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Boot camp for contract specialists

Idea of intense training applied to intern program

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There's a new boot camp on Redstone Arsenal. But, it's not for Army privates. And, its students don't wear Army green or carry weapons.

Rather, the interns reporting for this boot camp are dressed in business attire. Some carry briefcases or notebooks. All are armed with computer skills, various bits of business and contracting knowledge, and an eagerness to learn the world of government contracting.

In its inaugural class, the Acquisition Center University's Intern Boot Camp is offering contract specialist interns the opportunity to learn the complex and demanding field of government contracting at an accelerated pace that's new to the Acquisition Center.

"As we assess these new interns, they are on a more accelerated career development plan than in the past," Col. Tom Kallam, deputy executive director of the Acquisition Center, said.

"We are increasing their responsibility sooner. We need to get them up to speed as quickly as we can. It's more important today than it ever has been to have multi-functional background and experience. We need to quickly augment that background and experience with formal training. We can't do it with just on-the-job training."

About a year ago, the Acquisition Center started developing the boot camp concept of training. It is designed to prepare interns for the nine-week Army Acquisition Basic Course, which addresses legal and regulatory policies, and objectives that shape the acquisition process, and the implementation of these policies and objectives by the Army. It is also designed to prepare interns for a long-term career as a contracting officer.

"First, it's a fast track to get them ready to compete," Marlene Cruze, executive director of the Acquisition Center, said. "The basics course is very tough, very competitive. We've had an outstanding intern graduate in a past class. We are expecting to get the highest intern graduate out of an upcoming class."

"But, we also are doing this because we are losing a lot of senior people to retirement. As these people are leaving, we need to fill the intellectual gap as quickly as possible and the way to do that is through intensive training."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

ACQUISITION FUNDAMENTALS— Bill Ammons of the Defense Contract Management Agency, left, reviews government contracting concepts involving the closing of contracts with Acquisition Center interns, from left, Scott Cowart, Oksana Joye (seated), Constance Reedus and Rhonda Goolsby (seated). Once they complete the Acquisition Center University's Intern Boot Camp, the interns will be better prepared to manage government contracts and to complete the competitive Army Acquisition Basic Course.

The first boot camp includes 36 contract specialist interns who are in their first year of work at the Acquisition Center. Topics during the three-week course provide a broad spectrum of acquisition knowledge of AMCOM LCMC processes and procedures, including contract law, negotiation overview, acquisition planning, major item overview of aviation and missile contracting, and spares contracting.

"We are growing our future contracting officers," Kallam said. "It takes four or five years to grow a contract specialist into a contracting officer. That process begins with a good grounding in the rules, regulations and fundamentals of contracting."

The boot camp provides a lot of "cradle to grave" details about contracting, said Dennis Lowery, interim dean of the Acquisition Center University.

"It starts with contract requirements, continues through the entire contracting process and ends with contract closings," Lowery said. "We're trying to provide enough information to get these interns on the right foot with Army Acquisition concepts, policies and procedures. We are actually covering

more than acquisition. The interns also learn about program planning, technical requirements, life cycle management and other concepts."

Most of the interns have college educations in fields such as economics, accounting, business management and finance. But, they have little understanding of the complexity of government contracting.

"They have an introductory level of understanding," Lowery said.

In the past, introductory training "has been marginal at best," said Charles Urban, operations dean of the Acquisition Center University. "In years past, training consisted of reading the standard operating procedure and then learning by trial and error. Now, we're taking training very seriously and providing a structured learning environment to bring these interns up to the level needed to write and manage good government contracts."

Besides Aviation and Missile Command's standard operating procedures, interns also must be familiar with 53 sections of federal

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What are your Mother's Day thoughts?

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*Diane Claxton
Logistics Support Activity*
"Mothers are very special. My mother's been dead almost three years. So Mother's Day is a difficult time for someone that's lost their mother. But I think children should stop and take time to honor their mother on Mother's Day."

*Linda Caswell
Logistics Support Activity*
"I think Mother's Day is a special day to remember those that are close to you. It's a day to bring families closer together, and to cook special recipes that your children like, and talk about the good old days. And to remind your children to remember their grandparents. I lost my mother last Memorial Day. And she was very special to all of us - all of our family. She was the last of her brothers and sisters, so that made her death special to all of the cousins."



*Bob Martin
Acquisition Center*
"It's a very good day. It honors somebody that's very important in my life, and in most people's (lives). And face it, without them we wouldn't be here."



*Wilbert Brownlow
Resource Management*
"It's probably one of the greatest days. It's a great day to be beside your mother. It's one of the greatest days besides Easter and Christmas. It's greater than a birthday, to me. And I'm glad I have a great mother. It's great to have a living mother. And I wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day."



Adopt cause for children

Sometimes you see or hear something that grabs your heart and pulls on its' strings so tightly that you can't untie it. Early on Easter Sunday morning, I awoke suddenly around 6 a.m., which is extremely unusual for me since I'm not a morning person. I turned on the TV and CNN was showing a story about the orphaned children of Iraq whose parents had been killed in the war. I saw the faces of those children, who now aimlessly wander the streets and villages of Iraq, starving and alone, begging for food. My soul was stirred when I watched a teenage boy drowning in his tears because his entire family had been killed and he was caught in a desperate, lonely struggle, just to remain alive! The reporter told about how these young orphans often turn to crime or prostitution in order to feed themselves. I cried for them, and with them, and afterward I felt totally drained emotionally and physically.

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Tomorrow's leaders tour base

Forty members of the Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders organization, along with the AMCOM chief of staff Col. Tom Newman, traveled to Tullahoma, Tenn., to tour the Arnold Air Force Base on April 25. The tour began at 9:15 a.m. and started with a video presentation about AAFB/Arnold Engineering Development Center. We then traveled throughout the base and toured the center's major facilities. The staff ride took approximately three hours and was very informative. Arnold Engineering Development Center is the most advanced and largest complex of flight simulation test facilities in the world. The center operates 58 aerodynamic and propulsion wind tunnels, rocket and turbine engine test cells, space environmental chambers, arc heaters, ballistic ranges and other specialized units. Twenty-seven of the center's test units have capabilities unmatched elsewhere in the United States; 14 are unique in the world. The Arnold Engineering Development Center is an Air Force Materiel Command organization and an important national resource.

The commitment by AAFB to provide the best products and services to the war fighter was evident and reflected positively upon the escort and the entire AAFB staff. This was a wonderful opportunity for the SCEP, interns and fellows of Army Materiel Command to see firsthand the dedication and devotion that each and every worker puts forth to assure that everything possible is done to accomplish the mission at hand. Real life examples of these initiatives are invaluable training opportunities that can only be attained at a location like AAFB. The staff ride participants are the future work force of AMC and with proper exposure to constructive and leading edge initiatives will promote the necessity to strive for greater efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects of our mission.

Rasheba Kincey
TACL Staff Ride chair

Getting to know you

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Name: Lt. Col. Meg Foreman
Job: Deputy staff judge advocate, AMCOM Legal Office
Where do you call home? Washington, D.C.

What do you like about your job?
I have the best captains in the U.S. Army, and great civilians. Great people. The JAG always attracts great people - hands down. Redstone is no exception.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Running. I am registered to run my fifth Army Ten-Miler this October and have run two Marine Corps Marathons. I have a 2007 Ford Shelby GT500 that I dedicate a lot of time to maintaining. I like to shoot (with a pistol), go to the range and shoot. I love anything on the water. I go home to D.C. a lot. I like to hang out with my dog (Mozart), he's a Labrador retriever so he likes to fetch.

What are your goals?
To be happy. Continuing doing what I love for as long as I can. I love being a Soldier, I want to do that as long as I can.

What's your favorite type of music?
Country. I love Toby Keith.

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Quote of the week

'It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling.'
- Mark Twain

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Local Marine dies in combat in Iraq

Hundreds attend funeral for son of city fire chief

The local chapter of the Patriot Guard Riders, Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville city officials, Huntsville firefighters and hundreds of local residents paid their respects Thursday to a fallen Marine whose dedication and commitment to serving his nation is a symbol of the sacrifices all military personnel and their families are making in the Global War on Terrorism.

Lance Cpl. Adam Loggins, son of Huntsville Fire Chief Danny Loggins, died April 26 from wounds sustained in combat operations in the Al-Anbar province of Iraq. He was a machine-gunner assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Loggins, 27, joined the Marines in January 2006. He and his brother, Army Pfc Josh Loggins, decided to join the military after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. They joined knowing they would face danger.

Loggins was deployed to Iraq in January for a seven-month tour. He was promoted from private first class to lance corporal Feb. 2. He had been awarded the Terrorism Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

The funeral with full military honors was held at Mayfair Church of Christ, with burial at Maple Hill Cemetery. A Marine honor guard in dress uniform served as pallbearers. The Patriot Guard Riders, holding U.S. flags, lined the entrance to the church and the cemetery lane leading to the gravesite. The procession to the cemetery included fire trucks and other emergency vehicles. A 21-gun salute and a bugler's taps were part of the graveside service. The U.S. flag draped over Loggins' casket was given to his mother, Becky Loggins.

Besides his parents and brother, Loggins' immediate family includes sister Amber Loggins and her fiancé, David Godwin of Athens; maternal grandmother, Mildred Collins of Huntsville; and fiancé Brandy Heath of Athens. Loggins was a graduate of East Limestone High School.

Redstone Arsenal was represented at the funeral by chief of staff Col. Tom Newman and Becky Pillsbury, wife of post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, who was unable to attend because he was out of town on Army business.

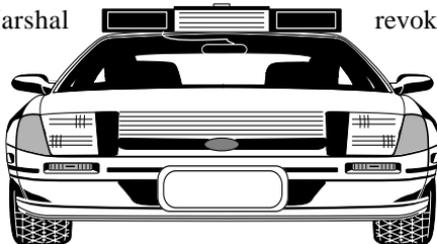
News of Loggins' death came on the same day three Marine reservists from Battery K, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines in Huntsville returned home from a nearly yearlong deployment in the Al-Anbar province. They were among a group of nine Marine reservists who have all recently returned from deployments.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

April 27: Redstone Police were notified by Huntsville Police about a hit-and-run vehicle that was possibly in this area and may be in possession of a weapon. The subject was located and stopped. A search of the vehicle revealed no weapon, but the subject was in possession of several forged documents. The subject was processed by Redstone Police and released. The investigation continues by Redstone and Huntsville Police Departments.

April 28: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a



revoked driver's license after stopping at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

May 2: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license after stopping at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 13 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired tag, 2 driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, 2 inattentive driving, 1 expired driver's license, 4 cell phone violation, 2 seatbelt violation.

Tree City celebrates with young generation

Arbor Day event plants seeds for future growth

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Singing songs about loving trees and trees that grow tall, a group of preschoolers from the Child Development Center were a gentle reminder to adults at the Arbor Day Celebration on May 2 that planting trees are a good way to celebrate the hope of future generations.

“Isn’t it important to plant new trees and see them grow like you?” Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer asked the children during the celebration.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

LOFTY DISTINCTION— Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski and Michelle Cole, Tree City USA coordinator for the State of Alabama, unfold the Tree City USA banner before posting it on a flagpole in front of the Visitor’s Center. The Arsenal, along with the City of Huntsville, has been named a Tree City USA by the national Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of local conservation efforts.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SMOKEY, WE LOVE YOU— Kyara Rivera, a preschooler at the Child Development Center, gives Smokey the Bear a big hug as fellow CDC preschoolers Devin Steen, left, and Kederreon Hinton aim for a handshake from the big bear. Smokey delighted the CDC children by making a surprise visit at the Arbor Day Celebration at the Visitor’s Center. He reminded the children not to play with fire in the woods, and to take care of their trees and other natural resources.

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Also addressing his comments to the children, Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski asked them, "Do you know what a tree is? When I was a kid, no one taught me about trees. I'm glad someone is teaching you."

Olshefski said 10 trees should be planted for every one tree knocked down by construction or cut down for paper or for the wrong reasons.

"We need trees so we can keep a clean environment, so we can breathe better, and so our city and area look better," he told the children, and the group of city, state and Arsenal officials, and Arsenal employees attending the celebration.

Besides the children's musical program, the Arbor Day Celebration included a visit from Smokey the Bear, free tree saplings for all visitors and a planting of a sugar maple tree outside the Visitor's Center. But, the highlight of the celebration came with the unveiling and posting of a Tree City USA banner presented by Michelle Cole, the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA coordinator for the State of Alabama.

"These banners show that the city and its residents value natural resources," Cole said.

Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal are among about 80 tree cities in Alabama, Cole said. The first one was Mobile in 1979. The largest one is Birmingham. Huntsville has been a Tree City USA for 15 years and Redstone Arsenal has been a Tree City USA for eight years.

The Tree City USA banner was hung on a flagpole in front of the Visitor's Center.

"We're very proud to be a Tree City USA," Olshefski said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HELPING PLANT TREE— CDC preschooler Chloe Puhalovic helps Marc Byers, urban forester for the City of Huntsville, shovel dirt around a sugar maple planted outside the Visitor's Center. After the Arbor Day Celebration's "official" planting ceremony by Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski and Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, several of the CDC preschoolers helped pitch in additional dirt around the tree. Waiting for their turns with the shovel are, from left, Kristine Osharo, Joshua Huddleston, Rory Smith and Amanda Peterson. In the background is post forester Jesse Horton of the Environmental Management Directorate.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FREE CHOICE— Stewart Chen of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center selects a water oak sapling to plant in his yard. Tree saplings were given away free at the Visitor's Center following the Arbor Day Celebration. Other saplings available were white oak, cherry bark oak, yellow (tulip) poplar, willow oak and river birch.

Reaching out to children of deployed Soldiers



Photo by Kari Hawkins

POOLING RESOURCES— MWR's school liaison officer Dewayne Baldwin looks over resources available through MWR for children and families of deployed Soldiers with, from left, ACS's Mary Breeden (standing) and Kathleen Riester, and ACS volunteer Audrey Osterndorf, who works closely with the National Military Family Association. Morale Welfare and Recreation offers many services through Army Community Service and Child and Youth Services to support the children and families of deployed Soldiers.

Community organizations have resources to share

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At first thought, it may seem Dewayne Baldwin, Redstone Arsenal's school liaison officer, would spend a lot of time at Huntsville schools where there is a large population of children from military families.

But, in reality, the opposite is true. While schools like Williams Elementary and Middle School and Columbia High School would seem to be Baldwin's focus, in actuality he spends more time working with students, families and faculties from schools with small numbers of military children.

"Schools with a larger number of military students do a better job with transitions and issues pertaining to military children because they've seen them more and have had more experience with them," Baldwin of Child and Youth Services said.

"But, it's schools in places like Boaz and Arab, or out in the counties, where you may have only one or two students who come from a military family. We have pockets of military in Florence, Cullman and south Tennessee. Those are the schools that need more assistance because they don't deal with issues related to the military as often as schools with larger numbers of military students."

These days, Baldwin has been spending more time working with schools attended by children of deployed National Guard and Reserve Soldiers.

"Those are the families we are really trying to reach out to," he said. "These families and the children from these families find themselves suddenly being military. They are dealing with issues they've never had to deal with before. Their schools are not aware of how to deal with issues of deployment. Hopefully, they will call us."

With the deployment of hundreds of National Guard and reservists from the North Alabama area, Child and Youth Services and Army Community Service have joined forces along with the National Military Family Association to provide a wide variety of resources to families and children of deployed Soldiers.

"We have some wonderful resources for our families as well as to assist the school liaison, youth services and family readiness groups," said Kathleen Riester, Mobilization Deployment and Financial Readiness program manager for ACS.

"We share information with anybody that has a deployed loved one."

Resources at ACS include "Hello Honey," a program that allows families to record a two-minute message and then send it to a deployed Soldier; Army Knowledge Online, an Internet-based service that provides information about Soldiers; Military One Source, which provides information to military families and six free counseling sessions for families or children who are having problems coping with a deployment; and various publications and resource referrals to counselors and other therapeutic services.

Access to these services is not only through ACS but now also through Child and Youth Services in building 1500 and the Youth Center.

"We want to make sure the children of deployed Soldiers and their families are supported and they have easy access to the services we can provide," Baldwin said. "Our resources are now synchronized."

During the school year, children often don't have time to think about a parent's deployment, said Mary Breeden, Relocation Assistance program manager for ACS.

"But, once school is out, they have more free time, and that's when they may think more about a deployment," she said. "When they need resources to help cope, we want to help out as much as we can."

The most important message for these children, Baldwin said, is that they understand they are not alone. Neither are the school counselors who are trying to help the children of deployed Soldiers.

"If a student is going through issues associated with deployment, we can help," Baldwin said.

"For a school counselor, those problems are one of many different things they have to deal with on any given day. But, for us, that is our main focus. They need to get us involved so we can be there to provide the support the child needs."

Baldwin is available also to work with counselors and teachers to help them understand the stages of deployment and their effect on students, and to let them know the resources available to the student through the military. Counselors and other school officials can also attend a variety of seminars and courses to understand issues military children must cope with.

"Understanding the culture of the military family is the first step for a counselor," Breeden said. "This is a mysterious world if you've never been part of it. We want to make sure the schools are equipped to handle issues that might come up with children of deployed Soldiers."

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In the 80-mile radius from Redstone Arsenal, Baldwin has 14 school districts that are home to children of deployed Soldiers. So far, he has developed partnerships with eight of those districts through counselor training. Those districts are: Arab, Boaz, Jackson County, Morgan County, Madison County, Madison City, Huntsville and Lincoln County, Tenn. He wants to expand that to all 14 districts.

“A lot of times, the schools don’t even know the students in their school who are from military families or who have a deployed Soldier,” Baldwin said. “We want counselors to be aware, whether they have a lot of military students or just one or two. We want them to sign a reciprocal agreement to serve the military kids in their schools.”

Children of deployed Soldiers not only have to learn to live with the deployment and through the months of separation, but they also have to prepare themselves for the return of their parent.

“Reintegration of the Soldier has a huge impact. Everyone is anticipating someone coming home and they all have different expectations,” Breeden said. “Reunions are supposed to be a happy time. However, people have changed during the separation, particularly children. They’ve tested boundaries. They’ve

grown up. There is going to be a different child for the Soldier to come home to. There are going to be different conflicts.”

Because so many North Alabama families of deployed Soldiers are geographically separated from Redstone Arsenal, it is often difficult to provide the kinds of services these families need.

“We can only do so much,” Riester said. “We can take it to the next level by at least pointing them in the right direction to get the help they need.”

Children of deployed Soldiers also have access to all school-age and youth services on Redstone Arsenal, including dances, field trips, swimming programs, summer programs and lock-ins. Baldwin said the only requirement is that they register through Morale Welfare and Recreation.

“During the summer, it would be great if families could bring their children onto post so they can be with other military children,” Baldwin said. “When you have children who share something, they can really come together. Children are a great resource for each other. They really rally around each other.”

In addition, the staff at School-Age Services and the Youth Center are trained to provide children with the support they need when they are visiting the facilities.

For more information on how ACS, Child and Youth Services and NMFA can help children of deployed Soldiers and their families, call 876-5397 or 876-7801 or visit the MWR web site at www.redstonemwr.com.

Things to do for Army Emergency Relief



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ON ROLL— Susie Daniel of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment participates in the benefit bowling tournament sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center on May 2 at Redstone Lanes.

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- Watch through May for the AER Online Auction at 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://immcweb.redstone.army.mil/aer/>.

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

- 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.

- A fishing tournament, sponsored by the Engineering Support Division, is Thursday from 6-11 a.m. at the Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. The entry fee is \$10. There will be special prizes for four categories: Most Fish, Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish and Best Fish. In addition, each participant will be entered to win door prizes. Call Reginald Leslie 955-4120.

- A bagel and cream cheese breakfast, sponsored by PEO Aviation, Aviation Systems, is today from 6:30 a.m. until all sold

in front of building 5309. Cost is \$2 per bagel. Call Jo-Ann Rice 313-3742.

- A hot dog and hamburger sale, sponsored by CIO/G-6, is today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5301. There will also be a cake walk. Call Luereen Phillips 876-6942.

- Barbecue lunch plates, sponsored by IMMC, are available Thursday 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.

- Whole smoked pork butts (approximately 6 pounds after cooking) are available to order. Cost is \$30 each. Orders are being accepted until Friday for pickup May 17. Call Jeff Fowler 313-4121 or Kelly Verdin 313-4019.

- 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.

- Cheesecakes baked by Cinn-o-man are being sold by Aviation Missile Equipment Product Office. Order by May 16 from Betty Ewing at betty.ewing@us.army.mil. Eight-inch whole cheesecakes for \$18 each are available in plain, chocolate or turtle (caramel, pecans and chocolate chips). Pick up on May 21 from 7:30-9 a.m. at the building 5309 lobby.

- A barbecue will be held May 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5681. Cost is \$7. RSVP by Thursday. Call Kelly Verdin 313-4019 or Rasheba Kincey 313-4115.

Museum project attains high point

Saturn V center honors nation's space pioneers

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The latest addition to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center is named for former Army engineer Julian Davidson, who prefers to share the spotlight with many others.

A topping out celebration – to recognize when the highest point of a new structure has been erected – was held Thursday for the Davidson Saturn V Center. This is the Saturn V Visitor Complex Intermodal Center, scheduled to open in mid-January.

Davidson, 79, began his career in 1957. He worked with the ballistic missile defense system from 1960-76 and started his own company, Davidson Technologies Inc., in 1996. He had mixed emotions about the recognition. “Embarrassed a little, maybe,” he said. He and his wife, Dorothy, donated \$2 million to this project.

“It’s for all the engineers that



Photo by Skip Vaughn

INTERVIEW— Julian Davidson and his wife, Dorothy, are interviewed by news reporters before the ceremony. They contributed \$2 million to the project.

worked in the early years of the space program and especially on the Saturn,” he said.

The \$21.2 million complex will be two adjoining buildings. The Saturn V building will house the museum’s actual Saturn V rocket, which is currently displayed in sections near a standing replica in the rocket park. That glass-and-metal building alone will be about 475 feet long, 95 feet wide and 65 feet high. The adjoining intermodal build-

ing will house a kitchen, 350-seat auditorium and the ticketing desk. The entire complex will represent 68,200 square feet, with the Saturn V Center totaling just over 42,000 square feet.

The gallery in the Davidson Saturn V Center is the first phase of a U.S. Space & Rocket Center exhibit plan to better showcase NASA and Marshall Space Flight Center contributions to historical, current and future space exploration. Exhibits beneath the Saturn V, which at its lowest point will be 10 feet from the floor, will show the evolution of propulsion and how that technology is being adapted to the Ares rockets.

The Saturn V Restoration Committee raised \$7.6 million for the project, against a \$7.5 million goal. A federal transit authority grant provided \$12.9 million, 20 percent of which the museum had to raise.

Larry Capps, chief executive officer of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and a retired brigadier general who had served as deputy commander of the then Missile Command, addressed the



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TREETOP— Workers place a tree atop the highest point of the Davidson Saturn V Center during Thursday’s topping out ceremony.

crowd at Thursday’s ceremony.

“A lot of the people here in this room have had a lot to do with where we are today,” Capps said.

Turner Universal, which has offices in Huntsville and Nashville, is the manager-agent

for the project. A ground-breaking was held in July 2006. Officials expect to move the Saturn V sections into the building in July – which should take four days – and finish the structure around it. A ribbon-cutting for the complex is planned Jan. 19.

National Security Agency certifies university program

UAH information assurance center cited for academic excellence

University of Alabama-Huntsville’s Center for Information Assurance Education has been named a National Center of Academic Excellence by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.

“This gives us opportunities to apply for government funding for students that

we could not have gotten before,” said center director Debra Moriarity, who is also dean of UAH’s School of Graduate Studies. “We can get awards and grants to fund the students in these programs.”

Because the program meets the requirements for certification, UAH IA students are now eligible to apply for scholarships and grants through both the U.S. Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Program and the Federal Cyber Service Scholarship for

Service Program.

“We can also apply for research funding we could not get otherwise,” said Dr. Jatinder “Jeet” Gupta, UAH’s eminent scholar in management and the business school’s liaison to the center. “In fact, we have a local company that is looking to work with us on a project in information assurance.”

The center is a collaboration between the UAH graduate school and UAH’s colleges of business, engineering and science. The university offers two academic

programs in information assurance, a graduate certificate program in information assurance and cybersecurity through the business school and an M.S.E. in either electrical or computer engineering with a concentration in information assurance engineering.

UAH becomes one of approximately 86 institutions in the U.S. (and the second in Alabama) to receive Center of Excellence certification in information assurance. (UAH release)

Units add 20 Soldiers in month

The Garrison provided the following in-processing list for April. In some cases, Soldiers were already here but transferred to other units at Redstone:

- 1st Lt. Crystal Dawn Fabacher, MEDDAC; Col. Michael James Bonner, Aviation and Missile Command; Col. Daniel Joseph Gallagher, Huntsville; Col. Kennedy Jenkins, PEO IEW&S; Capt. Aaron Cummings, Missile and Space Intelligence Center; Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth Evans, HHC 59th; Maj. Anthony Cassino, Program Executive Office for Aviation; Maj. Marc Dorrer, PEO STRI Orlando; Maj. Larry Sanders, Huntsville; Maj. Marnie Smeenck, Engineer Division;

- Maj. Brian Smith, PEO STRI Orlando; Maj. Camilla Wood, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; Pfc. Stacy Wilson, Garrison; Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Thompson, Aviation and Missile Command; Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Villamilporrata, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Richard Wasson, HHC 59th; Sgt. Adam Heard, MEDDAC; Spc. Alexandria Terry, MEDDAC; Staff Sgt. Jimmy Creech, HHC 59th; and Staff Sgt. Anthony Marvan, HHC 59th.

Relief campaign goes through May 15

Relief

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- 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.

- A music and movie mania sale, sponsored by PM AV-AS, is May 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at building 5309 in front of the cafeteria. Call Jo-Ann Rice 313-3742, Ruthy Gordon 876-3654, Julie Rice 955-9531 and Cathy Knipe 955-0729.

- 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.

An e-mail voice for help

Cause

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I turned off the TV and tried to go back to sleep but their images were seared into my brain. Every time I shut my eyes I would see their tear streaked faces so I decided to pray about it. I asked God to watch over them and protect them. Then I turned over and tried to sleep feeling confident that He would provide for them.

I couldn't get back to sleep though and the image of a large military plane, like a C130, kept coming into my mind with American Soldiers loading these orphans onto it and flying them to safety in the U.S. Something kept gnawing at my heart so I gave up trying to sleep, sat up in my bed, and just quietly asked myself "What is this trying to tell me?"

The small voice that speaks to each of us kept repeating over and over inside me "Do something! Do something!"

I began to recall things I've read about how entire movements for social change have been ignited from the spark within a single person. A movie I saw recently, "Amazing Grace," came to mind, which personifies this vividly. Then my mind switched to the face of someone I spoke to just last week who had introduced me to her two, young, adopted, Chinese, daughters. I began to see the picture coming together in my mind like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. Then, I had one of those exhilarating moments when you suddenly realize that there are no coincidences in life and that things happen, or are revealed to us, for a purpose.

I thought about the fact that I am neither a politician nor a diplomat who can negotiate with the Iraqi government regarding

these children and their condition. I thought about how I have no money to help ease their suffering and how I'm not Angelina Jolie or Madonna who can rescue a foreign child. I thought of all the obstacles first and the more I focused on them the louder the voice inside me became until it was deafeningly shouting "Do something!"

I thought long and hard about what I could do and this is what I came up with. You're reading it right now.

I can be the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. You can be that voice also and together we can form a mighty choir that cannot be silenced!

I can only write this and send it in the hopes that someone, somewhere, will read it, with the political connections to help, or the financial resources, who might feel compelled to help these orphans!

The very day before I saw this newscast, I passed by a local pet store and noticed a large crowd outside waiting in a long line. I asked a man waiting in the crowd if a special sale was going on and he said "No, it's pet adoption day and we're waiting to see the pets that are available for adoption." I waited around and watched as pets of all ages and physical conditions were adopted and taken home.

I left that store thinking how wonderful it would be if people lined up to adopt older children, and special needs children that way.

On Easter Sunday morning, after seeing those abandoned children of Iraq, I remembered that successful pet adoption I'd witnessed just the day before. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could organize a way to airlift these young war victims to shelters here, where loving parents could adopt them? I am an adopted child myself and living proof of a life redeemed by adoption

orphaned or life on the streets.

Is my vision overly idealistic? Perhaps, but I am merely the visionary here, not the facilitator. Someone, somewhere, may read this e-mail and know exactly how to spearhead this effort and who to propose it to. Someone out there can make this a reality! We've all witnessed the power of the Internet!

Regardless of your feelings about the validity of this war, we have a moral obligation to help these children whose lives have been destroyed by the bombs we've dropped, in the very effort to ensure their freedom.

The irony of that cause is that by the time freedom becomes the norm in Iraq, the lives of these starving youngsters will be over. It will be too late for them so we must intervene now!

We can and should rescue these children from the war torn streets and someone out there can make this happen!

It's been said that the most important thing in this life is to help others to win; even if that means that we must slow down and change our own race.

Remember, a candle loses nothing if it is used to light another one! We can all be a candle to light their path to freedom. Please pass this along to everyone in your address book with my hope and prayers that the person who can rescue these orphans will receive it and be called into action.

Leslie Weil

Editor's note: In response to queries, NBC News issued the following statement, "So many viewers have written wanting to open their homes and offer Iraqi children new lives. Unfortunately, Iraqi lawyers, international child care agencies, officials at the U.S. embassy in Baghdad and the U.S. State Department in Washington all tell us adoption is not possible."

Chief of staff hears troop spouses' concerns

Gen. Casey and his wife visit families in Hawaii

By JEREMY BUDDEMEIER
Army News Service

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii — During his whirlwind visit to Hawaii, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey, accompanied by wife, Sheila, addressed the concerns of spouses whose Soldiers are currently deployed.

At Schofield, Gen. and Mrs. Casey met with more than 100 of those spouses in a town hall forum, where he gave a brief presentation of his seven initiatives which seek to balance strategic requirements and resources throughout the Army and to sustain an expeditionary Army at war.

As forthright as Casey was with his initiatives, so too was his audience as they brought their concerns to his attention.

“Do you honestly see the spiraling effect of deployments stopping?” asked one spouse regarding the progressive increase in duration of deployments from six months in 1994 to the current 15 months.

“I can’t guarantee that won’t happen,” Casey said. “The pace will only slow down if the demand for forces goes down.”

Another spouse, whose wife is serving on her second deployment, asked if the reductions in force and base realignment and closures of the 1990s were the reasons for the recent deployment extensions.

“Absolutely,” Casey acknowledged. “People looked at the future and said, ‘It looks pretty good,’” citing reductions in military spending following the Cold War.

Casey stressed the need for ideas from “bureaucracy busters,” to bring about rele-

vant changes in Army policy. He encouraged all at the town hall to become active participants in change.

“We’re currently using a system that was designed for another era, not for an Army that has been at war for five years,” he said.

Sheila Casey recalled one such bureaucracy-busting idea regarding the Montgomery G.I. Bill. A spouse at another installation had recommended altering the bill so the educational benefits could be transferred to a spouse or child, she said.

In addition to benefits and compensation issues, two spouses posed questions about the possibility of awarding higher housing priorities to spouses of deployed Soldiers, and increasing off-post educators’ awareness of the unique needs of military children.

Another spouse wondered why many Soldiers were completing their second or third deployments, yet others had not deployed at all. She wished to know if anything was going to be done to ensure equity and sharing of the burden.

“We need to do a better job of getting everybody into the fight,” Casey acknowledged.

The general also called winning in Iraq a long-term proposition. He said that requires providing a secure enough environment so the Iraqi government can move forward and run itself. He estimated that day is five to 10 years away.

Gen. and Mrs. Casey will continue to tour installations, gathering comments and addressing Soldier and spouse concerns throughout the next month. He intends to begin implementing his seven initiatives beginning in July.

Editor’s note: Jeremy Buddemeier serves as assistant editor for “Hawaii Army Weekly.”



Courtesy photo

ARMY FAMILY— Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George Casey meets with more than 100 Army spouses on a recent visit to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Leave ordnance find to professionals

Unexploded rounds represent danger

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**
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Everyone knows when digging or working outside that there are things underground you don't want to hit – utility lines and pipes being the prime example. However, on an Army installation, there are other things that occasionally turn up. Unexploded ordnance from the World War II era is sometimes found and should only be dealt with by trained professionals.

Certain areas of Redstone were once used as firing ranges and test areas for equipment during the area's days as Huntsville Arsenal and Redstone Ordnance Plant. Most commonly, Soldiers would test fire various weaponry in order to learn skills and solve issues with the weaponry that others were having in the field. Their focus was predominantly on how the weapon worked, not the ordnance used, according to Mike Moore of Garrison Safety Office.

"They were testing the mortar tubes, not the round," Moore said. "They had some problems in early WWII with the tubes not functioning. To do the tests they used ammunition."

Because of this, not all fired ordnance was always accounted for. Records from the time period can also be incomplete or inaccurate.

"It's not that the Army is dumb or did things wrong," Moore said. "If there has



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME— Unexploded ordnance, such as this 4.2 inch mortar, should only be touched or moved by trained ordnance personnel.

been training, not all of these things are accounted for. You shoot thousands and thousands of these things out into an area. Most of them blow up like they're supposed to, but once in a while they don't. It's not 100 percent accountability."

While every effort has been made to locate and safely remove UXOs from Redstone, there are some that have yet to be found. Areas known to have been used for ordnance firing have been searched thoroughly.

"We've done probability assessments and went out there with magnetometers to check," Moore said. "We clear them before they do the construction. Every once and a while they slip through."

If dirt has been moved from one of those areas, it can contain UXOs which are then transported to a new area unbeknownst to the construction crews 60 years later. While every effort is made to prevent that from happening now, the Safety Office is unsure how much dirt

may have been moved in the years immediately after WWII. Moore suspects that is how a 4.2 inch shell found its way to the NASA construction area at Martin Road and Gemini Road recently.

"They unearthed a UXO," Moore said. "We've been finding a lot of these off Hale Road, too."

Construction crews on post are being briefed on how to identify UXOs and the proper protocol for dealing with them. They are being told never, under any circumstances, try to touch or move ordnance themselves. Moore cautions all who find anything they are unsure of to report their find immediately and leave the rest to the professionals.

"You are not an expert unless you are explosive ordnance disposal trained. When in doubt leave it alone. Do not touch it, move it, spit on it or look at it cross-eyed. Call for help," Moore said. "Remember the 3 Rs: recognize, retreat and report."

Unexploded ordnance may not always look like something dangerous, especially if it is partially buried. It may appear to just be a section of pipe. People should not think it is harmless because it is old or not painted green – the traditional color for live ammunition. Over time and with exposure to the elements, paint can fade or rust which removes any labeling or markings not stamped directly into the metal. Moore said most of the ordnance found on Redstone is smoke rounds used for test purposes. That doesn't mean they're harmless though.

"They can still hurt you," Moore said.

"It doesn't have to be a high explosive round to hurt you."

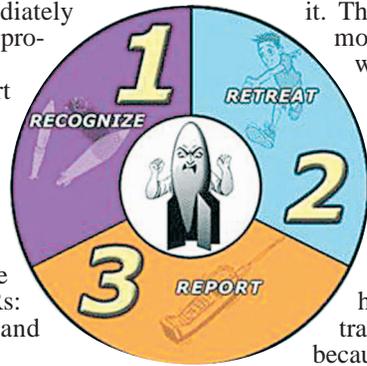
The other kind of ordnance found isn't always underground. Moore said family members of WWII veterans often discover "souvenirs" their Soldier brought back from the war. At that time, the Army allowed Soldiers to bring mementos home. Many brought back grenades or ammunition. Over time many of these items have been forgotten in boxes, drawers and attics. Anyone who finds such an item is cautioned to treat it just as you would a shell unearthed in the ground – call 911 and do not attempt to move it. These items can actually be more dangerous now than when they were new, Moore said.

"They are old and unstable," he said. "They're interesting, but they are dangerous."

Moore said the likelihood of underground ordnance showing up in the housing areas or other high traffic areas is very low. But because Redstone is a military installation, everyone should know what to do on the off chance they encounter such an item. He especially hopes parents will talk to their kids.

"We need to make doubly, triply sure that children on military installations know about this stuff," he said.

Most items found are turned up by construction companies or found by sportsmen in remote areas on post. Those wishing to hunt or fish on Redstone are being briefed on UXOs as part of the requirements to use Redstone.



Asian Pacific American heritage honored in May

Redstone luncheon scheduled May 31

By JACKIE WILLIAMS
 For the Rocket

May is designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The theme for the 2007 Asian Pacific American Heritage observance is "Pursuing Excellence Through Leadership, Diversity and Unity."

To recognize this legacy, Team Redstone will hold a luncheon May 31 at 11 a.m. in the ballroom of the Officers and Civilians Club.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Hyo Sang Lee, president of Science & Engineering Services Inc. Cost to attend this luncheon is \$11. Call Julia Story of the Garrison Protocol Office 842-7954 in building 4488, room A-204.

The Asian Pacific American observance initially began when Rep. Frank Horton (R-N.Y.) and Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) sponsored House Resolution 540, which called for President Jimmy Carter to designate the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. The following month, Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both bills passed, and as a result on October 5, 1978, President Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the first 10 days of May as

Asian Pacific American Week beginning in 1979. In 1992, President George Bush signed legislation designating May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

During this month-long observance, Americans celebrate Asian and Pacific islanders and the contributions of these citizens to the tapestry of America.

The Asian Pacific American designation encompasses more than 50 ethnic or language groups including native Hawaiians and other Pacific islanders. There are now more Asian and Pacific islander groups than in the past – with 28 Asian and 19 Pacific island subgroups which represent an array of languages and cultures. Many Asians and Pacific islanders have ancestry in a number of different cultures.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2000 Census, the following statistics apply: Asian Pacific islanders make up approximately 4.4 percent of the total population of the United States with an estimated 12.5 million individuals (compared to African Americans, at 11 percent, and Hispanics, at 12 percent).

Asians or Pacific islanders may have origins in any of the original peoples of the Pacific Islands, Far East, Southeast Asia, Philippine Islands, or the Indian subcontinent. The number of U.S. foreign-born residents who were born in Asia is 8.3 million. Asian-born residents comprise one-fourth of the nation's total foreign-born population.

The five largest contributors to the nation's foreign-born population from Asia are China, the Philippines, India, Vietnam and Korea. Almost 46 percent of the nation's foreign-born population from Asia live in the following metropolitan areas: Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco. And 80 percent of Asians and Pacific islanders reside in 10 states: California, New York, Hawaii, Texas, New Jersey, Illinois, Washington, Florida, Virginia and Massachusetts. The fastest growing Asian and Pacific islander populations are in states such as Nevada, Georgia, North Carolina, Nebraska, Arizona, Delaware and New Mexico.

The number of people who speak an Asian or Pacific Island language at home is over 7 million. Of this number, 5.4 million speak English "well or very well." The most commonly spoken Asian or Pacific Island languages are Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Korean.

The annual median income of Asian and Pacific islander households is \$53,635, the highest of any racial group. But, while the average Asian and Pacific islander family enjoys the highest median income among all racial/ethnic groups, they also have one of the highest rates of poverty in urban and rural areas. As an example, in New York City, 43 percent of Asian and Pacific islander children are born into poverty. This disparity between a high median family income and a poverty rate of 15 percent suggests a high level of income inequity among Asian families.

Education is important, with more than 87 percent of Asians and Pacific islanders 25 and over being high school graduates; the corresponding rate for all adults in this age group is 84 percent. More than 47 percent of Asians and Pacific islanders age 25

and over hold a bachelor's degree or higher. Asians and Pacific Islanders have the highest proportion of college graduates of any race or ethnic group. The corresponding rate for all adults in this age group is 27 percent. Asians and Pacific islanders 25 and over who have an advanced degree is 16 percent. This percent represented 1.3 million Asians and Pacific islanders.

According to C. N. Le of Asian.Nation.org, Asian Pacific islanders are proud of their history which can go back 20 generations — twice as long as the United States has existed. They feel fortunate to have two sets of cultures to enjoy. They are also proud to share the accomplishments of Asian Americans before them that includes those who are well-known and famous who worked to shatter the old myths and stereotypes against them, like Bruce Lee, members of the 442nd Regimental Unit in World War II, and Maxine Hong Kingston — and those who remain relatively obscure in the realms of history but whose accomplishments are no less impressive and inspiring. These include the Chinese miners who died building the Transcontinental Railroad, the Japanese Americans who endured their illegal imprisonment during World War II, and everyday Asian immigrant families who work tirelessly to improve their lives and build a future for their children.

Many federal departments and agencies host official observances during May. Such events host important speakers, cultural performances, traditional foods, etc. Across the nation, local Asian Pacific American organizations host their own events to celebrate the month.

Editor's note: Jackie Williams wrote this on behalf of the Team Redstone Asian Pacific American Committee.

■ Unearthed munitions pose safety risk

Ordnance

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If you believe you may have found an UXO, retreat to a safe distance and call 911. On the Arsenal you will specify Redstone to the operator. When you report your find to the police, the safety office will then be notified and trained ordnance Soldiers will assess the item before deter-

mining how best to dispose of it, Moore said. If necessary, a specialized team from Atlanta will be called in to handle situations beyond Redstone's capabilities.

"Let the experts make the determination and handle it," Moore said. "There is a process in place. We always err on the side of safety. Never assume that it's not a UXO. People are killed all over the world every year. We don't want it to happen here."

Marines hit stride against National Guard

Season-opening victory follows preseason title

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The Marines didn't have much time to savor the successful defense of their preseason softball crown.

After beating the National Guard in the preseason final April 30, they faced the same team in their season opener the following night at Linton Field.

The Marines avenged their earlier loss in the preseason tournament by beating the National Guard twice in the final. They took the first game by forfeit and then won on the field 25-10.

In the season opener May 1, the Marines won again 17-10.

"We out-hit them," Marines coach/shortstop Sean Newsom said. "We had solid defense. We didn't have many errors like the last time we did when we lost to them."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

MOMENTUM SWING— Lee Burket homers twice for the Marines against the National Guard and catcher John Kennedy in their season opener May 1.

Newsom had a three-run homer and a solo shot. Winning pitcher Lee Burket added a three-run homer and a two-run homer.

Eric Moorman hit a two-run homer and a solo shot for the National Guard, but took the loss on the mound.

"We just didn't hit," National Guard coach/shortstop Rodney Henshaw said. "We made too many errors tonight."

In other openers May 1, Headquarters & Alpha def. HHC 59th 22-12 and Bravo def. 326th Chemical 16-15.

Berry very good at golf tourney

Jan Berry won the Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association's spring handicap tournament April 25 at the Links at Redstone.

The retired colonel shot a net score of 66 for the victory in a field of 47 golfers.

Here are the winners for the six flights:

• **Flight 1** – 1. Marie Maksimowski, 2. Marian Deppensmith, 3. Linda Leonard. Low putts – Linda Leonard and Peggy Stanley. Closest to the pin – Jan Berry.

• **Flight 2** – 1. Junghee Norrell, 2. Joy McGuire, 3. Jean Summers. Low putts – Junghee Norrell. Closest to the pin – Jean Summers.

• **Flight 3** – 1. Christine Semmens, 2.

Jean Gamble, 3. Doreen Foster. Low putts – Christine Semmens. Closest to the pin – Christine Semmens.

• **Flight 4** – 1. Becky Gaillard, 2. Rhonda Moran, 3. Bev Robbins. Low putts – Sun Morgan. Closest to the pin – Rhonda Morgan.

• **Flight 5** – 1. Barbara Owens, 2. Kathy Newton, 3. Barbara Hockenberry. Low putts – Kathy Newton and Karen Bizer. Closest to the pin – Judy Finch.

• **Flight 6** – 1. Lois Goodman, 2. Dixie McGraw, 3. Gloria Cupples. Low putts – Gloria Cupples. Closest to the pin – Kay Forney.



Photo by Charles Pollard

Speedway colors

The Redstone Color Guard posts the colors April 28-29 at Talladega Motor Speedway. From left are Sgt. 1st Class Darren Hester, Sgt. Lawrence Conic, Staff Sgt. Iziah Carthens, Staff Sgt. Brandon Lacy and Staff Sgt. Cesar Soto.

Renovation effort at Pentagon invisible to employees

Huntsville Center plays major role

By ANDREA TAKASH
Army Engineering and Support Center

Visitors passing through the halls of the historic 64-year-old Pentagon would never suspect that somewhere inside, a billion-dollar renovation program is taking place while 26,000 people go about their daily jobs.

During the 12-year Pentagon Renovation Program, employees continued working with little or no impact thanks to the work performed by the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville.

Huntsville Center's Utility Monitoring and Control System (UMCS) Mandatory Center of Expertise serves as the controls expert for the renovation. UMCS manages the renovation of the HVAC controls system and fire alarms in the five wedges of the Pentagon.

"When we started the renovation 12 years ago, there was the possibility of five different designs for each wedge, but I wanted the controls standardized so the building could be operated simultaneously," said Steve Carter, Pentagon renovation liaison for Defense Facilities Directorate. "Now we have four different designs, but the control system acts seamlessly throughout the building. The decision to have one control system had the greatest impact on the final product." The UMCS team also oversees construction of the mission critical water lines throughout the Pentagon.

Before the Sept. 11 attack on the Pen-

tagon, the UMCS team completed the Building Operation Command Center, better known as the BOCC. This center was vital during the disaster.

"Visualize Starship Enterprise and that is what the BOCC looks like," said Chuck Holland, UMCS technical manager. "The center consists of three 8-foot screens back to back that monitor everything, including the HVAC system. Anything that happens inside and outside the building, we watch it. It is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The BOCC also played an integral part in a recent test of a new chemical and biological response system. Unlike the other portions of the renovation, the UMCS team is responsible for the mechanical, electrical and controls portion of the chemical and biological response system.

"Since we are building the chemical and biological response system concurrently with the rest of the renovation in the wedges, the process is quicker," said Mitch Duke, UMCS technical engineer for the Pentagon renovation.

Not only is the project team working on the inside of the Pentagon but they are also supporting the renovation on the outside.

"We are revamping the HVAC for the center courtyard café and supporting the construction of the Pentagon Memorial in the courtyard," Duke said. "For the memorial, our job is to design the control systems for lighting and the water system. The water is supposed to run continuously, so we designed pump station controls and connectivity through vaults in the ground. All of the information is fed back to the BOCC."

Every UMCS project in the Pentagon plays a major role in helping make the Pentagon a "green" building.

"We install the latest HVAC controls that use less energy and contain sensors that turn off and on based on the presence of people," said Bill Borders, UMCS project manager for the Pentagon renovation. "The system also recycles air within the units, thus producing healthier air. In the end, we will turn over an excellent product at a reasonable price that will last 20 plus years."

Carter credits the excellent product from Huntsville Center to a stable management team and good relationships.

"The partnership with Huntsville Center is tremendous," he said. "We didn't have to bring in technical expertise on the controls because Huntsville Center had it. By using Huntsville Center's talent and resources, we saved money on the overall renovation."



Photo by Andrea Takash

INSPECTION— Mitch Duke, technical engineer for the Pentagon renovation, inspects the new filters for the Pentagon's heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls system.

Construction projects build on safety success

Contractors working accident-free months

By DEBRA VALINE
Army Engineering and Support Center

Project managers and the teams they lead in Huntsville Center's Facilities Repair and Renewal Program take a lot of pride in getting the job done safely, within budget and on time for their various customers.

Since fiscal 2004, it is estimated that the five contractors working on FRR projects have worked approximately 1,750,000 man-hours without a lost-time accident. They average between 40,000 and 45,000 man-hours a month without a lost-time accident.

"There is probably no better way to show respect for another person than to protect their safety and well being," said Ray Waits, Huntsville Center's safety manager.

With any construction activity, taking the extra steps to work safely is the ultimate sign of professionalism, he said.

"Working safely shows real care and concern for employees and everyone else on the job," Waits said. "Committing to safety reflects true leadership that is strong enough to resist the pressures of cutting corners or taking chances to meet deadlines. It avoids human tragedy, huge financial costs and the needless pain and suffering of not only the injured but the family members as well."

The five contractors working FRR projects are BMAR & Associates Inc., Global Engineer & Construction, Vanguard Contractors Inc., Ameresco Solutions Inc., and RCI Inc. Some of the projects these contractors are working on include hurricane recovery and mitigation projects at NASA sites including Stennis Space Center, Miss., and the Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans, La., and multiple barracks renovations on Fort Bragg, N.C., as well as general building and lab renovations at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute in Bethesda, Md.

The FRR program started out as the Maintenance Repair and Renewal program in 1992. The program was developed to provide installations quick support to projects that have budget and schedule constraints and provide a turn-key contractor solution to the government's needs. The program is available to all districts and their customers as part of the Corps' "One Door to the Corps" policy.

"An example of quick support on proj-



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REPAIR WORK— On scaffolds suspended from the top of the 20-story-high Vehicle Assembly Building in New Orleans, National Panel Systems' workers Ken Harris and Patrick Chiles place individual tiles of the NASA logo on the northern facade. The original logo was damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The logo replacement is part of a major Michoud Assembly Facility hurricane repair effort being managed by the Army Corps of Engineers' Facilities Repair and Renewal Program in Huntsville.

ects is the work we are doing for the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute in Bethesda, Md.," said Wade Doss, the FRR division chief. "The facility had a broken water main and called Huntsville Center for help. We were able to respond within 24-48 hours and get the water main repaired."

Keys to the program's success include innovative and flexible acquisition strategies associated with executing the task orders against the family of Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity hybrid service/construction contracts covering all 50 states plus U.S. territories. Advantages included in the IDIQ contracts include performance-based specifications and scopes of work that ensure the desired end result is achieved, work plans in lieu of full blown architect-engineer designs, time savings because construction can be fast-tracked, quality of work and best applications.

Under the program, virtually any repair, renovation or minor construction work can be done. Specifically, the FRR program conducts surveys and special studies; develops work plans that are similar to designs, but must be incidental to each project; performs alterations, additions, repairs, replacements and minor construction; procure, install, startup and test equipment; and perform maintenance on equipment installed under the FRR contracts.

"FRR provides the fastest solutions to existing building and/or infrastructure inventory requirements," Doss said. "We provide a 'relief valve' for districts and/or installations for repair and renewal work."

Blood pressure, bone disease awareness pushed

Proclamations signed for May observances

May is a busy month for health awareness.

National Osteoporosis Prevention Month and National High Blood Pressure Education Month are both observed in May.

The National Osteoporosis Foundation estimates that 55 percent of women and men age 50 and older in the United States either have osteoporosis or are at high risk of developing the disease because of low bone mass.

"Osteoporosis takes a terrible toll of death, pain, impaired mobility and disruption of daily activities," said a proclamation signed by Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski and Fox Army Health Center commander Col. Mark Smith. "Its victims lose their independence and their families



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

HEALTH PROMOTION— Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski, left, and Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center, sign proclamations in support of national health promotion events in May. Looking on are Maj. Steve Hankins, left, Fox deputy commander for administration, and Col. Robert Bowman, deputy commander for nursing.

share in the heartache." An estimated 44 million Americans face an increased risk of debilitating and potentially life-threatening fractures. The treatment of osteoporosis fractures costs the U.S. health care system approximately \$17 billion. High blood pressure is a major cause of coronary heart disease and stroke and contributes significantly to kidney disease, especially in older Americans. An estimated 50 million Americans have high blood pressure and two-thirds of those are unaware of the condition. "The thousands of national and local organizations that work for high blood pressure control can be justifiably proud of the gratifying results of reducing strokes by 60 percent and coronary heart disease by 55 percent," said a blood pressure month proclamation signed by Olshefski and Smith.

Fox Army Health Center seeks feedback

Fox Army Health Center wants to know how it can better serve the community.

The center invites your comments and ideas.

"Please assist us as we strive to move toward fulfilling our number one patient goal: to provide full service primary care with excellence," a prepared release said.

Your responses may be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or dropped off at the Pharmacy or the patient representative's office at Fox. The fax number is 955-9610.

Share your thoughts about Fox Army Health Center.

Mail to:

Fox Army Health Center
Attn: Gretta Snead, PR
4100 Goss Road
Redstone, Arsenal, AL
35809-7000

or e-mail to:

Gretta.Snead@amedd.army.mil

Print Name (Optional)

Daytime Phone # (Optional)

Patient/Customer
Health Center Employee

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government acquisition regulations, 53 sections of the Department of Defense acquisition regulations, the Army's federal acquisition regulations and AMCOM's acquisition desk guide.

"It's a pyramid effect of rules and regulations that you have to be cognizant of," Lowery said. "We are trying to prepare these folks to be contracting officers in their careers. As contracting officers, they will be charged with a level of trust to society and award government contracts. They will be acting on behalf of the government and Soldiers."

AMCOM's 525 Acquisition Center employees work projects that involve the acquisition of a variety of items, including missiles, wiring harnesses, weapon platforms, components and spares. And, that work must be done successfully in an up-tempo environment, Lowery said.

"What a contracting officer does determines when a service or product will be put in the hands of Soldiers with boots on the ground," he said. "You don't want to have contract issues along the way that delay that service or product."

For example, if a helicopter can't fly because it needs a spare part, then that part will be quickly available if the contracting officer has done their job correctly.

"You don't want a helicopter to be grounded because they can't get a spare part or a rotor blade," Urban said. "When helicopters fly, Soldiers live. A contracting officer has their fingers on the pulse of a contract from its beginning until its end. Contracting officers are involved in all aspects of a contract, from writing the requirements through testing, inspection and getting into the field with a minimum amount of time."

AMCOM's Acquisition Center is the largest contracting organization in Huntsville, Cruze said. As such, it sets the standard for other local contracting offices. The Acquisition Center is often a feeder organization to smaller contracting offices, such as the Missile Defense Agency, Space and Missile Defense Command, Corps of Engineers and NASA, as well as private industry.

The Acquisition Center's boot camp helps to offset the "brain drain" threat caused not only by retirements and past downsizing measures, but also from competition for employees from other contracting offices. Such factors make it difficult to fully staff the Acquisition Center at its authorized 565-employee level, Cruze said.

"All these local contracting offices hire contracting officers that the Acquisition Center trains," Cruze said. "Industry does not train contracting personnel. They hire ours."

Finding and hiring qualified people for the contract specialist intern program is challenging, Cruze said, but maintaining high standards is necessary to ensure the Acquisition Center continues as one of the best. In representing the Army, AMCOM contracting officers need to be able to make business decisions and know how those business decisions will affect a contract.

"Everything we do starts with a contract," Kallam said. "No two contracts are the same. No two interactions with contractors are the same. There are no templates. Contract specialists and contracting officers have to be able to make business judgments with every transaction they do. Every transaction stands on its own merit. A good contract provides the right item at the right price at the right time."

Teachers for the boot camp were pulled from the senior ranks of the Acquisition Center. Through the boot camp, Cruze hopes to get the best of the contracting offi-

cers at the Acquisition Center involved in training interns to become the best in their own time.

"They're going to be responsible for billions of government dollars," Cruze said.

"It can't be wrong. There's no room for

serious errors or you are in the newspaper. Our work force is the best. I think it's the best in all DoD, not just the Army. We are the best because we know the business so well. And, we don't want to lose our best when our senior people retire."



Sports & Recreation

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.

Youth soccer

AYSO Region 160 is taking registrations for soccer for fall 2007 and spring 2008. American Youth Soccer Organization is open to all children in Huntsville and Madison County without limitation to your residence. Teams are provided for ages 4 through 18 based on the age of the child on July 31, 2007. There are all-girls teams and coed teams in every division. Games and practices are at John Hunt Park (Airport Road and the Parkway). Registration is \$80 per player until after June 30, when it will be \$85. A \$5 per player discount is available if you pre-register online. Registration fees cover both the fall and spring seasons and include the uniform. For more information, call 539-6852. Instructions and other registration information are available at

www.ayso160.org www.ayso160.org.

Boating safety class

The Huntsville Power Squadron, a unit of U.S. Power Squadrons, a national non-profit boating safety organization, will present a two-day "Boat Smart" course to anyone age 12 and up June 2 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Classes will be in the showroom at the Riverwalk Marina on U.S. Highway 31 South in Decatur. The course is free. The optional study guide is \$20. This class includes Alabama laws, safety equipment, docking, trailering, knots and lines, operating at night, rules of the road, and more. Graduates receive a certificate qualifying them for the Alabama vessel operator license. There will be free refreshments. Call Walt 882-9104 to sign up and for directions to the class.



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.

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

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Photo by Renee McArdle

Mother's Day

Renee McArdle of Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space snapped this picture at building 5250. "There is a tree in between A and B Wing (where) I have been watching this nest for a while," she says. "I thought she only had one baby. I checked on them this morning and as I stood there, the mama flew up and started to feed them. I thought there was only one and was amazed when four little heads popped up."

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and Evaluation Relevant to the Joint Warfighter." The web site is www.test-week.org, where you can pull off a preliminary agenda, registration form, exhibitor registration form, and floor plan. The conference is also in TIP, Catalog F73TW. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Test tutorials

Four four-hour tutorials will be held June 11 at the Von Braun Center, South Hall. They are: Understanding Design of Experimentation and Implications for Designing Tests; Introduction to the Capability Test Methodology: Methods & Processes for Testing in a Joint Environment; Introduction to Joint Mission Environment Test Capability: Infrastructure for Testing in a Joint Environment; and Managing Electromagnetic Effects. Fees are \$75 per class; and all classes are in TIP. For information call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

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

Computer users

The Huntsville PC User Group will meet Saturday at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Group president Kevin Wangbickler will give a presentation at 9:15 a.m. on Windows XP accessories. The general meeting starts at 10:45. Visitors are welcome. For information call 830-2232.

Work force development

PMI-NAC will meet May 17 from

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch. Lucia Cape, the Chamber of Commerce's vice president for work force, is to speak on work force development. For information, write communications@northalabamapmi.org.

Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St. Shirley Farris Jones, an award winning author from Murfreesboro, Tenn., will speak on "From Wife to Widow in 630 Days," the story of Martha Ready Hunt and her influence and on her husband, Confederate Gen. John Hunt Morgan. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. For information call 858-6191.

Autism society

The 2007 Autism/Asperger Conference, sponsored by the Autism Society of Alabama and Whitesburg Baptist Church, is Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Whitesburg Center, 7300 Whitesburg Drive. For information call 1-877-4AUTISM or Whitesburg Baptist Church 704-5678, ext. 202.

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.

Federal retirees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. The speaker is Robert Herrell, Region 3 vice president for NARFE. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.



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Union agreement

Representatives from the Logistics Support Activity and AFGE Local 1858 sign a collective bargaining agreement April 30, effective for three years. Seated, from left, are union president Don Eiermann, LOGSA commander Col. James Rentz and Jackie Bennett of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Standing are the union negotiators Thomas Young, chief labor negotiator Don Hunnicutt, Frank McCrary and Vicki Fuller, management chief negotiator Richard Manley and management adviser Ashley Tyson.

Technical workshop

The Tennessee Valley Corridor is partnering with the Southern Growth Policies Board, area universities and local chambers of commerce to develop a new pilot project for the nation to provide more technically-trained, but soon-to-be retiring non-commissioned officers the chance to earn a fast-track college degree while helping fill the region's science and technology work force needs. Dozens of interested military, academia and industry partners in the Tennessee Valley Corridor will convene in a NEW-STEM Workshop at Technology 2020 on May 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Huntsville Area Association of Realtors. NEW-STEM is the corridor's acronym for "NCO Enhanced Workforce in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics." The workshop will provide a forum for interested part-

ners to brainstorm strategies for engaging more NCOs directly into the corridor's technical work force while also exploring opportunities to help fill critical math and science needs in the K-12 teacher pipeline. For more information on this initiative and the workshop, call Rachel Donahue (615) 329-9525.

Model railroad club

The Redstone Model Railroad Association is building an HO scale model railroad, currently under construction in building 3463. The era represented will be from the 1950s to the 1970s. The model will feature digital command control operation. There are regularly scheduled work periods, and once the model

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becomes operational, there will be regularly scheduled operations times as well. The club is open to all active duty and retired military and Redstone Arsenal civilian employees. If you're interested, viewing hours are Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Building 3463 is located on Zeus Road, just south of Aerobee Road and just west of Ajax Road. For more information, the web address is www.rmrrc.net.

Trade show

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

Toastmasters

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

Strategic speakers

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



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has

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

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the

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Nurses out front

Nurses at Fox Army Health Center gather for National Nurses Week, May 6-12. The more than 2.9 million registered nurses and 531,000 licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses in the United States comprise this nation's largest health care profession.

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

Thrift shop

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

Water cooler refills

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

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

Weekly services at Bicentennial Chapel, on Goss Road, include: Weekdays (except Friday) - noon Catholic Mass. Saturday — 5 p.m. Catholic Mass. Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, 10:45 a.m. CCD, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, 11 a.m.

Protestant Worship Service. Many Bible studies are throughout the week. For information call 876-2409.

Green to gold

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

Lateral entry

If you are qualified prior service or a member of the National Guard or Reserve and wish to become an officer, the University of Illinois Army ROTC Lateral Entry Program may be for you. The Lateral Entry Program allows eligible students to contract into the Reserve Officer Training Corps as cadets when they are academic juniors, seniors or graduate students with four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation. For more information call toll-free (877) 863-4768, e-mail arotc@uiuc.edu, or visit the web site <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc/>.

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.

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.

Benefit breakfast

Alabama Marine Moms is hosting a pancake breakfast Saturday 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 Sharolynne Harbin 379-4082.

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 Riester at Army Community Service 876-5397. Register online by May 17 at www.redstonemwr.com.

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Flight fuel

Joe Fitzgerald, left, president of the local chapter of Honor Flight, accepts a \$500 donation from Rick Driesbach, secretary of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association, in front an Air Force F-4 Phantom Jet at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's Aviation Challenge. Honor Flight is leading the efforts to send World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial. "The Air Force Association is proud to support this worthy cause," Driesbach said.

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



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Office time

McKenna Powers, 6, visits the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space on April 26 for Bring Your Child to Work Day. She is the daughter of Monica Powers, a contractor with BAE.

\$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 Thursday to Chris Swart 955-6703.

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 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.

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 this Saturday and May 16 and 22. For more information, contact rider coach Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

Army birthday

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will hold a dinner June 14 to celebrate the Army's 232nd birthday. The event will also celebrate Nat'l Birthday (the 230th) and will serve as a general membership meeting for the chapter's individual and corporate members. The official portion of the event will introduce the new slate of chapter officers and board members for the upcoming year. The dinner/meeting will take place at the Officers and Civilians Club, beginning with a social at 5:30 p.m. The program and dinner will follow at 6. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$28, and corporate tables are available for \$225. For information on tickets, call Donna Palumbo 655-5147 or e-mail dupal@bellsouth.net.

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Language center

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

Warrant officer team

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team is visiting today at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the DOI Auditorium, building 3301 on Zeus Road, room 213. Those interested in becoming warrant officers should attend. The contact is Chief Warrant Officer A.J. Williams adam.williams@usarec.army.mil.

Uniform donations

The Warrant Officer Association is collecting dress blues which have been outgrown or no longer worn — enlisted or officer blues. This is a collection project for a high school Junior ROTC program in Kentucky. Drop any off at the safety office, building 3300 near Gate 10 on Patton Road. This is a tax free donation. Call Chief Warrant Officer William Bradshaw 876-5628 or Dolores Bradshaw 489-3383.

Ordnance ball

The 59th Ordnance Brigade will host a ball to commemorate the gallantry of the Ordnance Corps and to enhance esprit de corps and morale. The ball will begin at 6 p.m. May 18 at the Officers and Civilians

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Club. All Ordnance Corps members, present, past and future, are invited. For more information, call Priscilla Sanders 955-0127 or 876-6699.

Old school jam

An "old school" dance is Saturday at 8 p.m. at Erney's Ballroom, 1605 Pulaski Pike (between Oakwood Avenue and University Drive). Tickets cost \$15 and are available at Nurturing Nails, Salon Prestige & Boutique, and James Records & Tapes. For information call 603-9160 or 694-2527.

Commissary sales

The Commissary will have case lot sales May 16-19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. "We're very proud of our employees who work hard in providing our customers with a well-stocked store and clean, pleasant shopping environment," store director Amber Bray said. "Some of our employees were recognized recently as being 'high achievers' at the Redstone Arsenal Commissary Team Meeting. When you see them in the store, please congratulate them. They truly deserve it!" For information on products currently on promotion or sale at the Commissary, visit the Defense Commissary Agency's web site www.commissaries.com.

Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus is now registering for the summer term, May 29 to July 30. Classes offered include Production and Procurement in Aviation/Aerospace, Supply Chain Management, Astronomy, Public Administration, and Strategic Management of Technical Operations. Deadline to register is May 25. For more information, call 876-9763 or visit ERAU Huntsville in the Education Center, building 3222.

Master's in management

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

e-mail huntsville.center@erau.edu.

Job fair

The Alabama Career Centers in Huntsville, Decatur and the Shoals area are coordinating a Military/Civilian Job Fair on May 17 from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. at Calhoun Community College on Highway 31. They have several employers scheduled including Adtran, American Proteins, Alldyne, Decatur City Police, Comcast, Intergraph, Kelly Services, Product Action, Satellites Unlimited, U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Verizon Wireless, West Corporation, and Westwind Technologies. Still Serving Veterans will also be present.

Ride wanted

Worker wants a ride from northwest Huntsville to Redstone Arsenal. Call 895-1283 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hawaii tour

Sign up for Redstone Arsenal's Hawaii Tour set for September. This features seven nights and eight days at the Hale Koa Armed Forces Recreation Hotel on Waikiki Beach, just minutes from Honolulu on the island of Oahu. The travel dates are Sept. 19-26 and include roundtrip air fare from Huntsville aboard American Airlines, transfers to and from Honolulu International Airport and partial ocean view rooms at the Hale Koa. Included are escorted tours to the Arizona Memorial and Honolulu City Tour, the Hale Koa's authentic luau and the Polynesian Cultural Center that includes the IMAX movie presentation, luau dinner and evening show, "Horizons." Space is limited, so reserve your spot today. For more information or to sign up, call the Redstone Leisure Travel office 313-0090 or e-mail grace.bennett@redstone.army.mil

Asian Pacific month

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month luncheon is May 31 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The keynote speaker is Dr. Hyo Sang Lee, president of Science & Engineering Services Inc. Cost to attend this luncheon is \$11. Call Julia Story of the Garrison Protocol Office 842-7954 in building 4488, room A-204.

Alabama A&M picnic

The Huntsville-Madison County Alumni Association of Alabama A&M University is sponsoring a "Picnic on the Hill," May 19 from noon to 4 p.m. on the campus Quad. The theme this year is

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL VACANCY 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						
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																									
SCBK07900772	Electronics Engr	9-May-07	USADTC	GS-0855	13	13		76,056 - 98,876	X																
SCBK07984301	Materials Engr	9-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3		63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07984301D	Materials Engr	9-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3		63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07922854	Supv Human Resource Spec (Military)	9-May-07	SMDC	YC-0201	2	2		63,958 - 122,678		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07922854D	Supv Human Resource Spec (Military)	9-May-07	SMDC	YC-0201	2	2		63,958 - 122,678	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07909737	Range Supp Spec	9-May-07	GARRISON	GS-0301	7	9		36,056 - 57,334						X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07958903	Inspector Supp Assistant	9-May-07	AMC	YB-1802	2	2		36,057 - 63,139	X																
SCBK07958936	Human Resources Spec (Class)	9-May-07	SCOPROC	YA-0201	2	2		44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07934921	Human Resource Spec (Military)	10-May-07	SMDC	GS-0201	12	12		63,958 - 83,148		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07988953	Quality Assurance Spec (Computer Software)	10-May-07	IMMC	GS-1910	12	12		63,958 - 83,148	X						X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07939039	Inventory Mgmt Spec	10-May-07	IMMC	GS-2010	11	11		53,362 - 69,373	X																
SCBK07969541	Budget Analyst	10-May-07	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0560	11	11		53,362 - 69,373	X																
SCBK07858611	Mgmt & Prgrm Analyst	11-May-07	USAASC	GS-0343	11	11		53,362 - 69,373	X																
WTS07981986	Security Spec	11-May-07	SMDC	GG-0080	13	13		76,056 - 98,876						X											
WTS07981986T	Security Spec	11-May-07	SMDC	GG-0080	13	13		76,056 - 98,876						X											
SCBK07888738	Budget Analyst	11-May-07	AMRDEC	DE-0560	2	2		29,108 - 83,148	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07969691	Oper Sys Analyst	14-May-07	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0301	14	14		89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07984066	Engrng Tech	15-May-07	AMCOM, TMDE Actvy	GS-0802	11	11		53,362 - 69,373	X										X	X					
SCBK07998217	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-May-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12		63,958 - 83,148	X																
SCBK07959598	Financial Sys Analyst	15-May-07	AMC	GS-0501	13	13		76,056 - 98,876						X											
SCBK07946320	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					
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					
SCBK07939155	Logistics Mgmt Spec	16-May-07	AMC, G3 (Operations)	GS-0346	12	12		62,571 - 81,572	X																
SCBK079336672	Budget Analyst	16-May-07	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0560	12	12		63,958 - 83,148	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	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					
SCBK07990403	General Engr	17-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3		63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07990403D	General Engr	17-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3		63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07987674	Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-May-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13		66,951 - 98,876						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	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					
SCBK07947963	Business Mgmt Ofcr	22-May-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YC-1101	3	3		89,875 - 144,307	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07947963D	Business Mgmt Ofcr	22-May-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YC-1101	3	3		89,875 - 144,307	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07916240	Lead Mech Engr	22-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4		89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07916240D	Lead Mech Engr	22-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4		89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07908937	General Attorney	31-May-07	AMCOM, Legal Ofc	GS-0905	13	13		76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCNAFBK0727	Lead Lifeguard	31-Aug-07	Swimming Pools, Outdoor Rec	NF-0189	2	2		7,611 - 13,448	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCNAFBK0728	Recreation Aid	4-Sep-07	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1		5,151 - 10,633	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCNAFBK0729	Sales Clerk	4-Sep-07	Bus Oper Div	NF-2091	1	0		5,151 - 10,633	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCNAFBK0730	Laborer	4-Sep-07	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3		7,901 - 7,901	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
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SCBK07984301D	Materials Engr	9-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3		63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07922854D	Supv Human Resource Spec (Military)	9-May-07	SMDC	YC-0201	2	2		63,958 - 122,678	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					
SCBK07990403D	General Engr	17-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3		63,958 - 98,876	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					
SCBK07947963D	Business Mgmt Ofcr	22-May-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YC-1101	3	3		89,875 - 144,307	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK07916240D	Lead Mech Engr	22-May-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	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.redstoneemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.																									
Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil search for Vacancy Announcement																									

"One for all and all for one." All alumni and friends are invited. There will be free food, games for all ages, moon bounce, bingo, volleyball, card games, music and more. Enter the campus through the Chase Road entrance to the Quad. The rain date is June 2.

Management institute

The Project Management Institute North Alabama Chapter is sponsoring a daylong seminar titled "Preparing for Earned Value Management Implementation" on May 23 at SAIC on Odyssey Drive. For registration visit <http://www.northalabamapmi.org/Seminars.htm>.

Humanities program

Alabama Humanities Foundation road scholar Frances Osborn Robb will speak on "Pairing Off: Courting Couples, Dates and Steadies" on May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville Public Library.

Blood drives

Red Cross blood drives for May include the following: May 11

from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers; May 17 from 7 to 12:30 p.m. at building 4488; May 18 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316; May 24 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sparkman Center; and May 25 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive.

Annual concert

The Mental Health Association in Madison County and its co-sponsor Huntsville High School invite you to the fifth annual "Celebration of the Arts and the Mind." This concert will be held May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Huntsville High School. This year's event will showcase The Ken Watters Group, based in Atlanta. The quartet includes Bryan Leitch, guitar, Robert Dickson, acoustic bass, Marlon Patton, drum, and Ken