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Supporting troops from the heart

West Point grad and single mom
volunteers her time locally

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Valerie Coffey isn't one to draw attention to herself.

She prefers the background, focusing on her work as a contractor engineer for the Missile Defense Agency and her volunteer causes without fanfare.

But, that hasn't kept Coffey from gaining respect and admiration for her determination to set goals and achieve them, and to pursue personal commitments that have had a positive impact on other people's lives. Throughout her life – as the young daughter of a West Point graduate and CIA agent in Thailand, a cadet at West Point, a lieutenant colonel in the Army and Army Reserves, a single mom raising a son and a lead volunteer for the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition – Coffey is very much someone who has made a name for herself.

But, what sets Coffey apart from other community volunteers is her status as one of only a few women in North Alabama who are graduates of West Point and members of the West Point Society of the Tennessee Valley. Of its more than 400 members in North Alabama, less than 10 are women. She is the society's membership officer and a West Point liaison for Sparkman High School.

"I've worked with one student who ended up going to the Air Force Academy and another who is now doing very well at West Point," Coffey said.

"I am happy to work with any student who wants to go to West Point. Going to West Point taught me that I can do anything in my life. And, since then, I've been successful wherever I've gone."

Coffey attended West Point at a time when women were new to the long-standing men's only college. She gave up her plans to attend Auburn University with her girlfriends to continue a family West Point tradition that started when her father graduated in 1958. But, at the time, her decision to attend West Point had nothing to do with tradition.

"I had just got home from swim practice and I was relaxing on the floor of our living room when I heard the Army commercial 'Be All You Can Be' on the radio," Coffey recalled.

"I wanted out of Alabama. I decided I was going to join the Army. I didn't know anything about the Army, but that's where I was going. I knew it was going to be tough."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

ARMY ADVOCATE— Valerie Coffey, a Reserve officer, is one of fewer than 10 women among the more than 400 members of the West Point Society of the Tennessee Valley. She serves as the group's membership officer, and is also the secretary of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition.

Coffey reconnected with an Army colonel at Decatur High School who had worked with her older brother, now Lt. Col. David Coffey (who has served in Iraq and is now stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.). The colonel helped her complete the West Point application form, obtain the needed recommendations and get in physical shape to pass the stringent physical requirements. She also had the support of her parents and two brothers as well as friends in her hometown of Decatur.

"My dad said 'I don't think women should be at West Point. But, if women can go there, my daughter has a right to be there,'" Coffey recalled.

West Point was as tough as Coffey thought it would be. Back then, the college had stiff regulations about socializing, requirements that all students must take a full load of seven classes each semester with some classes on Saturdays, four mandatory formations daily, a mandatory parade or intramural sport activity daily, and a social order that extremely limited fraternization between its male and female cadets. But, Coffey rose to the challenge, completed a degree in general engineering and was a graduate of West Point's 1985 class.

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An open lane random survey

What's your Memorial Day message?

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Shannon Shelton
Acquisition Center
"I'd like to say thanks to the troops for giving us a reason to even celebrate Memorial Day."

Master Sgt. Tim Clingan
Fox Army Health Center
"I don't necessarily believe that you have to die to give your life for your country. I think the nation should thank everyone that's defended our freedom — past, present and future — because you don't have to die to give your life for your country. That includes everybody — all the branches of the service, the civilians and the families and the children."



Sgt. Marvin Fletcher
Marine Detachment
"Personally I look at Memorial Day as a day set aside for deceased servicemembers in all branches of service. Everyone on this day should take a few moments to render respect to all servicemembers that have gone before us."

Doug Smith
Corps of Engineers,
North Regional Area
Office
"It's a time to think about our troops that are serving us now. They stay in our thoughts and prayers."



Patriot Day remembrance planned

It should come as no surprise to anyone that the September 11 Committee is passionate about the Patriot Day Ceremony. Such passion was rewarded when our commander, Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, signed a letter giving this ceremony official recognition on Redstone Arsenal. The Aviation and Missile Command, Commander's Letter 001-07 was signed on April 9. Subject of this Commander's Letter is "Patriot Day Ceremony."

After consulting with members of the September 11 Committee, Public Affairs Office, AMCOM Protocol Office, and Command Group, this letter was written and on the Monday after Easter it was signed and posted on the AMCOM web site.

We continue to honor our promise, "Never to Forget." This year the Patri-

ot Day Ceremony will be held Tuesday, Sept. 11 in Bob Jones Auditorium for Team Redstone beginning at 9 a.m. By our participation and presence during this ceremony we become part of the Army of One. So mark your calendars and plan to be there!

Anyone interested in joining the September 11 Committee and help plan this year's ceremony can attend our first meeting scheduled for June 5. The place will be building 5301-3 fishbowl.

For more information regarding the Team Redstone Patriot Day Ceremony and/or to join the committee, you may call Sam Wright at 955-3154 or e-mail us at september11@redstone.army.mil.

Sam Wright
committee chairman

Hat's off to driver courtesy

Considering the places I've been, the things I've seen, I think it unique to what I am to write. Ever driven on to Redstone Arsenal, Gate 1, along Martin Road, from the Parkway, at 8 in the morning? If you were in Los Angeles, Calif., or Orlando, Fla., you would see two lanes of traffic, waiting to merge into one lane of traffic two-plus miles down the road. Not here, not in Huntsville, Ala.; you'd see one line, with folks posturing to get in the single lane as soon as they could, not as late as they could.

As one enters Martin Road from the north, off the Parkway, one automatically sees the right lane is clear. If you had not been down this way in awhile, like I had not, you would not know that the bridge near the Gate 1 entrance, on the eastbound side is out, causing traffic to merge into one lane, onto the westbound traffic side, over the bridge and into the guard station.

Miraculously, the merge into one lane occurs automatically. My first time I experienced this, I passed a

few cars and wondered why there were no others in the empty lane. It quickly became obvious; there were courteous, respectful, drivers planning ahead, way ahead — plain and simple. Yes, there were those single folks who had to make a meeting, or just didn't get "it," and took the single, clear lane to the head of the lane. Incredibly though, there was over two miles of an unsolicited, not controlled by any law enforcement agency, single lane of traffic.

My compliments to the security guards at the gate as well who flow traffic through the gates; ensuring compliance for identification checks and preventing any significant bottlenecking/stopping of traffic.

I can safely say this driver courtesy is a rarity that needs to be captured, complimented and continued. My hat's off to the drivers who tackle Gate 1 on Martin Road and have chosen to take the path of some resistance, rather than no resistance.

Maj. Robert D. Blanchette

Piggish drivers won't wait turn

Invariably, every morning's commute to work along the Martin Road access to Gate 1 to Redstone Arsenal reveals another piggish driver. During the construction of the bridge just in front of the gate, the right-hand lane of traffic is redirected to one lane on the left for crossover access. About midway down the highway on the way in, a blinking arrow light warns that the right lane is closed. You can see it for many yards as you approach. But every morning, some selfish pig of a driver comes rumbling down the totally abandoned right lane at a speed in excess of the posted maximum, deliberately oblivious to the 100 cars lined up already in the left lane to access the gate, like some errant child at a carnival. He or she (Ms. or Mr. Pig) speeds foolishly to the last possible crossover point, puts on the blinker and sits there like some pitiful puppy, waiting for another driver to have mercy and let them cut line. And, without fail, someone does. Sometimes, they do not ask — they edge the nose of their vehicle into already congested traffic and force an illegal space for themselves, like some uninvited guest to the crowded dinner table.

The rest of us slobs, who have been courteously waiting our turn behind an interminable string of cars, want desperately to ram full-tilt into the rear end of the offending vehicle of said piggish driver. The whole episode does not make for a happy start to a work day.

Why can't drivers just take their turn in line? Why is there always one driver who thinks they are special and deserve to be treated in some extraordinary way? We are all on our way to work — we are all running late — we would all love a break, but only a few, thank God, are the piggish ones who have to prove something on the road and be a boor (or a boar).

To the lady in the red car who pulled this stunt this Monday morning, hope you read this; and from now on, watch your back — literally!

Name withheld by request

Quote of the week

'History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid.'
— Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Lucky to be alive, unhurt

On May 15, for a brief second I just knew my life was about to end or I was seriously about to be injured. The driver (you know who you are), of the red SUV traveling south on Patton Road (just past Mills Road) just before 8 a.m., you too I believe are lucky to be alive or not seriously injured.

Everyone in that area at the time had to have been watched by angels (to include you). That could have been a very ugly scene. You don't know the thoughts that have gone through my mind about what you could have been thinking about or doing while driving. I had co-workers a few vehicles behind me who saw how lucky I was that you went into the grass and not into the vehicle that I was driving.

I hope you now see how easy it is to lose control of a vehicle when you are just not paying attention to your surroundings. I thank God that everything worked out the way it did and we were all able to go on to work and then home to our families later on that day instead of everyone having to come and see us in a place that neither one of us wants to be at right now. I'll be glad when your tire tracks wear out of that grass so I can get certain thoughts out of my mind. I hope that you have had time to reflect back on what could've been and realized how lucky you were that no one was killed or hurt.

Richard Brooks
Northrop Grumman

Letters to the Editor

Vehicle registration rule necessary?

As of March with DoD guidance, the Air Force has taken the lead in no longer registering vehicles and are advising their personnel to remove their DoD stickers from their vehicles unless they travel occasionally to a post that is still requiring registration. They recognize the common access card as the primary identifier. By not registering vehicles, the occupants are a bit safer from off post threats. Can we expect the Army to follow suit?

Steve Huffman

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "In March 2006, Air Force Security Forces Center introduced an initiative to discontinue use of installation vehicle registration decals (DD Form 2220). The rationale for this initiative was:

"Following 9/11, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff mandated 100 percent identification checks of all persons entering military

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Empty feeling at gas station

Could you please find someone to answer these questions and place it in the *Rocket*? I am retired Army after 22 years of service; I now work on the Arsenal. I usually buy my gas at the Shoppette gas station. Lately I have noticed a major increase in patrons using this and the other facilities on post. I also know and have seen several people using these facilities that are not military ID card holders (I have mentioned it to the cashiers who look at me like I was crazy). Is the AAFES gas station, PX and commissary open to all personnel that can enter the post or is it still for military personnel, family members and retirees only?

I do see signs on doors and gas pumps which are not enforced and mainly just ignored. Are there some laws and/or rules that AAFES must follow by checking IDs of all patrons who use these facilities or is it just when they feel like it or don't feel they need to when you're getting gas (because of the use of a credit card)? If there is a law or some type of procedure, then AAFES needs



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Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Name: Marlon Turner

Job: Inventory management specialist, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space

Where do you call home?
Miami, Fla.

What do you like about your job?

Working with the Soldiers, working for the Soldiers, supporting the Soldiers – because I'm retired military.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Fishing. I love fishing. Working around the house, doing a lot of things around the house.

What are your goals?

Basically to retire from civil service as a GS-13 or 14. Finish my master's degree program (in logistics management at Florida Institute of Technology). I've got seven classes to go.

What's your favorite type of music?

R&B. I'm a manager in the R&B field — music industry. I get record deals.



Mule perseveres with patience

On Jan. 12, my son and I went to the stables to bring our two horses and mules in from the main pasture for the night. We keep them at the stables on Redstone Arsenal. There are about 100 horses and two mules stabled on this military installation with a 120 acre main pasture, a 40 acre auxiliary pasture, and four 10-acre day use pastures.

We went to the main gate and called for them to come up to us. They are all normally right around close to the gate waiting to come in for supper. This evening only my son's year-and-a-half-old Tennessee walking mule and our two horses were waiting. My Belgian draft mule, Mr. Spock, was nowhere to be seen. We knew something wasn't right because he doesn't miss an opportunity to eat.

We left the other three at the gate and started walking down the dirt road toward the back of the pasture calling him as we went. After about 50 yards we heard him braying in response to our calls, but we couldn't see him

coming to us. We saw a bunch of horses down the road and started toward them. We could still hear him and after about another 50 yards we spotted him standing next to a blown down tree.

We couldn't figure out why he wasn't moving to come to us when we called. As we got closer we could see that he wasn't standing next to the blown down tree limbs, but was standing in the middle of the limbs. He had for some reason walked into the tree limbs stepping over some that were about 2 feet high until he reached a fork in the limbs about chest or 4 feet high. At this point he couldn't go forward or turn around and couldn't back out because the limbs behind him were above his hocks. He was hemmed up just like he was in a one horse trailer. We don't



Photo by Jasmine Hudson

PLEASE HELP— The mule, belonging to Jasmine and retired Marine Mervin Hudson, finally found his way out of this predicament.

know how long he had been there, but he had pawed the entire area until he had hard packed the damp dirt. His efforts were enough he had pooped a pile on the branches behind him.

We couldn't get him to lift his back legs to get him back over the limbs, so my son went back to the barn area to try and get some help or a saw. I

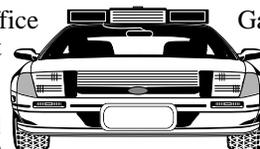
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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

May 10: An individual reported that someone had stolen approximately \$500 from their desk drawer. Investigation continues by the Redstone Investigation Section.

May 15: An individual drove up to



Gate 10 and asked to remove a friend's vehicle from the Arsenal. The driver was unable to produce a driver's license. A check revealed that the driver was driving on a suspended license and there was a warrant for his arrest from the City of Madison. He was arrested by Redstone Police; and after being given a sum-

mons to appear in court, he was released to the Madison Police Department.

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

Violation notices issued: 5 speeding, 4 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 2 improper backing, 2 expired registration, 1 parked on the grass, 2 cell phone violation.

Health tip to live by

Don't forget to eat your fruits and veggies. Potassium rich foods can lower your risk for stroke. Try some of these: tomatoes, spinach, bananas, oranges and cantaloupe. (Garrison release)

Youth foundation presents scholarships

The YOUTH Friendship Foundation Inc. is awarding \$51,000 to high school seniors in Madison, Limestone and Morgan counties.

The award banquet is June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Research Park.

Scholarship winners include Tia Smith (Lee High), Rachel Bumpus (Austin High), Jonathan Rice (Butler High), Fatima Maze (Lee), Tifanie Dryer (Huntsville High), Jonathan Howell (Oakwood), Keyairia Smith (Butler), Tori Massey (Lee), Lynsey

Cockerham (Huntsville), Morgan Hull (Austin), Talisha Rice (Hazel Green High), Christopher Brooks (Grissom High), Constance Jones (Johnson High), Adam Mastin (Sparkman High), Laura Macedonia (Bob Jones High), Emmanuel Edwards

(Oakwood) and Kaley Leach (New Century).

The following YOUTH Leadership and Character Award winners will also be recognized: Natiaya Drake (Leadership), fourth-grader at Terry Heights Elementary; Sidney Beltz (Char-

acter), fourth-grader at Terry Heights; Decarlos Turney (Leadership), fifth-grader at Terry Heights; and Erica Rice (Character), fifth-grader at Terry Heights.

For information call Maj. Alonzo McGhee at 842-1244.

■ Provost marshal registers support for decals

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installations; thus rendering the DD Form 2220 redundant as a security device;

“Displaying the DD Form 2220 identifies the person as a DoD affiliate and allows terrorists or criminal elements to target them;

“Presence of the DD Form 2220 tends to decrease the entry control sentry’s vigilance in evaluating identification;

“Vehicles with authentic DD Form 2220s can be readily purchased from used car lots.

“The initiative was approved by the Joint Service Security Council and the Air Force set an implementation date on March 2007. The Air Force recommended, through the JSSC, that vehicle registration and DD Form 2220 use become a service prerogative, rather than a requirement. The Army has not indicated interest or non-interest in changing vehicle registration procedures. The Redstone Arsenal Provost Marshal Office supports utilizing vehicle registration and the DD Form 2220 for several reasons:

“Vehicles that have been registered on the Arsenal are considered vetted to an authorized employee and allows emergency response personnel to place emphasis on non-decaled vehicles during times of crisis or emergency. Example: When needing to evacuate a building/area. State registrations only reflect the name/address of the owner and would require emergency personnel to utilize other resources (phonebook, global address, badging system, etc.) in an attempt to locate the owner. Installation registration provides a database of all vehicles registered/authorized on the installation and contact information for the owners. Because of this, emergency personnel currently only have to access the vehicle registration database to obtain the owner’s name, address, organization and phone number.

“The vehicle registration database has also been an effective tool in many other investigative cases. Examples are hit and run cases, theft cases, suspicious persons complaints, etc. Law enforcement personnel are able develop suspects by searching the database for vehicles with known matching descriptors (make, model, color, two-door).

“Each time registration is renewed, the installation is able to verify current state registration and valid insurance coverage for each vehicle.”

■ Pumps restricted to eligible patrons

Gasoline

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to start enforcing it by some kind of control of checking ID prior to using the facilities especially at the Shoppette facility prior to filling up their vehicles.

Name withheld by request

Editor’s note: The Garrison provided the following response. “Thank you for your customer comment suggesting we check ID cards at the gas pumps located at the Redstone Arsenal One Stop.

“AAFES currently has signs posted at our gas pumps that state, ‘ID Requirements: Purchases at this activity are restricted to author-

ized personnel possessing a valid ID card. Patrons in civilian dress are required to present ID cards to attendant/cashier on duty when requested.’

“These signs prevent unauthorized civilians from ‘unknowingly’ using the gas pumps. And, if unauthorized civilians are found to be wrongfully using the gas pumps during periodic spot checks, AAFES will report them to the post commander so they may be dealt with appropriately. If you suspect an unauthorized individual is using the gas pumps, please notify the manager on duty and we will be more than happy to conduct an additional spot check.

“Someday we may have a system where customers swipe the ID cards along with their credit cards at the gas pumps. Right now the technology either doesn’t exist or is way too costly. Until then we are doing the best we can to provide the ‘pay at the pump’ convenience and protect your exchange privilege.”

■ Trapped animal rescued from trees

Mule

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slipped Spock’s halter on him and stayed to comfort and calm him. I examined him and could not find any scratches or injuries. While he was gone I tried calling my husband at home and on his cell phone to come out with a chain saw. We later found out he was home working out in the yard without his cell phone and couldn’t hear the house phone. My son returned with two other lady friends and a hand saw. They were amazed and amused at my mule’s predicament.

My son and the ladies took turns with the hand saw to saw through the 8-inch limb on one side of the fork while I kept him backed away from it and standing still. They placed a piece

of wood under the limb to support it so it wouldn’t fall down until they had sawed all the way through. After they sawed through the limb and dropped it away from him I was able to turn his head enough so he could step over the downed limb to freedom. After getting out of the limbs, he started getting nervous because the others were not around. He knew where he was supposed to be and wanted to be there, so I unsnapped the lead rope and he took off.

We are proud of him and are convinced that if a horse had gotten in the same predicament it would have struggled attempting to free itself and gotten injured. Being a mule and having a strong self-preservation instinct, he didn’t struggle. I am glad he has enough confidence in me to wait patiently for me to find and free him. Situations like this are giving me confidence in him and our bond is growing stronger.

Jasmine Hudson

Recipe for love, recognition for Soldiers' families

Children make cookbook to give families of deployed troops

By JULIE FREDERICK
For the Rocket

Nothin' says lovin' like something from the kitchen. At least that is the point the members of Children in Action wanted to make when they decided to present cookbooks they developed to members of deployed Soldiers' families.

The group, consisting of 25 Redstone home-schooled students, developed the cookbook for their community-service project. The idea was to come up with a way of showing appreciation for deployed Soldiers and their families. As a result, the children developed the cookbook and presented it to family members of active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers.

"They (the students) had their hearts set on this project," Sheryl Scott-Astle, program director for Children in Action, said. "It was totally their idea. They voted on everything and were diligent about putting it together. A couple of our kids have fathers over there (Iraq) and that made this project even more important."

The children presented the cookbooks during a spaghetti luncheon they hosted Thursday afternoon.

"This just goes to show that there is something everyone can do to support our Soldiers," Andre' Terry, chief of Child and Youth Services, said. "This has nothing to do with age, and everything to do with the intent of the heart. I'm really proud of this group. I hope that the

effort of these kids has a trickle effect within the community."

The cookbooks are available to the public for \$5. All of the proceeds from the sale of the books will go to purchase phone cards for deployed Soldiers.

"It was their idea to purchase phone cards with the proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks so that the Soldiers could call home more," Scott-Astle said. "I'm very pleased. It was really a project close to their hearts."

The cookbooks can be purchased at Bill Heard Chevrolet, Huntsville Hospital, or by calling Scott-Astle at 955-6309.

Children in Action is a division of the Computer Tech Club at the Youth Center.



Photo by Holly Hajari

SPECIAL GIFT— Col. Mark Smith, commander Fox Army Health Center, receives a cookbook from two Children in Action members in recognition of his son who is serving in Afghanistan.

Project office leans toward better efficiency

Joint Attack Munitions streamlining processes

By **JULIE FREDERICK**
For the Rocket

With the funding for the war becoming an increasingly debated topic, the Army is looking to trim the monetary fat from some of its programs. Lean/Six Sigma processes can help.

At Redstone, Lean/Six Sigma processes are being implemented in many of the project offices throughout AMCOM and both Program Executive Offices. Within the PEO for Missiles and Space, the Joint Attack Munitions Systems Project Office has embraced Lean and is looking at everything from administrative functions to production processes.

“We actually started (the process) April of 2006,” Iris Prueitt, assistant program manager for technology for JAMS, said. “We actually had 28 people within the program office go through the green belt training that AMCOM offered.”

The initial 28 green belt

trainees sent were senior people. The idea was to familiarize them with Lean because of their positions in the project office. At the end of green belt training, the group identified projects within the office that needed to be addressed and the office is starting those projects.

“We have been using Lean/Six Sigma within the project office on bettering the way we do business,” Prueitt said. “But we really wanted to do it where the real strength of Six Sigma is, the production base, so the efforts that we’ve got ongoing and identified to start are really in that vein.”

One of the first production areas the project office will review is updating Bats into Viper Strike for use with the Hunter Unmanned Aerial Systems. There are 900 Bats in circulation, and the conversion error rate is higher than expected.

“I know how many Bats I’m having damaged right now,” Prueitt said. “If we can implement a process that cuts that in half — again we’re talking about only 900 out there — we

are talking about a really substantial savings.”

Another Lean project is to review the processes used for resetting rockets at the Gayston production facility, and to ensure they are making the optimal use of time and money.

A third area they are really focused on is the Anniston Army Depot reset program. For that project they have selected Christy Carter, a logistician who is going through black belt training.

The project office is looking at timelines for each project and would like to see a quick turnaround.

“We are looking at these projects on a case by case basis, but we’re really hoping to turn these, like Viper Strike, within three months,” Prueitt said. “With reset, there are missiles coming back from theater every day, so to look at the reset problems is obviously very vital. We are running the risk of losing time, these are not projects where you can just sit and think about them for a year. They need to be turned around in three months.”



Photo by Julie Frederick

RESET— Lt. Col. Tom Payne, program manager for Viper Strike, points out a Viper Strike. The system will be among the first to have its production processes streamlined in the Joint Attack Munitions Systems Project Office.

■ West Point was as tough as she expected

Graduate

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"I'm so glad I did it. I only have positive things to say about West Point," Coffey said.

"West Point is hard for everybody. Everyone is different and everyone stresses over different things. At West Point, they are going to hit all those things you could possibly stress over. You can never be perfect. But, at West Point, they strive for perfection."

Coffey said she preferred the structure and discipline of West Point over the freedom of other college campuses.

"You go to college to learn, not to party every night or sit around and watch TV," Coffey said. "At West Point, you are given opportunities to do things that you would never do anywhere else, like jumping out of a helicopter or firing a tank. And, you graduate a leader. The mission of West Point is to build leaders."

Though she and the other female cadets lived on a college campus where women were not generally accepted at the time, Coffey said she was not discriminated against.

"The men would have been in trouble if they disrespected us,"

Coffey said. "I didn't outwardly see people doing things to me. But, there were undercurrents of things. I could sort of feel things."

Even so, Coffey would not change her decision to attend West Point.

"I can see the good of it in my life," she said. "I can see what I got from it. You learn a lot about yourself at a college like that. I think it's a good opportunity for any kid."

Because of Soldiers like Coffey, women are now well established at West Point. On a recent visit there, Coffey was shocked and happily surprised to see men and women on the parade field throwing Frisbees to each other and in other relaxed social situations.

"I never saw men and women doing something together in their spare time when I was at West Point," she said.

After graduation, Coffey spent four years as a lieutenant colonel with an explosive ordnance disposal unit, working at Andrews Air Force Base and Fort Meade, Md., in the Washington, D.C. area. Marriage to a fellow West Point graduate caused her to eventually leave the Army. Now divorced, she and her 13-year-old son live in the Monrovia area. Coffey is a

lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, where she provides support to the Corps of Engineers. She has master's degrees in environmental engineering and telecommunications management.

A few years ago, Coffey became involved in volunteer efforts to support deployed troops, working with other local volunteers to collect 8 tons of shoe boxes filled with supplies for Soldiers in Iraq. That effort led to her involvement with the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition and its programs to support deployed Soldiers and their families.

"Why should we support the troops? Because they are you and me," Coffey said. "They are men and women with lives and families back home who are there doing what they can because they believe what they are doing is in the best interests of the U.S.A."

"Most of the guys on the front lines are 18 to 22 years old. They are scared and miss their families. They are just like any other young men and women, and like the same things. They face danger every day, danger that none of us understand, and they are each counting the days until they get to come home. They see death all around them, they see their friends killed in front of them. And, still they do their jobs. They

want to make Iraq safe for Iraqis, even though they can't tell the friendly Iraqis from the ones that will kill them as soon as they get a chance."

Coffey is frustrated with how Americans view the war – as something that they are not a part of and that is happening to volunteer Soldiers on the other side of the world. She worries that the seemingly lack of concern for Soldiers has a detrimental effect on them.

"I think it is tough for the troops to be in daily conflict in a war zone and then come back or correspond by phone or e-mail daily, and see that life here goes on without them," she said.

"The U.S. is so strong and rich that Americans are protected from the efforts of sending troops to war."

That disconnect between the American public and its Soldiers is a concern to Coffey. As a West Point graduate and a Reserve officer, Coffey also feels some guilt for not serving in the war.

"I feel like I've not pulled my part of the load," she said.

"I have almost volunteered several times. But, being a single mother, I can't volunteer to go and possibly not come back. But, my son knows that if orders come, then I will go. He is very attached

to me because I am all he has. My brother told me while he was over there that under no circumstances can I volunteer, that raising my son is more important than any internal pressures or conflicts that I might feel about serving."

That is one reason why Coffey puts so much effort into her volunteer efforts in support of Soldiers and Soldier families.

"The troops are our sons and daughters, all in harm's way, and I want them to know that we care," Coffey said. "I want to do for them as I'd do for my own son were he there."

"Almost every generation has a conflict where our young have to go fight to preserve our freedoms. That is not a good thing or an honor or privilege to wish for. But, our men and women throughout history have understood the dangers and fought bravely. There is no comfort for the families that lose a child or spouse or parent, or for someone who is permanently disabled. But, I will do my part to let them know that their sacrifice is appreciated and not taken for granted."

"Even the ones that come home healthy have sacrificed a year of their lives for the greater good of all Americans and all countries around the globe in this conflict, and that is huge in my book."

Taking experience into the classroom

Chief warrant officer retires to teach Junior ROTC at Columbia High

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A door of opportunity opened late last year for Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs.

And, he walked right through it into a Junior ROTC classroom at Columbia High School.

Hobbs, a nearly 30-year Soldier, gave up a career track as one of the Army's top warrant officers to teach young people about citizenship, leadership, discipline and patriotism. Although his retirement date isn't until Aug. 31, Hobbs is on a transitional leave from the Army, allowing him to volunteer at Columbia High until he officially takes over as the senior Junior ROTC Army instructor for the Military Science Department. The program includes Columbia students as well as students from New Century Technology High School, which shares a campus and some teachers with Columbia.

"The only reason I got out of the Army was for this job," Hobbs said. "I was going to be a 40-year Soldier in the Army. This is the only job I would get out of the Army for."

A devout man, Hobbs felt a calling to be in the classroom, where he could mentor young people, teach them about themselves and their abilities to have a positive effect on society, instill in them the ideas and principles the nation was built on, and be an example of leadership for the high school's student body. He will work with Junior ROTC 1st Sgt. Austin Brown-Clay to develop Columbia's Junior ROTC into one of the area's top programs.

Although he still wears the uniform, Hobbs leaves behind a military career that was leading

him toward the possibility of becoming the Army's senior warrant officer. He is among only 2.5 percent of the Army's overall CW4s who have been promoted to CW5, and he is the only CW4 in his military occupational specialty to be promoted early. He is the only CW5 in the Army with a doctorate degree. Now, he is the only warrant officer in North Alabama to lead a Junior ROTC program.

"I prayed about this. If an Army JROTC job opened up in this community, I knew I would leave the Army and take it," Hobbs said. "I wanted to do service to the community in this area. My question to myself was 'Do you just put plaques on the wall or are you out there helping others?' It was an epiphany for me. I had a great working relationship with the community and organizations, and I wanted to continue that."

Among his community involvement, Hobbs is a member of the local chapters of the Association of the U.S. Army, Military Order of World Wars, Warrant Officers Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars. In August, he will also assume responsibilities as an adjunct professor teaching graduate level management and human resources classes at Florida Institute of Technology. And, he will continue to teach Sunday school classes at Bicentennial Chapel.

Hobbs' career has included stints in missile systems and missile systems training at various military installations, including Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Rucker. He has served in Germany four times, in Iraq during the first Gulf War in 1990-92 and in Kosovo's Balkan's Conflict in 1995-96. His last Army position was as senior warrant officer adviser to the 59th Ordnance Brigade commander and the Garrison commander at Redstone Arsenal. He was also the



Photo by Kari Hawkins
SALUTE TO EXPERIENCE— Cadet Jerry Ortiz and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs exchange salutes following uniform inspection during a Junior ROTC class at Columbia High School. Hobbs is on transitional leave from the Army, during which he is volunteering his time to Columbia's Junior ROTC program. Starting with the 2007-08 school year, Hobbs will be the top instructor for Columbia's Military Science Department.

Ordnance proponent chief who oversaw training initiatives for the 15 enlisted military occupational specialties and the three warrant officer military occupational specialties taught at Redstone by OMEMS. In his position, he also reviewed initial warrant officer packets for approval of basic requirements.

"I've really been blessed because I've been able to do many things in the Army," Hobbs said. "The Army has truly allowed me to be all I can be. I've had a poster child career. The Army just gave me a great opportunity to reach all my dreams."

Hobbs, who was raised in Kentucky by his grandparents, grew up awestruck of Soldiers and military life.

"I saw an old World War II movie when I was 7. I was immediately enamored with being a military leader and leading Soldiers to take that hill. It

just grabbed me," Hobbs recalled.

"On my birthday, my grandparents bought me a toy Army car that had a bazooka on it. I was hooked on the Army after that."

Hobbs joined the Boy Scouts, becoming the first minority Eagle Scout in his troop in Louisville. After high school, Hobbs headed straight for the Army. He served four years in field artillery and then, wanting more of a technical challenge, he shifted his career into land combat military systems. After 10 years of service, he applied for the warrant officer program.

"I've always been an over-achiever," Hobbs said. "My mom, who had an eighth-grade education, told me when I was young that I was smart. And, I believed her."

The warrant officer designation fit well with Hobbs. He quickly moved up through the warrant officer ranks.

"Warrant officers are the continuity of the Army. They are the technical experts, the 007s, of the Army who manage systems," Hobbs said. "With every system that the Army has, there must be a warrant officer to provide oversight. The warrant officer is the technical expert on the maintenance and management of systems."

During his military career, despite moving frequently, Hobbs was able to get a bachelor's and master's degree. It took 14 years of night school classes for him to obtain a doctorate in human resources management.

"I couldn't have done anything without my faith in Jesus and my family," Hobbs said. His family includes wife, Erica, and two daughters – Shara, 25, who as an Army private first class has recently deployed to Baghdad with the 3rd Infantry Division, 2/3rd of BTB Signal Battalion as a 25 Bravo (communications/computer systems manager), and Shauna, who will graduate from Columbia this week, where she is cadet commander of the Junior ROTC unit, and then begin her military career with the Marines.

"Both have seen what the Army has done for me," Hobbs said. "But, Shauna decided to join the Marines because she wanted to outdo her dad with a challenge."

Hobbs' military career is characterized by many honors. He is a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and the Sergeant Morales Club, both elite groups for exemplary NCOs who meet the challenges of leadership and caring for Soldiers. While serving as commander of the radar school at Fort Sill, Okla., Hobbs was named the V Corps Distinguished Leader as an officer, an award based on Soldier skills in land navigation, weaponry, marksmanship, combat

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Command's first couple receive community's praise

Huntsville's leadership program thanks them for involvement

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AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and his wife, Becky, shared the spotlight May 15 when they were recognized for a community leadership award at the 20th anniversary celebration dinner of Leadership Huntsville/Madison County at the Von Braun Center's North Hall.

The Pillsburys were the recipients of the William Cooper Green Award, which honors newcomers who become leaders of distinction by providing a major positive impact on the community. The award was presented just a few months before the Pillsburys leave for a new assignment. Pillsbury will assume his new duties as deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations at the Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., in July.

"It was wonderful to receive the award," said Becky Pillsbury, who, along with her husband, was not aware they would be receiving an award at an anniversary dinner where former Secretary of State and retired Gen. Colin Powell was the guest speaker.

"When they first started reading about the award winner, I was thinking it could be anybody in this community. When I heard it was a couple, I thought of several couples it could be. When they said 'Still Serving Veterans,' I looked at Jim and he was smiling. We both thought it was us at the same time."

The couple is the first husband-and-wife team to complete the leadership program's executive briefing class, which they attended in 2004 soon after moving to Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville. The



Photo by Bob Gathany

LEADERSHIP HONOREES— Post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and his wife, Becky, are honored with the William Cooper Green Award at the 20th anniversary celebration dinner for Leadership Huntsville/Madison County. The award was presented to the couple by Bob Ludwig, publisher of The Huntsville Times, member of the Leadership 11 class and past recipient of the award. The William Cooper Green Award honors newcomers who became leaders of distinction through their positive impact on the community. The couple, who have resided at Redstone Arsenal for three and a half years, will be moving on to their new assignment in July.

class gave them a foundation of knowledge and understanding that aided them in becoming effective leaders in the community. Both went on to be speakers at leadership program events and to become involved in various community activities.

"The Army is all about leadership," Pillsbury said. "Since the first day I've been on active duty I've been in leader-

ship positions. The lessons I've learned about leadership have helped me throughout my career.

"I took the time to speak to leadership classes because I thought I could impart some lessons on leadership and leadership techniques to those who perhaps haven't had a lot of opportunities to be leaders."

Often, the couple took a two-prong

approach in their presentations to leadership classes.

"Jim would talk about leadership and Redstone Arsenal. He would talk about how Redstone Arsenal contributes to the community and how the community helps Redstone Arsenal, and how both are very interconnected," Becky Pillsbury said.

"I would talk to the groups about what it's like to be a military spouse. I would thank them for taking care of military families. I talked about Still Serving Veterans, and how wonderful the local community has been to support efforts to help Soldiers and their families."

Still Serving Veterans is a non-profit organization formed by Becky Pillsbury and other volunteers to assist disabled veterans with problems associated with their disability and their reintegration into society after a deployment.

Before coming to Huntsville, Becky Pillsbury participated in yearlong leadership programs in Hopkinsville, Ky., first at the local level and then at the state level.

"When we heard Huntsville had a leadership group here, we were really interested in being involved with that," she said.

Leadership programs are invaluable in growing a city's leadership base, the Pillsburys said.

"Some people say leaders are born leaders," Becky Pillsbury said. "But, there is a certain amount of development involved in becoming an effective leader."

"And, when you are in a leadership class a synergy forms between the class members and you realize so much more can be accomplished working together than apart. Leadership classes give you relationships with others interested in leadership, and they give you information so that you see problems and challenges as being multi-dimensional and needing solutions that involve everyone's contribution."

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Retired chief leading youngsters in classroom

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skills and other abilities. He is also a SERE (Survivability, Escape, Resistance and Evasion) instructor.

His choice to begin a new career as a Junior ROTC instructor was a natural for Hobbs. Over the years, he and his wife have been involved in summer youth camps for underprivileged children. More than anything, Hobbs wants to mentor young people to lives of excellence, leadership and community involvement.

"I was a youth that needed direction," Hobbs said. "I want to give back. I want to live my life to improve the lives of others. I want to witness to people. Look what I've done. But, I

could only do it with Jesus and the strength he has given me. You can do this, too. We can do it together."

Hobbs wants to use his own life experiences to teach students about possibilities.

"I want kids to know that if I can do it, they can do it, too," he said. "I'm not the smartest guy. I'm not the sharpest knife in the drawer. But, I'm easy to find and I'm dependable. With persistence and consistency, over time, you will succeed. Life is a marathon, not a sprint. So, keep running. Never lose your passion. Never lose your goals."

Hobbs has not only led a life of leadership, he's also "run" a life that has more than met the Army's physical challenges. An avid runner, Hobbs has led teams

to first, second or third place finishes in the nine years that he has run in the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C. He has coached winning teams for the Ten-Miler, and will continue as Redstone team's coach, and as a certified fitness trainer.

At Columbia, Hobbs is the cross country coach and will also assume responsibilities this fall for the school's Student 2 Student program for transitioning students. Columbia's Junior ROTC program already has a color guard. Plans for next year include forming a PT, Radar, 5K and Air Rifle Range teams, setting up a parent booster club and growing the program from its initial participation of 47 students.

The time Hobbs has spent at Columbia during the year's second semester has reinforced his desire to be in the classroom.

"Our children are still our greatest asset," he said. "There are a lot of challenges because so many come from broken homes in America. A lot of children need discipline. A lot are born leaders. But they need to be taught how to apply their leadership skills in a positive way."

Hobbs knows his students will be watching him closely to see what kind of leader he is. He welcomes that scrutiny and plans on giving them an exemplary model to emulate.

"I try to live my life like Jesus. He is the leadership model because he walked the talk," Hobbs said.

"I want these kids to know that if they listen to me then maybe I could mentor them to be the type of officer who other people can emulate. I am instructing the sons and daughters of America, and I need to set

an example on and off duty. I've got to live it. I've got to walk it."

The goal of any Junior ROTC program is not to recruit, but to teach students to be better citizens, to understand teamwork, time management and self discipline, and to become involved in their communities. When they leave the Junior ROTC program, each student should be equipped with the self esteem and self knowledge to succeed.

"I want students to feel they can come to me with anything," Hobbs said. "I want to be a father figure, a mentor, who they can come to with problems. I want to help them and inspire them to be the best they can be."

Students who want to pursue a military career can also turn to Hobbs, who will mentor them through the process.

"I'm excited about this opportunity," he said.

Missiles and space team builds depth for future

Program executive office adds reserves for lineup

How do you replace the wealth of knowledge that will be lost to retirement within the next several years?

Like a baseball team, you need reserves on your bench to fill the lineup.

The Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space has stepped up to the plate for "Building the Bench" initiatives.

The PEO MS Strategic Workforce Transformation Plan was implemented in March 2006, and the first steps to recruiting its future work force began. More than 74 percent of the office's workers will be eligible to retire by 2010 (at an average age of 55) the critical skills needed were evident for future stability.

In March 2006, the office employed 10 interns and eight Student Career Employment Program students. The office now has 23 interns, 15 SCEP students and 15 Students Working at the Army in Parallel members.

Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon, the program executive officer, has led this effort.

"Brig. Gen. Cannon has been instrumental in facing the challenges ahead for this PEO," Cindy Parmer, the office's training and career manager, said. "He is truly dedicated in his vision to provide the best skilled and trained work force while meeting the critical skills needed for the future.

"We must provide our younger work force with the opportunity to receive the expertise that will be walking out of the door through retirement. We are partnering those who are close to retirement with the newer employees to enable them to share their knowledge and skills. There is no greater gift that someone can leave behind when you retire. Our job is to provide service and support to our Soldiers, and Brig. Gen. Cannon has been our strongest leader in meeting that goal." (*PEO Missiles and Space release*)



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BENCH STRENGTH— Program executive officer Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon poses in front of building 5250 with a group of Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space interns, Student Career Employment Program students, Students Working at the Army in Parallel members, and full-time student aides.

■ Maj. Gen. Jim and Becky Pillsbury receive leadership award

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Growing leaders is key to any community's or organization's future success, Pillsbury said. For Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command, it's important to be located in a community that invests in its leaders, he said.

"In any successful organization you've got to track back to its roots to find the source of leadership," he said.

"The roots for AMCOM is the Tennessee Valley. The Tennessee Valley sets conditions for Team Redstone to be successful or not. This is a wonderful community. I like to reach out and tell this community how wonderful it is and then ask them to keep improving because any town or city or organization that stops improving starts dying."

With the Global War on Terrorism, and base realignment and closure issues, Redstone Arsenal and the Tennessee Valley need to continue to improve its leadership in every area, he said.

In presentations Pillsbury makes to community groups, he emphasizes that the Army and its leadership is equipped, trained and ready to face any challenge to democracy and freedom.

"The Army is in good shape," he said. "It is doing its job with good Soldiers who have volunteered themselves to do what Army volunteers do, and that is to fight and win wars."

Whether in the Army or the community, Pillsbury said good leaders are those who "understand there are two primary focuses – the mission and the people. When a leader understands the importance of taking care of people and the mission, then the leader has truly arrived."

During Pillsbury's tenure at AMCOM, he has been most proud of the civilian leadership program that has been conceived and executed by Dr. Richard Amos.

"The Army has wonderful leadership training opportunities for lieutenants, captains, majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels, and, at the NCO levels, beginning at E4 and going up to first sergeant and command sergeant major," Pillsbury said. "The Army has very structured leadership programs. That's not so in the civilian world within the Army. But, at AMCOM we are training civilian leaders. We've been through several civilian leadership classes here and the feedback has been phenomenal."

Pillsbury said he knows of no other civilian leadership program for DoD employees anywhere else in the Army.

The Pillsburys have a track record for being dedicated to community involvement and leadership in whatever community they live in.

"There's no way we can sit by the wayside and do nothing," Becky Pillsbury said. "We have to get involved in the community where we live. And, Huntsville is such a great community to be involved in. We both hope to be ambassadors for Huntsville in Washington, D.C."

At their new assignment, the Pillsburys will be in close contact with many commands and personnel eventually making the move to Redstone Arsenal as part of BRAC. They plan on taking opportunities to talk about all the Huntsville and North Alabama community has to offer transfer-ees.

Becky Pillsbury will also be able to take advantage of her close proximity to Walter Reed Medical Center in furthering the efforts of Still Serving Veterans.

As volunteers, Pillsbury said there have been times when he and his wife have had to make personal sacrifices.

"When your spouse is involved in leadership, you have to give of yourself to your spouse to help them be successful," Pillsbury said. "You have to provide your spouse with the freedom to do what needs to be done to be effective as a leader, and that often involves time. There have been many times when Becky and I have been bouncing off each other. As I come in the door, she's leaving."

But, Pillsbury wouldn't have it any other way. He has seen the positive impact his wife's involvement has had on many community activities, and particularly on the veterans she works with through Still Serving Veterans.

"Her instincts are so pure and so right on the things she concentrates her efforts on," Pillsbury said. "I'm so proud of her, and I don't want to detract from her success."

But, the couple's move to the D.C. area doesn't mean their leadership roles in Huntsville will end. They will eventually return to Huntsville, either for a future assignment or as retirees. They have purchased land along the Flint River in northeast Madison County, and both their children have careers in Huntsville. Their son Michael is a lawyer and is married to a teacher at Holy Spirit School. Their daughter Katherine has recently graduated from college and is also establishing herself in Huntsville.

"When we come back to Huntsville, we will continue to be very active in this community," Pillsbury said. "It's premature to say what our involvement will be. We will have to see what the terrain looks like."



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COMMENDATION— Karen Crowley, left, of the Installation Management Command Southeast Region, presents the certificate of accreditation with commendation to ACS division chief Sue Paddock.

Army Community Service ranks best in world

First ACS Armywide accredited three times

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About 90 of the 95 Army Community Service agencies worldwide have been accredited. Redstone's ACS stands above them all.

"This is the first one to achieve that status three times," Karen Crowley, the ACS program manager for the Installation Management Command Southeast Region, said. She presented Redstone's accreditation May 16 in a ceremony at Army Community Service.

This accreditation certification is with commendation, which represents the highest certificate possible.

The accreditation process happens every three years. Redstone's ACS earned accreditation in 2000, 2003 and 2006. ACS met all 256 of the inspection standards.

"Command support is really important, and a strong volunteer program," Crowley said.

She presented the certificate to ACS division chief Sue Paddock in a celebration attended by Army Community Service staff members, volunteers, Garrison representatives and others. The agency has 10 paid staff members and more than 50 volunteers.

"I'm just very proud of this ACS and the MWR (Morale Welfare and Recreation) as a whole," Garrison deputy commander Darrell Brewer said. "This is the very best ACS I've seen in the Army."

"We support families, Soldiers and civilians with coping in a changing environment," Paddock said. "Every day is a challenge."

Paddock, the ACS chief since 1995, has worked with Redstone ACS programs for 20 years. But as a retired military spouse, she has been affiliated with military families for more than 36 years. Her husband, Joe, is a retired colonel who works for a contractor.

"I'm just really excited (about the accreditation) but I give the credit to my staff, a wonderful staff and wonderful volunteers and great command support," she said. "You almost have to live and breathe the accreditation standards, so it's something we do on an everyday basis."

Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- 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.

- 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.

- A music and movie mania sale, sponsored by PM AV-AS, is today 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 today 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 Thursday 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.



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LUNCHTIME— Sarah Bryan, left, of the Education Center and Jean Manley of Military Personnel Office visit the food tables during the Garrison's AER Fun Day on May 15 at the NASA Picnic Area.

Space and Missile Defense Command marks 50th year

Golden anniversary events scheduled

On Oct. 3, 1957, the Army established the Redstone Anti-Missile Missile System Office.

For the last 50 years, the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command has developed and fielded systems to protect the nation and the Soldier with missile defense and space resources. To recognize and honor these accomplishments, SMDC/ARSTRAT has initiated a series of events hosted across the organization for 2007. The goal

was to select events which highlight a particular community and which may be replicated across the board.

The year of celebration began quietly with a series of articles which have and will continue to appear in *The Eagle* and the introduction of a 50th anniversary web site — “This Week in SMDC/ARSTRAT History.” The e-mail trailers — “From Concept to Combat, Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence in Missile Defense and Space, SMDC/ARSTRAT, 1957-2007” went online May 1, introducing correspondents to the command’s accomplishments.

In April, the command conducted a 50th anniversary logo design competition. It received 26 entries from employees and family members from across the command — California, Colorado Springs, Colo., Huntsville and abroad, as well as friends of SMDC/ARSTRAT.

The big events began in May. The SMDC/ARSTRAT Ball held at the Antlers Hilton in Colorado Springs May 11 had a 50th anniversary theme and recognized Army space pioneers. Retired Lt. Gen. Edward Anderson III, former commander SMDC/ARSTRAT, deputy commander U.S. Space Command

and U.S. Northern Command, was the guest speaker.

Tied to the base realignment and closure transfer, the key event for June is the Flag Uncasing Ceremony in Huntsville June 26, which will mark the official transfer of the headquarters from Arlington, Va. The event will be held at Bob Jones Auditorium.

The summer is a time for picnics and reunions. The community picnic in Colorado Springs will be June 22. Huntsville is hosting a reunion picnic July 11 at the NASA picnic area for SMDC/ARSTRAT employees, family members and retirees.

In August, the command will

celebrate with the Space and Missile Defense Conference. Conducted in Huntsville Aug. 14-17, the conference theme is “Celebrating 50 Years of Space and Missile Defense.” The annual conference golf tournament will be Aug. 13.

In honor of Oktoberfest, the command is holding a volkss-march in September on Redstone Arsenal. No date has been set as yet. A survey sheet will soon be distributed to gauge interest in the various facets of the event.

To recognize the command’s birthday, SMDC/ARSTRAT is hosting a dinner at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville Oct. 3. In conjunction with the dinner and Association of the U.S. Army national event in Washington, a commemorative book titled “Army Space and Missile Defense Command: Pioneering Space and Missile Defense for 50 Years” will be released.

In November, Kwajalein traditionally hosts its own Veterans Day Parade. The command encourages each location to participate in their communities’ celebrations. Finally, the command will conclude the year with the annual holiday open house, an opportunity to introduce family members to the SMDC/ARSTRAT family.

In addition to these events, the SMDC/ARSTRAT Historical Office is developing a timeline brochure recognizing the command’s key products and initiatives and a commemorative calendar. The SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs Office is coordinating proclamations and special sections in the community newspapers. In conjunction with these efforts, the 50th anniversary committee is exploring other opportunities — shirts, coffee mugs, coins and a holiday ornament. (SMDC/ARSTRAT 50th Anniversary Committee release)

Missile Defense Agency workers receive recognition

MDA Employee Awards presented annually

Two local Missile Defense Agency project managers have been honored for their leadership and management skills.

Col. Charles Driessnack, Terminal High Altitude Area Defense project manager, has received the Missile Defense Agency Leadership Award. This honor recognizes the individual who has made the most significant leadership contributions that further the mission of the agency.

Col. David Cook, Ground Based Interceptor project manager in the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense joint program office, received the Program Management Award for leadership in providing management oversight of a total system performance requirement contract.

The awards were presented during the fourth annual MDA Employee Awards, recognizing exceptional team and individual efforts throughout the past year. The ceremony originated from Arlington, Va., with several video teleconference locations across the country, including the Bob Jones Auditorium at Redstone. Last year, 272 MDA military, government and contractor employees were honored with MDA



Col. David Cook



Col. Charles Driessnack

awards. This year that number grew to 342 individuals.

The awards were broken into team and individual awards, the Contractor Honor Roll awards, MDA Contractor of the Year, MDA Leadership Award, the MDA Rising Star Award, the MDA Star Award, and were followed by a reception.

Other local award winners and their awards included the following:

- Business Administration Team Award, GMD integrated baseline review team, GMD JPO, for completing a comprehensive integrated baseline review of the Boeing ground based midcourse defense prime contract and associated major sub-contractors in less than 12 months;

- Test and Assessment Team Award, THAAD test operations team, for their

exceptional accomplishments in successfully executing the THAAD program’s unprecedented, increasingly integrated, and complex flight test schedule;

- Business Administration Award, Donna Cancel, THAAD project office, for successfully completing all requirements pertaining to the development, management and administration of contracts for the life cycle acquisition of the THAAD program;

- Test and Assessment individual award, Dr. David Furtwengler, THAAD project office, for successfully executing the program’s complex flight test schedule, while implementing innovative processes that guaranteed a fully tested system will remain on schedule to be fielded to the war fighter in fiscal 2009;

- Rising Star Award, John Warden, THAAD project office, for management and leadership skills as the director, missiles directorate, THAAD program;

- Recognized as members of the MDA Contractor Honor roll were Michael Durham of THAAD, Darrell Herriges of Kinetic Energy Interceptors, David Morin of THAAD, Don Ramsey of THAAD, James Angus of Combined Test Force and Joe Burns of GMD. (Missile Defense Agency release)

Hail and farewell

Women's club bids farewell to three of their own

Emotional sendoff to trio of friends

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It's hard to say goodbye to a friend and harder still to say farewell to three. On May 15, the Officer and Civilian Women's Club gathered together to do just that.

The farewell luncheon, held at the Officers and Civilians Club, was an occasion to say goodbye to three women who have made both an impact and many friends on the installation they have called home for the last few years. Becky Pillsbury, Gabriel Cannon and Marilyn Phillips will be leaving Redstone this summer.

Becky Pillsbury, wife of outgoing AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, has spent her time here doing the required first lady duties. However, she has not stopped there. She has served enthusiastically as the honorary OCWC president since December 2003.

"She is first and foremost our staunchest cheerleader, but more importantly she is an experienced and caring mentor. The impact of her proactive involvement is reflected in the faces of our members here," Chris Swart, outgoing OCWC president, said. "They count on her involvement and she gives it. They expect her smile and she gives it. They demand her attention and she gives it. They claim her time and she gives it."

Pillsbury is also well known both on post and off for her labor of love, Still Serving Veterans. She serves as vice president for the non-profit organization which provides aid to severely wounded Soldiers and their families. She will be moving with her husband to Fort Belvoir, Va., in the coming weeks, when he assumes his next position at



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

MEMORIES— Marilyn Phillips, left, Becky Pillsbury and Gabriel Cannon reminisce about their time at Redstone through scrapbooks given to them by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club.

Army Materiel Command as deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations. She will be missed greatly, Swart said.

"We've all learned so very much from Becky Pillsbury," Swart added tearfully.

Gabriel Cannon, wife of Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon, has served as OCWC treasurer for two years. Her unanimous re-election after her initial term is a testament to a job well done, Swart said. Cannon also served as an OCWC representative at several Redstone meetings and town hall events.

"She took her position very seriously," Swart said. "Her records were impeccable."

Cannon is also known for her forthright manner.

"Gabriel has inspired the members of our organization to see things in a different way," Swart said. "She has fresh ideas and a gentle nature. She was a valuable board member who always cut to the chase during our meetings."

The Cannons have no firm plans in place for the immediate future after Brig. Gen. Cannon

retires in June. They hope to do some traveling.

"We don't have anything

booked yet, but we're thinking about the British Virgin Islands," Gabriel Cannon said.

They also have not decided yet where they plan to hang their hats permanently, but Cannon said they're keeping Redstone in mind.

Marilyn Phillips, wife of Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips, has served on the OCWC board, too. She was recognized by the club for her tireless service.

"You can count on Marilyn. She never said a word about being over-committed or too busy, despite the fact that she does work a full-time job," Swart said. "The OCWC is very fortunate that she took such an active role."

Swart also remarked upon her thoughtfulness and consideration.

"Marilyn is first and foremost a kind person. She is a pleasure to be around. She is generous and always looking out for others," Swart said. "Her tenure is marked by her enthusiasm and

that shy smile that could make so much happen."

She will be New Jersey bound at the end of the month when her husband is reassigned as the commanding general at Picatinny Arsenal and the program executive officer for ammunition.

All three were presented scrapbooks to commemorate their time and work at Redstone by the OCWC. It was an emotional day for all in attendance, including the honorees.

"The only thing that makes this easier is that it's really not goodbye yet. Thank the Lord for that," Pillsbury said. "This has been an amazing group of people to work with."

Club officers for the 2007-08 year were also announced during the luncheon. They are president Lori Smith, first vice president Kirsten Germonprez, second vice president Sharon Olshefski, treasurer Susan Bender and secretary Karen Lake.

Retiring worker computes military service

The following question appeared in NARFE Magazine, a publication of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, and is reprinted with permission. The localized answer was provided by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Question: I will retire under CSRS. I also have four years of military service in the early 1970s. I would like to understand how either paying back for military service or not paying back for military service will affect my over-all retirement annuity.

Answer: If you were first employed in a CSRS-covered position before Oct. 1, 1982, and you retire before you reach age 62, your military service will be included in your retirement computation.

If you did not make the military deposit before retiring, Office of Personnel Management will check with Social Security when you attain age 62 to see if you are eligible for an earned benefit at that time. If you have the necessary number of credits to qualify for a Social Security benefit, the military service can no longer be included in your CSRS computation.

If you are already 62 when you retire, OPM will check with Social Security at that time and if you are eligible for a benefit, OPM will not include the military service in your CSRS computation.

If you were first employed in a CSRS-covered position on or after Oct. 1, 1982, you must make the military deposit to receive full credit for your military service under CSRS and Social Security.

Ask your agency to compute your annuity with and without the deposit, so that you can see how much difference it makes. The deposit amount is based on your military earnings, with applicable interest charges as required by the retirement law.

Army employees should contact the Army Benefits Center Civilian at 877-276-9287 to request an annuity estimate with and without the post-1956 deposit.

If you were first employed in a CSRS-covered position on or after Oct. 1, 1982, and a post-1956 military deposit in not made, that service is not creditable for either annuity computation or retirement eligibility purposes.

Bittersweet goodbye to aviation family

Brig. Gen Bill Phillips leaving for New Jersey

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A farewell ceremony was held Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium in honor of Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips and his wife, Marilyn. Phillips has served as the deputy program executive officer for aviation, and will be assuming the position of commanding general at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., and program executive officer for ammunition.

“He is the nicest, kindest, classiest general officer that I’ve ever met,” said Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, at the ceremony.

Phillips, originally from Bell Buckle, Tenn., has a bachelor’s in animal science from Middle Tennessee State University and was on the livestock judging team. “Number one judging pigs in college,” he quipped.

He credits his military upbringing as to why he chose to join the Army in 1976. His father served during War World II as a sergeant with the 24th division, his uncle fought in the Battle of the Bulge and his brother served. “I also got through college

via the Army’s help,” he said. “That’s one of the reasons I signed up for ROTC, to serve the nation and to get a little bit of money.”

For Phillips, a military career wasn’t what he had originally planned. “As a matter of fact when I came into the Army I had a love for farming and agri-business in general so my plan was to be in the Army for three years, which was my obligation, then I would move back home to join in the family farm operation,” he said. “I am far above any level that I anticipated.”

In his spare time, Phillips enjoys his Mustang, hunting and antiques though he says he hasn’t had much spare time in the last four years. “I do enjoy getting out in my Shelby Cobra and seeing how fast you can get from 0 to 45, since that is the speed limit on post and the CG said I couldn’t drive faster than the speed limit,” quipped Phillips.

Phillips, with more than 30 years of military experience, became the deputy PEO for aviation in September 2004, which was his second time to be with PEO Aviation. Phillips first assignment was in 1989-90 in St. Louis as an assistant project manager. “I had served in PEO Aviation before and for many years I wanted to get back to aviation and to the PEO.”

Get back to aviation he did. Phillips was assigned to the PEO at the beginning



Photo by Kim Henry

DAILY REMINDER— Brig. Gen. Bill Phillips, deputy program executive officer for aviation, has both the Army values and Warrior Ethos on his dog tags. “I look at this every day as I put my uniform on as a reminder to me what is first and foremost about being an officer,” he says. “If you can’t live up to these standards then you probably don’t need to be wearing the uniform.”

of a very busy time for aviation in the wake of the Comanche cancellation decision. “I am so proud of our role in aviation

transformation and modernization,” Phillips said. “We have upheld our commitment that we made to the president of the United States, to Congress, Army leadership and to industry that we would take the Comanche dollars and re-invest them in Army aviation with a defined timeline.”

Of his time at the PEO, Phillips says he has enjoyed the leadership of Paul Bogosian, the program executive officer for aviation. “I have enjoyed being in this environment where you can learn from a true acquisition expert every day and I learn something every day from Paul Bogosian.”

Phillips, 52, is also proud of the dedication and support given by those who work within the PEO and the Life Cycle Management Command. “We have great patriots right here in this organization and they prove their dedication to Soldiers and patriotism to our nation every day in all that they do,” he said. “It is so important to me to thank them for the job they do every day. They don’t ask for anything in return for what they do for our Soldiers. They are selfless and loyal citizens.”

Also during his time at Redstone, Phillips has participated in funerals for nine local Soldiers. “To be asked to participate in a funeral is probably the toughest

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Colonel goes from war front to the front office

Jenkins accepts charter for aircraft equipment

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Col. Kennedy Jenkins has arrived at Redstone from the front lines of the Global War on Terrorism.

Jenkins served at Camp Victory, Iraq, from November through March. On Thursday he accepted the charter for the Aircraft Survivability Equipment Program Director Office.

He succeeded Col. Bill Stevenson as the program director in a ceremony at Rocket Auditorium. The aircraft survivability equipment program is under the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, led by PEO Edward Bair.

"It's certainly a distinct honor for me to have an opportunity to take over a great organization," Jenkins said. "I have a great boss, Mr. Bair, and a great mission."

Stevenson, his predecessor, "made a tremendous difference here for almost two years," Bair said. "Ken, you are taking over the mantle of a great team of



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GLAD TO BE HERE— Col. Kennedy Jenkins, with his wife, Isabel, is the program director for aircraft survivability equipment.

people."

A 49-year-old Norwalk, Conn. native, Jenkins is a distinguished military graduate of Officer Candidate School. He was commissioned as a lieutenant of Infantry in 1984. He has a bachelor's in education from Southern Illinois and a

master's in strategic studies from the Army War College.

He and his wife, the former Isabel Oliveras, have three daughters and three grandsons. Their daughters Lucia Levya, 30, Marcela Marquez, 28, and Mariana Oliveras, 20, all reside in Mexico.

Beneficiary forms should be updated

Are your Designation of Beneficiary forms current? Designations should be reviewed annually and updated as appropriate.

Each form includes detailed instructions for its completion and who you can designate as your beneficiary. You may access these forms (SF 1152, 2808, 2823 and 3102) electronically by clicking on the Office of Personnel Management's web site at <http://www.opm.gov/forms>. You can obtain a copy of the TSP 3 from the TSP home page at <http://www.tsp.gov>.

If assistance is needed in obtaining or filing any of these forms, contact your servicing Human Resources specialist in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

There are several types of beneficiary forms that you can complete to designate your benefits after death. These include the following:

- SF-1152 — Designation of Beneficiary, Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee. This form is used solely for the disposition of employee's final pay and lump sum annual leave payment. This form should be completed in duplicate and forwarded to your servicing CPAC for receipt and to be placed in your Official Personnel Folder.

- SF-2823 — Designation of Beneficiary, Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program. This form is used solely for the disposition of proceeds of insurance under the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program. This form should be completed in duplicate and forwarded to your CPAC for receipt and to be placed in your OPF.

- TSP-3 — Designation of Beneficiary, Thrift Savings Plan. This form applies to the disposition of your TSP account. Employees are responsible for mailing the original form to the TSP Service Office, P.O. Box 385021, Birmingham, AL 35238 or fax the completed form to 1-866-817-5023.

- SF-2808 — Designation of Beneficiary, Civilian Service Retirement System. This form is used to designate lump-sum retirement fund contributions. This form will not affect the rights of any person who is eligible for survivor annuity benefits. Employees are responsible for completing the form in duplicate and mailing it to the Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Operations Center, P.O. Box 45, Boyers, PA 16017-0045.

- SF-3102 — Designation of Beneficiary, Federal Employees' Retirement System. This form is used to designate lump-sum retirement contributions. This form will not affect the right of any person who is eligible for survivor annuity benefits. This form should be completed in duplicate and forwarded to your CPAC for receipt and to be placed in your OPF. (Civilian Personnel Advisory Center release)

General officer departs to command Picatinny Arsenal

Phillips

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duty that a general officer has to perform," he said. An Army general officer is assigned to every funeral of a Soldier killed in the combat zone.

"How do you look someone in the eye who has just lost a son, daughter, husband, wife and tell them how sorry you are for their tragic loss when they come up to you and shake your hand and thank you for your service?" Phillips said of the experience. "It's one of the most humbling experiences that anyone could go through. I will remember all nine Soldiers and they are all American heroes."

During the farewell ceremony, Phillips received the Legion of Merit, Army Aviation Association of America's Silver Order of St. Michael and the Field Artillery Association's Honorable Order of St. Barbara. Marilyn received the Department of the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Commander's Award for Public Service and AAAA's Order of Our Lady of Loreto.

"Bill and Marilyn have made an impact on Tennessee Valley," Pillsbury said. "It is unbelievable, their role with anything to do here on post and out-

side the fence." Marilyn, a Shelbyville, Tenn. native, works as an analyst for Camber Corp.

"I am going to miss the great support structure we have here at Redstone Arsenal," Phillips said. "This community loves Soldiers and loves our Army. And I hope to discover the same kind of thing at Picatinny."

At their next stop, Phillips will be jointly responsible for all of the ammunition, small arms primarily, and some missile work as well as tactical missile demilitarization.

"I am very excited," Phillips said. "I've always wanted to be a program executive officer since I entered the acquisition work force and on top of that to command an installation is a chance of a lifetime.

"Marilyn and I are looking so forward to this job, this experience and giving what we can back to the Army in this position."

As bittersweet as it is to leave Redstone, Phillips feels the PEO Aviation will maintain the service and support to the Army.

"When I leave here I will know that this PEO is still in the best hands it can be in with Paul Bogosian at helm," Phillips said. "I am not worried about PEO Aviation, none whatsoever. This organization will continue to excel and will just get better in supporting our aviation units and Soldiers."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Administrative award

Cevelyne McCaulley of the Ombudsman Office shows the 2007 Administrative Professional of the Year award she received May 15 from the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals. McCaulley competed with other admin professionals in her chapter to win this prestigious award.

Civilians gain career management tool

5-year individual development plan joins training information web site

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Typically a worker only sits down with his or her supervisor at annual appraisal time to discuss training requirements for the next year. An automated system has been created to promote communication.

The five-year individual development plan is a new addition to the Training Information Program.

Army civilians who use TIP can now project the training they'd like to get over the next five years; and they can continue to update their plan each fiscal year. Supervisors will see the employee's desired courses and certifications, and discuss them with the employee.

"We'd like it to serve as a planning and management tool for employees as well as the supervisor," human resources specialist Penny Koger-Thomas of AMCOM G-1 said. "It's a simple tool. First the employee logs into TIP and when they reach that main menu page, they will see the link for the five-year IDP. By clicking on it, they can further select the task and the fiscal year that they are entering."

After submitting the work, it's automatically added to their projected individual development plan.

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G-1 Human Resources

An expected benefit is the reporting system. Training coordinators can see the employee's projected courses and determine whether that training can be done locally rather than requiring travel.

"A high percentage of the work force has training that requires TDY," Koger-Thomas said. "Instead, G-1 can arrange to have the training done locally. And your needs have been met while you're saving money."

This voluntary system also ensures conversation between the employee and the supervisor about the worker's training expectations. The more than 9,000 Army civilians with access to TIP can now use the new tool to project training for this fiscal year and the next four years. The plan can include not only courses but also professional development assignments and professional certifications.

"For the Acquisition work force, this system won't replace the Career Acquisition Personnel and Position Management Information System or CAPPNIS," Koger-Thomas said. "It serves as a supplement to it."

Romona Rice coordinates training for five aviation directorates within the Integrated Materiel Management Center. She is the secretary for Dr. Tom Pieplow, assistant program executive officer for aviation logistics.

"I think it'll be quite useful," Rice said of the automated five-year individual development plan. "It's going to be very beneficial to the user."

Becky Lake is the training coordinator for the G-3, Plans and Operations. She had a good first impression of the new feature.

"I know that when we walked away from a preview of it I had a great feeling about it," she said, "that it might be advantageous especially to the interns, fellows and new hires."

The Training Information Program web site is <https://tip.redstone.army.mil>. For questions the TIP help desk can be reached at 876-6297. G-1 Human Resources is available to brief organizations about the new five-year feature; and those interested can call Koger-Thomas at 876-6083.

"The No. 1 benefit is the communication that it will foster between the supervisor and the employee," Koger-Thomas said.

2-6 Cav celebrates 146th birthday

KIRKUK, Iraq — Working together has been an integral part for mission success for two 25th Infantry Division units at Forward Operating Base Warrior.

While one unit provides ground defense, the other keeps a watchful eye on the ground forces. So, it only seemed appropriate that these two units joined together in celebrating the 146th birthday bash.

On May 4, Soldiers from 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID, "Bron-

cos" attended the 146th birthday celebration for 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade "Lightning Horse."

"It's a great honor to be able to share this celebration with the bronco brigade," said Lt. Col. James Barker, 2-6 Cavalry squadron commander. "While conducting reconnaissance and security for 3rd IBCT, Lightning Horse Soldiers serve the regiment with honor and distinction." (25th Combat Aviation Brigade release)

Marines and National Guard rise to the top



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HOMESTRETCH— National Guard coach/shortstop Rodney Henshaw rounds third base and scores in his team's 15-14 win over Charlie Company on May 7.

*Leading their conferences
 midway through season*

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As troop softball league scorekeeper Don Lewis would say, "Ain't nothing changed."

The two preseason finalists, the Marines and National Guard, are still the best in their respective conferences as the season reaches the midway point. The preseason champion Marines are also the defending post champ.

The Marines improved to 6-0 on the season by beating Bravo Company 12-2 in five innings May 15 at Linton Field.

"It was defense, good defense," Marines coach/shortstop Sean Newsom said. "We had minimum errors, good hitting; all-around team effort."

Newsom had a two-run homer, RBI double, solo homer and scored three runs. Lee Burket was the winning pitcher.

Burket played his last game until leaving for Korea and should be back in the lineup for the Marines game May 31 at 8 p.m. against the 326th Chemical Company.

"I think we're competitive. We do what we need to do," Burket said. "There are a couple of teams out here that are going to give us a good run (for the title). I think part of what makes us play well is our desire to always make the Marines look good, especially being on an Army base and as small a unit as we are."

Bravo, among the teams chasing the Marines in the Eastern Conference, fell to 3-2.

"The Marines had a good stick," Bulldogs first base coach/outfielder Jarvis Payton said. "We made a couple of errors on the infield and outfield, missed balls. They've got the best team. We made mistakes, they made us pay for it."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ANOTHER BIG NIGHT— Sean Newsom, coaching third base, leads the Marines with two home runs and a double against Bravo Company on May 15.

In the nightcap May 15, the National Guard improved to 5-1 atop the Western Conference by beating HHC 59th 21-4.

Last week's results included:

May 14 – Marines def. Headquarters & Alpha 20-2, Charlie def. 326th Chemical 14-8 and HHC 59th def. NCO Academy 18-7.

May 15 – Headquarters & Alpha def. Charlie 12-8, Marines def. Bravo 12-2 and National Guard def. HHC 59th 21-4.

May 17 – Headquarters & Alpha def. NCO Academy 23-4, HHC 59th def. 326th Chemical 16-15 and Marines def. Charlie 14-3.

Standings entering this week had **Eastern Conference** – Marines (7-0), Bravo (3-2), HHC 59th (4-3) and 326th Chemical (1-5); **Western Conference** – National Guard (5-1), Headquarters & Alpha (3-3), Charlie (1-6) and NCO Academy (0-4).

HHC 59th takes post golf championship

'Raise Up' foursome shoots 5-under 67

A team from HHC 59th rose to the occasion Friday in the 2007 Felix Milar post golf championship at the Links at Redstone.

Like the unit motto, "Raise Up," the four-member group representing the HHC 59th explosive ordnance disposal training department won the title with a 5-under-par 67. The defending champion Marines finished second.

"Putting kept us in it – the short game and putting," the winning team captain Michael Tilley said. His teammates included Benjamin Lepri, Eric Holloway and Rob Shallbetter.

The Marines team-1 was tied for second with Marines-2 at 69 after 18 holes. A two-hole playoff then determined the runner-up. Marines-1 beat team 2 by five strokes on the second hole in which individual scores were combined. Marines-1 was 3-over while Marines-2 went 8-over.

Members of the runner-up Marines-1 team were Jeff Neumann, Bob Taylor, Sean Newsom and Orlanda Grimsley.

Here are the results from the tournament which drew 16 four-member teams:

- HHC 59th (67); 2. Marines-1 (69 won runner-up playoff); 3. Marines-2 (69); 4. MSIC (70); 5. HHC 59th-4 (71); 6. National Guard (73); 7. Bravo-2 (74); 8. NCO Academy (76); 9. (tie) Bravo-1

- and 326th Chemical-1 (79); 11. HHC 59th-1 (83); 12. HHC 59th-2 (84); 13. Bravo-5 (88); 14. Bravo-4 (89); 15. 326th Chemical-2 (93); 16. Bravo-3 (99).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BULLDOGS ON ONE— Aaron Cravens tees off for Bravo-2 on the first hole at Whispering Pines during Friday's post golf championship. Bravo-2 finished seventh out of 16 teams.

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

Golf outing

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its annual golf outing June 8 at the Links at Redstone. All association members, retired and active duty are invited. There will be a meeting and breakfast from 6:30-7:30 a.m. in "The Loft" at the Officers and Civilians Club. Teams will be organized at that time with a tee time between 8:30 and 9. The Sergeants Major Association is open to membership for all E-9s from all services, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Johnson 842-9767 or retired Command Sgt. Maj. McSwain 842-6778.

Director's Cup golf

The second annual Director's Cup Golf Tournament, sponsored by Redstone Technical Test Center, is June 1 with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. Cost is \$45 per person (\$50 with two mulligans). Sign up by Friday. Call Mike Krause 876-5545.

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 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.

Redstone flotilla

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights beginning June 14 through July 26 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive. Class-

es are held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621 or cellular 527-4475.

Bob Jones classic

Bob Jones High School Touchdown Club is holding the fourth annual Bob Jones Classic Golf Tournament on June 8 at the Links at Redstone. Meet and talk with current and former NFL and college players. Businesses and individuals may sponsor a hole for \$100 and/or register to play for \$100 per person. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration deadline is June 4. Call Barry Anderson 955-3945 or Sue Daniels 233-2838.

Cheerleader camp

There will be an interest meeting for the 2007-08 Baby Bulldog Cheerleaders on June 1 at 6:15 p.m. at the Progressive Union M.B. Worship and Praise Center, the old sanctuary at 4201 Oakwood Ave.

The cheerleader camp will be held June 14-16. For more information, call 797-3788.

Madison soccer club

The Madison Soccer Club Shockers will hold tryouts and registration for forming club soccer teams for play in fall 2007 starting June 1. Boys and girls ages 8-18 are welcome. Girls sessions will be held June 1 at 5:30 p.m., June 3 at 3:30 and June 4 at 5:30. Boys sessions are June 2 at 11 a.m., June 3 at 1:30 p.m. and June 5 at 5:30 p.m. If your child plays AYSO or recreation soccer and you feel he or she needs a challenge, club soccer is the next step. For more information about the Madison Soccer Club or its tryouts, visit the web site www.madisonsc.org.

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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Tour cycle

The sixth annual Tour d' Arsenal bike ride begins May 15 from the NASA Fitness Center with nearly 60 participants. The 18-mile route changed because the Patton Road bridge is closed.

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.



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

Officers association

Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting May 30 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club.

Austin Boyd, retired Navy pilot and author of "The Mars Hill Classified" series, is the speaker. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast this Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

Parent advisory council

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet May 29 at 11 a.m. in the Redstone Room, Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 (phone 876-7952). The topic will be kindergarten readiness/transition. All parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance – five points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. "Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Child and Youth Services facilities and to voice your ideas, opinions or concerns," a prepared release said.

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 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.

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

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Courtesy photo

International event

Jane McWhorter from the Huntsville Friendship Force meets with Staff Sgt. Franciscus Sturmans from the Netherlands during a joint event with the Friendship Force, International Services Council and International Military Student Office on Green Mountain in Huntsville. This picnic May 12 gives the international students an opportunity to meet host sponsors from the local community

obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

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

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

Water cooler refills

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

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

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

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Vets investment

Bill Lang, left, president of Vets with Vettes, presents a \$5,100 check to Army Emergency Relief on May 14. It represents proceeds from the fifth annual Cars and Camouflage Car Show sponsored April 21 by Fox Army Health Center and the Vets with Vettes, Corvette Owners. This doubles the \$2,550 raised by last year's event. Accepting the check is AER officer Kristi Foster. From left are Lang, retired Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins (partially obscured); Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center; retired Col. Jim Hornaday and Foster.

Rocket Announcements

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.

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.

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 Flag Day (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 dapal@bell-south.net.

Ride wanted

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

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.

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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Product manager

Robert Lee Brown becomes the product manager for aviation ground support equipment, under the Program Executive Office for Aviation, in a ceremony held Friday at Bob Jones Auditorium. He succeeds Bernard Gajkowski.

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.

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Army concert

Redstone Arsenal MWR and Army Entertainment are once again bringing the Army Concert Tour to Redstone Arsenal, June 16. This year the concert features Dierks Bentley with special guest Heartland. General admission tickets are \$25 until June 15 and \$30 day-of-show. Premium tickets are \$65. The gates open at 6 p.m. and the show starts 7:30. Tickets can be purchased at the MWR Ticket Office, Sparkman Cafeteria, Officers and Civilians Club, the Post Exchange, at all ticket master locations and at ticketmaster.com. For more information, call 876-4531.

Korean War veterans

Veterans of Korean War and their families are invited as honored guests for the 57th Anniversary of Korean War luncheon June 24 at 1 p.m. in the Hyun's Korean Garden Restaurant, located on South Parkway, Main Street Shopping Village. Lunch will be provided with a presentation of "Korea, Today." Proof of Korean War veteran is requested. For more information and to RSVP, call K.C. Bertling 541-0450.

Historical society

The Huntsville Historical Society will present Robert Schuffert at the Huntsville Public Library on June 10 at 2 p.m. "His photographic artwork shows northern Alabama at its finest," a prepared release said. "The program will honor Dr. Frances C. Roberts who loved her state in all its glory. Visitors are welcome."

Warrant group scholarship

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association will present one \$1,000 scholarship award. Eligible participants include dependent or adopted children, dependent stepchildren under age 21 (seniors in high school or currently enrolled college freshmen) and adult non-traditional students (age 21 and older who is currently enrolled as a college sophomore or above) of military – active, retired, National Guard or Reserve – and DoD civilian residing in the Tennessee Valley area. Deadline to apply is July 2. To download a packet and registration form, go to www.redstonewarrants.com.

Waiting spouses

The Waiting Spouses talk time is 1-2 p.m. June 5 at Fox Army Health Center. Karen Scott, a licensed social worker with Behavioral Medicine Division, FAHC, will coordinate the group. The group is open to anyone who is geographically separated from their spouse who belongs to any branch of the armed forces or Department of Defense employee and is active duty and deployed or away on an unaccompanied tour or attending extended training. The session will be held on the second floor of Fox. For more information, call Scott 955-8888, ext 1032. Free child care will be available, but registration is required by calling Mary Breden 876-5397. Child care services will be provided at the ChildWise play morning



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Classic camera

Charlie Brown, lead dispatcher in the Garrison Motor Pool, shows the 1910-era Kodak camera he originally found 30 years ago in Chattanooga while playing at an unoccupied log house owned by his father. The Northrop Grumman employee, 43, rediscovered the camera in April while visiting his older brother, Richard, in Jacksonville, Fla. By surfing the Internet, Brown found that the list price for this Kodak ball bearing shutter was \$6 to \$12 in September 1915.

building at 1413 Nike St. from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Shot records are required to use the services.

Summer party

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold a Concert in the Park Summer Party on June 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. Dress is casual. There will be music by Sentimental Journey. Reservations are required by May 25. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call Carrie Hightower 882-3992.

Memorial Day program

This year's Memorial Day program in the City of Huntsville will be May 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the Veterans Section of Maple Hill Cemetery. The guest speaker is Brig. Gen. D. Brooks Hodges III, commander of 142nd Signal Brigade, Alabama Army National Guard, and a veteran of Afghanistan. The 142nd Signal Brigade is the parent unit of the 279th Signal Battalion of Huntsville. Ceremonies will honor veterans and their families. Patriotic music will be performed by the Huntsville Concert Band. This year the program is

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organized and presented by Jewish War Veterans Post 111 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26 as part of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition. For more information, call Dr. William Goldberg 705-5378.

Coupon books

Enjoy the City coupon books are being sold by the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center to benefit Army Emergency Relief. The books are \$15 each and contain more than \$700 in savings at many local restaurants and businesses. Call Robin Rincon 876-1181.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on June 5 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Marriage workshop

"Eight Habits of Successful Marriage," presented by Dr. John Covey of Franklin Covey Institute, is being offered free to

couples in the Redstone community June 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Redstone Lanes conference room. This course teaches participants how to apply basic principles that lead to individual and interpersonal effectiveness within their marriage. The workshop, manual, planning calendar and child care are free. Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks are included. This workshop is sponsored by Bicentennial Chapel and the ACS Family Advocacy Program. Registration for the workshop and child care is required. To register call Army Community Service 876-5397. Questions about the workshop should be directed to Virginia Dempsey of ACS.

Gospel concert

"Sisters in Praise," featuring the Delta Choir in its 10th anniversary gospel concert, will be held June 3 at 5 p.m. at St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, 3020 Belafonte Ave. For more information, call Brigitte Fletcher 876-5207.

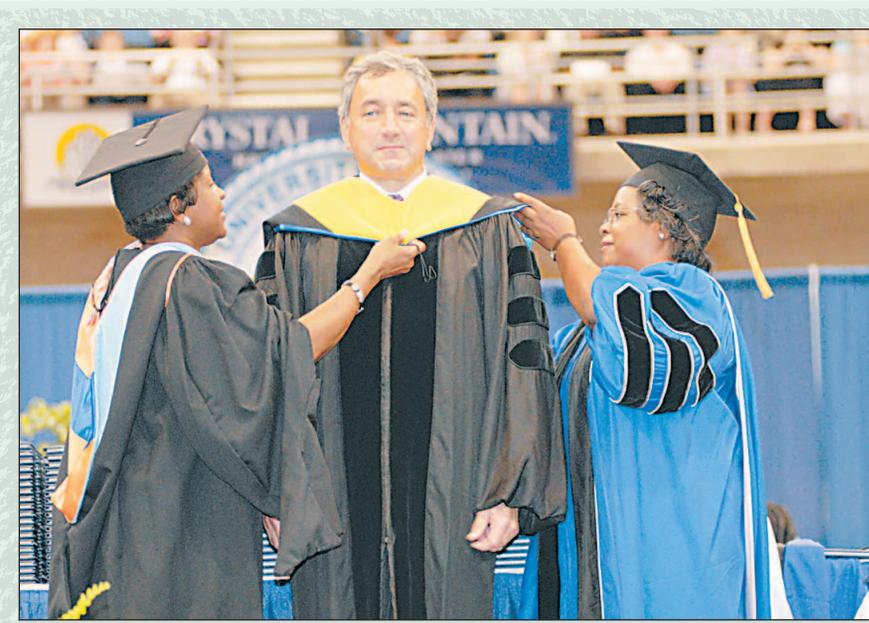
Honor blood drive

LifeSouth will have a special blood drive to honor servicemembers Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 5250. For more information, call 533-8201 or go to www.lifesouth.org.

Gate security

Beginning this week, the security force on the gates has returned to the previous policy of checking identification for all the occupants of each vehicle. The Alutiiq security guards are checking IDs for the

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Courtesy photo

Honorary doctorate

Paul Bogosian, program executive officer for aviation, is awarded an honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Alabama-Huntsville during the UAH spring commencement May 13. UAH vice president Delois Smith, left, and University of Alabama system trustee Vanessa Leonard place an academic hood on the honoree. UAH conferred 1,307 degrees, including 946 bachelor's, 325 master's and 36 doctoral degrees.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Flight worthy

Members of the "First Flight" band at Unmanned Aircraft Systems practice classic rock songs May 15 after hours at Bob Jones Auditorium. They include drummer Lt. Col. Shawn Gresham, lead singer/guitarist Jeff Crabb and on keyboards David Jones. Not present is bass guitarist Tim Sharp. They're practicing for the UAS Project Office's organization day June 14 at the Rustic Lodge.

driver and each of his or her passengers. So, when approaching the perimeter gates, everyone should have their IDs ready – meaning for example a common access card, Redstone badge, NASA identification, etc.

Weight watchers

Redstone employees who want to lose weight can join the Sparkman Center Weight Watchers group which meets each Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5308, room 8124. An open house will be held this Thursday. During the open house, everyone is welcome to visit and ask questions about Weight Watchers. The new series will begin May 31.

Rose show

The Huntsville-Twickenham Rose Society will hold a Mini and Mini-Flora Rose Show on Saturday at the Parkway Place Mall. Competition is open to all rose growers and entries must be made from 7-10:30 a.m. on the first floor of the Parkway Place Mall. Mini rose arrangements will also be displayed. The show is free and will be open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. The Rose Society will be selling miniature roses ready to be planted in your garden. Come out and help the Huntsville-Twickenham Rose Society celebrate its 50th anniversary. For more information, e-mail bjmountop5@netzero.net.

PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours for Memorial Day, May 28: Main Store — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; all concessions — closed; Barber shop – closed; GNC – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Furniture store – closed; One-Stop Goss Road – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tire store – closed; Burger King – closed; Military clothing – closed; Barber shop, building 3479 – closed; Food Court – Anthony’s 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cinnabon closed, Baskin Robins closed, Robin Hood closed, Church’s closed and American Eatery closed.

Fox holiday hours

Fox Army Health Center’s Primary Care Clinic and the Pharmacy will close at noon this Friday. All other clinics will be closed the entire day. The Primary Care Clinic will be open on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon for scheduled appointments. The Health Center is closed on Sundays and will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments. Fox has no emergency room or emergency medical services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.

Learning center courses

The AMCOM Learning Center is offering the following workshops in June. These workshops are offered at no cost to the AMCOM community and registration is through the Training Information Program. They include: “Eat That Frog,” June 4 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Sparkman Center building 5304, third floor. “Emotional Intelligence, Part VI, Helping Others Help Themselves,” June 7 at building 5304, third floor. “Leadership Essentials,” June 11 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at building 5304, third floor. “Mentoring Lunch & Learn (Leadership Qualities),” June 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5304, third floor. “The Essence of Leadership,” June 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at building 5304, third floor.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK07973630	Electronic Publications Spec (POL/Adv Tech)	23-May-07	LOGSA	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07984141	Supv Engr Tech	23-May-07	AMCOM, TMDE	YF-0802	2	2	56,301 - 107,991	X											
SCBK070916109	Mgmt Analyst	24-May-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-0343	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X											
SCBK07934668	BRAC Prgm Spec	24-May-07	USAOMEMS	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X	X					X				X
SCBK07995264	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	25-May-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	63,958 - 83,148				X		X		X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07972711	Liaison Ofcr	25-May-07	Acq Supp Ctr	YA-0301	3	3	93,822 - 143,471	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07972711D	Liaison Ofcr	25-May-07	Acq Supp Ctr	YA-0301	3	3	93,822 - 143,471	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07990169	Exhibits Spec (Gen)	25-May-07	Garrison	GS-1010	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07995813	Executive Assistant	25-May-07	SMDC	YA-0301	2	2	38,824 - 87,039		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07973680	Admin Spec	25-May-07	SMDC	YA-0301	2	2	38,824 - 87,039		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07014317	Supv Prgm Mngr	25-May-07	Garrison	YC-0340	2	2	56,301 - 107,991	X											
SCBK07988565	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	28-May-07	MWR	GS-0303	7	7	36,057 - 46,874								X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07988565D	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	28-May-07	MWR	GS-0303	7	7	36,057 - 46,874	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07014317D	Supv Prgm Mngr	28-May-07	Garrison	YC-0340	2	2	56,301 - 107,991	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07989299	Supv Installation Ammunition Prgm Mngr	28-May-07	Garrison	YC-0301	2	2	56,301 - 107,991	X											
SCBK07910680	Organizational Resources Mgmt Spec	29-May-07	Garrison	GS-0301	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X											
SCBK07995270	Procurement Analyst	29-May-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	63,958 - 83,143							X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07993362	General Engr	29-May-07	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK070852433	Military Construction Analyst	30-May-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-0301	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X						X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07987100	Mgmt Assistant (OA)	30-May-07	AMC, Sec of the Gen Staff	GS-0344	7	7	36,057 - 46,874		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07987100D	Mgmt Assistant (OA)	30-May-07	AMC, Sec of the Gen Staff	GS-0344	7	7	36,057 - 46,874	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST07995826N	Supv Intelligence Spec (I&TS)	31-May-07	SMDC	GG-0132	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST07995826P	Supv Gen Engr	31-May-07	SMDC	GG-0801	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07994621	Prgrm Analyst	1-Jun-07	AMCOM, G-3 (Oper)	GS-0343	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07940068	General Engr	5-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07940068D	General Engr	5-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07976641	Electronics Engr	7-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07976641D	Electronics Engr	7-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07001772	Lead Aerospace Engr	8-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07001772D	Lead Aerospace Engr	8-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07908937	General Attorney	8-Jun-07	AMCOM, Legal Ofc	GS-0905	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07987339	Oper Research Analyst	15-Jun-07	AMCOM, G-3 (Oper)	GS-1515	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X											
SCNAFBK0727	Lead Lifeguard	31-Aug-07	Swimming Pools, Outdoor Rec	NF-0189	2	2	7.61 - 13.48	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	5.15 - 10.63	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	5.15 - 10.63	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0730	Laborer	4-Sep-07	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	7.90 - 7.90	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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SCBK07993362D	General Engr	29-May-07	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST07995826P	Supv Gen Engr	31-May-07	SMDC	GG-0801	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST07995826N	Supv Intelligence Spec (I&TS)	31-May-07	SMDC	GG-0132	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK07976641D	Electronics Engr	7-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07001772D	Lead Aerospace Engr	8-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

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

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com 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 Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647, for more information.