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Javelin joins veterans museum

Project office contributes hardware for display

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A missile system used in today's War on Terrorism has joined the memorabilia on permanent display at the Veterans Memorial Museum.

The Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office presented an inert Javelin anti-tank weapon May 21 to the museum located on Airport Road in Huntsville. Javelin, first fielded in 1996, is used in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's great," museum director Randy Withrow said of the gift. "It adds more linkage to what we do at the Arsenal. This is visible evidence to what we're doing out there."

Retired Col. Mike Roddy, who served as the Javelin project manager from 1992-96, initially asked the project office for a system two years ago. He contacted Mary Dixon, the deputy product director for Javelin.

"We had to identify the hardware (for potential contribution)," Dixon said. "The launch tube was easy, because it was expended. But we had to find an old CLU (command launch unit), not being used, and de-mil it. So it wouldn't be a tactical unit."

The effort culminated May 21 when Dixon and Jon Lowe, interim project manager for close combat weapon sys-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

EXHIBIT PIECE— Marking Javelin's arrival at the Veterans Memorial Museum are, from left, Jon Lowe, interim project manager for close combat weapon systems; museum director Randy Withrow and former project managers Col. Lloyd McDaniels and retired Col. Mike Roddy.

tems, delivered the Javelin to the museum. They were joined by Col. Lloyd McDaniels, a former project manager for close combat weapons, which include Javelin and TOW. Roddy, who works for Aerojet as director of Army business development, also attended.

"We're glad to do it," Lowe said. "We had some older hardware that we de-militarized

provided to the museum. You have to go through the right procedures and policy to do it, but we did it."

Javelin was fielded to the 75th Ranger Regiment, the first Army unit equipped, in June 1996 at Fort Benning, Ga.

In 2003 it became the weapon system for the GI Joe anti-tank gunner action-figure toy produced by Hasbro.

Summit brings state commanders together



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GATHERING— Attendees at the Alabama Commanders Summit assemble outside the Officers and Civilians Club.

Contacts developed and lessons shared

By LIRA FRYE
For the Rocket

Commanders and representatives from military installations throughout Alabama were at Redstone Arsenal last week to attend the third Alabama Commanders Summit.

Established by Gov. Bob Riley following Hurricane Katrina, the summit joins representatives from the state's military installations as well as state and federal agencies. It gives the groups an opportunity to share lessons learned, identify capa-

bilities and develop community relationships before an emergency occurs.

"We have points of contact, phone numbers and open lines of communication because of this conference," Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski said. "And it's only going to get better."

Throughout the three-day conference, presentations covered areas such as Fort Rucker's tornado support operations, the Alabama Mutual Aid System and nationwide 9/11 cooperation.

"It's important we get to know our counterparts — those around the state we need to depend on in

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An open lane random survey

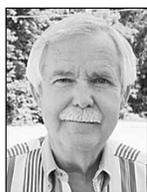
What would you do with a million dollars?

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*Lt. Kenny Renew
Directorate of Emergency Services*
"We would save some and try to help family members in need."

*Buster Walker
Contractor/consultant*
"I would send kids to school. They would have to dedicate themselves to school. And of course I would take care of my family."



*Pfc. Lee Ann Evans
Charlie Company*
"I would pay off my car, put a down-payment on a house and invest the rest of it. I would go on a vacation, of course."



*Pvt. Jessica Thompson
Charlie Company*
"I would pay off my bills, go to school, buy a house, and put the rest away for college for my children."



Quote of the week

'The miracle is this – the more we share, the more we have.'
– Leonard Nimoy

Insurance explanation wanted

Just because you pay for insurance doesn't mean you have any. A while ago I needed a medication to treat a serious condition I had contracted. I went to the pharmacy to pick up the prescription. The insurance company denied me the medication. This drug is FDA approved for treatment of the condition and the insurance offered no other alternatives. I called Blue Cross and was told that they do not handle our medication. I was given another number to call and they told me that the medicine was not on the list.

I don't remember paying for insurance to anyone other than Blue Cross. Could someone please explain this shell game that Blue Cross is playing with our coverage? The medication cost several hundred dollars and I was in agony until I was able to scrape up enough money to pay for it out of my own pocket. I thought I paid Blue Cross for that; they take my money every payday. I would also like to know who makes up this list, are they accountants and why didn't they offer an alternative? Blue Cross charges me way too much to not provide me care when I need it.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "All benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations and exclusions in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield's 2007 brochure and are payable only when BCBS determines they are medically necessary.

"You must get prior approval for certain drugs, and prior approval must be renewed periodically."

For more information, try the following web site located at: <http://opm.gov/insure/07/planinfo/open.asp>.

Random security inspections coming to Sparkman Center

Beginning next month at the Sparkman Center, AMCOM will be implementing the Random Antiterrorism Measure Program, according to Josette Paschal, security program manager, AMCOM Force Protection Office, G-3.

The Aviation and Missile Command recognizes its responsibility to protect personnel, and mitigate the consequences associated with acts of violence/terrorism, including the necessity for a properly integrated response in the event of an incident.

With this responsibility in mind, commander Maj. Gen.

Jim Pillsbury has determined the need to conduct various RAMP measures. These measures will be accomplished with assistance from the Directorate of Emergency Service law enforcement and the Sparkman Management Office, to conduct the inspections and searches inside and outside buildings, including inspections of vehicles and personnel.

Plans are under way to implement RAMP across the entire AMCOM Life Cycle Management Command work force, in all Arsenal buildings.

Thanks to women's club

Thanks to the Officer and Civilian Women's Club for its donation to Christmas Charities Year Round. The support is greatly appreciated.

Gerri Mills
CCYR director

Credit card wasn't accepted

Regarding the letter in the May 23 *Rocket* about the PX gas pumps, please verify, but it is my understanding that only credit cards that have been "registered" or are issued by AAFES (Star Cards) are eligible to be used as "pay at the pump." I have tried using a MasterCard and the pump would not accept it and I had to go to the window and show my Military Retiree Dependent ID. Perhaps your writer saw me using my Star Card.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Post Exchange general manager Carl Carpenter gave the following response. "We take Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Voyager, and our Star Card at the gas pumps. There is no way to pre-register someone's card. Unless there is a problem with the way an issuing financial institution has coded a card, they should work at the gas pumps without the customer having to pay at the window."



Courtesy photo

Defense undersecretary

Kenneth Krieg, center, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, visits the Defense Acquisition University's Senior Service College Fellowship on May 18. Krieg received an overview of the SSCF from James McCullough, right, dean of DAU South Region, and Dr. Jerry Davis, left, director of SSCF. Krieg held a private session with the attendees of the fellowship and then spoke to the faculty/staff and students of the South region in a larger assembly.

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Huntsville

What do you like about your job?

Interacting with the people. Meeting different people from different parts of the country and the world. Dealing with sports.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Fishing, golfing, helping my wife (Sarah) in her garden. Playing with my 7-year-old daughter (Mary), but that's a job into itself (laugh). Now she's in coach's pitch softball. Between her softball and working, some things have to be put on hold.

What are your goals?

To retire – that's the next one.

What's your favorite type of music?

R&B



Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

May 19: An individual came to the police station and reported that someone had used his credit card. The unknown party had com-



mitted identify theft to the amount of \$575 in a place in New Jersey. Investigation will continue by the local police department. Remember to protect yourself by not leaving valuable information out so others can get to it.

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

Violation notices issued: 19 speeding, 12 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 following too close, 1 failure to yield right of way, 3 expired tags, 7 cell phone violations.

Huntsville Center worker cited for engineering value

Served on team recognized in military construction

An Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, employee received a 2006 Department of Defense Value Engineering Award at a ceremony May 16 at the Pentagon.

Joel Hoffman, an engineer with the Chemical Demilitarization Directorate at the Huntsville Center, served as the Standards and Criteria Military Construction Transformation team member on the MILCON Construction Transformation Development Team that received the Outstanding Value Engineering Team award.

Other team members were Howard Moy, program manager, Headquarters Program Integration Division, Headquar-



Joel Hoffman

ters, Army Corps of Engineers; Jeffery Hooghouse, deputy chief architect, Headquarters, Army Corps of Engineers; and Carole Lee Rankin, Louisville District Corps of Engineers Value Engineering/Management program manager.

Value engineering is a process of function analysis to identify actions that reduce cost, increase quality, and improve mission capabilities.

The team used or participated in 13 Value Engineering workshops to help the Corps transform its Military Construction Delivery Process for needed execution. The VE work culminated in award of a pilot project at 100 percent scope, within budget, during a difficult construction bid climate due to Hurricane Katrina. Approximately \$130 million in cost avoidance was documented on this work; and more than \$120 million was documented on other projects using similar delivery, solidly documenting cost effective stewardship of taxpayer resource. (Huntsville Center release)

Acquisition Center division chief remembered

Leroy Williams Jr. was 'great fellow'

Co-workers remember Leroy Jefferson Williams Jr. of the Acquisition Center as a nice person and hard worker.

He died May 19 at age 55.

Williams was chief of the missile/air defense/tactical planning division in the Missile Logistics Directorate at the Acquisition Center.

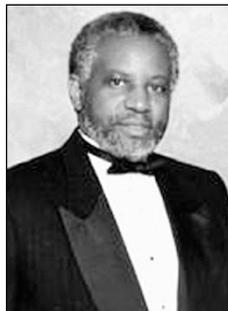
"He was a gentle, nice person, a very good supervisor," Alma Cuffy, secretary to missile logistics director Lt. Col. Jeff Knight, said. "Mr. Williams will truly be missed on this floor. He cared about his division. He touched us all with words of encouragement, and he motivated you to do well."

When Williams was promoted to division chief in 2004, Terry Neal assumed his job as contracting officer for Javelin, Longbow and Joint Common Missile.

"He was a great fellow," Neal said, "a great father, family man, hard worker, very responsible; just an all-around good guy."

He was married for 33 years to Geraldine Williams. In addition to working at the Acquisition Center, Williams was owner/proprietor of Elegant Fashions Bridal and Formal Wear for 13 years. He received patents for inventions and multiple suggestion awards while working in the Propulsion Directorate at Redstone in the mid-to late 1970s. He began his career here in 1974 in the labs as an engineering technician and worked for the government 33 years. In 1980 he joined the Acquisition Center on the intern program.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Downing Williams of Harvest; daughters, Hope Williams Bradley of Toney, Erin Williams and Heather Williams of Harvest; son, Ellery Williams of Huntsville; father, Leroy Jefferson Williams Sr. of St. Stephens; sisters, Tommie Williams Coates of St. Stephens, Clara Williams Foster of Rollingrock, Ill., and Elizabeth Williams Fox of Prattville; brothers, Alfred Williams of Madison, Clyde Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo., James Williams of Huntsville and Michael Williams of Greer, S.C.; cousin, Gussie Williams Powe of Inglewood, Calif.; and two grandchildren.



Leroy Williams Jr.

Emergency planning seen benefited statewide

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case of an emergency," Alvin Odoms, Redstone Arsenal director of plans, training and mobilization, said.

Odoms, who played a large part in coordinating this year's summit, explained that prior to Hurricane Katrina, military commanders in the state didn't know their counterparts nor what capabilities other installations had to respond to emergencies. Now they have more than just a phone number to call; they have a name and a face.

For example, when called to support an emergency, Redstone Arsenal officials know not only what assets the local communities have available, but also what capabilities Maxwell Air Force Base and Fort Rucker can provide and who they need to talk with to make things happen.

"I can't begin to say what a benefit it is to know that person on the other side of the phone (in an emergency situation)," Odoms said. "If we have an emergency in any part of the state, we now know who to call and what they have. It's a good synergy of emergency assets."

Held twice a year, the summit not only provides a forum to exchange ideas and resolve issues, but to also learn about the latest emergency services technologies and that those tools exist if needed.

Members of the 42nd

Medical Readiness Group, the 46th Civil Support Team, Redstone Arsenal Emergency Services, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Warfighter Protection lab, and local area emergency management teams put on demonstrations and spoke to participants about the technology and services each group provides.

Summit members include Redstone Arsenal and Fort Rucker garrison commanders, Anniston Army Depot, Army Reserve units from throughout the state, Alabama National Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Group located in Mobile and the Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District. The 42nd Air Base Wing commander at Maxwell Air Force Base is the chairperson. Disaster response and law enforcement agency representatives within the state are also invited to attend. The next summit is scheduled for November.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WELCOME— Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury addresses the Alabama Commanders Summit on May 22. "There are no negatives about the Tennessee Valley," he said.

Addressing family issues for a better Army

Post delegates are heard at higher headquarters

By **KARI HAWKINS**

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Going up the chain of command to advocate for change is working for volunteers involved in identifying and updating quality-of-life issues as part of the Army Family Action Plan.

And, it's working, Redstone Arsenal delegates say, because leaders are listening to the family concerns of Soldiers, military spouses, civilian employees and retirees, and implementing suggestions to address those concerns.

As Redstone Arsenal's delegates to the Army Materiel Command's recent Army Family Action Plan Conference at Fort Belvoir, Va., Gena Scofield and Kim Atchley saw for themselves the responsiveness of Army leadership to conference concerns.

"General (Benjamin) Griffin (commander of the Army Materiel Command) met with us," Scofield said. "He actually listened to what we had to say and discussed concerns with us. He was only scheduled to meet with us for 15 minutes. But, he ended up spending about an hour talking with us."

Scofield and Atchley participated in the Redstone Arsenal Army Family Action Plan Conference in the spring. Scofield is the spouse of a military retiree, and the Family Child Care director and nutritionist for Child and Youth Services. Atchley was

raised in an Air Force family, and is a former Soldier. She is employed as a civil engineer with PEO Aviation's Cargo Helicopter Project Office.

"There's a lot in my background that said 'Hey, you know the issues,'" said Scofield, who was asked to attend the Redstone Arsenal AFAP conference.

"They were looking for someone to represent my office and I volunteered to go," Atchley said. "I didn't think I had much to offer. But, when I got there, I realized 'Wow, I do have something to offer.'"

Because of their background and knowledge of issues, Scofield and Atchley were asked to serve as delegates from Redstone at the AMC Army Family Action Plan Conference. They will also serve as delegates at the Department of the Army's AFAP Conference in December.

"It's a really neat process because I've learned so much from this," Scofield said. "I've been a military spouse. I've lived here (on Redstone Arsenal). I work here. But, it was still interesting how much I learned about the Army from this whole process. It was also neat to see how the process can allow one person to actually make a difference."

Each quality-of-life issue is recommended by an installation representative following the installation's AFAP conference. At Redstone, that person was Cathy Hays, Redstone's Quality of Life program manager. Issue papers were approved by Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski.

Scofield and Atchley were



Photo by Kari Hawkins

VOICE FOR QUALITY OF LIFE— Kim Atchley, left, and Gena Scofield are delegates to the Army Family Action Plan conference. They recently participated in the AFAP at the Army Materiel Command level and will next participate in the AFAP at the Department of the Army level in December.

among 13 delegates who reviewed issue papers on 17 issues at the command AFAP conference. Other installations represented were Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Anniston Army Depot, Detroit Arsenal, Mich., Fort Monmouth, N.J.,

McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Okla., Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark., Red River Army Depot, Texas, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., and Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Va.

"The delegates represent Sol-

diers, civilians, retirees and family members," Atchley said. "We represented the total Army family. All of us came from different backgrounds. We all had a lot to offer to this process."

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Safety subject of day for Ordnance school



Photo by Holly Hajari

CAMPING ESSENTIALS— Sgt. Roy Day of the NCO Academy packs for the camping skit in the outdoor recreation station at Safety Day.

59th brigade Soldiers get outdoor training

When equipment is damaged in an accident, it can be replaced. But that's not true with Soldiers.

That's why the 59th Ordnance Brigade shut down all training Friday so its troops could spend the day learning about safety at the brigade's annual Safety Day on the parade field.

The event is held each year as a prelude to the Memorial Day weekend and summer activities. The Soldiers went to 10 educational stations on the parade field which covered various aspects of outdoor safety.

The Army Combat Readiness Center, at Fort Rucker, announced in a release May 22 the Army's 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety campaign with the slogan, "Never Give Safety a Day Off."

Memorial Day through Labor Day marks the critical days when accidents and mishaps pose a greater risk to Soldiers and their families, so this year's theme holds great value in sustaining the

force and maintaining an Army Strong, said Brig. Gen. William Forrester, director of Army Safety.

"As we enter the 101 days of summer – think back to effective messages some of your previous leaders delivered," Forrester said in the release. "One in particular I vividly recall was given by then Maj. Gen. Dick Cody, our commanding general. His message, delivered to the entire 101st Airborne Division was founded on the statistical analysis that predicted the division would lose two Soldiers to fatalities over the Memorial Day weekend. As we gathered shoulder to shoulder, with some 20,000 of our comrades, our division commander asked us all – 'Who in this crowd will we let die?'"

The Army Combat Readiness Center plans to publish articles each week containing information to help Soldiers use composite risk management in making sound judgments while on and off duty.

"My charge to you and our Army is a simple but an effective goal that proclaims 'I can save my life and that of my comrade,'" Forrester said.

Delegates

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Of the 17 quality-of-life issues reviewed by the delegates, five originated from Redstone Arsenal. They were: Military OneSource for retirees and their families, leave donations between civilians and Soldiers, Child and Youth Services two-week DoD fee policy, Wellness Health Care Program and DoD Priority Placement Program.

“All of the issues affected some part of military life,” Scofield said.

The delegates were charged with reviewing the issues with subject matter experts, discussing solutions, determining the best solutions, editing and rewriting issue and solution statements as needed to reflect their discussions, and voting on the importance of the issues. After a week of meetings, the delegates were charged with narrowing down the issues to the top five that will be sent on to the Department of the Army AFAP conference.

Those top five issues are:

- **Patient Access to Medical Records** – Issue: Patients do not have immediate access to their complete medical records, and incomplete medical histories affect patient care, deployment readiness, morale, possible misdiagnosis and extra expenses. Recommendation: Provide a hard copy of complete health records to each patient and patients should be granted a password-protected environment for read-only access to their electronic health records.

- **Health and Wellness Centers** – Issue: Many installations don’t have consolidated wellness facilities that can help military members and their families with health issues and rectifying poor wellness choices. Health and Wellness Centers are needed to provide the information and resources to promote and sustain healthy lifestyles for the total Army family. Recommendation: Create an integrated facility at each installation modeled after the well-respected Air Force Health and Wellness Centers.

- **GoArmyEd System** – Issue: In 2005, the Army moved to a centralized tuition assistance management system and, in 2006, it also implemented GoArmyEd, the Soldier’s source for obtaining tuition assistance online. Although Soldier enrollment in college courses has increased Armywide by 30 percent since the implementation of these programs, many Soldiers still are not fully informed on how to use the system or its benefits, and many qualifying institutions have not enrolled in the system, which is required for course fee reimbursement. Recommendation: Increase efforts to inform Soldiers about GoArmyEd, provide more information about GoArmyEd at the college and university levels, and streamline the process for obtaining tuition assistance.

- **Military OneSource for Retirees and Their Families** – Issue: After 180 days of leaving active military service,



retirees lose the benefit of using Military OneSource. With the addition of younger retirees (wounded warriors) due to the Global War on Terrorism, the termination of this service causes added stress and undue hardships. Recommendation: Modifications to the contract should be made to allow retirees and their families to access and utilize Military OneSource for longer periods, and retirees and their families should be better educated about the benefits of Military OneSource.

- **Army Installation Playgrounds** – Issue: Many playgrounds on Army installations do not meet safety standards, and have been partially or totally closed because of their threat to the safety and well-being of children. Recommendation: The Installation Safety Office at each installation should be assigned responsibility for inspecting post playgrounds on an annual basis and ensuring all installation playgrounds are in compliance with safety standards.

Two of the final five issues — Military OneSource for retirees and their families, and Wellness Health Care Program – originated from Redstone Arsenal.

During the week of discussions, priorities changed, and issues and recommendations were refined to reflect the concerns of the command level AFAP conference.

“Take the GoArmyEd System as an example,” Scofield said. “As a civilian, we don’t use that system. That’s for Soldiers. So, we wouldn’t have made it a priority if we hadn’t had three Soldier delegates with us during the discussions who were very strong about it. The dynamics of the group were really good. Everybody brought something different to the table to offer. We went

through all the issues and then again, and then again to vote.”

“No one dominated the discussions,” Atchley said. “Everyone listened to each other and everyone had suggestions we considered. We stayed focused on what our job was.”

Although they weren’t the subject matter experts on the Military OneSource and Wellness Center issues coming out of Redstone Arsenal, both Scofield and Atchley were able to explain to the group of delegates why these two issues were important to the Redstone Arsenal AFAP conference attendees.

“Military OneSource is of concern because of the changing face of military retirees,” Atchley said. “These retirees include wounded warriors who are retiring at younger ages. Now, when a wounded warrior is discharged after 180 days they can’t use Military OneSource. We would like to see that changed.”

Each command will send their five quality-of-life issues and recommendations to the Department of the Army level. At that level, they will again be discussed and voted on to determine the priority issues that the Army should address.

“We’ll fight for our five,” Scofield said of the issues coming out of the command AFAP Conference.

In addition, to the quality-of-life issues going to the Department of the Army AFAP level, the command delegates also voted on six critical active Department of the Army AFAP issues that still need to be addressed. They are: Distribution of MGIB (Montgomery GI Bill) Benefits to Dependents; In-State College Tuition; Wounded Soldier Updates; Availability of Authorized Tricare Providers; Health Processing of Demobilizing Army Reserve Component Soldiers; and Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program at Military Medical Centers.

“Some of these may still be active because there are no funds yet to do them,” Scofield said.

The group also was asked to vote on the successes and challenges facing the Army with mobilizations and deployments, and family readiness support.

The successes are:

- Strong, established and trained family readiness group prior to deployment;
- Ready, easy-to-obtain information and support available via the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week;
- Children’s support groups;
- Pre-deployment briefings; and
- Centralized SRP (Soldier Readiness Processing) Site.

The challenges are:

- Stress of constant and multiple deployments;
- Reintegration Process;
- Inconsistencies and interpretation of the Family Care Plan;
- Identifying those deploying, and their departure and return dates; and
- Increase the awareness of the impact of living wills.

Good marriage habits shared at free workshop

Redstone couples invited June 9

Marriage isn't easy. A free workshop for couples in the Redstone community can help foster good habits for a lasting relationship.

Bicentennial Chapel and the family advocacy program at Army Community Service have joined to bring "The 8 Habits of Successful Marriage," presented by Dr. John Covey of Franklin Covey Institute.

The workshop is June 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Redstone Lanes conference room.

"The 8 Habits of Successful Marriage gives people a way of thinking — a framework — to be successful in their marriage, clearly and simply," Covey, trainer and lecturer for the Stephen Covey Company, said. "The promise for participants in this workshop is that these habits will bring happiness to themselves and their partners."

The workshop, manual, planning calendar and child care are free to participants. Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided. Child care will be at the ChildWise building, 1413 Nike St. To register for the workshop and for child care, call ACS at 876-5397. Ques-

tions about the workshop should be directed to Virginia Dempsey, who can also be reached by e-mail at virginia.dempsey@conus.army.mil.

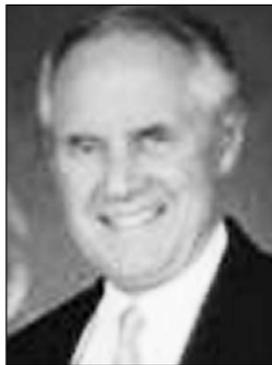
"It gives participants tools for communication and problem solving without conflict," Covey said. "It gives a long term perspective to your marriage which increases the probability of success. It builds hope. It puts the responsibility of a happy marriage on the individual so they don't scapegoat."

Dempsey serves as the family advocacy program manager at Army Community Service.

"With so many couples in this community dealing with issues around deployment, reunion and just getting through the everyday stress of life, it seemed like a good time to offer one of the very best one day marriage enrichment workshops presently available," she said.

The workshop is based on the teachings of Stephen Covey, "7 Habits of Highly Effective People," brother of the workshop's presenter.

John Covey is the director and co-founder of Franklin Covey's Home and Family Division. He is involved with Stephen in the development of the best selling book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families" and co-author of "The Proactive Family Guide Book" with his wife, Jane.



Dr. John Covey

Yancy hits right notes at 2007 AER Idol



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CROWD PLEASER— Computer technician Melani Yancy enjoys her time in the spotlight when she wins the 2007 AER Idol competition.

Singer voted No. 1 at competition final

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Melani Yancy has been singing since she was a young girl, but she was surprised to hear her name called at the end of the second annual AER Idol talent competition.

Yancy, a computer technician, is the 2007 winner.

She received the most votes from the estimated 400 people who attended the final round May 23 at Bob Jones Auditorium. Yancy and the other six finalists performed at this Army Emergency Relief fund-raiser.

“It was crazy,” Yancy said. “It was fun. There were a lot of good singers, so I didn’t expect (to win) it.”

She performed “Before He Cheats,” a saucy country song by Carrie Underwood.

“I’m appreciative of people voting,” she said. “And I’m surprised. And it makes working a little more fun; that’s for sure.”

Yancy, 31, of Guntersville, works for

contractor Jacobs Technology at the Utility Helicopters Project Office. She has worked at Redstone seven years.

Her prize included a gift certificate to Main Street Café, two movie passes to Regal, a weekend at the Holiday Inn and a certificate.

The first and second runners-up were John Hopson and Vanessa Alford, respectively. The other finalists included Gregory Burden, Rhonda Reeves, Master Sgt. Mary Baker and Jesse Stanford.

Yancy accepted congratulations from friends as the crowd departed the auditorium.

“I think it’s hilarious,” she said. “I got 15 minutes of fame on the Arsenal.”

And what’s next for this year’s winner? “I’m going to Hollywood,” she quipped.

The AER Idol final raised an additional \$1,209, bringing the two-show total to \$4,292, according to event coordinator Sherry Miller of the Acquisition Center. “We sold 565 tickets to the finale and had in attendance probably about 400,” Miller said. WZYP radio personality Mojo was the emcee; and his producer, Joe Hunk, accompanied him.

The judges were Colin Warman (“Simon Cowell”), Carol Reedus (“Paula Abdul”) and Johnny Keith (“Randy Jackson”).

Volunteers for the event included Sharon Nolen, Andrea Dixon, Rhonda Goolsby, Lindsay Layne, Shane Jackson, Jeannie King, Michelle Cross, Frank Fisher, Jennifer McGee, Tammie Mason and Anthony Grayson.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

EMCEE— Radio personality Mojo, emcee for the AER Idol competition, sings to the audience in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Hail and farewell

Retired Soldier ready to enjoy perks of life

Perkins does his part for this country

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Throughout his military career, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins has carried the infamous words of President John F. Kennedy with him – “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”

And, he applied them to his daily life as a Soldier.

“My dad was a Marine,” Perkins said. “He’s very patriotic. He used to always repeat those words of President Kennedy. And, he’d tell us ‘Don’t ask for a college scholarship or a handout until you’ve done your part. Don’t ask for something without giving.’”

With that advice, Perkins enlisted in the Army in 1987, thinking he would serve a couple of years and then live a civilian life as a “good citizen.” But, two years turned into 20, and Perkins is just now learning what civilian life is all about.

Perkins, 39, retired from his position as detachment sergeant at Fox Army Health Center in April, after serving in two deployments to the Middle East and working in various medical positions.

“I figured I’d done my part for the Army and my country,” he said. “I’ve lived up to my responsibility. I’ve done everything I could do. I’ve done what

the Army has asked. I deployed when I was needed. Now, it’s time to be with my family.”

While Perkins’ father inspired him to join the military, it was his mother whose influence led him to choose a career in the medical field.

“My mom was all about charity and helping people and being compassionate,” Perkins recalled of his childhood years growing up in Metairie, La.

“So, I wanted to be a medic. I wanted to do all the infantry stuff without shooting.”

Perkins trained to be a combat medic at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. His first assignment was as a medic for 157 Soldiers who made up a test unit for the Multiple Launch Rocket System in Germany.

“I took care of sick call all the way through trauma,” Perkins said.

“My first trauma was during a field training exercise when a Soldier got hit in the head with a large object and started going into seizures. It was 11 o’clock at night. I was 19 years old. And the first sergeant was looking at me and saying ‘Do something, doc.’ That’s when you click into automatic and do what you’ve been trained to do.”

It was the first of many times Perkins found himself proving his medical capabilities.

“You’ve always got to prove yourself,” Perkins said. “Anywhere in the Army, others don’t truly trust you until you prove yourself, until you show whether you lead or fall behind. And, with every test, you gain more



Photo by Kari Hawkins

OUT OF UNIFORM— Thomas Perkins has plenty of time to spend with his wife Missy and their two children, and to work on his ‘65 Mustang.

respect.”

While he was with the test unit in Germany, Perkins learned not only about his own capabilities but also about the life of a Soldier. When the test unit wasn’t testing, he was loaned out as a medic for Soldiers serving in other areas, such as infantry, long-range surveillance and Special Forces.

And, that’s when Perkins fell in love with his military career.

“I was a medic for a lot of different Soldier units, and I did a lot of training with them,” he said. “It was good for me. I found out I really liked the Army. That’s when I realized I liked the ‘hooah’ stuff.”

Perkins’ next assignment was at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he arrived just in time to deploy to Operation Desert Shield with the medical company supporting the 101st. During his deployment,

Perkins provided front line support to Soldiers of the HHC 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry (Rakassan).

“I flew in a helicopter during the 1991 air assault in the Euphrates Valley,” Perkins said. “I treated mostly Iraqi soldiers. There was a lot of Iraqi trauma, a lot of chest wounds, gunshot wounds, shrapnel wounds. If they

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were wounded and they gave up their weapons, we would treat them and then allow them to go home. If they put up a fight when we captured them, then they were processed and sent to POW camps.”

During the deployment, Perkins also went on humanitarian missions into the villages in the Euphrates Valley, providing medical treatment to civilians who rarely, if ever, received such care.

“Working with a variety of units during those early years really gave me a lot more training and experience,” Perkins said. “I really had a good tool box of skills, and I understood how the armor worked with the infantry, and how the artillery supported them. I generally had a better understanding of how the Army worked.”

After Desert Shield/Storm, Perkins went on to Fort Bragg, N.C., to get the training he needed to be a licensed practical nurse.

“There were a lot of things as a medic that I would do but that I wouldn’t understand why I was doing it,” Perkins said. “A medic is prepared for the trauma of combat and it is expected that they get further training in their unit under a doctor. But, at my first unit, there was no doctor to continue my training.

“In nursing school, I learned about basic anatomy and physiology, and I understood for the first time the reason for some of the procedures I was trained in. It was fast paced, but well structured. As we learned things, we would take them to the ward and apply them. We learned by teaching, researching and doing. I became more comfortable with my medical skills.”

After a year refining his nursing skills

at Fort Campbell’s Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Perkins was assigned once again to the 101st in support of the 626 Forward Support Battalion. He spent five years in that assignment, winning several NCO awards, including being inducted into the prestigious Audie Murphy Club.

“That was a real highlight for me,” Perkins said. “Only the top 5 percent of NCO Corps gets inducted into the Audie Murphy Club. The competition involves a PT test, 26 hands-on tasks, drill and ceremony, and oral presentation. Inductees are mostly from the infantry, field artillery and combat support corps.”

From Fort Campbell, Perkins was assigned to Hawaii, where he worked in the Tripler Army Medical Center and taught a Primary Leadership and Development Course at Schofield Barracks.

“Teaching was a very rewarding experience,” he said. “You’re always a Soldier first, and, as an NCO, you are supposed to groom future leaders. I liked teaching. It was fun seeing the light bulbs go off as Soldiers came to understand how the things they have done fit into the big picture.”

In August 2001, Perkins’ career path led him to Fox at Redstone Arsenal, partially because his wife wanted to move back to the South to be closer to the couple’s relatives. At Fox, Perkins served as the NCO in charge of the primary care clinic, as operations sergeant and, lastly, as detachment sergeant managing day-to-day administrative requirements.

“I wanted to go to a field unit eventually,” Perkins said. “But, I ended up serving five years at Fox with one year in Iraq.”

At Fox, Perkins developed small pox and mass casualty response plans for the Arsenal, worked with local and state emergency management agencies to

define the role of Fox and Redstone Arsenal in an emergency response situation, and served as a liaison for emergency planning. During that time, Perkins and others on staff faced downsizing measures undertaken at Fox.

“It was stressful,” Perkins said. “The quality of care didn’t change. It was the accessibility of care that was limited. We had less slots for patients. We had to outsource a lot of services. It was difficult for everyone at Fox because we all wanted to provide the best care possible to all our patients.”

In Iraq, Perkins was assigned to the 86th Combat Support Hospital, working on the intermediate care ward at Iba Sina hospital in Baghdad. Perkins was responsible for making sure nurses, medics and other hospital personnel had what was needed to treat Soldiers.

“I was better prepared for this deployment,” Perkins recalled. “There is a difference, though, in a deployment working in a hospital and a deployment with an infantry.

“In the field, you patch up Soldiers and ship them out. You worry about them, but there are other things that distract you from that. At the hospital, we had to see the effects of war more often and for longer stays. We interacted with Soldiers who wanted to tell us how they felt. After an amputation, you would have a 19-year-old asking you ‘What do I do now?’ How do you tell them? It would make you think about your own kids. You just want to have a normal life.”

Huntsville became the ideal place for Perkins to assume a “normal life.” He and wife, Missy, who works at the veterinary clinic on post, enjoy the area’s patriotism. They have purchased their first home in Madison.

Now as a retiree, Perkins plans to spend a lot of time with Missy and their two children – 11-year-old Patrick and 7-year-old Gabriel — and pursuing his water skiing, landscaping and antique

car hobbies. He will continue to be involved in the Army Emergency Relief car show, which earned \$5,100 for AER at its annual event in April. He also hopes to complete his bachelor’s degree in public administration with an emphasis on emergency management. Eventually, he plans to start a second career in nursing or emergency management.

But, for now, Perkins is focused on paying back his family for the sacrifices they made during his military career.

“We were married before his first deployment,” said Missy Perkins, who has known her husband since they were young teenagers. “I knew nothing about the Army. There was no family support group in Louisiana. What I saw on TV wasn’t the same as what they were going through. I didn’t know if I was going to be a widow before I got to be a wife ... I would go to his mom’s and dad’s every weekend. I felt closer to him while being closer to his family.”

After that initial deployment, Missy Perkins and, later, their children, learned to take the military’s demands on Perkins in stride. They understood, as Perkins did, that much of what they had – a home, clothing and food, a hearing implant for Missy and many opportunities – were possible because of the Army.

Although he has hung up his Army uniform, Perkins encourages his children to consider service in the military when they get older.

“It’s a great place to grow up,” he said. “You have enough supervision where you aren’t set up for failure. You get to know who you are and who you don’t want to be. There are role models for any type of person you want to be, whether you want to be gung-ho and competitive, or more self-paced.

“And, you learn how to get along with a lot of different people and how everyone can work together for a common goal. It made me a better man.”

Intelligence analyst receives rave reviews

Hartfield does newsletter at research laboratory

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Reserve 1st Lt. and intelligence analyst David Hartfield is helping his fellow employees support the war fighter by providing them an information tool he developed and manages — the OPENSOURCE newsletter.

A compilation of information from unclassified military research and technology web sites, the OPENSOURCE is aimed at providing information about recent technological military advances to the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's leadership as they work to arm and protect the war fighter.

It has proven to be a very useful tool. "I get so much positive feedback from our customers regarding his OPENSOURCE newsletter," Sharon Boclair, AMRDEC security and intelligence manager, said.

Hartfield's on-the-job experience has not been long but it has been intense and filled with responsibilities and challenges which he has met and exceeded.

"This is my first time working for the federal government as a civilian. I served on active duty with the AMCOM G2 as an intelligence analyst for over two years and also served with the 260th Military Intelligence Battalion in Miami, Fla.," he said. "While serving with AMCOM I was a part of the current Intelligence team and we also distributed a newsletter and posted it on a web site."

Overall, his military training and experience at higher headquarters enabled him to quickly assess the intelligence needs of his organization and to provide the right tool at the right time to meet those needs.

"Since David was used to briefing general officers and Senior Executive Service members, he was very experienced in preparing the weekly classified Intelligence briefings," Boclair said.

His work in the AMRDEC Security and Intelligence Division has been appreciated and is praised throughout the organization.

"David has been a tremendous asset to the AMRDEC Security and Intelligence team," Boclair said.



Photo by Merv Brokke

QUICK READ— Discussing the OPENSOURCE Newsletter are, from left, Tom Shaw, director of Center Support Directorate; Dr. James Bradas, associate director for aviation and missile technology; and David Hartfield, intelligence analyst from the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

Proposed cuts endanger Future Combat Systems

Uncertainty faces concept of unified technologies

By JIM GARAMONE
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WASHINGTON – Proposed cuts to the Army's Future Combat Systems endanger a program that would improve military capabilities today and in the future, said Lt. Gen. Stephen Speakes, the service's director of force development and deputy chief of staff.

News reports say Congress proposes \$876 million worth of cuts for the Future Combat Systems in the fiscal 2008 budget request. The total Future Combat Systems request for fiscal 2008 is \$3.7 billion.

"The cost in modernizing is first of all a cost in dollars, but failing to modernize is a cost that is sometimes registered in lives," Speakes said May 15 during a roundtable with Pentagon reporters.

"The program is on track," he said. "We have met our performance standards and we are on the eve of some really great developments that are going to start hitting the Army literally overnight."

In the past, the service designed and bought systems in isolation – one set of designers built a tank, another a fighting vehicle, still another a medical evacuation capability, he said. Yet another group would work on making them all communicate with each other.

The Future Combat Systems is working to eliminate this, Speakes said. Combat vehicles, for example, must have a common hull and 80 percent common parts. Savings from this would manifest themselves in fewer spare parts and training one set of mechanics for all vehicles rather than specialists for a mix.

"If you were going to build a house, I doubt you would go out and hire a plumber, an electrician, a carpenter. You would go and hire a general contractor," he said.

The role of general contractor, in this case, he continued, is filled by the system engineers who put it all together.



Photo by Eamonn Bourke

STATION TO STATION— Lt. Col. Coll Haddon explains what each operator will be doing prior to starting an FCS simulator exercise. Each station is networked with two other stations. Operators drive, fly and fire FCS systems in a simulated attack scenario.

er. The engineers are charged with ensuring commonality, they are charged with setting and enforcing standards. And they are already delivering results. One portion is a small unmanned aerial vehicle that operates like a helicopter.

"It can hover and perch and stare," Speakes said. "You can imagine this capability when you are talking about operating in an urban setting in Baghdad. This 'perch and stare' capability is remarkable, and the 25th Infantry Division is using it today."

The Future Combat Systems also is fielding robots that can save lives. If robots make mistakes in defusing improvised explosive devices and the devices explode, no one dies, Speakes said. The robots are in use with units in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The proposed cuts to the program would effectively prevent the development of Future Combat Systems manned ground vehicles. This means Soldiers would operate Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles "indefinitely," he said.

The Abrams tank gets about three gallons to the mile. "Just think of the inefficiency of that on top of \$3 to the

gallon gas," Speakes said. "We can't afford to operate these legacy systems into the future without the promise that American Soldiers will operate something better. It's like you are going to operate your 1970s-era car for the next couple of decades."

The Future Combat Systems would bring together new technologies, new concepts, and take steps in fuel efficiency, interoperability and force protection. The cuts would eliminate that, Speakes said.

Another concept that would be eliminated is called the Mule. This is a small wheeled vehicle that follows Soldiers carrying supplies, spare parts, ammunition and water. This is on the cusp of testing and would have to stop if the cuts in the system are made, he said. Another unmanned aerial vehicle would also be canceled.

Soldiers would be very negatively affected by these cuts, Speakes concluded.

"We will be doomed to spend the next 20 to 30 years with the existing combat platforms we have today," he said. "It's a betrayal of our trust to Americans when we don't invest in them."

Four terrorists killed, 30 suspects detained in Iraq

Coalition forces conduct raids

WASHINGTON – Coalition forces in Iraq killed four terrorists and detained 30 suspected terrorists during operations May 15-16 targeting the al Qaeda in Iraq leadership network.

Late May 15, coalition forces raided three buildings north of Karmah associated with an individual known to facilitate financial deals for al Qaeda senior leaders. While coalition forces searched the buildings, a truck with its lights off approached the cordon around the targeted building. After issuing multiple visual warnings, coalition forces fired warning shots, but the vehicle continued to approach the checkpoint.

Coalition forces engaged the truck with disabling shots, stopping it. One individual got out of the truck and moved to retrieve items from the back of the vehicle. U.S. officials said coalition forces took appropriate self-defensive measures in response to the hostile threat, engaging the vehicle and killing four men. Meanwhile, coalition forces in the buildings detained 17 suspected terrorists.

An operation in Anbar province targeted individuals allegedly tied to an al Qaeda senior leader responsible for car-bomb attacks and attacks on Iraqi infrastructure. Coalition forces detained seven suspected terrorists in two connected raids there May 16.

During overnight operations in Mosul, coalition forces detained one individual suspected of associating with a known facilitator of enemy fighters with ties to al Qaeda, and three suspected terrorists tied to al Qaeda in Iraq senior leaders. Enemy forces left on the scene fired on coalition forces as they departed the objective.

Coalition forces detained two suspected terrorists May 16 in a raid along the Tigris River near Tarmiyah targeting individuals with ties to a known al Qaeda leader.

"We're not waiting for al Qaeda to strike; we're taking the fight to them," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, a Multinational Force Iraq spokesman. "We're putting pressure on them, hitting their networks over and over, and reducing their ability to operate."

Editor's note: The American Forces Press Service wrote this article from a Multinational Force Iraq news release.

Golfers invited to take a swing for comparison

Try out various clubs
at Demo Day event

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Ask an avid golfer what paradise is like, and they will probably tell you it's a lush, green golf course with the sun shining and plenty of friendly people around to help them enjoy their game.

That's exactly what golfers will find at the Links at Redstone.

But on Saturday, June 9, the Links will raise the bar on paradise when nine vendors set up shop along the course's driving range to give golfers a chance to compare different brands of clubs at no charge.

It will be Demo Day at the Links at Redstone – a day filled with fun demonstrations and shopping opportunities for new and experienced golfers. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and continue through the day.

"We've never done anything this big before," said the Links pro Jon Samuelson. "We've never had nine companies here at one time. It really is a great way for golfers to compare product to product on the driving range. All they will have to do is go from booth to booth, and try out different clubs."

In attendance at the Links' first Demo Day will be local representatives of Callaway, Taylor-Made, Cobra, Titleist, Powerbilt, Nike, Bridgestone, Srixon and Adams.

Other golf clubs in North Alabama have hosted product demonstration days. This one is different because it is free to the entire Redstone Arsenal community.

"It's become very popular to set these kinds of events up at golf courses," Samuelson said. "We've had one or two vendors come in to do a product demonstration. But this event brings together many different vendors at one golf course."

The staff at the Links is committed to making Demo Day the best of its kind. The day will include giveaways and special prices on golf clubs. There will also be beverages donated by Superior Beverage; and the Wee-

den Mountain Restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch and snacks.

"Our snack bar serves sandwiches, fries and chicken fingers," Samuelson said. "We have the best cheeseburger on base."

In addition to golf clubs, Echo Shoes will display its line of golf shoes. The Links' launch monitor will be available for fitting woods and irons to golfers, and Bridgestone will have fitting equipment on hand to fit golf balls to customers.

"You can fit golf balls to a golfer by getting the spin rates off a launch monitor," Samuelson said. "Those rates will tell you which ball is best for a player."

Demo Day vendors will be lined up along the driving range. Golfers will be encouraged to hit golf balls with the clubs they are interested in comparing to each other.

"We are able to accommodate about 100 golfers hitting balls at one time when we use the whole range," Samuelson said. "There will be piles of golf balls up and down the driving range to keep people from having to wait. There will be five to seven stations in front of each vendor where golfers can swing the clubs."

Of course, the objective of the event is to sell golf clubs and other golfing products to golfers.

"Everything will be sold through our pro shop," Samuelson said. "We will be able to get special orders back in a faster time frame because of the demo. We can place special orders with the manufacturer or we can custom fit golf clubs right here at our pro shop."

Golfers who come out for Demo Day may also want to schedule time for a golf game at the Links. Members of the golf club can put their name in a lottery for a tee time on June 9. Non-members can call the golf course pro shop at 883-7977 on Wednesday before the event and if there are tee times available they will be able to reserve one.

"I think a lot of golfers will plan to play a round of golf when they come out for Demo Day," Samuelson said. "We've got 27 holes, so we should be able to accommodate everybody who wants to golf."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WHICH CLUB IS BEST?— Golfers can find out which golf club they like the best at the first ever Demo Day at the Links at Redstone on Saturday, June 9. The event will bring nine golf vendors to the Arsenal's course so that golfers can compare different golf clubs free of charge on the driving range. The Links pro Jon Samuelson is organizing Demo Day and hopes it will become an annual event.

Personnel manager bets on superior service

Retired Soldier joins ranks at South Central CPOC

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Military precision keeps the wheels at Redstone turning. Howard Olsen hopes to use his background as a Soldier to tighten the ranks of the civilian personnel advisory centers that fall under him as the new area manager for the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

Olsen took over April 1. He comes to the position, his first as a civilian, after retiring from active duty in 2003 with 26 years of service. His last assignment saw him heading up the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center in Indianapolis, Ind. There, he helped bring the system into the modern age, harnessing the power and portability of computers to make their resources more convenient for the Soldier in the field.

“We did some great things,” Olsen said. “We automated the promotions system where Soldiers can go online and check their promotion files. We did field to file, where they are able to fax things up to DA from Iraq or Afghanistan whenever they receive an award or whatever today and it will be in their record tomorrow. Soldiers used to have to travel to Indianapolis to check their promotion file. Now they can do it online. They don’t have to go outside their home. They can even do it from a foxhole.”

He hopes to bring some of his penchant for streamlining into his new position.

“I’d like to see our people go from being good to being very, very good,” Olsen said. “We’re

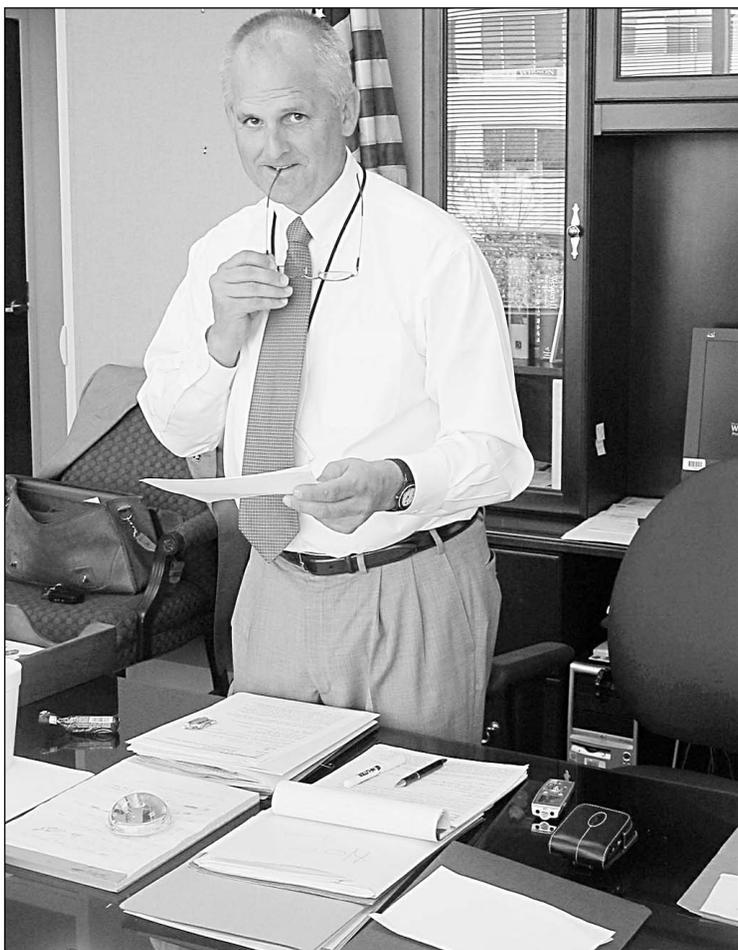


Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

BUSY DAY— Howard Olsen looks over his schedule as the area manager for the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

going to be doing a lot of internal training.”

The South Central CPOC, located at Redstone Arsenal, services 19 separate CPACs in an area that spans from northern Florida north to Virginia. It also goes from the Carolinas west to Louisiana. While the CPACs handle the needs of their area, the CPOC serves the needs of the CPACs as a centralized head. Olsen hopes some organizational

changes will make the interaction between the two groups a little smoother.

“We want to bring the assets from the CPOC to align them with the CPACs,” he said. “That way it gives them more people to do the job faster. Service is greatly improved. Timing is greatly improved.”

Olsen expects the next phase of base realignment and closure to bring challenges. He’s also

gearing up for the shift to a new way of doing things as a new personnel system continues to the next step.

“As NSPS (National Security Personnel System) comes onboard more and more it does away with the very laborious and regulation intensive classification and staffing of positions,” Olsen said.

Coming into an already well run organization makes his job easier, Olsen said. He praised the efforts of the 19 CPACs that fall under him to do their jobs efficiently and effectively. He sees his job as making sure they have the tools and training they need to take that one step further. To that end, he has set his sights on shaving the time it takes to bring a new employee onboard down as far as possible.

“We average about 27 days right now. The DA (Department of the Army) standard is 30. We’re within the standard, but I’d like to see that down to 20 days,” Olsen said. “That would be ideal for me. That’s the biggest challenge we have. We’re working diligently to make that happen.”

Customer service is priority one for Olsen. He said his organization has three key customers: the organizations with civilian employees, the civilian employees themselves, and the Army who relies upon all of them. Olsen said making sure all three groups are happy is what it is all about.

“I want you to leave any one of my CPACs smiling. You should feel like the people there took care of you, treated you professionally and courteously, and that whatever question you may have asked us that we did everything to get you a positive answer,” he said. “It’s also about taking care of the commanders and organizations, that they are

equally as happy with the service they receive. When a vacancy opens up, they want to get someone back onboard as quickly as possible. We’re doing everything possible to narrow the time frame between a vacancy and having it filled with a qualified person.”

Olsen is new to the area. He laughed that somehow, with everywhere the Army sent him, he never made it to Redstone. Now that he is here, he’s having a great time exploring the area.

“I’ve found the people very engaging and you have everything you need here,” he said. “I’ve enjoyed it more than I thought I would. This is probably one of the nicest Army posts I’ve ever seen.”

Although Olsen spent the five years between military retirement and his new position indulging his passion for golf, he has yet to pick up a club in this area.

“I had shoulder replacement surgery,” Olsen said. “It hasn’t gone well. I can hardly lift my arm, so I can’t golf.”

Since he has had to forsake the links, Olsen has found another hobby. He has become fond of Texas Hold’em Poker. He’s very happy about how easy it is to find a game in Huntsville.

“I really enjoy it. It’s exciting. Surprisingly in Huntsville there are quite a few places to play poker,” he said. “Any night of the week you can go to various places and get in a poker game.”

He also jokes that the Parkinson’s disease that forced him to retire from active duty actually comes in handy at the poker table.

“They say in poker if you see someone’s hand shaking it means they have a good hand,” he said laughing. “When people play with me they must always think I have a good hand.”

Nine runs in final at-bat deliver championship

UAH team wins softball tourney

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The Engineering Directorate's fifth annual AER softball tournament Thursday wasn't decided until the very last inning.

And what a finish it was.

The UAH team rallied for nine runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat Gleason Research 18-17 at the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area.

"We fought hard the last few years and we finally got it," UAH team captain Brian Quarles said. "We were in the finals last year and got beat."

Quarles, who works on the Information Technology help desk at building 5400, was his team's extra hitter in the lineup. The tournament most valuable player was UAH third baseman Jason Hood.

The University of Alabama-Huntsville team had a bye in the tournament's first round then beat the Aviation Engineering



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LATE HIT— First baseman Clayton Kachele singles for the AED "Fighting Catfish" against UAH and catcher Justin "Mad Dog" Ricketts in the bottom of the seventh inning. But his team loses 13-11 as UAH advances to the final and goes on to win the championship.

Directorate "Fighting Catfish" 13-11 to advance to the final.

Gleason Research beat the Engineering Support Division 27-5 and then the Reliability and Maintainability Division to advance.

In the final, Gleason Research led UAH 17-9 after six innings but couldn't hold on in the seventh.

"We hate giving up nine in the bottom of the seventh," Chris Blankenship, team captain and left fielder

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Photo by Holly Hajari

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS— The UAH team wins the Engineering Directorate's fifth annual tournament.

National Guard edges Marines in troop showdown

Winning pitcher leads with three homers

The National Guard beat the Marines on Thursday night in a showdown of the top teams in troop softball.

Trailing by one run after six innings, the National Guard scored two in the top of the seventh to win 13-12 at Linton Field.

Winning pitcher Eric Moorman helped himself at the plate by going 3-for-4 with three home runs. He had a solo shot, two-run homer and three-run homer for the National Guard (8-1).

"That's the best post-league game I've played in," Moorman said. "It was competitive throughout the whole time. Both teams played good defense. Both teams played well. It's probably the two best teams out here. And it went right down to the wire. To win by one run in the last inning, I mean that's pretty exciting."

In the seventh, the National Guard was down to its final chance with two outs and Dave Enriquez



Eric Moorman

on first base. Joe Cox hit a line drive which was misplayed in left center; and the ball rolled to the fence. Enriquez and Cox both scored. The Marines (8-1) failed to score in the bottom of the inning.

Earlier Thursday, HHC 59th edged Headquarters & Alpha 15-14. Billy Clark went 2-for-4 with a home run and scored two runs for HHC 59th (5-3). Charlie Company scored 19 runs in the first inning to beat the NCO Academy 20-4 in four innings.

Last week's other results included:

May 21 – Bravo def. NCO Academy 23-1, National Guard def. Headquarters & Alpha 27-10 and Charlie def. 326th Chemical 19-3.

May 22 – Marines def. NCO Academy 24-4, National Guard def. Bravo 18-7 and Headquarters & Alpha def. 326th Chemical 16-6.

Standings entering this week had **Eastern Conference** – Marines (8-1), HHC 59th (5-3), Bravo (4-3) and 326th Chemical (1-7); **Western Conference** – National Guard (8-1), Headquarters & Alpha (4-5), Charlie (3-6) and NCO Academy (0-7).

Newsom makes exciting drive to post championship

Strong finish delivers individual golf title

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Sean Newsom and his Marines team didn't repeat as the unit golf champion May 18, but Newsom had a memorable weekend May 19-20.

He won the individual post championship.

Twenty-six military golfers competed in the tournament at the Links at Redstone. Besides the title, Newsom had the longest drive both that Saturday and Sunday and the closest to the pin Sunday.

The runner-up was Michael Tilley, whose HHC 59th explosive ordnance disposal training department team won the unit championship May 18.

"It was a good tournament," sports director Gaylene Wilson said. "It was really great. Everybody seemed to have a good time. The weather could not have been better. Everything just went really well. I was really excited."

Newsom shot a 79-86-165 to win by three strokes over Tilley, who had a 77-91-168.

"The right person won the match because he played better than I did the second day," Tilley said. "He just played an excellent back nine."

Trailing by one stroke entering the back nine, Newsom birdied the 10th and 16th holes and had pars on the 17th and 18th to win by three strokes.

"It's exciting," said Newsom, who has a 10 handicap. "I probably wasn't the best golfer out there that day."

He's been playing golf most of his life. His mother, Donna, started working at a golf course when he was in the sixth-grade. She got him some clubs and he's played ever since.

Newsom, 35, is from Oklahoma City, Okla., where his mother still resides. His father, Edward, died in 2003 while Newsom was in Iraq. He is the oldest of five, with two brothers and two sisters. One of his brothers, Chris, is an Army sergeant first class at Fort Sill, Okla.

"I love golf," said Newsom, who arrived at Redstone in June 2006 from Camp Pendleton, Calif., and finished third in last year's tournament. "You can play bad all day and have one good shot and it brings you back. All you remember is that one good shot. It's a challenge. I like the challenge. The other sports I know I can play, but this is a challenge. It brings me back."

In troop sports he plays on the Marines teams for flag football, basketball, softball, volleyball and golf. At 6-foot-1 and 225 pounds, he said softball is his favorite because it's his best sport. He played on the All-Marine team that won the armed forces championship in 2005 in Panama City, Fla. Flag football is his second favorite and golf comes third.

He plays golf every week with fellow Marines Jeff Neumann, Bob Taylor, Orlanda Grimsley, Chris McCarthy and Chris McNally. "We try to play a different course every time," he said.

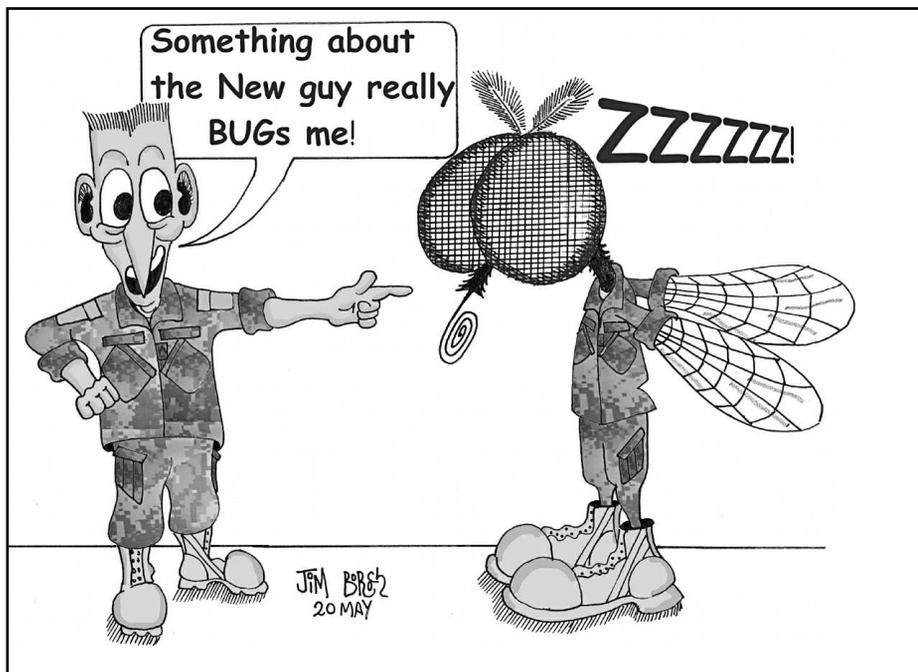
Newsom and his wife, Donna, have three children – sons Preston, 11, and Landon, 9, and daughter Jordan, 7.

"It's exciting to win at a sport that's not my greatest sport, especially to beat my comrades at work because I mean Jeff Neumann is usually better than me. But I won this time," he said, laughing. "I mean this trophy's going on my desk so he can see it every day."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TOP GUNNERY— Sean Newsom, a Marine, wins the 2007 post golf championship after finishing third last year.



Army tests latest Chinook, Lakota helicopters

By KELLY PATRICE PATE
Army News Service

FORT HOOD, Texas – Two teams from the Army Operational Test Command here traveled to Fort Campbell, Ky., and Barstow, Calif., to test two new helicopters.

At Fort Campbell, a test team of Soldiers, Army civilians and contractors linked up with local Army pilots to perform more than 60 hours of flight tests on the Army's CH-47F Chinook, a cargo helicopter recognizable by its long fuselage and twin tandem rotors.

"It was like giving a kid a computer for the first time," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Tom Miskowiec, Company B, 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment. He said the upgrade in the cockpit from an analog to digital, multifunctional display computer with tactical Internet

capability has changed almost everything with regard to how chopper pilots see their world.

The new onboard equipment with digital maps and imagery coordinates with a tracking system on the ground, according to Chief Miskowiec, who flew the older model CH-47D Chinook in Iraq in 2005. "You can literally look at a satellite photo of where you are over the ground, and where you need to go in relation to the flight plan," he said.

After performing engine maintenance, Miskowiec took the Chinook on a test flight in preparation for the mission later in the evening — transporting a Humvee while using night-vision goggles.

Following the flight, Miskowiec said the crew inside the new Chinook has more situational

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■ Tournament contributes to Army Emergency Relief

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for the Gleason Research Associates "Players," said. "But it was a great tournament. We enjoyed it. We'll be back next year, too."

Seven teams participated in the tourna-

ment, according to Susan Riley, team lead in the Engineering Support Division. She and Jarius Palmer serve as the tournament directors every year.

The Engineering Support Division alone raised \$5,200 this year for Army Emergency Relief with events including a car wash and bowling tournament, Riley said.



Photo by Kelly Patrice Pate
VERSATILE ADDITION— The Operational Test Command tests the UH-72A Lakota's ability to lift a container in Barstow, Calif.

■ New cargo helicopters show capabilities

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awareness than ever before. “The crew can determine from the display units the positions of other players on the battlefield, including ground forces, air elements, geography and other structures,” he said.

He also emphasized that while the Chinook is all about moving external or internal loads and mass casualties, as well as conducting combat assaults, in the end every mission is about people.

As the Chinook was being put to the test, at Barstow in the Mohave Desert, another OTC team rehearsed in advance of its test mission on the Army’s latest newest Huey, the UH-72A Lakota, a light utility helicopter.

The Army’s acquisition of this new version Lakota could free up the UH-60 Blackhawk for use in Iraq and Afghanistan. The intent is for the Lakota to aid in homeland security, disaster relief and law enforcement support, including counter drug operations.

Capable of carrying six pas-

sengers or two medical litters side-by-side, the Lakota is equipped with a side-mounted hoist apparatus and has the ability to maintain a stabilized hover. Its use will be mostly for medical evacuation and other transport missions.

“This is a fantastic helicopter compared to what I’m used to flying, that 35 year old legacy from Vietnam, the OH 58-A-C,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Chaiko, a New Jersey Army National Guard instructor pilot. “I’m doing things I’ve never done before because I didn’t have the capabilities that a hoist and sling offer. The helicopter I’ve been flying for the last 12 years could barely lift off with three people aboard.”

After flying a test mission, Chaiko said he was impressed with the new technology and responsiveness of the Lakota. “The unique rotor system provides directional control,” he explained. “It flies better than the pilot in a lot of cases.”

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Photo by Kelly Patrice Pate

HEAVY LOAD— The new Chinook, the CH-47F, lifts a Humvee as part of an operational test conducted at Fort Campbell, Ky.

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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.

Baseball benefit

The Huntsville Stars along with Regal Nissan and Mercedes-Benz of Huntsville are teaming up with the American Cancer Society to help fight cancer. On Friday at 7:05 p.m. at Joe Davis Stadium, the Huntsville Stars will battle the Montgomery Biscuits while sporting pink jerseys in honor of breast cancer awareness. The jerseys will also be auctioned off during the night to the highest bidder, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.

Bike ride

The Test Week 2007 Bike Ride will be hosted by ERC Inc. and Spring City Cycling Club on June 11 at 9:30 a.m., starting from Hampton Cove Golf Course. Information can be found on www.testweek.org. The bike ride is free. If equipment is required, a minimal fee is charged for rental. Call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Test Week tourney

The Test Week 2007 Golf Tournament is June 11 with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Canebrake Country Club in Athens. The \$75 fee includes golf, lunch and prizes. Sign up at www.testweek.org. Call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

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 show-room 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. Classes 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.

Rowing camp

Rocket City Rowing Club is holding a summer camp for beginning rowers June 18-29 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 12-16. Instruction is by coach Jada Leo, Level III U.S. rowing coach and RCRC collegiate rowers. Class size is limited to 30 at the Community Boathouse, Hobbs Island Road, one mile east of Ditto Landing. Cost is \$150, which includes two camp shirts and lunch after regatta (boat race) on June 29. Register by calling Diane Sanborn 498-3623 or Susan Wilson 489-8001.

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 Friday 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 Friday. Boys and girls ages 8-18 are welcome. Girls sessions will be held

Friday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 3:30 and Monday at 5:30. Boys sessions are Saturday at 11 a.m., Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday 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 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.

Computer users

The Huntsville PC User Group's Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet June 9 at 9:15 a.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. At 10:45, 12-year-old Sam Karabinos will demonstrate competitive games and musical simulation. Visitors are welcome. For information call 830-2232.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

Unit first sergeant

1st Sgt. Tuynuykua Jackson becomes first sergeant of Headquarters & Alpha Company in a change of responsibility ceremony May 23 at Heiser Hall. She succeeds 1st Sgt. Melecio Campos. "I'm looking forward to this ride and it's going to be truly a good experience for me," Jackson says.

Civil War discussion

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St. Morris Penny, an award winning author on the Civil War, will speak on "Confederate Generals Law's and Hood's Controversial Attack on Gettysburg." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for \$6.95. For information call 858-6191.

Security professionals

Attention, security and export control professionals: Do you know whether or not you need a technical control plan? Can you advise your management on what requires an export license? Can you describe what exactly an export is? The NCMS MidSouth Chapter luncheon June 7 should help answer these questions. The luncheon will be held at Dynetics Inc., 1001 Explorer Boulevard, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$8. Box lunch will be provided. For registration or more information, call 971-6486 by Monday.

Test week 2007

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

F73TW. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Test tutorials

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

Officers association

Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Austin Boyd, retired Navy pilot and author of "The Mars Hill Classified" series, is the speaker. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burtram 325-1938.

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.

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Courtesy photo

Sergeant major

Orlanda Grimsley of the Marine Detachment is promoted May 18 from first sergeant to sergeant major. His wife, Vanessa, and detachment commander Maj. Tim Collins did the honors. He will leave in June to become the sergeant major for the Marine Corps recruiting station at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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Strategic speakers

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



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their

supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. The shop will be open this Saturday from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

Help wanted

The Thrift Shop is seeking a part-time assistant manager. Applications must be received by June 15. For more information, call 881-6992.

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

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

information call 876-2409.

Green to gold

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

Lateral entry

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

Community volunteers

Do you have a few hours to volunteer with Soldiers and family members? Volunteers are needed at Army Community Service. Training and orientation are provided. If interested call volunteer coordinator Kim Anton 876-5397 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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 Friday. 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@bellsouth.net.

Asian Pacific month

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month luncheon is Thursday 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 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.

Army concert

Redstone Arsenal MWR and Army Entertainment are once again bringing the

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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.

Father's Day special

Join the Officers and Civilians Club on June 15 for its Father's Day dinner special. The menu includes tossed salad, soup, roast prime rib au jus, stuffed potato, fresh vegetable medley, and chef's special dessert. Cost is \$17.95 per person. Call 830-2582 for reservations.

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."

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 Breen 876-5397. Child care services will be provided at the ChildWise play morning building at 1413 Nike St. from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Shot records are required to use the services.

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 sopho-

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more 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.

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 Breen, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Marriage workshop

"The 8 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

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Photo by Holly Hajari

AER support

Commissary store director Amber Bray talks with Spc. Brian Kausek about the store's support of the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign. "This is actually the first year the Commissary has participated," Bray said. Store worker leader Shelby Crutcher served as the Commissary's AER representative. Kausek, a chaplain assistant at Bicentennial Chapel, said, "I think it's a great program. It's a wonderful program. We as chaplains' assistants direct Soldiers there all the time. All around it's a great program. They've helped out many people; they've helped me in the past. And what else can you say about it? It's awesome."

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 Sunday at 5 p.m. at St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, 3020 Belafonte Ave. For more information, call Brigitte Fletcher 876-5207.

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.

St. Louis reunion

Former St. Louis government employees, contractors, families and friends are invited to a 10-year anniversary reunion picnic June 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Vincent Park. Those attending should bring their own food, drinks, chairs and grills. For more information call Virgil Wiley 653-3406, Larry Young 503-3658, Reggie Burton 348-4842, Andrew Lenoir 508-4055 or Valerie Johnson 651-6697.

Blood drives

Red Cross blood drives include the fol-

lowing: June 1 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Post Exchange. June 8 from 7 a.m. to noon at Corps of Engineers and from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4545. June 14 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400, from 7-12:30 at Ground-based Mid-course Defense, 5000 Bradford Drive, and from 7-12:30 at the Sparkman Center. June 15 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316 and from 7-noon at building 5681. June 21 from 7-noon at building 6263 and from 7-12:30 at SMDC building 5220. June 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive. June 28 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400. June 29 from 7-12:30 at building 5400.

Motorcycle safety

To permanently register a motorcycle on any DoD installation, the Defense Department requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. The one-day course is offered free to anyone authorized access to Redstone. Classes are scheduled for June 6 and 9. For course information, contact Ralph Harris at 93hdsc@bellsouth.net.

Photography project

Local professionals at Whispers Photography want to honor the troops. "We're proud to introduce our We Miss You Project, which pays tribute to those serving in

the military," Kristin Farnsworth, owner of Whispers Photography, said in a prepared release. "Family member(s) of someone serving overseas are welcome to come into our studio and have their photos taken and receive a spiral bound book of the session's photos, all for free. We even waive our sitting fee." Those interested in the We Miss You Project should call Whispers Photography 325-2120 for an appointment.

Latin dance

Sabor Latino invites everyone to the first Latin Summer Dance on Saturday at 9 p.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave. Cover charge is \$8 per person and \$15 per couple. To reserve your table, call Sabor Latino 783-5756 or deejay Ed 651-9626.

Weight loss support

Let's Boast (Battle Obesity and Succeed Together) will meet at the Huntsville Public Library auditorium June 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. This support group meeting is free and open to all Weight Loss Surgery patients and people interested in bariatric surgery. Dr. Evelyn Frye, a clinical psychologist and graduate of the George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, will speak. For more information, e-mail info@letsboast.com or visit www.letsboast.com.



Courtesy photo

Penguins' place

International student Alicia Urquilla from El Salvador visits the new Penguins' Rock exhibit at the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga on May 20. The International Military Student Office took 19 international students to visit Chattanooga May 19-20. The students were from El Salvador, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Philippines, Latvia, and St. Vincent and Grenadines.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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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
AS OF 24 May 07																			
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
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	
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
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	Prgm Analyst	1-Jun-07	AMCOM, G-3 (Oper)	GS-0343	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X										
WTST07997633	Mgmt Assistant	1-Jun-07	AMCOM, Intelligence & Sec Dir	GG-0344	5/9	9	29,108 - 42,180	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07996856	Graphics Mgmt Spec	4-Jun-07	USAASC	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X						X				X
SCBK07996856D	Graphics Mgmt Spec	4-Jun-07	USAASC	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07994654	Mobilization Plans & Oper Spec	4-Jun-07	AMCOM, G-3 (Oper)	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X										
SCBK07968804	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Jun-07	IMMC	GS-0346	11	12	53,362 - 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
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
SCBK07968463	General Engr	5-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		X		X	X	X			X	X		X
SCBK07968463D	General Engr	5-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07905582	Mgmt & Prgm Analyst	5-Jun-07	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	76,056 - 98,876			X	X	X	X			X	X		X
WTST07983265	Supv Sec Spec	5-Jun-07	Garrison	GG-0080	13	13	75,414 - 98,041	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07989664	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	5-Jun-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	75,414 - 98,041		X										
SCBK07016634	Housing Mgmt Spec	5-Jun-07	Garrison	GS-1173	11	11	53,362 - 69,373		X										
SCBK07981305	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Jun-07	Lead AMC Integ Supp Ofc	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X						X				X
SCBK07014317D	Supv Prgm Mngr	6-Jun-07	Garrison	YC-0340	2	2	63,958 - 122,678	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
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
SCBK07974856DR1	General Engr	7-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07974856R	General Engr	7-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		X		X	X	X			X	X		X
SCBK07013746	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Jun-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	89,875 - 137,434			X									
SCBK07013746D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Jun-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	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
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
SCBK07939109	Staff Admin	8-Jun-07	USAOMEMS	GS-0301	7	9	36,057 - 57,334	X	X						X	X			X
SCBK07986451	Supv Trng Spec	8-Jun-07	USAOMEMS	GS-1701	14	14	88,178 - 114,631	X	X						X				X
WTST07977559	Intelligence Spec	11-Jun-07	Threat Sys Mgmt Ofc	GG-0132	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										
SCBK07983137	Supv Gen Engr	21-Jun-07	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	75,879 - 127,031			X	X	X	X			X	X		X
SCBK07913193	Attorney Advisor (General)	25-Jun-07	AMC Legal Ofc Gen Law	YA-0905	2	2	38,824 - 87,039	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0727	Lead Lifeguard	31-Aug-07	Swimming Pools, Outdoor Rec	NF-0189	2	2	7.61 - 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
SCNAFBK0734	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
SCNAFBK0735	Tractor Oper	4-Sep-07	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.69 - 9.69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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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
WTST07997633	Mgmt Assistant	1-Jun-07	AMCOM, Intelligence & Sec Dir	GG-0344	5/9	9	29,108 - 42,180	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07996856D	Graphics Mgmt Spec	4-Jun-07	USAASC	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	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
SCBK07968463D	General Engr	5-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07014317D	Supv Prgm Mngr	6-Jun-07	Garrison	YC-0340	2	2	63,958 - 122,678	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
SCBK07974856DR1	General Engr	7-Jun-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07013746D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Jun-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	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
WTST07977559	Intelligence Spec	11-Jun-07	Threat Sys Mgmt Ofc	GG-0132	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07913193	Attorney Advisor (General)	25-Jun-07	AMC Legal Ofc Gen Law	YA-0905	2	2	38,824 - 87,039	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.																			
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