col. Neva Rogers visited the three posts that make up the 4th of the 108th at



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ACTIVE SERVICE—** Now retired, Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry is proud of his career with the Army and local Army Reserve units.

Huntsville/Redstone Arsenal, Fort McClellan in Anniston and Fort Jackson, S.C. It was Perry’s farewell tour, a chance for him to spend time with the 100 Soldiers under his command before his retirement.

“It was kind of an emotional thing,” said Perry, who is known for taking his physical training tests at the side of his Soldiers.

“I won’t be seeing a lot of these guys again. They are used to my leadership because I would visit them once a month for advanced training. I hope I was a good leader and, if I was, I hope they emulate or imitate my style to do their own great things and to take care of Soldiers. My career has always been about Army values and setting a good example for troops. You’ve got

to live the Army values 24/7.”

Perry hopes his mentorship of Soldiers will have a positive influence on their lives and careers for years to come. He has been dedicated to providing leadership to Soldiers whose mission is providing the training needed by Reserve, National Guard and active duty Soldiers in the chemical military occupational specialty.

“In our territory, we’ve been responsible for providing Chemical MOS training in six states (Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida) and at all levels of training,” Perry said.

“Soldiers we train can be deployed with Reserve, National Guard or active units to provide the nuclear, biological and chem-

ical expertise to the commander of the unit.”

Besides the 4th of the 108th, Perry’s Reserve career touched several other local units, including the 3rd Brigade of the 108th Division, 326th Chemical Co., Charlie Co. of the 926th Engineers, 13th Ordnance Battalion and the 4th of the 321st Logistics Battalion. In recent years, Perry has worked with the Army and National Guard on ceremonies, events and activities related to the area’s military.

“It all came about when my son (Reserve Sgt. Chad Perry of the 926th Engineer Group) was deployed to Afghanistan,” Perry said. “Four years ago, his unit was the first large deployment of Reserves from this area. There were large deployments of National Guard troops, too, but his unit was the first for the local Reserves. My wife, Brenda, and I were the family readiness group leaders for the unit.

“We needed a place to have family days for 50-plus families. Col. John Devlin (then Garrison commander) and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Gerech told us we could use the recreation center on post. MWR provided us with food and drinks.”

With large numbers of Reserve and National Guard troops deployed in the Global War on Terrorism, Perry and David Carney, then a National Guard sergeant, joined forces with the Garrison and local organizations to provide support to Soldiers and their families.

“We were definitely blazing the trail,” Perry said. “At that time, we operated independently from Redstone Arsenal. It was

the first time the Reserve and National Guard acted with the active component. We came together and started sharing ideas, and supporting our Soldiers together.”

Perry’s military career began when he was drafted into the Army in 1970 toward the end of the Vietnam War. A Connecticut native, he was transferred in 1971 to Redstone Arsenal to complete his advanced individual training as a Pershing guidance and control repairman. His first assignment was with the 4th of the 41st Field Artillery (Pershing), 56th Brigade in West Germany.

His second assignment was as an instructor at the Land Combat Support Division at Redstone Arsenal. Perry served seven years with the active Army before transferring to the Army Reserve and completing a degree in electrical engineering.

“It was the winding down of the Vietnam War and the Army didn’t need all the Soldiers they had,” Perry said. “I decided to leave the Army and finish my degree. But, I kept one foot in the Reserve because it would be easier to jump back in the active Army that way if my skill was needed.”

His assignments in the Reserve included positions with the 326th Chemical Co. in Huntsville, 490th Chemical Battalion in Anniston, 3392nd Reserve Forces School and Detachment 1, 7th Battalion, 4th Brigade of the 100th Division. In 1998, Perry was promoted to command sergeant major of the

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# Federal retirement rules clarified

The following questions and answers were provided by the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, and confirmed by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center:

**Question: After 41 years of service with the Department of Veterans Affairs, I will retire in 2007. Over the years, I also paid Social Security taxes and am entitled to minimum benefits. Due to the Windfall Elimination Provision, I will see a major reduction in my Social Security benefits. At the same time, I will likely have to pay more in Medicare Part B premiums than the total residual monthly Social Security income. Is this assumption correct, or will the Medicare Part B premium be applied to the unreduced Social Security benefit?**

**Answer:** The Windfall Elimination Provision may apply if: You reached 62 after 1985; or you became disabled after 1985; and you first became eligible for a monthly pension based on work where you did not pay Social Security taxes after 1985, even if you are still working.

The Medicare Part B premium amounts for 2007 are determined by the Department of Health and Human Services. The premiums paid by beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Part B cover physician services, outpatient hospital services, certain home health services, durable medical equipment and other items. The standard Medicare Part B monthly premium will be \$93.50 in 2007, an increase of \$5 from the 2006 \$88.50 premium.

Most beneficiaries will continue to pay the standard premium. Beginning in 2007, a small number of beneficiaries with higher incomes (individuals with income exceeding \$80,000 and married couples with income exceeding \$160,000) will pay a higher Part B premium based on their income.

For more information, see Social Security's publication, Medicare Part B Premiums: New Rules for Beneficiaries With Higher Incomes 2006, call Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office.

**Question: I retired in 1995 under CSRS and**

**we elected the survivor annuity option for my wife. Since then, our financial status has improved to the point where a survivor annuity is no longer necessary. Can it be canceled and the full pension be restored?**

**Answer:** An employee may revoke or change a survivor election if, not later than 30 days after the date of the first regular monthly payment, he or she files a new written election with Office of Personnel Management. After the 30-day period following the date of the retiree's first regular monthly payment has passed, the retiree cannot change his or her survivor election except as follows:

The retiree's first regular monthly payment is the first annuity check payable on a recurring basis (other than interim payments or a retroactive adjustment check) after OPM has initially adjudicated his or her regular annuity rate and has paid the annuity accrued since the time of retirement.

Within the designated period, the employee may increase or reduce the amount of the survivor benefit and/or may change the type of election to any of the survivor elections if he or she is otherwise eligible to make such an election.

A retiree may request, in writing, to change only a current spouse survivor annuity election no later than 18 months after the commencing date of annuity if the retiree is changing his or her election not to provide a survivor annuity for his or her spouse at retirement, or increasing a less than maximum survivor annuity elected at retirement for his or her spouse.

An election during this 18-month period cancels any joint waivers the retiree and his or her spouse made at retirement regarding survivor annuity benefits.

An election during this 18-month period is void if it is received by OPM after the retiree dies.

If the retiree elects to change the survivor benefit election under one of the circumstances described above, he or she must make a deposit.

The retiree may not reduce the survivor benefit for his or her current spouse.

## ■ Retiring Command Sgt. Maj. Perry has Soldiers at heart

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3rd Signal Battalion, 3rd Brigade of the 100th Division. In 2000, he was chosen as the command sergeant major of the 4th Chemical Battalion, 3rd Brigade of the 100th Division and, in 2004, he took over the same position with the 4th of the 108th.

"Being a command sergeant major is probably the best job in the Army," Perry said. "You are part of the command team, but you are still getting to work closely with the troops. It's like being a father figure to them."

The events of 9/11 and the resulting Global War on Terrorism have really changed the Reserve component, both nationally and locally, Perry said.

"We really became part of the program," he said. "We train and we are proud of our training, just like the active component. Since 9/11, we've done so much for the troops and we've been really active."

The Reserve has also taken a higher profile in the community, providing color guards for local events and funerals, and marching in the Veterans Day Parade.

Perry's responsibilities with the Reserve also expanded after 9/11. Even though it is a part-time position, he has taken much time away from his job as a quality planner for radio products at Siemens Automotive, which manufactures 1.4 million radios a year at its facility near the Huntsville International Airport.

"I'm very grateful to my civilian co-workers who covered for me all the times I've had to be in uniform," Perry said. "And, I'm

# Bishop to celebrate confirmation at Redstone

Seven candidates honored at chapel

By DAVE MACEDONIA  
For the Rocket

Bishop Richard Higgins, archdiocese for the military services, will confer Catholic confirmation to seven candidates on May 16 at 6 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel.

The archdiocese for the military services, or military ordinariate, serves military personnel and families at 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 172 Veterans Administration hospitals and is responsible for federal employees serving 134 countries. Numerically, this is more than 1.4 million Catholics. They are served by more than 1,000 priests supported by members of the Catholic laity.

Higgins was born Feb. 22, 1944 in Longford, Ireland. He retired from the U.S. Air Force following 30 years of active duty Sept. 1, 2004 as a colonel. Higgins is an accomplished aviator and holds an airline transport pilot certificate and several flight instructor certificates. He was ordained to the episcopacy July 3, 2004 in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Higgins assumed his present duties Oct. 1, 2004.

Fourth Degree Color Corps Knights from the Knights of Columbus Chapter 4080 will perform ceremonial protection for Higgins during his confirmation visit. The Color Corps is the most visible arm of the Knights as they are often seen in parades and other local events wearing their colorful regalia. The Order of the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in the United States in 1882, it is named in honor of Christopher Columbus and dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation, one of the Catholic church's seven sacraments. Confirmation may be received only once. Catholics believe this sacrament strengthens baptized Christians and through the gift of the Holy Spirit helps them to be active, caring followers of Jesus.

Confirmation instructors Chaplain (Maj.) Jerzy "Father George" Rzasowski, Marliese Huell and Betty Bland have spent the past 10 months preparing the candidates, and their parents, for this rite by weekly classes consisting of reading, practical exercises and tests.

The recipients of confirmation for this year are David Brian Byers, Marianna Victoria Delany, Michael Rush, Amanda Lynn Shrenk, Everett Desmond Troutman, Alexandria Marie Van Rassen and Brittany Nicole O'Driscoll.

A reception will follow at the Bicentennial Chapel fellowship room.

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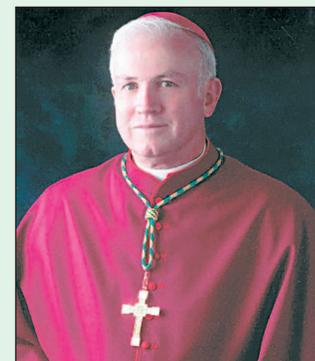
"All these years, I've really enjoyed taking care of the troops. I got a lot of positive energy from seeing them grow and mature and bloom. And, I felt the longer I was in my job, the better I got at it."

Perry plans to wear his uniform in June when he will greet the 40 Reserve Soldiers from the 108th who will be returning from a deployment in Iraq.

"I want them to realize I appreciate what they did," he said. "It's a huge sacrifice. I will be there with all the bells and whistles on."

But, beyond that, Perry is turning control of the 108th and Reserve matters over to younger Soldiers.

"They are my heroes now," he said. "I want them to know how much I appreciate them and how much their country appreciates them for their sacrifices. They are doing what is needed to keep our nation strong."



Courtesy photo

Bishop Richard Higgins



Courtesy photo

## Corporate officer

Retired Lt. Gen. Larry Dodgen, former commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command, has joined Northrop Grumman as vice president of strategy for the company's missile systems business.

# Logistician honored for helicopter work

By DAN O'BOYLE

*For the Rocket*

“When the last Black Hawk is retired at the boneyard, the crew will return in a Huey.”

That saying has been Charlie Elkins’ mainstay for 30-plus years.

“For as long as everyone can remember, there was never a Huey flying anywhere that Charlie did not know about,” AMCOM’s Art Ather said. “As a superb logistician, Charlie’s support to the Army’s venerable, old war bird has been nothing short of stellar.”

Elkins has held numerous positions as a senior aviation logistician in support of Army aviation and Air Force programs. He began his career in 1978, supporting Air Force programs. He was commended in 1970 for his service in Vietnam as an Airborne Ranger, with K Company, 75th Infantry Division.

“Elkins has excelled through his career as a senior aviation logistician and has served the aviation community, always willing to take on new challenges,” Ather said. “His aviation career began with the Black Hawk helicopter program at the Aviation and Systems Command in 1983. He was later assigned to the Huey — UH-1 — Weapon System Program office, as

the logistics manager for airframes and engines.

“He has worked with Bell Helicopter and Textron Lycoming to define issues impacting sustainability, training, maintenance and safety-related challenges. He also worked closely with the engineering community in resolving numerous technical and engineering challenges. He was instrumental in leading the teamwork to pioneer new and upgraded rebuilds of the Huey’s turbine engine, replacing the legacy version.”

During his assignment supporting the UH-1’s Weapon System Management office in St. Louis, he also supported the Multi-national Force and Observer mission in support of Israel and Egypt, as the lead command logistician overseeing the entire logistical support base, which encompassed personnel, budget, safety and maintenance support of the assigned UH-1 fleet.

Additionally, he has supported the Strategic Missile and Defense Command assigned aircraft located at the Kwajalein Atoll, and also handled logistical support for the Forestry Division, U.S. Air Force based UH-1s, and U.S. Army Security and Assistance Command Foreign Military Support programs.

Technically, Elkins efforts have been recognized in the Army aviation community for the UH-1’s Oil Debris Detection System, working in conjunction with the original equipment manufacturers — AVCO Lycoming and Bell Helicopters — resulting in substantial savings, as well as increased safety and operational fleet readiness.

He took the initiative to develop the Corpus Christi Army Depot engine service center monthly analysis requirement focused toward streamlining accurate data reporting, and capturing true indicators reflecting the engine fleet trends.

He was later assigned to serve as a logistician supporting Scout Attack Program Office and is serving as a logistical liaison under AMCOM G-3 current operations overseeing the Aviation Ground Power Unit requirements and supportability tracking for Aviation Ground Support Equipment and Reset Program offices.

“Taking care of Soldiers has always been Charlie’s first concern,” Ather said. “He has earned the respect, confidence and trust of supported Soldiers, and leaders alike. He has always been active in the Army Aviation Association of America and the Disabled American Veterans Association.”



Photo by Claus Martel

**RECOGNITION—** Charlie Elkins, right, receives the honorable order of St. Michael Bronze Award from retired Col. Bob Birmingham.

# Personnel people praise printing plant products

## Training materials support appreciated

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It's just business as usual at the printing plant – another satisfied customer.

"That was quick," a guy said when he picked up his finished work April 18 at the Document Automation & Production Service.

"Yeah, he was able to get that right in," replied Teresa Chaney, lead electronic duplicating technician. She leads the plant's four other workers.

And this was just the beginning of the afternoon's accolades. Minutes later, two representatives from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center arrived with awards for the staff.

DAPS had printed the training materials for the center's classes on the newly-implemented National Security Personnel System. This represented more than 500,000 pages for 37 classes to train more than 1,600 people.

"We just came by to express our appreciation," Don Dixon, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said. He presented individual certificates to the workers and a plaque for display at the plant's building 5688 on Mills Road.

"Your people have been very pleasant to work with as well," Chaney told Dixon. "We were just doing our job, but it is nice to be recognized."

The other workers include Willie Watkins, Russell Saylor, Tim Allred and Ralph McGuff. The Document Automation & Production Service is under the Defense Logistics Agency.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**FOR ALL YOU DO—** Civilian Personnel Advisory Center director Don Dixon presents an award to members of the Document Automation & Production Service. They are, from left, Tim Allred, lead technician Teresa Chaney, Russell Saylor, Willie Watkins and Ralph McGuff.

# Command shop does overhaul on machine gun

*Weapon seeing action in war on terrorism*

By DAN O'BOYLE  
 For the Rocket

When it comes to turning on an engine, you need a key. When it came to turning on a much-needed engine in the continuing Soldier support to the Global War on Terrorism, AMCOM turned to IMMC's Maintenance Operations, Procedures and Prototype Shop.

A recognition ceremony April 9 acknowledged that the key is in 'the ignition' and the engine is running strong. Redstone Arsenal now has the first complete overhaul capability for the M3P .50 caliber machine gun.

After the onset of the Global War on Terrorism and the need to provide hands-on maintenance and over-the-shoulder training to Soldiers in the field, the MOPP Shop began a reset initiative for the M3P .50 caliber machine gun. Used on the Avenger, a component of the Cruise Missile Defense System, the M3P is an anti-aircraft weapon that has been modified to hit ground-based targets.

Driven by increased usage and the age of the weapon, there was a need to establish an Army overhaul capability. Having pre-

vious M3P Direct Support/General Support level maintenance experience made the MOPP Shop a good fit for extending maintenance coverage to include overhaul.

Development of this capability required a combination of skills and resources beyond the confines of the MOPP Shop. In addition to MOPP Shop personnel, technical resources were summoned from various Redstone Arsenal organizations, the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Crane, Ind., Anniston Army Depot, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., and private industry.

The Team Redstone effort included cooperation from the CMDS Project Office, the Redstone Technical Test Center, the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Madison Research Corporation, and Analytical Services Inc.

"This is a big deal," Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone, said. "This weapon is being used very effectively by our men and women in Iraq. Team Redstone came together with great folks in industry to develop a much-needed capability. This is a perfect example of a life cycle group that got together to make things work."

Establishment of this over-



Russell Moore/Photo Lab

**ON TARGET—** The MOPP Shop's Bill Cannon explains M3P .50-caliber machine gun details to Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates and Capt. Tim Snider.

haul capability came with its own challenges. For example, it required the development of technical drawings, repair procedures, special tools, and test fixtures that were engineered within the MOPP Shop. Special processes such as Magnetic Particle Examination and Hydrogen Embrittlement Relief have been used to ensure that the weapon meets or exceeds the Original Equipment Manufacturer speci-

fications. In addition to extending the life and performance of the weapon, the Army has reaped the added bonus of attaining 40-percent cost avoidance.

"What began as a challenge in August 2004 to expand our knowledge base and develop a capability that did not exist in the Department of Defense gets us to this point," MOPP Shop chief Gary Henry said. "Today, we recognize the hard work and

dedication of a team that has developed the capability to completely overhaul the M3P .50 caliber machine gun."

The MOPP Shop also supports the Global War on Terrorism with teams traveling around the world and in contingency areas, assuring that Soldiers have the equipment and tools necessary to accomplish their missions on several of AMCOM's missile and weapons systems.

## Engineering contract competition concludes

The Army Corps of Engineers announced April 17 that the final performance decision is in favor of the Most Efficient Organization for the Information Management/Information Technology A-76 competition.

The new IM/IT operation is expected to save up to \$1 billion over the next five years.

Fifteen government positions at the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville are impacted by this decision.

The competition was initially completed in March 2006, and the Government's Most Efficient Organization was selected based on lowest price, technically acceptable. After subsequent protests, the final performance decision is the selection of the MEO.

The Corps signed a Letter of Obligation with the MEO, and implementation of the new organization will begin. The MEO organization, Army Corps of Engineers Information Technology, will have a one-year phase in period, a one year base period, and four one-year option periods.

To deliver the full range of IM/IT services, ACE-IT has partnered with Lockheed-Martin to provide contract support. Lockheed-Martin worked closely with the team that developed the Government's tender under the competition to address contracting needs.

The ACE-IT organization will be headquartered in Vicksburg, Miss., with 55 local offices at Corps offices throughout the United States.

The competition began in June 2004, and involved work performed by approximately 1,300 DoD civilian employees and more than 500 contractors at Corps locations throughout the U.S. The competition included the following services: automation services and systems support; communications services and systems support; information assurance service and support; record management services and support; printing and publication services; visual information services; and IM/IT Administration and Management. (Huntsville Center release)



Photo by Bill Richardson

## Resource planners

The American Society of Military Comptrollers Mini Professional Development Institute planning committee held a two-day seminar April 11-12 at the Trinity United Methodist Church. This panel is the Training and Education Committee for Redstone/Huntsville ASMC Chapter. Part of its duties includes sponsoring and organizing the Mini-PDI each year. In the first row, from left, are Cody Swinford, Michelle Cobb, Janie Walters and Theresa McBride. In the second row are Jackie Shaw, Cheryl Richmond, Mark Barkley, Judy Smith, Alex Hice, Dana Wilbanks and Freida Waits. Guest speaker Janie Walters addressed the subject "Managing Your Career."

# Memorial

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Representing two different generations, Easter Miles, whose New York City Police Department detective father died 67 years ago, and 13-year-old Katy Ball-Blodgett, whose Los Angeles Police Department officer grandfather died before she was born, were honorary participants in the dedication of the statue and memorial that lists the names of the civilian law enforcement employees who died while trying to protect others from the threat of bombs. More than 300 people, including local officials, family members and police officers, attended the ceremony.

"It's nice to see this come to fruition," said Stan Mathiasen, a sergeant with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department and a past board member of the advisory board of the Bomb Technician Memorial Fund, which raised the funds needed for the memorial.

"It's a tribute to the entire bomb technician community to be able to raise the funds and build this memorial so quickly."

Fund-raising for the memorial began in 2004, said Jeff Fuller, chairman of the National Bomb Squad Advisory Council of the Bomb Technician Memorial Fund and a lieutenant with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

The memorial is unlike any other memorial dedicated to fallen bomb technicians because it is the first honoring civilian law enforcement officers in the U.S. Other memorials are the Explosive Ordnance Devices Memorial honoring fallen military bomb technicians at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and the British Explosive Ordnance Disposal Memorial at the Army School of Ammunition in Kineton, England.

"These guys on this wall deserve everything we can do for them," Fuller said.

The bronze, marble and granite memorial, costing more than \$200,000, was paid for by private donations received from members of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators, manufacturers of bomb squad equipment and supplies, and members of police and fire departments nationwide.

Locating the memorial at the FBI's Hazardous Devices School on Redstone Arsenal was appropriate because of the partnership between the Army and the FBI to provide training to civilian bomb technicians from all over the nation, said John Pistole, the

FBI's deputy director. The Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School provides instructors for the FBI's training facility.

"We're proud to partner with the Army," he said. "This is the nation's only such school. It is fitting for us to honor the lives and dedicated work of 13 extraordinary individuals and their families" at Redstone Arsenal.

"This memorial spans a remarkable time frame," said Pistole, describing the 13 civilian bomb technicians as individuals who "did the unthinkable - they walked into the face of danger."

The words "Here Am I, Send Me!" from Ephesians 6:8 are inscribed on the memorial along with 13 plaques inscribed with the names of the fallen civilian bomb technicians. At the foot of the bomb technician statue are the words "dedicated to the public safety bomb technicians who gave the supreme sacrifice."

The memorial begins with Lt. Giuseppe Petrosino of the New York City Police Department who died on March 12, 1909, as he was investigating extortion bombings by members of a criminal gang known as the Black Hand. Petrosino was one of the first technicians in the NYPD Bomb Squad, which is the oldest active public safety bomb disposal unit in the U.S.

**A**mong the names on the memorial is that of NYPD Det. Brian Murray, the first graduate of the Hazardous Devices School to be killed in the line of duty. He died while attempting to render safe an explosive device planted by TWA flight terrorists and removed from a locker in Grand Central Station.

The last entries on the wall are two officers - Detective Claude Richards of the NYPD and Special Agent Leonard W. Hatton of the FBI - who died on Sept. 11, 2001, while aiding victims at the World Trade Center after terrorists used two passenger airplanes as bombs to explode the center's two towers.

"Each of these men gave their lives so the rest of us might live in a safer world," Pistole said. "This memorial is proof that we will not forget their sacrifice. They represent thousands of others whose lives are dedicated to keeping our nation safe. This memorial beautifully summarizes the unselfishness (of civilian bomb technicians) who are repeatedly putting their lives in harm's way ... We owe them a profound debt of gratitude."

The Hazardous Devices School provides training for 28,000 civilian bomb technicians



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ULTIMATE SACRIFICE** — Easter Miles, the daughter of New York City Police Det. Joseph Lynch who was killed 67 years ago when he responded to a suspicious package at the 1940 World's Fair, is proud of the Bomb Technician Memorial that she helped unveil April 16 at the FBI's Hazardous Devices School. Also on hand for the memorial's dedication were law enforcement officers from across the nation, including (pictured with Miles) Kevin Kazmaier of the Mesa, Ariz., Police Department and a member of the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board of the Bomb Technician Memorial Foundation. The memorial is the only one in the U.S. that honors civilian bomb technicians fallen in the line of duty. There is a memorial honoring fallen U.S. military explosive ordnance personnel at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

who are employed by 470 nationally accredited bomb squads. The school opened 36 years ago. Its new facility on Redstone Road opened in September 2004.

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski praised the civilian bomb technicians who train at Redstone Arsenal and then who put their lives on the line daily to protect Americans from bomb threats.

"We spend a lot of time focused on the military," Olshefski said. "But, civilians are the backbone to our military. They are the first responders who protect our homeland so guys like me in the Army, Marines, Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force can protect from abroad.

"You all know there are bad guys in our world who want to stop us from fighting for democracy, who want to stop freedom. 'Here I Am, Send Me.' That's so powerful. It's an honor to be in your presence."

Training is vital for civilian bomb technicians "who render safe explosive devices that threaten the American way of life," said Col. Jose Enriquez, commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

"Civilian bomb technicians are fighting against bombs that still dot the landscape of America today ... It doesn't matter what the explosive is when a

bomb technician answers the call. These bomb technicians are dedicated to protecting the American way of life ... This memorial serves as a reminder that this is a profession where one must constantly be alert. In this profession, you may not have the chance to walk away."

The heart of the dedication, though, came when Easter Miles remembered for the audience her father, New York City Police Det. Joseph Lynch, who was called in to work on his day off to investigate a suspicious package in the British Pavilion of the 1940 World's Fair. He, his partner and four others died when the package detonated.

"What does a child of 10 know when this happens to their father? He's there one minute and gone the next. What do you do?" said Miles, the oldest of five siblings.

Miles' mother managed to keep the family together with the help of members of the New York City bomb squad.

"They pitched in and became our surrogate fathers," she recalled. "They took us to the circus and to ball games. They were there at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are part of the New York City bomb squad. They never forget."

Miles hopes the training civilian bomb technicians receive at the Hazardous Devices School will protect them as well as civilians from the danger and death of a bomb.

"I should thank you from the bottom of my heart. This is the absolute most beautiful ceremony I've ever attended," she said.

"God willing, other names will not be added to this wall ... But, we live in a very different world today. People who set off bombs used to run away. Now, they blow themselves up. They don't value life as we do."

Other generations - such as that of Katy Ball-Blodgett, who turned 13 on the day of the memorial dedication - will continue to face the threat of terrorist bombs and explosives, Miles and others said at the dedication. Katy's grandfather, Los Angeles Police Officer Ronald Ball, died eight years before her birth while attempting to render safe two pipe bombs located during the search of a home that was connected to a shooting investigation.

"I'm thinking about becoming a bomb technician," Katy said after the ceremony. "I think that would make my grandfather proud."

Many family members in attendance expressed their gratitude for a memorial honoring their fallen. Cynthia Hurley, whose husband, Boston Police Officer Jeremiah Hurley, died in 1991 while investigating a suspicious package found in a vehicle in a residential neighborhood, reverently touched her husband's name on the memorial.

"What a tribute. It was an honor to be here," she said.

# Civilian dies in Iraq from natural causes

*Logistics management specialist volunteered for deployment*

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Logistics management specialist John Tyler was among the first workers to arrive from St. Louis when the Army merged its aviation and missile functions in 1997.

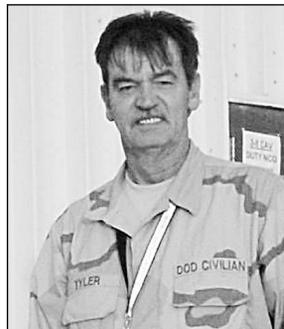
“John was in the original contingent that helped establish the Aviation and Missile Command,” Dr. Tom Pieplow, assistant program executive officer for aviation, said.

Tyler brought his experience from having served in the military as well as civil service. He worked in the Utility Directorate of the Integrated Materiel Management Center. He volunteered for deployment and arrived in Iraq on Feb. 25.

“His sole purpose in volunteering was he felt that’s how he could serve our Soldiers best,” Pieplow said.

Tyler was found dead from natural causes at 7:30 Sunday night, April 15 in his quarters at Camp Victory in Baghdad. He was 59.

“When he failed to appear at his work site



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**SERVING TROOPS—**  
**John Tyler is shown in Iraq, where he arrived Feb. 25. He died in his quarters at Camp Victory in Baghdad.**

(April 15), his supervisor went to his quarters and found him unresponsive,” Eddie Allen, the deployment officer for AMCOM, said. “The fire department was called. And when they came, they confirmed he had passed away. It appears he died of natural causes.”

“John brought a depth of experience not found today,” Pieplow said, referring to Tyler’s military and civilian background. “He was probably one of the most conscientious individuals. John would never do anything that would impose a greater burden on our Soldier. John was a good guy.”

He had worked nearly 27 years for the government. A funeral service was planned in Athens, Ala., and burial in Illinois.

“He was a good guy,” Edward Grimble, chief of utility airframe B division in Utility Directorate, said. “He came to work on time. He saw things through. He paid attention to detail and was concerned about Soldiers and getting the job done.”

Sheryl Ford was Tyler’s supervisor in the Utility Directorate.

“He was a very hard-working individual,” she said. “A great person, had a great personality. A person who was loved by many.”

Survivors include his wife, Carla Susan Tyler; a son, 1st Lt. Ron Tyler of Fort Benning, Ga.; and two daughters, Gretchen Fulton of Spokane, Wash., and Allison Mulch of Burlington, Colo.

# Afghans lead troops to weapons, explosives

WASHINGTON — Afghan and coalition forces found three caches containing weapons and explosive materials during operations around Afghanistan April 15-16.

Afghan national police and coalition forces found two weapons caches April 16 near Jalalbad after receiving tips from Afghan citizens of Pachir village in the Pachir Wa Agam district of Nangarhar province.

The stockpiles found in Pachir and Candibagh villages contained two artillery rounds, 37 rocket propelled grenade rounds, two RPG boosters, 54 bomblets, 300 rounds of 12.77 mm machine-gun ammunition and a bag of powder explosives. The munitions recovered are commonly used by Taliban extremists and foreign fighters to build improvised explosive devices, military officials said.

“The Afghan populace is tired of the destruction brought about by the Taliban and foreign fighter insurgents,” said Army Maj. Chris Belcher, a Combined Joint Task Force 82 spokesman. “Their continued effort to turn in weapons caches is a significant indication that there is growing support for the Afghan government.”

Cooperative Afghan civilians

revealed the location of an IED weapons cache to Afghan border police and coalition forces April 15 in the Sherzad district of Nangarhar province.

Hidden in a compound in Tutu village, combined forces discovered a cache containing 14 rocket propelled grenade rounds, five 82 mm mortar rounds, grenades, multiple brands of chargers, various types of fuses, and 500 feet of detonation cord. The contents of the weapons cache, commonly used to build IEDs, were believed to be used in several recent IED attacks in Sherzad and Khogyani districts, military officials said.

“Afghan tribal leaders have called upon their people to turn in all weapons and munitions not used for personal protection,” Belcher said. “Afghans are taking responsibility for their safety and security by reporting the locations of weapons caches.”

Over the past few weeks, multiple weapons caches have been recovered from the Bati Kot, Shinwar, Achin, Khogyani, and Sherad districts of Nangarhar province.

*Editor’s note: American Forces Press Service compiled this article from Combined Joint Task Force 82 news releases.*

# Let carriers know about relocation inconvenience

*Claims examiner explains policy*

By **JAMES FRIDAY**

*Claims examiner*

Recently the Claims Office received several inquiries from Soldiers and their dependents about whether “inconvenience claims,” and other expenses not directly related to the damage of personal property, were payable by the Redstone Claims Office.

First of all, there is no such thing as an “inconvenience claim” payable by the Army. Department of Army Pamphlet 27-162, paragraph 2-32d(6) states, “Claims for inconvenience due to a carrier’s failure to meet a scheduled or preferred delivery date and for claimant’s personal expenses incurred above normal living expenses that are not covered by AR 27-20, chapter 11, or any other regulation or statute, may in certain cases be paid by the responsible carrier. Generally, however, the dislocation allowance granted on a change of duty station is intended to cover those personal expenses incurred above normal living expenses.”

Expenses that have nothing to do with the loss or damage to personal property resulting from a PCS, ETS or TDY move (i.e., interest charges, attorney fees, cost of food or lodging while awaiting shipment, vehicle rental costs, and

long distance telephone charges) are not payable.

For example, if you PCS’d to Redstone from Korea and had your baggage temporarily misplaced or held for an extended period of time overseas (either through fault of a civilian or government carrier), your inconvenience or loss of use of your property would not be compensable through the Redstone Claims Office.

However, if your baggage was misplaced or held for an extended period of time by a civilian carrier causing your inconvenience, you might be able to file an “inconvenience claim” directly against the civilian carrier. Although there are no specific rules observed by the carrier industry, reasonable claims usually include hotel/motel expenses, food expenses, laundry expenses and other emergency items of sleeping, eating and required comfort.

The individual carriers may have their own established guidelines as to what they will pay and for what amount, if at all.

You should first deal directly with the civilian carrier who is at fault for causing your inconvenience or loss of use, and file an “inconvenience claim” with them. If you cannot resolve the problem, you should consult the Redstone Transportation Office and the Legal Assistance Office for assistance.

If you have any questions on this matter, you may call the claims examiner at 876-9006.



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## *Thanks to library*

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion thanks the Post Library staff and volunteers Thursday for the outstanding support they provide to the unit. From left are battalion commander Lt. Col. Brian Brown, volunteer Sheryle Gouker, staffer Connie Gadowski, volunteer Ashley Dorsett, director Gail Alden, battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Garcia-Aponte, staffer Martha Piskulic and volunteer Daniel Cunningham. Also receiving awards, but not pictured, are volunteers Staff Sgt. Carl Craft, Martha Morin and Bill McConville.

# National Guard team speeds from the start

## Beats defending champ Marines in preseason

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Last year Rodney Henshaw played shortstop on the MEDDAC team that lost to the Marines in the softball championship final. This year he formed his own National Guard team which includes several players from MEDDAC.

That added extra motivation to the National Guard's game against the Marines last week in the preseason tournament.

The National Guard responded by beating the defending champion Marines 17-14 on

April 17 at Linton Field. The preseason tournament final is scheduled Thursday night at 6.

"This year I decided I wanted to play with my own team, coach my own team," said Henshaw, in his fourth year in the troop league. "And I guess it finally paid off."

The National Guard scored five runs in the top of the first, but the score was tied 13-all entering the seventh and final inning. The Guard scored four in the seventh and held on for the win.

"Our team speed and defense were the keys we improved on this year," Henshaw said. "Defense kept us in the game all night."

The Marines struggled in the field, however. The National

Guard scored its final two runs in the seventh when Henshaw reached on an infield error and scored on John Boyd's two-run homer.

"It's big for us to beat the Marine Corps," Henshaw said. "(Marines coach Lee Burket) always has his team ready. I'll give him credit for that."

Henshaw, who usually plays shortstop, had to pitch in the absence of MEDDAC's Eric Moorman. He got the win while

his coaching counterpart, Burket, took the loss for the Marines.

"They just outplayed us," Burket said. "We made a lot of errors on defense. They just outplayed us, they out-hit us, they played a better game than we did. They're a good team."

Sean Newsom had two two-run homers for the Marines. Burket also hit a two-run homer.

Tournament results last week included:

**April 16** – Marines def. Bravo 26-0, National Guard won by forfeit over HHC 59th and Headquarters & Alpha won by forfeit over 326th Chemical.

**April 17** – NCO Academy won by forfeit over Charlie, National Guard def. Marines 17-14 and HHC 59th def. Bravo 19-18.

**April 19** – Headquarters & Alpha def. NCO Academy 14-3 and 326th Chemical won by forfeit over Charlie.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SLUGGER**— Marines shortstop Sean Newsom hits two two-run homers in a losing cause against the National Guard.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GOOD NIGHT**— National Guard player/coach Rodney Henshaw talks strategy with his right-center Jelvon Young after beating the Marines.



## 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. Runner check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. and the race at 8.

Registration continues through Friday 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 events leading to the Health Fair, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redstone Fitness Center. Crestwood Medical Center is involved in the fair which will include dietitians and screenings for cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, bone density, and other valuable health information. Carrabba'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.

# Egyptian student likes greenery

Walking in Memphis proved memorable for an international military student.

Maj. Mohamed Shehata of Egypt attended the TMDE Maintenance Specialist Course from last July 31 through April 20. He went on many trips to area attractions with the International Military Student Office.

"The memorable thing is the amazing green color of all of the nature that I saw. The most memorable place I visited was Memphis, Tenn.," he said. "I will not forget this trip to Memphis which I consider the most wonderful city I visited here."



Maj. Mohamed Shehata

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## Touchy subject

Sgt. 1st Class Boulbaba Elkamel of Tunisia picks up a horseshoe crab at one of the touch tanks at the Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies in Gatlinburg, Tenn., while an interested youngster looks on. The International Military Student Office took 17 international students to the Mayfield Dairy in Athens, Tenn., Lost Sea in Sweetwater, and the aquarium April 14-15. Students were from Egypt, Greece, Bulgaria, El Salvador, Tunisia, India, Guyana, Japan, Korea and the Philippines.



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## International graduate

Andrew Browning presents a diploma to Maj. Muhammad Naeem of Pakistan at the Instructor Training Course graduation April 13.

# Iraqi war veteran brings strategic changes

*Major joins leadership team at Fox Army Health Center*

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Maj. Steven Hankins has his marching orders.

And, those orders, directly from Col. Mark H. Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center, call for making some changes at North Alabama's only military-based primary medical care facility.

Hankins reported for duty at Fox about a month ago, taking on a "triple hat" assignment. He is both the chief of Managed Care Division (Tricare), and chief of Plans and Operations at Fox, where he is responsible for the administration of healthcare delivery to 33,500 eligible beneficiaries at Redstone Arsenal and throughout the Tennessee Valley region.

Thirdly, Hankins is interim deputy commander of Administration at Fox, a position he will hold until midsummer when Lt. Col. Emery Fehl, currently at Fort Benning, Ga., reports for duty.

"It's not hard to combine the three jobs," Hankins said. "A lot of the Operations job and Managed Care job fall under the deputy commander of Administration. It's all about working efficiently with peo-

ple, using time management skills and empowering folks in administration who love to do their job."

Besides, after returning from Iraq, this highly decorated Soldier (Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal, among many others) was up to a new challenge, and the chance to work for Smith.

"I worked with Col. Smith in Iraq when I was a member of the Multi-National Force," Hankins said. "We interfaced for patient care activities and things like that. I wanted to work for him."

While in Iraq, Hankins was chief of Medical Operations and Health Policy, and senior medical liaison to the State Department. In that position, he was responsible for the development and implementation of medical requirements and plans needed to support combat operations in theater. He was also responsible for the development of health policy and medical capacity within the Iraqi medical system.

"I worked with the State Department in establishing plans and procedures for improving health care for the civilian Iraqi population," Hankins said. "I was developing strategy plans for the Ministry of Health. I was doing analysis on the current state of health care in Iraq, and working with the military and State Department to improve the nation's health care. I



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**REVIEWING PLANS—** Maj. Steven Hankins talks with Barbara Williford, left, chief of Clinical Support at Fox Army Health Center, and Capt. Carly Skarphol, chief of Preventive Medicine at Fox. He transferred to Fox about a month ago to serve as the chief of Managed Care Division, and chief of Plans and Operations. He is also serving as the interim deputy commander of Administration.

visited hospitals and clinics throughout Iraq."

Although their physicians are well trained, Hankins said the Iraqi medical system and its facilities can be compared to the health care found in second- and

third-world countries. An improved health care system is essential to maintaining a socialist system in the country's new government, he said.

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“Part of the process of defeating the insurgency is to gain the trust and goodwill of the people,” Hankins said. “One of the ways to do that is to provide good medical care for the people.”

Hankins left a strategic plan for Iraqi health care with the Ministry of Health before he left his post. It calls for a functional realignment of the logistics system that makes corruption more difficult and holds officials accountable. But, he has doubts as to when it will be implemented.

“I don’t have a lot of confidence that they are really moving forward at this time with the plan,” he said.

“It is extremely difficult to move forward and get things done when you are at war. Right now, security is the number one concern. Everything else is secondary when you are worried about living and dying every day. But, once the country is at peace, medical care will quickly bubble up to the top as a major need, and the government needs to know how they will respond when that happens. How will the government care for the medical needs of the people?”

The experience Hankins had in Iraq transfers well to his new position in implementing changes at Fox that will make the facility’s policies and services more responsive to the medical needs of Tricare patients in North Alabama.

Since 1994, Hankins’ military career has included positions with a lot of administrative responsibilities. He first served as a medical platoon leader and company executive officer for the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga., where he was the health care administrator for a 45-man unit responsible for providing health care to about 800 members of the 69th Armor Regiment.

Other Army assignments have included serving as the battalion adjutant and operations officer for the 485 Soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division; serving as the senior medical consultant and brigade surgeon for the Fifth Armored Brigade in Fort Carson, Colo., where he mentored 91 Reserve component units in 17 states; serving as the medical company commander for the Second Infantry Division at Camp Hovey, South Korea; serving as deputy director of the Army’s Medical Department Battle Lab at San Antonio, Texas; and serving as chief of hospital operations and clinical services at Keller Army Community Hospital at West Point, where he was responsible for the administration of health care delivery to 22,500

beneficiaries at West Point Military Reservation, Stewart Army Airfield, Fort Devens, Tobyhanna Army Depot, Picatinny Arsenal and Natick Laboratory.

Hankins has a bachelor’s degree in biology and chemistry from Benedictine College and a master’s degree from Baylor University in healthcare administration. A “military brat” who claims the

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Fox Army Health Center

South in general as his home, Hankins was a biology teacher, and wrestling and football coach at an Atlanta high school before joining the Army.

When Hankins first learned he was being assigned to Fox, he called the local Tricare office to find out where his two children, who are both handicapped, would need to go to get specialty medical care. The call ended up being a test run of what he would face as an administrator at Fox.

“I didn’t get the answers I wanted up front,” Hankins remembers of that phone call. “There are issues with communicating effectively with the beneficiary population.”

But, even with improved communications, it won’t be easy to change the current situation where Tricare patients must drive two hours for some types of specialty care.

“Tricare can’t make you drive out of the 60-minute drive time limit if there is specialty care here,” he said. “The problem here is there are a few specialties that don’t have physicians in town. There is a high need for pediatric subspecialties. So, we do the next best thing of sending patients to Birmingham or Nashville until there are providers here who can help them.”

But, there are other ways Hankins hopes to affect change. He wants to work with Humana Military Healthcare Services, which manages local Tricare services, and the local hospitals in partnerships to recruit more physician specialists so all

Tricare patients can be treated within that 60-mile drive time. He hopes to build on the medical services already offered here and to improve the offerings at Fox for all Tricare patients.

“We want to make sure our patients are served the best in every way,” Hankins said. “We have a top medical facility downtown in terms of the critical care element. When we do have to send a Tricare patient out of the area, we want to make sure we send them to the best.”

Recently, Hankins and Smith were involved in a Strategic Planning Conference at Fox that involved about 50 of the medical center’s 200 employees.

“We got buy-in from everybody during the conference,” Hankins said. “It was designed to bring everybody together to, number one, understand the mission and vision of the facility and, number two, to embrace that mission and vision and to carry it back to other employees and to patients.”

That mission – to deliver primary care with excellence – and vision – making a fundamental shift in how business is done at Fox – are what Hankins and Smith keep in mind each day.

“Fox has been in a react mode with how it’s treating health care in this community,” Hankins said.

“There’s been a lot of downsizing, a lot of budget cuts, a lot of decisions that have disenfranchised patients and employees during the last five to 10 years. From an employee standpoint, they’ve never been able to get their feet up under themselves enough to even be able to function in the state of chaos that’s been here. It’s hard to be focused on delivering primary care as best you can if you are constantly worried about whether you’ll have a job next week.”

Strategic plans in the corporate world are often planned out five years ahead with those plans revisited every one or two years. But, in the military arena, new strategic plans are required every year based on appropriations.

“That situation really compresses the ability to make fundamental changes at the medical treatment facility level,” Hankins said. “But, now, we know Col. Smith has about two and a half years here. We have to put a system in place for stability.”

For Fox to stem the tide of future budget cuts and to grow in its services and budget, it will have to grow its patient base and number of patient visits, he said. Additional funding through the Army’s Medical Command is available for medical facilities that exceed annual patient service expectations.

“We want to maximize the facility without overloading the facility,” Hankins said. “The worst thing we could do is not be able to serve the population in the way they want to be served.”

In the case of military retirees, who are being invited back on post as patients at Fox, Hankins said it is important they get the best treatment possible, even if that means going somewhere other than Fox for that treatment.

“We are not going to turn anyone away, even if they have a complex medical situation,” Hankins said. “But, at the same time, we want to make sure this is the best place for them to get the treatment they need. There are some complex medical issues that we just can’t help with what we have here.”

Five focus areas for change were identified during the Strategic Planning Conference. Those areas are: providing full service primary care with excellence; maximizing internal and external communications; empowering patients to take back control of their health care; achieving total satisfaction from employees and patients with services offered; and achieving military and organizational readiness through training and further education.

The bottom line is, Hankins said “the employee voice is going to be heard, the patient voice is going to be heard. Fox Army Health Center must be the number one place our employees want to work and Fox Army Health Center must be the health care facility of choice amongst our community.”

Hankins knows the employees at Fox are committed to their jobs and have been despite problems with leadership.

“Now, there is significant leadership here,” Hankins said. “The employees want direction and guidance. I believe we will achieve great things now that we have a commander and command team here that is committed to doing just that.”



## Sports & Recreation

### Football camp

Seattle Seahawks offensive lineman Walter Jones will present his third annual football camp, for ages 8-18, May 26 at his estate at 2699 Jeff Road in Harvest. Pre-registration is April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dick's Sporting Goods, 6275 University Drive. The Walter Jones Foundation will also present a camp June 30 at Aliceville High School, with pre-registration June 2 from 10-2 at the school. For more information, call Karen (281) 788-6405.

### Military golf

Felix Milar Active Duty Post Championship Tournament for the active duty post championship is May 18-20 at the Links at Redstone. That Friday is the unit-level team competition, part of the intramural leagues and Commander's Cup; and Saturday and Sunday is the individual Post Championship competition. This event is free. Greens fees, cards, lunch and drinks are provided. Deadline to enter is May 8. Call 842-2574.

### Stars military discount

The Huntsville Stars baseball team offers a military discount for all Sunday through Thursday home games. Active duty or

retired military personnel showing their military ID at the Joe Davis Stadium ticket office or windows receive half price lower box, upper reserve or general admission tickets for all Sunday-Thursday regular season home games. The Stars will have its Armed Forces Day Celebration on May 19 at 2:05 p.m. at Joe Davis Stadium. The organization will hand out camouflage baseballs.

### Armed Forces salute

Mark your calendars to attend the annual Civilian Welfare Fund Council's Team Redstone Salute to the Armed Forces baseball game at Joe Davis Stadium on May 19. The Huntsville Stars will take on the West Tenn Diamond Jaxx. Doors open at noon and the game starts at 2:05. There will be military displays in front of the stadium before the game, and many other special events. A souvenir baseball will be given to the first 2,000 people inside the gate. General Admission tickets are free. Your free ticket may be upgraded for up to a \$5 credit per person on upper or lower box seats for this game only. Free tickets are being distributed to several locations on the Arsenal such as the Post Exchange, Post Restaurants in the Sparkman Center, and buildings 5400 and 4488. You can also contact your CWFC representative to obtain free tickets in or near your office. You can find your representative in the CWFC link on the AMCOM home page.

### Skills competitions

Boys and girls, ages 8-13, are invited to the U.S. Junior Olympic Skills Competitions, a free national athletic program. The following competitions are registering now: basketball this Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148; and soccer May 5 at 2 p.m. at the CYS Sports Complex on Goss Road. For more information, call 313-3699 or visit [www.jrolympicskills.com](http://www.jrolympicskills.com).

### 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.

### 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](mailto:heroes@alagames.com). Correspondence

should be done via e-mail. 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.

### 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.



## Conferences & Meetings

### 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,

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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](http://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.test-week.org](http://www.test-week.org), where you can pull off a preliminary agenda, registration form, exhibitor registration form, and floor plan. The conference is also in TIP, Catalog F73TW. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

## Officer association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Jeffrey W. Bennett, astronomer, teacher and writer, will be the speaker. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows, are invited. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burtram 325-1938.

## Logistics seminar

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics joins forces with the Defense Acquisition University South and the Logistics Support Activity to bring you their annual Logistics Seminar on May 15-16 at the Trinity Community Development Center at 607 Airport Road. Attendance is limited and seats are going fast, but there is still time to register. Log on to [www.asi-hsv.com/sole](http://www.asi-hsv.com/sole) and download the registra-

tion form. Fill it out and fax it to Cheryl Baker 876-4471. For more information, call Mike Murphy 842-7753.

## Trade show

The 2007 GSA International Expo is May 15-17 in Orlando, Fla. This free training conference and trade show is designed for procurement and program professionals. Training will be available on topics such as government contract law, performance based acquisition, strategic sourcing and other procurement-related courses. All classes grant Continuous Learning Points.

Admission is free. For more information and to register, call 1-888-272-5565 or visit web site [www.expo.gsa.gov](http://www.expo.gsa.gov).

## Family rights

The Alabama Family Rights Association meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Firefighters Union Hall, 2606 Artie St. southwest. This non-profit organization supports non-custodial parents as well as rights of children and grandparents. For information call Bill Baker 533-7234.

## Fleet reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565,



Photo by Sgt. Ellamar Trapp

## Repeat after me

**Staff Sgt. Derrick Dodds, left, and Staff Sgt. James Horrocks repeat the reenlistment oath following the lead of Col. Jose Enriquez, commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, during a reenlistment ceremony April 11. Dodds and Horrocks are with the 73rd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, at Fort Gordon, Ga. Both NCOs are promotable and currently attending the NCO Academy's Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course at Redstone which is why Enriquez had the opportunity to reenlist two Soldiers from his Fort Gordon battalion. Horrocks is the 59th Ordnance Brigade 2007 Drill Sergeant of the Year and is stationed at Gordon with B Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion; and Dodds is an Avionics and Survivability Equipment Repair instructor assigned to Headquarters & A Company, 73rd.**

Exit 3. For information call Gene Aittala 773-6283 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

## 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](mailto:Angie.Cornelius@us.army.mil).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cpurifoy@bellsouth.net).



## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

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

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## 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](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

## Surplus sales

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

## Thrift shop

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

are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. The shop is accepting spring and summer items. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The shop will be open Saturday, May 5 from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

## Water cooler refills

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

## Computer classes

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

## Chapel services

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

## Green to gold

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

## Lateral entry

If you are qualified prior service or a member of the National Guard or Reserve and wish to become an officer, the University of Illinois Army ROTC Lateral Entry Program may be for you. The Lateral Entry Program allows eligible students to contract into the Reserve Officer Training Corps as cadets when they are academic juniors, seniors or graduate students with four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation. For more information call toll-free (877) 863-4768, e-mail [arotc@uiuc.edu](mailto: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.

## 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](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

## 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.

## Bone density screenings

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

## Senior service college

This announcement is directed to civilian Acquisition Corps members who occupy positions within the Army in grades GS-14 and 15 or equivalent grades within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System. Employees interested in applying for the Senior Service College Fellowship Program oppor-

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tunities 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 today 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 can be purchased at the doort. For more information, call 830-2582.

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## Jailhouse rocks

Sgt. Maj. Derek Kelley of 59th Ordnance Brigade does time for the Munitions Training Department "Prison Break" fund-raiser Thursday. For \$1 a minute, you could have the Soldier of your choice kept in the makeshift cell across the street from the school. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will help finance the Ordnance Ball scheduled May 18 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

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## 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. All master's degree programs are offered online. Those interested should call the administrative office 881-7878 or visit room 4326 in 5304.

## 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 Saturday. 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 [Alabama@bacausa.com](mailto:Alabama@bacausa.com). Or you can call 797-2097 or 417-2522.

## Wellness outreach

Fox Army Health Center and its Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion section will conduct free Blood Pressure and Bone Density screenings today 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 Zakiiyah 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.

## 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 Sharolyne Harbin 379-4082.

## Anxiety screening

To help individuals learn about anxiety disorders, their symptoms and effective treatments, the Mental Health Center of Madison County and the Mental Health Association will hold a free and confidential screening May 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Huntsville Hospital Dowdle Center as part of a national outreach program. The program includes viewing

a video, completing a screening questionnaire, meeting a mental health professional to review the questionnaire and receiving information about various anxiety disorders and mental illnesses. The Dowdle Center is located at the corner of Governors Drive and Gallatin Street.

## Vehicle safety

Vehicle Safety Day will be held today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Commissary. This is conducted by Safety, Fire, Provost Marshal Office and the motorcycle rider coach.

## Arts festival

The annual Panoply Arts Festival is Friday through Sunday at Big Spring International Park. Activities include music, theater, visual arts and dance. The Alabama State Fiddling Championship, along with choreography, playwriting and "Homegrown Talent" competitions combine with artists statewide to celebrate "The Year of Alabama Arts." A weekend Panopass is \$10, a day Panopass is \$5, and kids 12 and under are admitted free. The festival has been held downtown each year since 1982. For more information, call 519-2787 or visit [www.panoply.org](http://www.panoply.org).

## Flying open house

The Flying Activity will hold an open house May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. There will be Mini Flying Lessons with a certified flight instructor for \$30 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. There will also be free food and drinks. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 880-9495.

## Financial workshop

Redstone Federal Credit Union, partnering with Army Community Service, will present "Financial Matters," a sneak preview party about new monthly financial seminars and workshops. This event is May 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. Anyone who lives or works on Redstone Arsenal is invited to this free event. For more information, call Kathleen Riestler at Army Community Service 876-5397. Register online by May 17 at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

## Block party

The Month of the Military Child "Block Party" has been rescheduled for May 5 from 1-4 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call 955-8401 or 876-3704.

## Women's club

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a farewell in honor of Becky Pillsbury, honorary OCWC president, and Gabriel Cannon and Marilyn Phillips, OCWC advisers, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Luncheon choices include: salad, stuffed pork tenderloin, Anna potatoes, and asparagus spears for \$11. Alternative menus

include soup and cobb salad or a hot vegetable plate for \$9. Both meals include rolls/butter, coffee, iced tea, and chocolate dipped sugar cone filled with a fresh strawberry mousse. Reservation and menu choice are required by May 10 to Chris Swart 955-6703.

### Children's show

DreamWeavers will present "Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids" on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Princess Theater in Decatur. There is a Disney extravaganza of old and new songs before and after the show. Ticket prices are \$6 for students and \$10 for adults. For more information, call Bob Wians 351-1115.

### Technology degree

Athens State University's College of Business now offers a minor in aviation management to its bachelor's degree in Management of Technology online. For more information call 800-522-0272, ext. 211.

### Learning center

AMCOM Learning Resource Center courses are open to all of the command's civilian and military personnel. They may apply and read course descriptions in the Training Information Program. Call the training help desk 876-6297 if you have problems with TIP, which is located at [https://tip.redstone.army.mil/tip\\_index.asp](https://tip.redstone.army.mil/tip_index.asp).

### Motorcycle registration

Personnel who would like to obtain a decal for their motorcycle must first complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider training course. The Garrison Safety Office offers this course free of charge with priority to active duty DoD personnel including Reserve and National Guard, current DoD civilians, retired servicemembers, DoD contractors working on Redstone, NASA, and family members of active duty Soldiers. Riders must provide a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement and a street-legal motorcycle that must pass a safety inspection by the instructor. You are required to provide your own DOT approved helmet, eye protection, long sleeve shirt or jacket, long pants, full-fingered gloves and boots or shoes that cover the ankles. Participants must be at least 18 years old and should have ridden more than 1,000 miles on their own

motorcycle. Course is held rain or shine, starts at 9 a.m. with a 30-minute lunch break and ends at approximately 4 p.m. The course is held next to Heiser Hall across from the Bowling Center on Patton Road (Gate 10). Courses are scheduled for May 12, 16 and 22. For more information, contact rider coach Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

### Latin dance

Saborlatino invites everyone to celebrate Cinco De Mayo and the Pre- Mothers Day Dance on Cinco De Mayo, May 5 at 9 p.m. at the American Legion on Drake Avenue. Cost is \$10. Call Saborlatino 783-5756 or DJ Ed 651-9626 to reserve your tables.

### Quarterly retirements

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is scheduled June 21 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are required to participate in one of the quarterly retirement ceremonies. Call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969 to make arrangements for participation. Deadline for signing up to participate is June 1. A Retirement Ceremony is



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## Employee of quarter

Security specialist Sandy Miller has been selected the first Employee of the Quarter for 2007 in the G-2 Intelligence and Security.

also scheduled Sept. 20. "While it may be appropriate to notify your chain of command that you plan to participate in this retirement ceremony, you must notify HHC Garrison (Walker) by the stated deadline in order to participate in this event," a prepared release said.

### Language center

The Huntsville Foreign Language Center's third anniversary ceremony and open house is May 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center, located on Sparkman Drive, Executive Plaza, Suite 822.

### Resource managers' picnic

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers will have its annual picnic/membership meeting May 10 at 11 a.m. at the NASA picnic area. Meal includes chicken, cole slaw, beans, potato salad, bread and drink. Cost is members \$3 and non-members \$5. The event will include bingo and a cake walk. Make your reservations no later than May 2 by calling Jessica Dunaway 955-2405 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

### Garage sale

The Diane Campbell Recreation Center is once again hosting the postwide garage sale in the Post Exchange parking lot May 5 from 8 a.m. to noon. Spaces are on sale for \$7. No vendors allowed. For more information, call 876-4531.

# Rocket Announcements

### Customer appreciation

Stop by the MWR Car Wash, on Vincent Drive behind the Shoppette, May 8 and wash your car for free in the "Customer Appreciation Car Wash." Customers washing their cars will also get a choice of one hamburger or two hot dogs, with chips and a drink. There is a 10-minute limit on all vehicles. This event is open to the Redstone community. For more information, call 955-7728 or 955-7727.

### Marine task force

The Semper Fi Community Task Force of Northern Alabama is a new organization comprised of current, former, retired, reserve and future Marines. The Task Force was organized to serve the local community and to help veterans in positive ways. Some of the local organizations the Task Force has joined forces with are the Marine Corps League, the Alabama Marine Moms, and the American Red Cross and Still Serving Veterans. An Inaugural Rally is scheduled May 4 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the new Raytheon Building, 401 Jan Davis Drive off Old Madison Pike Road in Cummings Research Park. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to attend and enjoy the company of fellow Marines volunteering to make an impact on the community. Refreshments will be furnished. For more information, call Mike Dahl 684-7235 or visit the web site [www.semperfi.org](http://www.semperfi.org).

# ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
<b>AS OF 19 Apr 07</b>																			
<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																			
SCBK07875446	Prqg Mgmt Spec	25-Apr-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07875446D	Prqg Mgmt Spec	25-Apr-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07922877	Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Apr-07	SMDC	GS-0346	11	11	53,362 - 69,373		X										
SCBK07948167	Lead Contract Spec	25-Apr-07	AMCOM, Acq Supp Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	66,951 - 87,039						X		X	X			
SCBK07947817	Quality Assurance Spec	26-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DE-1910	3	3	48,570 - 83,148	X	X										
SCBK07897462	Security Spec	26-Apr-07	AMCOM, G3(Operations)	GS-0800	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X						X	X			X
SCBK07825661	IT Spec (Network)	26-Apr-07	USADTC	GS-2210	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X										
SCBK07973298	Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Apr-07	AMCOM, G3(Operations)	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148			X			X		X	X			
SCBK07761574R	Contract Spec	26-Apr-07	USADTC	GS-1102	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X										
SCNAFBK0726	Recreation Aid	26-Apr-07	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.15 - 10.63	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07973484	Human Resources Tech (Classification/OA)	27-Apr-07	SCCPOC	YB-0203	1	2	18,892 - 63,139		X		X				X	X			X
SCBK07968476	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Apr-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X										
SCBK07940139	Aerospace Engr	27-Apr-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	2	29,108 - 69,373	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK078788973	Supv Contract Spec	29-Apr-07	AMCOM, Acq Supp Ctr	YC-1102	3	3	79,115 - 127,031							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
SCBK07945266	Casualty & Mortuary Affairs Assistant	30-Apr-07	GARRISON	GS-0303	7	7	36,057 - 46,874		X										
SCBK07943299	Engrng Tech	30-Apr-07	AMCOM, TMDE Actvy	GS-0802	9	11/12	44,104 - 83,148		X										
SCBK07920511	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Apr-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	89,875 - 137,434				X								
SCBK07920511D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Apr-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07934805	Budget Analyst	30-Apr-07	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0560	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X										
SCBK07970935	Oil Analysis Assistant (OA)	30-Apr-07	LOGSA	GS-0303	7	7	36,057 - 46,874	X	X										
SCBK07878963R	Materials Handler (Forklift Oper)	1-May-07	GARRISON	WG-6907	7	7	15.93 - 19.56						X		X	X			X
SCBK07959725	Aerospace Engr	1-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
SCBK07959725D	Aerospace Engr	1-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07968116	Secretary (OA)	1-May-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NK-0318	3	3	39,932 - 63,139	X	X										
SCBK07905050	Trng Spec	2-May-07	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	53,362 - 69,373	X	X	X					X				X
SCBK07954956	Supp Assistant (OA)	2-May-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NK-0303	2	2	29,108 - 46,874	X	X										
SCBK07921667	Oper Research Analyst	2-May-07	AMCOM, Cost Analysis Div	GS-1515	13	13	76,056 - 98,876						X		X	X			X
SCBK07921667D	Oper Research Analyst	2-May-07	AMCOM, Cost Analysis Div	GS-1515	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07955394	General Engr	2-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
SCBK07955394D	General Engr	2-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07981803	Supv Human Resource Spec (HR Development)	2-May-07	South Central Area, HRDD	YC-0201	2	2	63,958 - 116,835						X		X	X			X
SCBK07867486	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-May-07	SMDC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X										
SCBK07946320	Electronics Engr	16-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK07946320D	Electronics Engr	16-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07928873	Supv Aerospace Engr	17-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK07928873D	Supv Aerospace Engr	17-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07961753	Lead Aerospace Engr	18-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK07961753D	Lead Aerospace Engr	18-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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SCBK07875446D	Prqg Mgmt Spec	25-Apr-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07920511D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Apr-07	IMMC	YC-0346	3	3	89,875 - 137,434	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
SCBK07920511D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Apr-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07959725D	Aerospace Engr	1-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07955394D	General Engr	2-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07921667D	Oper Research Analyst	2-May-07	AMCOM, Cost Analysis Div	GS-1515	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07946320D	Electronics Engr	16-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07928873D	Supv Aerospace Engr	17-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07961753D	Lead Aerospace Engr	18-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

**A** - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.

**B** - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).

**C** - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).

**D** - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)

**E** - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)

**F** - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)

**H** - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)

**I** - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)

**R** - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)

**T** - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)

**V** - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).

**U** - All U.S. citizens

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

**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](http://www.redstonemwr.com) or you may telephone 876-7772.

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