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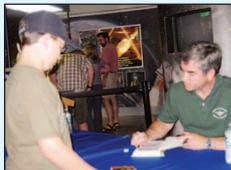
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Fighting mortar attacks, bad attitudes

Reservists work hard
for change in Iraq

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Though deployed together from Huntsville as part of the 108th Division of the Army Reserve, Capt. Rosalind Walker and Staff Sgt. Ashley Campbell were assigned to different logistic missions in Iraq.

While Walker worked with Iraqi officers on maintenance logistics for the Multi-National Security Transition Command at Baghdad's Phoenix Base in the Green Zone, Campbell was working as an adviser at an ammunition and weapons supply point at the Iraqi's Kirkush Military Training Base in the Diyala province northeast of Baghdad.

So, their paths didn't cross in Iraq. That is, not until their last six hours at the Soldier's living quarters on Saddam Hussein's former palace grounds in the Green Zone.

As the highest ranking Soldier in the 108th's 4th Chemical Battalion, Walker felt responsible for the other two Soldiers who were returning to the U.S. with her – Campbell and Staff Sgt. Larry Tharps. They were in various stages of getting ready to ship back home when the palace grounds came under mortar attack.

Walker was in the dining facility. She heard "incoming, incoming, incoming" over the intercom system. She went for cover as the mortar hit.

"I heard 'Boom!' And, I thought 'That's number one.' I was in a facility with sound proof walls and a steel metal cover, and I could still really hear it," Walker said.

"I knew it wasn't over because they always came in twos or threes. I hit the floor on the second one. I just covered my head and said 'Lord, get me out of here.'"

About 50 meters away, Campbell was brushing her teeth



Photo by Kari Hawkins

GLAD TO BE HOME— Reserve Staff Sgt. Ashley Campbell, left, and Capt. Rosalind Walker are happy to be home from a one-year deployment in Iraq with the 108th Division, where they were responsible for logistic missions. Walker worked maintenance logistics with the Multi-National Security Transition Command in Baghdad and Campbell was an adviser to an ammunition and weapons supply point at the Iraqi's Kirkush Military Training Base in the Diyala Province. Now that they are home, Walker plans to return to her job in logistics at AMCOM and Campbell plans on returning to college to pursue a degree in English and journalism.

in the women's trailer shower and latrine. Two other female Soldiers were also in the latrine.

"We heard the Red Alert and we heard the first one hit the gym," Campbell said.

"We started getting our gear together. But, before I even knew it, fluorescent lights were

exploding in our faces. The explosion picked me up and threw me back up against the toilets. Doors came off hinges. Everything inside the trailer went crazy."

The second mortar had hit the male shower and latrine trailer located right next to the female

trailer.

"It hit right in the heart of the male trailer," Campbell said. "Thank God no one was in that trailer. It destroyed the male trailer and took part of the female trailer out."

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An open lane random survey

What's your greatest sports moment?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Cynthia Hargrove
Acquisition Center
"I'd say watching my son (Davey, 12) play basketball."

Ken Watts
Raytheon

"While in college, I was on the (rowing) crew. My last race was on the Schuylkill River, and we won. We beat Temple University in May 1971. It was nice. I rowed probably a hundred races, and my last race I wanted to win. It was the last race I ever rowed. I was on the Florida Institute of Technology crew."

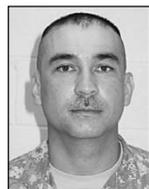


Tom Belcher
Raytheon
"I guess it was the 1977 Alabama state (high school) wrestling competition. I placed second in the state (at 120 pounds for Bradshaw High of Florence).

And the 1979 Fort Bliss softball championship – we were post champions. I played shortstop for Staff and Faculty."

1st Sgt. Kenneth Tincknell
Charlie Company

"When I was in Afghanistan last year, I ran over 800 miles (within 10 months). I remember I had to wake up at 3 and 4 in the morning to do it. But it was a goal that I had that I was able to accomplish while I was there."



Letters to the Editor

Fed up with plastic utensils

June 18 has marked a date in history for headquarters AMCOM/Redstone Arsenal. We are now on par with fast food places (i.e. plastic utensils, and Styrofoam containers). The changeover is mentioned as a cost cutting move. Since Congress has approved the BRAC budget to build new facilities for the new move, we need to ask Congress for a few extra nickels to allow this installation to afford to use real plates and silverware. As a precautionary measure we need to advise the people moving here from Virginia to be aware of, after working hard, you get to eat off plastic.

Think of it: you work hard, go to the cafeteria to get a good hot

meal and you're back in boot camp. We need to see about repositioning mess kits or dig our old ones out. I would believe that all military training facilities are using plates and silverware.

Budget cuts are all over with our current world situation and sacrifices are to be made across the board. To fully have an effective cost effective operation here, shut down the cafeteria all together.

Initial suggestion is to have the entire work force boycott the cafeteria for a couple of days. Let the local media know we are down to eating off Styrofoam plates and plastic utensils.

Name withheld by request

Some drivers cross the line

I frequently eat lunch at Burger King on post; and the traffic that is lined up for the drive-through window during lunch sometimes goes as far back as the Commissary. This traffic is a full car width over the solid white line, on the left side of the line and blocks the exit out of Burger King. I've noticed that if one car crosses the white center line, every car behind it will do the same. So you have a line of traffic lined up in the oncoming line of traffic and blocking the exit.

Can't someone do something about the crazy folks that don't know how to drive? What about concrete barriers to keep the traffic on the right side of the center line? Painting new stripes on the pavement wouldn't help, as you can

clearly see the white solid line. Isn't there a law about crossing a white or yellow center line?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for your concern pertaining to the traffic situation at the Burger King drive-through area. Indeed there is a tendency for drivers to follow the individual in front of them. After careful consideration and a study of the situation, a determination was made to place traffic cones along with the white line already in place. So far the traffic cones seem to be doing the job intended. Police will continue to monitor the situation to ensure compliance."

Quote of the week

'A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.'

— James Dent

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Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Name: Sgt. Clayton Jennings

Job: Operations sergeant, Charlie Company

Where do you call home? Camden, N.J..

What do you like about your job?

It's challenging. I'm pretty much new at it. I just got in this position. So it's just a whole new world really.

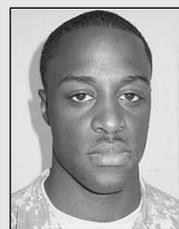
What do you like to do in your spare time?

Play music. I write poetry and stuff like that. And just spend time with family and friends.

What are your goals?

Right now I'm thinking about going to Drill Sergeant School. So I'm going to do that. And finish my degree in criminal justice (from Columbia College).

What's your favorite type of music? R&B

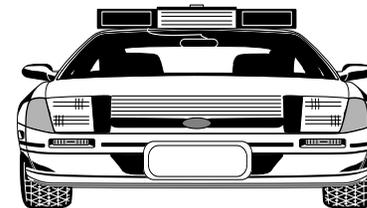


Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

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

Violation notices issued: 36 speeding, 1 expired tags, 1 failure to yield, 3 move over law.



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Start vacation plans with vehicle checkup

Safety office doing courtesy inspections

As part of preparations for the Independence Day holiday week, the AMCOM Safety Office will conduct courtesy automobile safety checks.

The inspections will be conducted Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Sparkman Center parking lot outside building 5301. The purpose of the checks is to help

ensure vehicles are in proper working order before any vacation travel.

The inspections will utilize a checklist from the Army Combat Readiness Center. Some of the areas to be checked include tires, lights, windshield and mirrors.

Automobile travel is one of the leading hazards facing the work force. Ensuring a vehicle is in good working order is only the first step in preparing for a safe trip. Other measures include planning your travel to minimize hazards. In order to avoid drowsy driving, plan so you

get at least seven hours of sleep the night before a trip, schedule rest breaks (about every 100 miles or two hours) and avoid traveling between midnight and 6 a.m. Be aware of traffic and road conditions and allow extra time in case of delays.

And remember, before starting the vehicle ensure that all occupants are buckled up.

For more information about the vehicle inspections, call Bryan Lorge in the AMCOM Safety Office at 842-8622. (AMCOM Safety release)

Drivers must make way for emergency vehicles

State law authorizes misdemeanor fine

It was common sense before. Now it's the law. Drivers must slow down and move into the next lane before passing an emergency vehicle.

A new statewide law authorizes a misdemeanor fine for drivers who neglect to move over when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle which has its lights flashing.

"We are going to start enforcing this law within the next couple of months, as a fineable offense, but it is already in effect for the state," Capt. Roger Triplett, assistant operations officer for the Directorate of Emergency Services, said. "Basically

what it states is that when you see an emergency vehicle, stopped on the side of the road, either move to the next lane over, slowing down, or if you can't move over, slow down to a reasonable speed."

Here's the text of Alabama's stationary emergency vehicle law:

"A motorist approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is displaying flashing emergency lights shall yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least four lanes with not less than two lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle.

"If changing lanes would be impossi-

ble or unsafe, the motorist shall reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions."

The misdemeanor punishment is provided for as follows:

"It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or of Title 32, (Alabama Vehicle Code) unless such violation is by this chapter or other law of this state declared to be a felony.

"Every person convicted of a misdemeanor for a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter for which another penalty is not provided, shall for a first conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 10 days; for conviction of a second offense committed within one year after the date of the first offense,

such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment; for conviction of a third or subsequent offense committed within one year after the date of the first offense, such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than three months or by both such fine and imprisonment."

The reason for this law is simple, according to Triplett. "Several officers and a few motorists have been struck and killed by passing motorists," he said. "This is because the motorist passing the police car who has pulled someone over is doing what is called 'rubbernecking,' causing the driver to drift toward the way they are looking."

Command marks 10th anniversary in July

Historical highlights available at web site

By CLAUD MARTEL
For the Rocket

To help mark the 10th anniversary of the Aviation and Missile Command, the Office of the Command Historian has established a page off of its web site to look back into the genesis of this historic period in Redstone Arsenal history.

Located at www.redstone.army.mil/history, the page incorporates segments of oral history interviews recorded on video. Command historian Mike Baker and historian Claud Martel reviewed more than 100 hours of oral history interviews and various command histories to develop the page.

"I'm very proud of this page because our efforts to establish the Army's mandated oral history interview program a few years before the standup of AMCOM have once again bore fruit," Baker said.

In addition to the oral history interviews that can be viewed via Microsoft's Windows Media Player, the page contains the biographies of all AMCOM commanding



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generals, deputies to the commanding general, and command sergeants major. A concise and official chronology of AMCOM is also located on the page.

Baker noted that interviews include members of both the Aviation and Troop Command and the Missile Command.

"People who view the interviews will be surprised on how open and frank the key players in the merger were," he said.

The official anniversary date of AMCOM is July 17. The date will be noted at this year's Armed Forces Dinner at the Von Braun Center.

Reward offered in vandalism incident

Redstone Arsenal is offering a \$500 reward for information that can lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for damage done to construction equipment on Crowell Circle June 5. The incident occurred sometime between 2:30 p.m. June 2 and 6:30 a.m. June 5.

The incident caused an estimated \$4,750 in damage to the equipment.

Anyone with information concerning this accident is asked to call the Directorate of Emergency Services, Investigations Division at 876-2090 or the Redstone Police Dispatch at 876-2222.

Civilian retirement rules explained

The following question and answer originally appeared in NARFE magazine and are reprinted with permission from the National Active and Retired Federal Employees.

Question: I am currently under the Civil Service Retirement System. When I turn 56 years of age, I will have 29.5 years of service, plus I also have six months of unused sick leave. Would this make me eligible for retirement?

Answer: An employee must have 30 years of service at age 55 to qualify for voluntary retirement. Accrued and unused sick leave may not be used to meet the service requirement. You would not be eligible to retire until you have 30 years of actual creditable service you performed. However, once you qualify for retirement, the sick leave can be added to your actual civilian and military service credit for the computation of your retirement annuity benefit.

Army Emergency Relief effort grows each year

*Fund-raisers thanked
for setting record*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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This year's record-setting Army Emergency Relief campaign has raised the bar for next year.

The goal for 2008 will be \$275,000, Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski announced during the AER awards ceremony June 19 at Heiser Hall.

The 2007 fund-raising drive collected \$240,770 to surpass the \$200,000 goal.

"Two hundred and forty is absolutely phenomenal," Olshefski said. "We're going 275 for next year."

He and AMCOM chief of staff Col. Tom Newman presented certificates of appreciation to organizations and individuals for their fund-raising efforts.

The campaign team included chairman Capt. Rob Dewberry, co-chairman Master Sgt. Odri Hastings and AER officer Kristi Foster.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart," Dewberry told the campaign participants.

Army Emergency Relief gives no-interest loans, and in some cases grants, to active duty and retired military and their qualifying family members in times of emergency needs. Recipients can also include National Guard and Reservists who are called to active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code. Examples of emergency expenses include unexpected travel, car repair, mortgage assistance and utility bills.

Last year AER helped 383 military and their qualified family members with \$380,918.

The 2006 drive collected \$171,260 to surpass a \$150,000 goal. That total was eclipsed this year.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HERE'S TO YOU— Applauding during the campaign awards ceremony are, from left, AER officer Kristi Foster, campaign co-chairman Master Sgt. Odri Hastings and chairman Capt. Rob Dewberry.

West Point cadets experience Army product office

Pair from Alabama on three-week tour

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Trenin Spencer and David Jackson will have something to share with their classmates when they return to West Point in August.

Both cadets can tell about their internship June 10-30 at the THAAD Launcher Product Office in Huntsville. They're observing operations, touring contractor facilities and witnessing this week's flight test of the Theater High Altitude Area Defense system.

"It's an opportunity to see application of the stuff we learned (in the classroom)," Spencer said. "And it's an opportunity to get an idea of what you want to do in your career in the military."

Said Jackson, "We also get an



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LAUNCHING CAREERS— West Point cadets David Jackson, left, and Trenin Spencer are on a three-week internship at the THAAD Launcher Product Office.

opportunity to bring back what we've seen to the corps of cadets at West Point."

Spencer and Jackson are majoring in electrical engineering at the U.S. Military Academy, where they will enter their

senior year in August and graduate in May 2008.

Their three weeks at THAAD, for advanced individual academic development, were entirely optional.

"I'm enjoying it," Spencer

said. "I think it was well worth it. It has me a little more focused. I think this was well worth the opportunity, especially with our getting our commission in 340 days. It gives you something really good to take back, too."

"It's enjoyable," Jackson said. "It's nice to get outside the West Point scope a little bit, come outside the box. We're getting knowledge to take back. And I look forward to taking that back to West Point and then into the Army."

They're both 21-year-olds from Alabama. Spencer was born in Tulsa, Okla., and graduated from Huffman High in Birmingham in 2003. Jackson graduated from Corner High in 2004.

"I'm actually trying to branch Signal, be a Signal officer," Spencer said of his plans. "After that I'll stay in the military. I'm actually making a career in the military. After company command, I'll probably go Acquisition Corps or Delta (Special Forces)."

Jackson has some top choices for a career branch, but is undecided. "My short-term plans are to use this summer to learn even more about the Army," he said. "At the five-year mark I'll make the decision again to either stay in the Army or out-process out of the Army."

They are the first West Point cadets at THAAD Launcher Product Office, according to assistant product manager Maj. Chuck Howald. Product manager Lt. Col. Steve Cummings coordinated the internship with West Point to give cadets the experience and a chance to learn about careers in the Acquisition Corps. Cummings graduated from West Point in 1986 and Howald in 1994. The two Soldiers work with 13 civilians.

"This (internship) has been successful," Howald said. "And we look to do this in future summers, get some cadets in here each summer. I think they're really going to like the flight test (June 26) at White Sands Missile Range."

Huntsville Center engineer wins full tuition scholarship

Makes finals in pageant

Arnecia Bradley was named a top 15 finalist in the Miss Black USA Scholarship Pageant June 1 in the Gambia, West Africa. Bradley is a civil engineer with the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville.

She will receive a full tuition scholarship that she plans to use to pursue a doctorate or professional degree.

While in the Gambia, Bradley and the other contestants visited the village of Jufereh, former home of Kuntah Kinte, from Alex Haley's book, *Roots*, and James Island, as well as explored the culture and hospitality of the Gambian people.

"I would like to thank my sponsors and everyone for their support," Bradley said. "My title is far from ending and I will continue to promote my platform – Math and Science Literacy: Unlocking the Doors for Educational Opportunity."

The Miss Black USA Scholarship



Courtesy photo

FASHION SHOW— Arnecia Bradley, a top 15 finalist in the Miss Black USA Scholarship Pageant held June 1 in the Gambia, West Africa, talks with Chan Khan Jallow, social secretary of the Association of Fashion Designers of the Gambia, and Ya Awa Drammeh Hydera, owner of Awa's Fashion International Designs, at a fashion show and fundraiser held as part of the pageant activities.

Pageant was founded in 1984 to advance educational and professional opportunities for women of African-American descent. Its foundation was built on integrity and unity among African-American women. (Huntsville Center release)



Photo by Andy Roake

Uplifting evening

More than 50 civic leaders from northern Alabama and southern Tennessee visited Redstone Arsenal June 12 to learn about the impact of Base Realignment and Closure actions on Redstone and surrounding communities. The leaders toured the Hazardous Devices School and the Software Engineering Directorate and then dined in a hangar on the Arsenal flight line.

Reservists

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As soon as the explosion was over, Campbell and the other two Soldiers grabbed their weapons and tried to leave.

"The siding from the other trailer was on top of our trailer. We couldn't get out," Campbell said. "Some Marines helped us and we went to the bunker."

Bruised and with ears ringing, Campbell wasn't sure what to do next. Eventually, the Marines allowed her to return to the trailer to get her things. She then waited for her fellow Soldiers in the Internet café.

"I joked that the attack was my going away gift. I joked that while I was a guest in Baghdad, I almost got blown up," Campbell said.

"But, when I got to the embassy and sat there, I started thinking I almost died. It kind of sunk in. It shook me up."

After the explosion, Walker searched for Tharps and Campbell. It took her awhile to find Campbell.

"I was so worried. Here we were with six hours left, and I thought I was going to lose a Soldier," Walker said.

For those like Walker who lived on the palace grounds, mortar attacks are an everyday occurrence.

"My trailer has shook plenty of mornings from mortar attacks," she said. "That was my wakeup call. You could expect a loud explosion from a mortar at 5:30 or 6 every morning and then again in the evening."

On that day, the first explosion injured two Soldiers by the gym, nearly in the same place where two Soldiers and a contractor were killed in February by another mortar attack.

During her year in Iraq, Walker saw the escalation of attacks on the Green Zone. At first, the concern was suicide bombs. Later, it became daily mortar attacks.

"Their (insurgents') goal was to hit the palace or anything outside it because they know that's where people will be," Walker said.

"It's a response to the Baghdad security buildup (of U.S. troops). We have more Soldiers trying to clean up, trying to gain control, of the capitol. They are trying to push the insurgents out. So, the mortar attacks started escalating. We were getting hammered in the embassy area every day."

Walker and Campbell were among 38 Soldiers of the 108th Division of the Army Reserves who deployed from North Alabama. In all, the 108th Division deployed 350 Army Reservists from Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico, and 900 total from across the nation.

Now, home from their deployment, Walker and Campbell are returning back to their normal lives. In August, after spending time with her family, Walker will resume her career with AMCOM logistics. Her husband, Gregory, is a professor at the Defense Acquisition University. Campbell plans to attend college and enjoy life with her new husband, who she married just days before being deployed.

The work they did in Iraq was a continuation of a logistics mission that began with the 98th Division and continued with the 80th Division. It is hoped that after the 108th's deployment, the incoming Reservists of the 104th Division will be able to fully transition the mission to the Iraqi military and police.

"We are working to get Iraqis to stand on their own," Walker said. "My field was maintenance and I built a maintenance program for the Iraqis from the ground up. They have been working with a contractor out of Ft. Worth, Texas. But, we are trying to minimize the contractor and get the Iraqis to take over their own maintenance. We are trying to get them to buy into the Army concept of full-level maintenance, and to see this is not a coalition maintenance program, but an Iraqi maintenance program."

There are 10 military maintenance sites in Iraq. One of those has been transitioned fully over to Iraqi control.

"Our plan was to transition two more sites while I was there," Walker said. "But, we didn't get there. As of today, they are getting ready to transition two more sites."

Transitions have been delayed, mainly, by a lack of Iraqi military maintenance personnel. In response, the coalition set up four maintenance schools to teach Iraqi soldiers. Incentives, such as bonuses and places to live, were used to recruit students for the schools.

"When I left, the plan was to have these trained Iraqi maintenance personnel working side-by-side with contractors at the sites," she said. "If the Iraqis are proficient with maintenance, then the contractor will back off. I saw the first class go through the course and the second class was getting ready to start."

Walker, who ran the Combined Logistics Operation Center in the basement of the Ministry of Defense, worked daily to get Iraqi officers to take responsibility for the maintenance program.

"I don't know if it's cultural or political, but no one wanted to make a decision," she said. "A one-star general couldn't make a decision. They had to go to the two- or three- or four-star level to get something done. As a captain, it's frustrating to know I can make decisions on multi-billion dollar buys when they, as generals, can't make decisions involving a few thousand dollars."

Though miles away, Campbell was facing the same challenge – getting Iraqi soldiers to take responsibility for the ammunition and weapons supply point.

The first six months of her deployment, Campbell worked with civilian contractors who distributed ammunition and weapons to Iraqi soldiers.

"Our main goal was to get a system in place that worked for them," Campbell said. "Weapons and ammunition are probably the most important supply items that have to be tracked."

But, during Campbell's second six months, the contractors were replaced by Iraqi soldiers who were not only terrified to take responsibility but who also didn't want to work under a female Soldier. Problems were compounded by corruption, the numerous holidays that Iraqis recognize



Courtesy photo

WELCOME BACK— Maya Walker, 7, is all smiles at Huntsville International Airport on homecoming day for her mom, Capt. Rosalind Walker, and two other Soldiers of the 4th of the 108th Division who returned home recently from a one-year deployment. Walker and the other 37 Soldiers of the 108th who deployed from North Alabama received a lot of support from various local groups, including the City of Madison. A welcome home event for the Soldiers is being planned for August.

and the Iraqi attitude that "Americans will take care of that for us," Campbell said.

It also took awhile to get used to always having to be on guard and having to carry a loaded weapon. Though embedded with Iraqi soldiers, Campbell couldn't trust them.

"I was working at an Iraqi base with 5,000 soldiers, and two out of every five were insurgents. Iraqis don't have Army contracts. They can leave whenever they want to," Campbell said. "They join for the training and money, and then they go back to join the insurgents."

At one point, management problems at the ammunition and weapons supply point were so difficult that Campbell shut down the supply point for about a month.

"I was working with Iraqis who didn't respect me, who didn't take me seriously and who thought I was stupid. They thought I couldn't do anything because I was a woman," she said. "They wouldn't do the work. I did all the work for two weeks until I shut down the ammo point. When soldiers came in for ammunition or weapons, or to turn in weapons they had confiscated, I told them to 'Go see your general.'"

The Iraqi soldiers eventually realized they had to take responsibility to keep the ammunition and weapons supply point open.

"It was a big deal to get them to do anything," Campbell said. "By the time I left,

my soldiers were doing the work. But, it is frustrating because I'm afraid as soon as Americans leave everything will go back to the way it was. As an American Soldier, I am going to do 110 percent to be the best Soldier I can be today. But, I gave a year of my life to Iraq and there were times when I felt I was on a suicide mission. It makes you wonder."

Walker and Campbell went to Iraq equipped with all the training the Army had to offer. But, both said nothing could prepare them for their Iraqi experience.

"We were prepared for actually fighting a war," Walker said. "But, it's a different type of survival in Iraq. I don't care how much training you get, you are never prepared for what you're going to go through. It's a totally different environment."

Campbell went to Iraq expecting the Iraqi army to have similar expectations as the U.S. Army. What she found surprised and challenged her.

"I know what it takes to be a leader, what it means to be a leader and have good Soldiers working for you," she said. "I went over there thinking I would treat Iraqi soldiers just like I would American Soldiers. But, the language and cultural barriers, and me being female, made it hard to motivate them and educate them. Eventually, though, when I left, my soldiers loved and respected me."

The few and the proud cited for contributions



Photo by Kari Hawkins

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN— It's Christmas all year at the Marine Reserve Center, where staff and Reservists are always ready to collect and warehouse new toys and bikes in preparation for providing holiday gifts to about 10,000 needy children in 11 North Alabama counties. With some of the toys recently collected are, from left, Gunnery Sgt. Orlis Moss, 1st Sgt. Alan Caldwell and Toys for Tots coordinator Gunnery Sgt. Ronald Williams.

Marines' Toys for Tots earns award July 4

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Marine Gunnery Sgt. Ronald Williams works every day for Christmas.

His focus, though, isn't on the gifts he hopes to give to his own family. Rather, he is counting the days when the local effort of the nationally recognized Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program provides thousands of North Alabama children with new bikes and toys.

It's a year-round effort coordinated by Williams with the help of the staff and Reserves of the Marine Reserve Center's Battery K (Kilo) in Huntsville, the Marines and Soldiers stationed at Redstone Arsenal, and the hundreds of volunteers, corporations and organizations that donate to the holiday gift giving program.

Though the holidays are still six months away, the Toys for Tots program is getting some

out-of-season recognition thanks to the Spirit of America Festival on July 4 at Decatur's Point Mallard Park. This year, the celebration will present its H.J. Heimlich Humanitarian Award to Marine Battery K for its longtime commitment to Toys for Tots and the Young Marine program. The award will be accepted by inspector instructor Maj. John Picudella and Staff Sgt. Michael Lamar.

Each year, Toys for Tots provides toys to more than 10,000 needy children in more than 11 North Alabama counties. In addition, the Young Marine program has paired more than 100 Marines with North Alabama youths in a mentoring role.

Helping children throughout North Alabama is what Toys for Tots is all about, Williams said.

"We like to call this the Tennessee Valley Toys for Tots program because it is helping children and their communities as a whole throughout North Alabama," Williams said. "This is all about the spirit of love, the spirit of giving. We are doing this to give hope to our children and our communities. And, over the

years, we've found that Huntsville is one of the most giving communities."

The national Toys for Tots program began in 1947 when Marine Reserve Maj. Bill Hendricks couldn't locate an agency in the Los Angeles area that would distribute a handcrafted Raggedy Ann doll to needy children at Christmas.

"So, Maj. Hendricks did what all Marines do. Marines improvise and overcome," Williams said. "He and his Marine Reserves started delivering toys to needy children."

The Raggedy Ann doll, made by Hendricks' wife, was the first gift among the 5,000 toys collected and distributed by the Marine Reservists in Los Angeles in its first year. In 1948, Toys for Tots was expanded into a nationwide campaign in the communities where a Marine Corps Reserve Center was located.

The program has been successful and grown ever since its inception. During the 2006 Toys for Tots Campaign, 19.2 million toys were distributed to 7.6 million

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Communities offer blast of fun for the 4th

Fourth of July sparks plenty of fireworks

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The Spirit of America Festival on July 4 in Decatur will recognize a father and son from Huntsville who, as Marines, distinguished themselves with valor during enemy combat.

Retired Marine Lt. Col. John Harrill Jr., who received a Bronze Star with Valor for his service during Vietnam, and his son, Marine Maj. John Harrill III, who has received the Silver Star with Valor for his heroism in Iraq, will receive the nationally recognized Audie Murphy Patriotism Award at the festival.

The Audie Murphy Patriotism Award and the H.J. Heimlich Humanitarian Award will be presented by retired Marine Lt. Gen. Frank Libutti during a ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Spirit of American stage at Point Mallard Park.

Participating in the program will be the Johnson High School JROTC color guard and about 75 Marines from the Marine Detachment at Redstone Arsenal.

Among those attending the festivities will also be two Soldiers who have received the Audie Murphy Patriotism Award in recent years — retired Capt. Bill

Hogan, a highly decorated Vietnam War veteran who received the award in 2006; and National Guard Sgt. Michael Acquaviva, who served in Iraq and who accepted the award in 2005 on behalf of all Alabama military.

The Spirit of America Festival is a two-day event from 1 p.m. to midnight on Tuesday, July 3, and from 9:30 a.m. to midnight on Wednesday, July 4. Festival activities include a kids/teen talent show, a NCAA cheerleading competition, children's activity area, 5K and 10K road races, 100 mile bike ride, softball tournament, golf tournament, food and game vendors from across the Southeast, the Miss Point Mallard Pageant, continuous stage entertainment by local and area bands and artists, and a booming fireworks display at 10 p.m. on the 4th. For more info, call 350-2028 or 350-1776.

The Spirit of America Festival is one of the largest free Fourth of July celebrations in North Alabama. Annual attendance is estimated in excess of 50,000. But, it isn't the only patriotic event scheduled for July 4. The following is a rundown of celebrations throughout North Alabama:

- **"I Love America" Celebration** — The theme of this year's "I Love America" pageant at Whitesburg Baptist Church is "Freedom!" The annual event, now in its 22nd year, includes a "living" American flag with 120 singers, lights and

motion. There will be recognition of Purple Heart veterans and families of deployed Soldiers during a ceremony 30 minutes before each performance. Dates are June 29-30 at 7 p.m. and July 1 at 3 p.m. Free tickets may be obtained at the church office or by mail. Call 881-0952 for more info. Whitesburg Baptist Church is located at 6806 Whitesburg Drive in Huntsville.

- **Huntsville Dragway** — Fireworks will follow drag racing on July 3. The first qualifying round is at 5 p.m. Located at 502 Quarter Mountain Rd. in Harvest. Call 859-0807 for ticket information.

- **Huntsville Stars vs. Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game** — The Huntsville Stars will celebrate the Fourth of July with a game at 7:05 p.m. followed by fireworks. For tickets or more info, call 882-2562.

- **Independence Day Celebration** — The Exchange Club of Huntsville will host its annual Independence Day Celebration on July 4 at Ditto Landing. Gates open at 6 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:30. Includes children's area, music, skydivers and other activities. Fireworks will kick off at about 9 p.m. Admission is \$10 per carload. For more information, call 539-9504.

- **Fourth of July in Madison** — The city is celebrating its 150th birthday with children's activities, hula hoop and sack race contests, apple pie contest and free

snow cones. Event is from 1 to 5 p.m. at Dublin Park. Fireworks have been canceled due to drought. Call 772-9300 for more info.

- **Fourth annual Reliance Bank Firecracker Festival** — Athens' fireworks display will be held on July 4 at the high school stadium on U.S. Highway 31 North beginning at dusk. For more information, call 232-1944.

- **All American Celebration** — Guntersville will begin its celebration on July 4 at 2 p.m. with its eighth annual Fourth of July Boat Parade. It will continue at Guntersville Civitan Park with live entertainment, children's activities and food vendors, culminated in a fireworks display over Lake Guntersville at 9 p.m.

- **Smith Lake Park Fourth of July Festival** — Cullman invites everyone to its July 4 celebration on Smith Lake, where vendors, arts and crafts, entertainment, food and drinks, swimming, a waterslide and fireworks will be part of the fun. Free admission for children 5 and under; all others \$5 on the 4th. For more info, call 739-2916.

- **Spirit of Freedom Celebration** — Florence hosts this annual July 4th event at McFarland Park from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Live music is from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. along with various family activities, concluding with a fireworks show at 9 p.m. on the Tennessee River. For more info, call 740-4141 or 888-FLO-TOUR.

General officer visits to say goodbye and thanks

Fort Monmouth leader retiring after 35 years

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The commander of the Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command at Fort Monmouth, N.J., had reasons for visiting Huntsville last week.

Maj. Gen. Michael Mazzucchi wanted to say goodbye and thanks as he prepares to retire in July. Also, he wanted to speak at a luncheon at the invi-

tation of a longtime friend.

Several management offices in the Huntsville area are part of his C4I (Command, Control, Computers, Communications and Intelligence) team.

"I wanted to have the opportunity to express my appreciation for their activities and accomplishments," Mazzucchi said.

His visit Thursday enabled him to get program updates, say goodbye and address the C4I associates here. He serves as both commander of the Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command and as program executive

officer for command, control and communications-tactical.

At the invitation of retired Maj. Gen. John Urias, he spoke at Thursday's luncheon of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. Urias serves as president of the Huntsville chapter.

"Thank you for your continued support of all you do," Mazzucchi told the 100 attendees at the luncheon held at the Holiday Inn downtown.

Mazzucchi, 57, will retire July 11 with 35 years service. The Purdue University electrical engineering graduate said he's an "Army brat" who was

born at Fort Sill, Okla.

He and his wife, Linda, have a son, daughter and three granddaughters – including a new arrival June 12. "So it's been a very wonderful last few weeks," said Mazzucchi, who has bought a house in Manassas, Va.

He traveled to Huntsville around three times a year, but of course has had plenty of video teleconferences with his people here.

"There is such profound intellectual talent in the Huntsville area," Mazzucchi said. "This is a very vibrant, growing place."

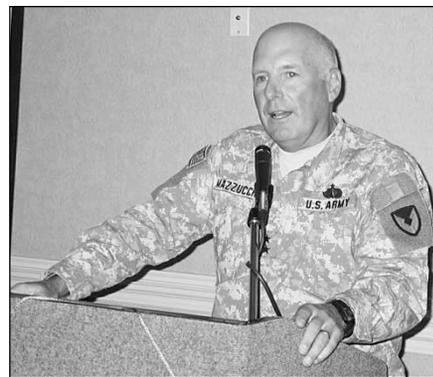


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COMMUNICATING—Maj. Gen. Michael Mazzucchi, commander of the Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command, speaks at Thursday's luncheon of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

Marines to receive humanitarian award during festival

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needy children. Local campaigns were conducted in 558 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands — the most extensive coverage ever. In its 59-year history, Marines have distributed more than 370 million toys to more than 173 million needy children, making the Marines the unchallenged leader in looking after needy children at Christmas. In addition, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has supplemented local toy collections with more than 70.2 million toys valued at more than \$387 million; plus it has provided promotion and support materials valued at over \$4.7 million.

The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy

children." The goal is to deliver a message of hope, which will build self-esteem and, in turn, motivate needy children to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

About 20 years ago, when the Toys for Tots program started in Huntsville, it gave toys to only a handful of families.

"As the story goes, they only had a few toys at the beginning and only a few applications," Williams said, with a laugh. "They did everything right out of the Reserve Center. They boxed everything up and personally delivered toys to the families."

Today, the Toys for Tots program depends on two warehouses – one at Intergraph Corp. and the other on Redstone Arsenal – to house the bikes and toys that come into the Reserve Center year-round.

"We need to collect toys throughout the year so that we can meet the demand at Christmas," Williams said. "The giving

spirit is alive all year, and we want people to know they can give to Toys for Tots at any time and we will be able to warehouse the toys until it's time to give needy children a very special Christmas. We will take any kind of new toy because we have needy children from the toddler age all the way up to age 15."

The Reserve Center raises funds for Toys for Tots throughout the year through special events, such as golf tournaments and motorcycle poker runs. Several corporations have also raised funds for the program, including a Huntsville Stars birthday event where kids will be encouraged to buy toys for the Stars mascot, who will donate them to Toys for Tots.

One big event for the program is the "Bikes or Bust" event held near the holidays when WZYP's Mojo broadcasts from atop a billboard to publicize the need for new bikes for underprivileged children. In addition, several local companies, such as Wal-Mart, Woody Anderson Ford, Railroad Bazaar, In2wireless, Ashley Fur-

niture, Bill Heard Chevrolet, Captain D's, TGIF and Backyard Burgers, and organizations, such as the local Corvette Club, support Toys for Tots. Several local companies take toy donations during their annual holiday parties.

"This program wouldn't get anywhere without the community," Williams said. "During the Bikes or Bust campaign, parents will drop off bikes or donate money. We've had children save money all year from their allowances, birthdays and for making good grades, and buying bikes or donating it to our program. All the money we collect anywhere in North Alabama goes straight into buying toys for needy children."

Editor's note: Registration for this year's Toys for Tots program will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 15-19 at the Marine Reserve Center on South Parkway. Toys will be distributed Dec. 18-20. For more information, call 213-9683 or 990-0239. Or e-mail Williams at williamsrw1@mfr.usmc.mil.

Redstone retirees colorful characters

League leads trio back to fine art

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For some people, the need to be creative is almost as compelling as the urge to breathe. Often though, these people find that need pushed to the backburner as the needs of family and work take up their time. Several Redstone retirees have found time for art again with the help of the Huntsville Art League.

"I didn't have time to do the serious painting I wanted to do," Peter Grant, formerly of the Hellfire Project Office, said. "You always have this burning desire to do something. For me, when I see a blank canvas I want to throw paint on it."

Now, he paints things as he sees and feels them – in vivid color. Horses dominate much of his body of work. He also paints the sea and its inhabitants from time to time. He said he doesn't worry about keeping things realistic. That's what photographs are for.

"It's all about color," Grant said. "I'm not so worried about getting it right. I just want to get the emotion and color."

Jerry Brown keeps things a little more realistic. However, he does like to play with light and texture. His painting "The Children" appears at first glance to be a simple black and white family portrait. A second glance, however, reveals an intricate patchwork pattern that overlays the entire thing, much like looking at the picture through a gauzy quilt.

Brown was a Soldier and a part of Team Redstone in the Non-Line of Sight Project Office for years. After leaving his work family, he is happy to have found a new one at Huntsville Art League.

"I was aware of HAL for years, but I didn't have the time while I was working," Brown said. "I had to wait until I



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

BUSY CANVASSERS— Active members of the Huntsville Art League include, from left, Jerry Brown, Dan Tatum and Peter Grant.

retired. Then I went to UAH and took every art class they had. I had to audit some of them because I had already taken them once for credit. After 10 years of that they told me I had to either get a degree or go home. So I came here."

For Dan Tatum, art seems to be a physical extension of memory. With his watercolors and pastel crayons, he recreates the places he has been and things he has seen. He might be best known on the installation for how he has remembered other people. Tatum is well known for his caricatures. While working in various missile project offices, including Hellfire and Pershing, he had a steady stream of people asking him to draw people retiring or leaving.

Tatum laughed as he said his caricatures will probably be his legacy from his time at Redstone.

"People will say 'I don't know what he did in the office, but I love the cartoons,'" he quipped. "I think I've done about a hundred."

He has a great time exaggerating the

features and interests of his subjects, though he acknowledges that there are a few rules one must follow.

"Especially with the women, you have to make them 10 years younger and 10 pounds lighter," he said laughing. "I love the guys. You can really mess them up."

All three credit HAL with helping to restore their love of art. Tatum said having other artists of varying skill levels readily available for questions and discussions has made him a better artist. He said it also gave him the confidence to try different things.

"I thought I had some talent. I wanted to see if I could develop that into more than just caricatures," he said. "I wanted to try being a legitimate fine artist. It helps to be around other people who have to paint, too."

HAL is a non-profit organization founded in 1957. Located on L& N Drive just off Drake Avenue, it boasts its own gallery and studios. It is filled with art of all shapes, sizes and mediums which has

been created by members. There are paintings, photos, sculptures and jewelry on exhibit and for sale. Since it does not receive any outside or government funding, HAL relies on membership dues and proceeds from the sale of art to stay up and running. Some of the most popular items at the gallery are the hand painted scarves.

Grant said he has found the art classes offered at HAL a great way to explore an interest in art. He added that people shouldn't let a lack of experience stop them from trying.

"We've got people who have just started getting into art. We have people who had to put their art on hold while they pursued other things," he said. "We've got a broad spectrum of talents and capabilities."

Classes are available for children and adults in almost every conceivable style and medium. Some even work with live models – clothed, of course.

"There are always a lot of neat things going on here," Tatum said. "Especially during the summer."

Although classes and events are open to the public, members receive a discount. They receive discounts on art supplies at some local retailers. They also get the opportunity to exhibit their work in the gallery and potentially other shows as well. The decisions on which artists to show where are made by member juries. Grant said HAL is truly a community of artists working to help each other.

"It's a place where we like to grow artists," he said. "We can sit down and share our thoughts together about what we're doing and where we want to go."

Membership is \$30 per year. For more information, membership forms or a schedule of art classes, visit the HAL web site www.huntsvilleartleague.org or call 534-3860.

"It's our 50th year," Grant said. "We've got some great things coming up."



Photo by Merv Brokke

Union contract

Dr. Bill McCorkle, executive director of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Don Eiermann, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858, and Jackie Bennett, chief of the sustainment branch at Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, signed a charter agreement Thursday establishing an AMRDEC Labor/Management Partnership Team. The charter is to formally establish and enhance the partnering relationship between AMRDEC management, employees and Local 1858. The Partnership Council was established in accordance with the labor agreement signed between AMRDEC and Local 1858. Seated from left are Eiermann, Bennett and McCorkle. Other members of the team, standing, include Dr. Amy Grover, Kevin Rotenberger, Alexander Roach, Vicki Fuller, Valerie Harris, Abner Merriweather, Lana Hargrove, Dr. Willie Fitzpatrick, Jackie Langhout and Brooks Woerner. Not pictured are Col. John Wright, Linda Brown and Karen Short.

Lose those unwanted pounds

Movin' & Losin' signup under way

Extra weight really shows during the hot days of summer, the season for lightweight clothing and swimsuits. Morale Welfare and Recreation's Sports and Fitness wants to help you look your best.

Movin' & Losin' is a "get moving weight-loss competition," according to assistant sports director Phylissa Shannon. Sign up by July 12 for the program which runs from July 17 through Sept. 11.

"Anybody on Redstone Arsenal can participate," Shannon said. Five-member teams will compete for prizes at the end of the eight weeks.

MWR Sports and Fitness tries to offer the program three times each year. Teams get points for exercise, weight loss and for turning in their exercise sheets on time.

"If individuals want to participate, I can usually find them a team," Shannon said. "But it usually works better if they have a team of five (to sign up)."

Those interested can call her at 313-1202 or e-mail phylissa.shannon@us.army.mil.



Product recalls should keep food supply safe

Defense commissaries have removal process

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FORT LEE, Va. – The Defense Commissary Agency understands customers' concerns regarding food safety and is committed to providing a safe and secure shopping environment for its patrons. When it comes to food safety, DeCA engages its stringent, multitiered system to ensure quick and complete removal of suspect items from store shelves throughout the world whenever a food or product recall is issued.

The recall process begins when an item is suspected of being contaminated or otherwise unfit for consumption or use, according to Col. Perry Chumley, DeCA's director of public health, safety and security.

Chumley said no matter the source, when DeCA receives a recall alert, the first order of business is to determine whether or not the product line or manufacturer is part of the DeCA inventory. That job falls to DeCA's sales directorate, which purchases and tracks the thousands of products bought for resale in the commissary system.

If any commissary stocks the same brand name as the item in the recall, the sales directorate staff determines if the product DeCA sells matches the actual product being recalled. This is the part of the advisory or

recall process that confuses most customers.

When a lot number matches the item being recalled, the matching lot numbers are immediately removed from the shelves and placed on hold. Some companies, however, will ask DeCA to remove its entire stock of a product even if only one lot number in their company's line is recalled. Other times, companies will request that just the item indicated in the recall be removed, leaving other products with the same name on the shelves for customers. This is why an entire product line may be removed following a recall, but why other times similar products remain on the shelves for commissary patrons.

Items listed on a recall go into the medical holding areas of commissaries, where signs are placed on the items stating they are on medical hold. Each commissary has an employee responsible for ensuring every item remains off the shelf until either cleared for sale or removed from the facility. That employee counts the items when they are put into the holding area, and ensures that the initial count remains the same until the items are released for sale or removed from the facility.

To ensure there are no mix-ups along the way, "numerous redundancies are built into the system, both internal and external to DeCA," Chumley said. "In addition, anytime a recall comes out through the media and before they get the word from us, local commissary managers have the authority to pull items off their shelves if they feel the items might not be safe."

More than 20 enemy fighters killed in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON – An eight-hour battle in Afghanistan June 11 led to the deaths of some two dozen enemy fighters.

Afghan and coalition forces patrolling near the village of Khenjakak received rocket-propelled-grenade and machine-gun fire in the Shah Wali Kot district of Kandahar province. The combined Afghan and coalition forces repelled the attack.

Five hours later, more than 30 enemy attackers ambushed the same patrol with RPG and machine-gun fire near the village. During the eight-hour battle, more than two dozen enemy fighters were killed. One Afghan officer was wounded during the battle.

Meanwhile in Kabul, Afghan and coalition forces detained two militants in an operation June 12 against Taliban forces in the Mandozai district of Khowst province.

During operations June 10, Afghan and coalition forces discovered a munitions cache in the Chamkani district of Paktya province. Forces recovered RPG rounds, 82 mm mortar rounds, mines, grenades, blasting caps, machine-gun ammunition, detonation cord, assorted fuses and charges, improvised explosive device receivers and power sources, and blocks of explosives.

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Future civilian leaders visit Screaming Eagles

New employees learn about 101st Airborne

By **ANDY ROAKE**
For the Rocket

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – For Redstone Arsenal's future civilian leaders, learning about the Army can be a fun experience.

Thursday, a group of more than 40 interns, fellows and Student Career Experience Program employees visited Fort Campbell and the 101st Airborne Division.

The trip was part of Redstone Arsenal's Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders program, which supplements formal training plans and provides professional development opportunities and business management exposure for interns, fellows and SCEP employees.

The employees took advantage of the greening trip to see another Army organization up close.

"It's an opportunity to expose newer civilian members to other elements of the Army and government," said Ray Nabors, a human resource specialist in AMCOM G-1, Human Resources Management, and the adviser for the TACL planning committee. "We have our mission here at Redstone and we want to show them other Army missions and how what they do in their everyday jobs affects Soldiers in the field. These trips show how important their jobs are here at Redstone."

The trip started with a briefing on the organization and local impact of Fort Campbell and the 101st Airborne Division. The group then visited the Sabalauski Air Assault School where they learned about the tough training required for Soldiers to attain the Air Assault badge.

Several TACL members got a taste of the training and rappelled from the school's training tower that is used to teach Soldiers how to rappel from a hovering helicopter.

The group learned about the division's military working dogs and four members took a turn at exposing themselves to the business end of an attack dog. They put on protective gear and played the role of a non-cooperative suspect. Each person ran and was eventually chased down by the dog.

The visit finished at Fort Campbell's Donald F. Pratt museum where a guide outlined the history of the post and the 101st Airborne Division.

TACL greening trips and staff rides are held every quarter. Previous off-post trips have included visits to Aniston Army Depot and Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn. Locally, the group has visited the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

"The TACL program was started by AMCOM and expanded to include the rest of the base," Nabors said. "All interns, fellows and co-op employees are automatically part of TACL and are welcome to participate in TACL trips."

The events are organized by the TACL planning committee, a group of 15 to 20 TACL members who apply and are appointed to the committee.

"It's great being a part of the planning committee," said Alex Hice, a fellow for AMCOM G-8, Resource Management. "We get to organize these events. Once on the planning committee, you serve throughout the period of your particular program."

People interested in learning more about the TACL program or the greening trips and staff rides should call Nabors at 876-6079.



Photo by Andy Roake

HANGING OUT— Robert Sullivan, an intern for the Integrated Materiel Management Center, rappels from the training tower at the Air Assault School at Fort Campbell. Sullivan was one of more than 40 members of the Redstone Arsenal Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders group who participated in a greening trip Thursday to learn about the 101st Airborne Division.



Photo by Andy Roake

LISTEN UP— More than 40 members of the Redstone Arsenal Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders group listen to a Fort Campbell Soldier explain the K-9 military working dog mission during a greening trip Thursday to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell.

Veterinary Clinic staffers dig new building

Construction cures concerns for space

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The Veterinary Clinic has been dealing with cramped quarters for some time. Doctors have been working paw to paw in building 3543's 2,000 square foot facility. All their dreams of greener pastures have come true, however. They move into a new facility next month.

Their new location is just a little farther down Shillelagh Circle to the west, situated between Kingfisher and Gray Roads. It is the culmination of a year's worth of planning and construction, project manager Scott Chapman said.

"Design was started in July 2006," he said. "Construction started in October 2006."

The new building is two and a half times the size of the existing clinic. The additional space was crucial to meeting the current and future needs of the clinic.

"In more than doubling the space, every area was substantially improved," Chapman said. "Specifically, now they have an isolation room for contagious dogs; counter space and storage cabinets in the lab area went from 10 feet to 40 feet in length, which greatly helps their day-to-day activities. A large, secure, storage room was an addition which kept from having to build a separate storage facility in the future. The clerks' area, which is the center of the clinic, was quadrupled in size and all public areas, which are important because the clinic is in competition with private clinics."

The 5,000 square foot facility was completed June 19 and the keys presented to clinic staff the next day. It is not quite



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

PROUD OF HOME— New full-time veterinarian John Proctor shows off the space at the new Veterinary Clinic.

move-in ready as of yet. Computer and phone systems must be prepared. They expect to make the move by the end of July.

Dr. John Proctor, the new full-time veterinarian, is excited about the impending move.

"The space is really going to help us. The third exam room will really help us," he said. "When you see the space devoted to patient care, it's just so much better. For what military veterinary clinics do, it's going to be state of the art."

Proctor joined Team Redstone permanently just three weeks ago, although he had lent a hand from time to time when

needed.

"I used to be the vet at Fort McClellan before it closed," he said. "I have come up here TDY and ran the clinic when they didn't have someone. It's been about 10 years or so."

Proctor served active duty with the Army's Veterinary Corps for 22 years before transitioning to civilian life here from Fort Gordon, Ga. He is an Auburn graduate, specializing in preventative medicine. He is also somewhat of a local guy. Proctor was born and raised in the Cherokee County area. Joining the veterinary team here was a highly anticipated homecoming for him.

"My hometown is about 90 miles from here," he said. "I'm close to home. My parents are living there, so my kids can get to know their grandparents. We've been in the Army so long they didn't really know them before."

While he has been enjoying his work thus far, he's looking forward to how the new facility's amenities will improve patient care.

"This is the nicest facility, as vet clinics go. The building is fabulous," Proctor said. "It's going to improve the number of patients we can see at a time."

Great care was taken to improve the functionality of the new building over the old.

"A small item which clearly illustrates the working conditions of the current clinic is the addition of a surgical sink," Chapman said. "The veterinarian and staff currently only have one sink that serves all testing, all lab work and the surgery combined. The veterinarian had to sterilize the sink before he or she could even begin to prepare for any surgery. Obviously, all other activity would have to stop for the time before, during and shortly after the surgery."

In addition to larger versions of labs, offices and waiting areas, the new facility has some additional areas the staff has longed for. Kenneling areas for dogs and cats have been separated. They are also located near the rear of the building.

"It will keep things much quieter for us and the people waiting," Proctor said.

Construction costs for the project came in at \$725,000. Chapman praised the work of Chugach Support Services in making the project a success.

"They are the general contractor that does the new minor construction under the job order contract for the Garrison. Their project manager was Steve Wilson," he said. "They did a superior job."

Yet another change within program executive office

Steves becomes project manager for close combat weapon systems

By **DAN O'BOYLE**
For the Rocket

In what he described as a "real whirlwind," Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco presided over the Close Combat Weapon Systems change of charter ceremony Thursday in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Dellarocco's Program Executive

Office for Missiles and Space team has marked six leadership changes this month.

Lt. Col. Michael Steves is the new project manager for Close Combat Weapon Systems. Jon Lowe returned to his deputy project manager position after serving as the interim PM.

An El Paso native, Steves is a 22-year veteran who was commissioned through ROTC on graduating from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's in business administration.

He has a master's in systems management from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif., and a master's in strategic studies from the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Steves commanded the Medium Extended Air Defense System Product Office, from July 2003 to June 2006. He has also served as a test officer for Patriot/PAC-3 and Sentinel with the Test and Evaluation Command.

"This ceremony marks the start of a new team," Dellarocco said, "a new team on several different levels over the last two weeks. (Retired Brig. Gen. Mike) Cannon put together a great team and we're going to perpetuate that now that



Lt. Col. Michael Steves

we've changed out to another great team. This is another step in expanding the family and building up for the future."

The PEO thanked Lowe for his efforts. "Jon, you've been around awhile," Dellarocco said. "Your experience is going to be paramount in helping Lt. Col. Steves shape the leadership and guide the shop. You've got a tremendous record; this is going to be a great team."

Steves also thanked Lowe. "The transition and overlap on this process has been seamless," Steves said. "Jon's stewardship and leadership has really made a difference in carrying the CCWS project office forward in excellent fashion."

"It's an honor and a privilege to be selected to stand here today and I hope that I can fulfill the same promise that Jon, Col. Ray Nulk and others who have preceded me in this important responsibility."

Corps workers rescue trapped Soldiers in Iraq

By ANDREA TAKASH

Engineering and Support Center

When the smoke and dust cleared after a deadly explosion in Iraq, a team of unassuming heroes emerged from the devastation.

Members of the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Coalition Munitions Clearance Program, came to the rescue of Soldiers after a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated on a bridge near Mahmoudiya, Iraq June 10.

The incident killed three Soldiers and wounded six. Using a Bradley vehicle to remove piles of rubble, the CMC team freed three people from the collapsed bridge.

“My first vision was a tremendous detonation, much larger than the typical improvised explosive device,” said Jackie Smith, CMC security manager. “As we approached, the eastern side of the overpass was down, and I could see personnel trapped in the rubble.”

Arriving just two minutes after the incident, the CMC team was the first on the scene and rushed to render aid to the Soldiers.

Scott Rider, CMC safety manager, said when the team approached the area they encountered splintered wood, exposed rebar, concrete and dazed Soldiers covered in dust from the explosion.



Photo by Armor Group Iraq

REMOVAL— Members of the Coalition Munitions Clearance Program help Soldiers remove rubble to rescue Soldiers and an Iraqi interpreter trapped after a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device destroyed a bridge near Mahmoudiya, Iraq, June 10.

Despite the chaotic scene, Smith said Rider went above and beyond his job duties and took control of the rescue operation.

“Scott was not obligated to join the rescue, nor was it his responsibility to take charge,” Smith said. “What he did was to place himself in harm’s way with total

disregard for his own safety, take charge and get those in the rubble out.”

Rider said he does not think he did anything out of the ordinary. He said there was only one choice — help the injured Soldiers.

“I do not recall deciding to do anything,” Rider said. “Once I saw the injured Soldiers, the decision was made for me.”

With people being trapped under the concrete, Rider said he knew he needed to act quickly. He carried jacks up to the pile of rubble and began removing debris to free the trapped Soldiers. Realizing the jacks were insufficient to remove the concrete, Rider devised a plan to get straps under the collapsed wall and use a Bradley vehicle to lift the wall off the trapped people.

“Scott was the one who actually placed himself in harm’s way by sliding the straps and toe cables under the t-wall so the t-wall could be lifted,” Smith said. “He took charge and got a noncommissioned officer and Iraqi interpreter out.”

Additionally, 13 CMC contractors with Armor Group Iraq assisted with providing first aid and security during the rescue.

“These brave young and not so young men risked their lives to provide aid to U.S. Army personnel,” Smith said. “In my opinion, there would have been greater injuries and probably more loss of life had these brave men not done what they did without thought to their own safety.”

Author veteran salutes work of elite aviators

Unsung heroes focus for his newest book

By **KARI HAWKINS**
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There are two things that define Army war veteran Mike Durant to his audiences, both at speaking engagements and in the books he has authored. And, both are prefaced with the name of a popular Hollywood movie: "Black Hawk Down."

The first way to define Durant – he was one of the Black Hawk pilots shot down in Somalia during the Battle of Mogadishu in 1993.

The second way – he was the only pilot captured, held captive for 11 days and then released by a Somalia warlord.

Those two facts have led this retired chief warrant officer 4 Black Hawk helicopter master aviator into a second career as a nationally recognized speaker and author, first of the 2003 book "In the Company of Heroes," and now of "The Night Stalkers."

"The first book is my version of what happened in Somalia and throughout my military career,"

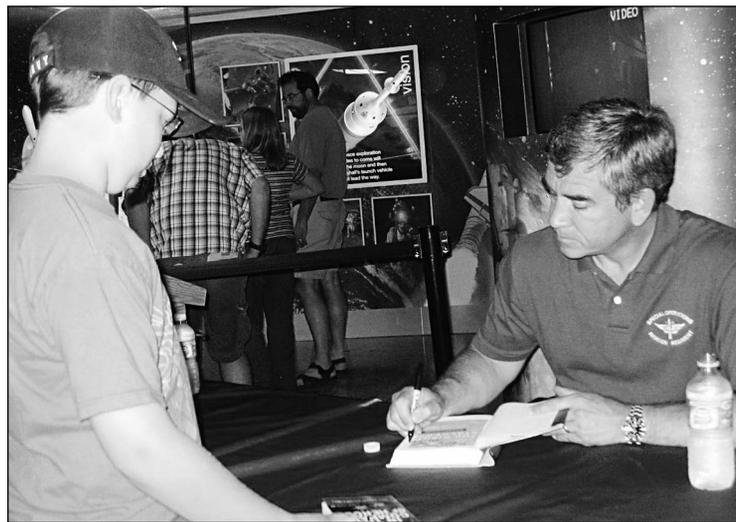


Photo by Kari Hawkins

SPACE FOR SIGNATURE— Army war veteran Mike Durant signs a copy of "The Night Stalkers" for Adam Grabowski of Gettysburg, Pa. Grabowski heard Durant speak about his two books – "In the Company of Heroes" and "The Night Stalkers" – during a visit to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Durant's book signing was part of the 25th anniversary celebration of Space Camp.

he said. "I spent 22 years in the Army, mostly in Special Operations.

"I got the idea for the second book a year ago. 'Night Stalkers' covers extensively all the other great things" accomplished by

the 160th SOAR, an organization of Special Forces, Rangers, and Special Operations teams formed in 1980 to counter the growing threat of terrorism and counterinsurgency warfare.

Durant served in the 160th

SOAR, participating in combat operations Prime Chance, Just Cause, Desert Storm and Gothic Serpent. He has received the Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star with valor device, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Medals and POW Medal, among others.

As part of the 25th anniversary celebration of Space Camp, Durant signed copies of his two books June 16 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's gift shop. Also during the day, he spoke to several groups of campers attending Space Camp and Aviation Challenge.

While "In the Company of Heroes" is centered on a highly publicized event in military history, "The Night Stalkers" focuses on the untold stories of the Soldier aviators of the 160th SOAR who are trained for long-range night operations and lightning strikes in the Global War on Terrorism.

"The people involved in SOAR have never told their stories," Durant said. "If you are someone who gets captured and your story is told in the papers, then it lives on. But, in 'Night

Stalkers,' there are eight stories of discrete events that lead up to a mission in Iraq and Afghanistan. Those of you who are interested in military stories will like 'Night Stalkers.'"

Among those getting books signed by Durant was Arthur Kolbet of Lacey's Spring, who was a Black Hawk mechanic during his Army service in 1991-93. During that time, he worked closely with members of the 160th.

"It's just a real pleasure to get to meet him," Kolbet said. "He is a true American hero."

Eleven-year-old Adam Grabowski of Gettysburg, Pa., has heard of the movie "Black Hawk Down," but he has yet to see it.

"I've seen some things about it on the History Channel," he said after getting his copy of "The Night Stalkers" signed.

"My uncle was in Special Forces. I want to learn more about 'Black Hawk Down.'"

Durant, who lives in Madison with his wife and six children, offers seminars to military personnel about helicopter maneuvering, and combat search and rescue operations. He assisted in the making of "Black Hawk Down."

Decorated local veteran dies

Rose was member of Ordnance hall

Al Rose, a member of the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame, died June 18. He was 62.

Rose was a retired chief warrant officer in Explosive Ordnance Disposal who served three tours in Vietnam.

A New Orleans native, Rose served in Vietnam in 1967-68, 1969-70 and 1971-72. After his military career, he worked as a senior management analyst before retiring in the late 1990s at the Aviation and Missile Command. He resided in Huntsville.

Rose had Parkinson's disease. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte, four children and seven grandchildren.

Among his various military medals, Rose received a Purple



Al Rose

Heart for wounds he sustained in Vietnam. He served as a commander of Alabama's first Purple Heart chapter — the George A. Rauh Chapter 2201 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Under Rose's leadership, the chapter assisted in providing for the welfare of veterans and all Soldiers, veteran institutions, family members, high school and college ROTC programs and various community events, such as Toys for Tots.

At the time of his death, Rose was an executive committee member of the local Purple Heart chapter. His assistance was instrumental in the dedication of a Purple Heart monument at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in fall 2006.



Courtesy photo

Meet the crew

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer greets the Black Hawk helicopter crew members after they land for Test Week 2007. The crew includes, from left, crew chief Jeremy Christopher, pilot Kenneth Czarnecki, pilot William McCoy and crew chief Ed Kaeding.



Courtesy photo

Outlaw target

Charlie Rich, project director for Aerial Targets Flight Services, Targets Management Office, discusses the Outlaw Remotely Piloted Vehicle Target with Col. Kevin Dietrich, deputy program executive officer for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, at Test Week 2007. The Targets Management Office, located at Redstone Arsenal, falls under PEO STRI, which is located in Orlando, Fla., and operates the Outlaw for Army and DoD air defense training needs.

Army recognizes greatest inventions for 2006

Redstone engineers among honorees

By J.D. LEIPOLD
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WASHINGTON — Researchers behind the Army's top 10 greatest inventions for 2006 were recognized at a ceremony June 12 in Arlington.

Now in its fifth year, the program awards new technologies that increase Soldier safety and improve mission effectiveness. Three of this year's top inventions are geared toward defeating IEDs, and most inventions have already been fielded to Soldiers fighting the war on terror.

The top picks were chosen by Soldiers from active-Army divisions and the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command according to three criteria: impact on Army capabilities, potential benefits outside the Army and inventiveness.

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Richard Cody praised the winners for listening to requests from Soldiers in the field and acting quickly in research and development to provide solutions to problems they face in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"As long as this community continues to listen to the American Soldier and gives you feedback ... we'll stay ahead of this enemy and we'll be successful," he said.

Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of Army Materiel Command, also thanked awardees for helping save the lives of Soldiers.

"I thank you all for being responsive to Soldiers who identified a need that you moved out on," Griffin said. "I challenge you now to be back here next year with something that again meets the needs of our people who are deployed around the world."



Army photo

SURVIVAL TOOL— The Humvee Crew Extraction D-ring pictured here is one of the Army's top 10 greatest inventions for 2006. It was created by Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal.

The Army's Greatest Inventions for 2006 are:

- Blow Torch Counter Improvised Explosive Device System, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. This vehicle-mounted system detonates IEDs at safe stand-off distances, minimizing vehicle damage and Soldier injuries. "It's fairly easy to operate, and it gives a sense of security to the Soldiers when they're on convoy duty," said Maj. Brian Hackenberg, who helped develop the system.

- Integrated Robotic Explosive Detection System, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal. Capable of crossing rugged terrain, this remotely

operated system incorporates an explosive trace detector onto a robotic platform.

- Plastic Shaped Charge Assembly for Remote Destruction of Buried IEDs, U.S. Army Armament Research Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. Remotely emplaced, the PSCA destroys known or suspected unexploded ordnance with higher accuracy than similar devices currently in use. Its low-fragmentation plastic housing eliminates collateral damage.

- Humvee Crew Extraction D-ring, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal. Combat locks on the up-armored Humvee provide security for Soldiers but often get so damaged the doors can't be opened. The D-ring provides solid anchor points for the hooks of a tow strap, chain or cable to pull open damaged doors. "There was an issue of Soldiers getting trapped inside Humvees that had been damaged for whatever reason ... enemy fire or being flipped. Soldiers had problems getting the doors off these up-armored Humvees so we took their advice and created the D-ring," said Wesley D. Patterson, who is part of a Fast Assistance in Sciences Team that deploys to help Soldiers solve problems that can be resolved within six months.

- M1114 Humvee Interim Fragment Kit 5, Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground. This kit was fielded as a ballistic improvement for the M1114 Humvee in April 2006. A prototype door solution with fabrication and mounting instructions was provided within one week with automotive testing and safety certification.

- Remote Urban Monitoring System, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research Development and Engineering Center, Fort Belvoir, Va. RUMS hardware combines emerging technologies in Wireless Local Area Network technology,

night-vision cameras and unattended ground sensors to eliminate false alarms. Tripped sensors transmit an alarm signal to the camera module and operator after video and audio from multiple camera modules confirm the unattended ground sensor's alarm signal.

- Constant Hawk, Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Constant Hawk is a surveillance capability that uses an electro-optic payload to collect intelligence and identify areas that require increased surveillance by other assets.

- OmniSense Unattended Ground Sensor System, Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground. OmniSense is an unattended ground sensor system used to detect and classify personnel and vehicles in perimeter defense.

- EM113A2 Rapid Entry Vehicle, Armament Research Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny. The REV provides rapid entry, non-lethal crowd control and rescue-squad insertion capabilities into areas requiring non-lethal intervention. The vehicle increases Soldier survivability through improved situational awareness and the ability to move and fire from within an armored vehicle.

- BuckEye System, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Vicksburg, Miss. BuckEye uses a digital camera to produce geospatial information for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. It also produces high-resolution 3D urban mapping. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Harper said the BuckEye System has been instrumental in allowing a maneuver commander to rapidly map battle space through high-resolution imagery and to collect elevation data to give a 3D view. "What it gives to Soldiers is added situational awareness they need to fight in an urban terrain," he said. "BuckEye has essentially mapped almost every major city in Iraq thus far."

Corpus Christi depot achieves top certification

Represents first for military

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Corpus Christi Army Depot is the first military facility in the world to be certified to the AS9110 standard for aerospace industry Maintenance Repair and Overhaul facilities. The depot is one of only five organizations in the world to be certified to the coveted standard.

AS9110 improves upon the depot's certification last October to the AS9100 standard for aerospace industry Original Equipment Manufacturers by adding specific requirements for organizations that perform MRO functions. The standard is based on the ISO 9001:2000 standard yet boasts 100 additional requirements specific to the aerospace industry. Corpus Christi has been certified to ISO 9001:2000 since October 2005.

"In my three years as commander of

this depot, there hasn't been one thing the Army has asked CCAD to do that the work force hasn't stepped up to the plate, accepted the challenge and excelled far beyond what anyone thought was possible," Col. Timothy Sassenrath said.

Certification to AS9110 has tri-fold significance for the men and women of Corpus Christi, the commander said. First and foremost it continues to confirm the depot is providing its most significant customer — the joint services war fighter — with the best quality aircraft and aircraft component parts imaginable. Secondly, by achieving certification to industry heralded standards such as AS9110, AS9100 and ISO 9001:2000, Corpus Christi continues to secure its position and workload within the Defense Department.

"The third reason certifications like AS9110 are so imperative for the depot is that once the Global War on Terrorism begins to subside and our DoD workload

begins to slow, as it has historically after a time of war, because of these certifications and more importantly what they signify, CCAD will be in the position to off-

set any lost DoD workload with additional workload from our private industry partners like Boeing and Sikorsky," Sassenrath said. (Corpus Christi release)

Solid defense carries National Guard to title

Guardsmen beat rival Marines

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The two best teams in troop softball have been on a collision course all year.

The Marines and National Guard split their two games during the regular season. They met again Monday night in the final of the post-season tournament.

Solid defense and timely hitting were the keys as the National Guard beat the Marines 11-1 in five innings at Linton Field for the championship.

“Like I said all season long, defense wins championships,” National Guard coach/shortstop Rodney Henshaw said.

The National Guard (14-1) played errorless ball in the field. Eric Moorman was the winning pitcher and went 2-for-3 at the plate.

“When we had men on, we got hits,” Moorman said.

The Marines (14-3) scored their lone run in the fourth on Marvin Fletcher’s RBI hit. Lee Burket had a leadoff single, advanced to second on Sean Newsom’s hit and scored on Fletcher’s one-out hit to left. Burket took the loss on the mound.

“We didn’t hit the ball,” said Newsom, the Marines player/coach.

On June 20, the National Guard beat the Marines 11-6 to send them to the losers bracket. Steven Jacques went 3-for-3 with a double and two runs scored for the National Guard in that game. Billy Clark went 2-for-3 with two doubles and two runs.

“We don’t have any one or two superstars. We are strong from one to 10, not superstar strong but consistently good,” left fielder/second baseman Joe Cox said. “Unlike other teams where you have one or two guys that really carry them, we don’t have that. And that just makes us a solid team from top to bottom.”

Tom Mates went 3-for-4 for the Marines in the June 20 game and scored three runs. Burket went 2-for-4 with one run, but took the loss.

“Errors killed us,” Newsom said. “And we didn’t hit the ball either.”

Postseason tournament results included:

June 18 – Charlie def. Headquarters & Alpha 14-10 and NCO Academy def. Bravo 11-1.

June 19 – Marines def. Charlie 16-8 and National Guard def. NCO Academy 18-8.

June 20 – National Guard def. Marines 11-6, NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha 12-11 and Charlie def. Bravo 17-13.

June 21 – Charlie def. NCO Academy 19-8 and Marines def. Charlie 12-5.

June 25 – National Guard def. Marines 11-1 for championship.



HE SCORES— The National Guard’s Billy Clark is safe at home as the throw eludes Marines catcher Tim Collins in the second inning of the Guard’s 11-6 win June 20.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

Ladies golf association holds tournament

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association held a Squabble Tournament on June 13 at the Links at Redstone.

There were 10 teams with four members consisting of A, B, C and D players. The team selected a tee shot on each hole and also designated a wild card player. The wild card player then played her ball as an individual from the selected tee shot until she holed out her ball. The other three team members played a scramble. Both scores were added for the team score. Linda Leonard and Dee Thonus were tournament directors.

Here are the team winners:

• **First place** — Sharon Myers, Judy Finch, Sally Zavadil and Kay Theodoss;

• **Second place** — Jan Berry, Bev Robbins, Carol Umstaedter and Gloria Cupples;

• **Third place** — Joan Arnold, Junghee Norrell, Dixie McGraw and Jennifer Mendoza;

• **Fourth place** — Jean Summers, Jean Gamble, Barbara Hockenberry and Linda Jones;

• **Fifth place** — Jackie Lane, Christina Semmens, Pat Sudnik and Lucille Johnson.

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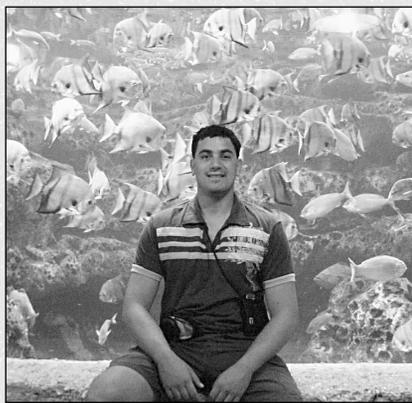
Sports & Recreation

Fall soccer

Register for Child and Youth Services fall soccer from now through July 30 at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. CYS soccer is for ages 4-13. Practices begin in August and games will start after Labor Day. Registration is \$50 and includes the uniform. The CYS registration fee of \$18 per child or \$40 per family must be current. The child's sports physical must also be current at the time of registration. A late registration fee of \$10 applies after July 30. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, call 313-3699 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Youth soccer

The American Youth Soccer Organization Region 160 is taking registrations for soccer for the fall 2007/spring 2008 season.



Courtesy photo

World of fish

Master Sgt. Spyridon Spyrou from Greece visits the Georgia Aquarium in downtown Atlanta. The International Military Student Office took nine international students on a visit to Atlanta June 16-17. They also visited the Atlanta Civil War Museum, Stone Mountain Park, CNN, World of Coke, and Centennial Olympic Park.

AYSO 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 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 Saturday, when it will be \$85 per player. 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. Instructions and other registration information are available at www.ayso160.org. For more information, call 539-6852.

Golf tournament

The eighth annual John Riche Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by 100 Black Men of America, is July 27 at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. Registration starts at noon and tee time at 1 p.m. The four-man scramble costs \$100 per player and \$400 per team. For more information call Vann Pettaway 372-4009, Marshall England 539-2014 and Mirie Westbrook 694-0646.



Conferences & Meetings

Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will begin its summer Bible study program on Thursday, July 5. Subsequent studies will be July 12, 19 and 26 at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Nursery care is provided for all Bible studies. For more information, call Erica Hobbs 489-3018 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404.

Town hall

The LCMC Town Hall, with AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, is July 11 at 10 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. It will be broadcast on Team Redstone Television Channel 42 and via Internet Portal TV to computer desktops equipped with the IPTV application. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the auditorium. Badges must be worn by all attending. All AMCOM, PEO Aviation and PEO Missiles and Space employees are encouraged to attend.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is July 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. The scheduled speaker is Terry Gerton, AMC G8, who will talk to members about resource management issues. For ticket information, call Marlene Clemons 313-2378 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Civil War discussion

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet July 12 at 6:30 p.m. at 725 Franklin St. Scheduled speaker Gerald Bartig will discuss the failure of Pickett's Charge which was the final attack of the three-day Battle of Gettysburg. The meeting is free and visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for \$6.95. For more information, call 858-6191.

Computer users

The Huntsville PC User Group's Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet at July 14 at 9:15 a.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. The special interest group leader will be Kevin Wangbickler, HPCUG president. The topic will be of general interest. At 10:45, Jim Offenbecher, a local expert on computer technology, will discuss finding and downloading old-time radio shows, old cartoons, old movies and old television shows using USENET and other sources. Jim will conclude with a Question and Answer Session on topics of interest to the audience. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 830-2232.

Retired employees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees serves those who serve and have served the nation. "NARFE is the only association dedicated to protecting and improving the earned retirement benefits of federal employees, retirees and their survivors," a prepared release said. Huntsville Chapter 443 meets at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center, 2220 Drake Ave., on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. For information call 881-4944.

Toastmasters

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

Strategic speakers

Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 meets each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in room 3018 of building 5225 (Von Braun Complex). Toastmasters is a non-

profit organization that assists with the development of communication and leadership skills. For more information, call C. Purifoy 651-3621 or 313-4696 or e-mail cpurifoy@bellsouth.net.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

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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 July 7 from 10-2. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays through Thursdays. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

Sidewalk sale

The Thrift Shop is having a sidewalk sale July 7 from 10-2. "Join us for our customer and volunteer appreciation day, our way of saying thank you to our customers for supporting the community and Soldiers," a prepared release said. "Special sales and free food!"

Help wanted

The Thrift Shop is seeking a part-time assistant manager. Applications must be received by Friday. 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/>.

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.

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 nontraditional students (age 21 and

older who is currently enrolled as a college sophomore or above) of military – active, retired, National Guard or Reserve – and DoD civilian residing in the Tennessee Valley area. Deadline to apply is July 2. To download a packet and registration form, go to www.redstonewarrants.com.

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 July 11, 14, 17, 25 and 28. For course information, contact Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

Make a wish

Make a Wish will have a Festival for Wishes on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shriner's Picnic area at 6001 Pulaski Pike. This family event offers carnival games, prizes, vendors, the Star Wars characters, the Search and Rescue Dog Team, clowns, a magician and food. For more information, call 509-4823.

Alabama military heroes

All Alabama military personnel who have been deployed or are presently deployed will be honored during the Alabama Sports Festival XXV Opening Ceremonies, Friday at 6:45 p.m. at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. A specially minted bronze Liberty Bell medal will be presented to all qualifying servicemembers present. Families of servicemembers killed in action during Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom will be honored and the medal will also be given to them. Any Alabama servicemember who is presently in Afghanistan or Iraq may be represented by a family member to receive the medal. Register online at www.alagames.com. For information call Daniel Monplaisir (334) 239-3297.

Substance abuse training

The Army's Substance Abuse Training is now online at <https://redasap.redstone.army.mil>. This mandatory training is directed by the Department of Army. After completing the training, the employees can get credit for it through TIPS. For more information, call Ruby Turner 842-9895.

Botanical garden

The Huntsville Botanical Garden is celebrating Armed Forces Week by offering all active military and their families free access to the garden. Military personnel simply need to show their military ID any time during the week of July 15-21 for free admission. For more information, call 830-4447.

SMDC reunion picnic

In honor of its 50th anniversary, the Space and Missile Defense Command will hold a reunion picnic July 11 at the NASA Picnic Area. Games – softball, volleyball, horseshoes and bingo – begin at 9 a.m. A

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Courtesy photo

Distinguished grad

Korean army Sgt. 1st Class Young Moo Lee is the Distinguished Graduate of the Ammunition Specialist Course which started in April and finished last week.

barbecue luncheon, catered by Gibson's, starts at 11. Cost of the luncheon is \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children. Friday is the deadline for ordering tickets. Contact SMDC at P.O. Box 1500, Attn.: SMDC-FW (Kimbrough), Huntsville, AL 35807-3801. Make checks payable to SMDC Fund and include a self-addressed stamped envelope. For more information, call Phil Patterson 955-1746.

Blood drive

A LifeSouth Blood Drive will be held Thursday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5435. Alabama is experiencing a blood shortage for all blood types. Anyone that has questions or would like to schedule an appointment should call Joyce Oliver 842-7710. Remember that your donation counts.

Charity codes

Beginning with the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign, each participating charity will use a new five-digit CFC code assigned by the Office of Personnel Management. Pledges made using the former four-digit codes cannot be honored. OPM is assigning a new code to each participating charity in order to improve administrative efficiencies in the campaign and simplify charity marketing. For more information, call the CFC Office 876-9143.

Symphony offer

The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra would like to honor servicemembers as well as civilian Redstone employees by offering them half-price season tickets to the upcoming 2007-08 concert season. Half-price tickets will be offered in seating areas C and E for the Pops and Classical Series and in seating area 3 for the Mainly Mozart Series. This offer is extended to all military and civilian employees of Redstone Arsenal that have not had a HSO season ticket subscription in the past three years. If interested call Nina Soden 539-4818, ext. 13.



Courtesy photo

Chapter officers

AMCOM chief of staff Col. Tom Newman inducts the 2007 officers of the American Society of Military Comptrollers during the Redstone Huntsville Chapter's luncheon June 7. From left are Lisa Lowry, Kim Jean, Susan Zimmerly, Cody Swinford, Lisa White, Becky Lake and Bob Nichols.

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Commissary update

The Commissary will be closed the Fourth of July and reopen July 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Technical professionals

The Huntsville Association of Technical Societies, better known as HATS, will hold its 26th annual Professional of the Year Awards Dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Grand Salon Ballroom at the Holiday Inn in downtown Huntsville. For more information, call Michael Cowger 682-1075.

Babysitting class

Join Child and Youth Services for its babysitting class July 11-18 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at building 1500. This program is for ages 11 and up. It teaches the basic skills needed to baby sit. The cost is \$15, which includes the class book, materials and a certification card. For more information, call 876-3704.

Fall semester sign-up

Florida Tech Graduate Center, Redstone courses for fall semester begin Aug. 27 at building 5304, room 4326. Class is weekly from 5-8 p.m. at 5304. All master's degree programs are offered online at FLtech@hiwaay.net. If interested call the administrative office 881-7878 or visit room 4326.

Health center update

Fox Army Health Center's commitment to maximize primary care services prompted leadership's decision to consolidate all available resources in an effort to enhance services and increase access to primary care appointments Monday through Friday. Resources expended in providing a four-hour Saturday morning clinic will be realigned into the weekday schedule. Four years of data reveals that the operation of a Saturday clinic decreases the availability of providers and support staff to provide care on weekdays. The realignment of those resources will provide a more robust weekday clinic, according to a Fox release. Effective July 16 the health center will be closed on Saturdays. Health center leadership continues to

seek out innovative methods to powerfully deliver primary care to the Soldiers, retirees and their families of the Redstone Arsenal community, the release said.

Holiday closing

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Wednesday, July 4 in observance of the holiday. The health center will be open regular hours the remainder of the week. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments. Fox has no emergency room or emergency medical services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.

Christmas charities

Christmas Charities Year Round will start giving school supplies and clothing July 9. School supplies needed include wide-rule spiral notebooks and paper, protractors, washable Crayola markers, No. 2 pencils, scissors and pencil boxes. Clothing items needed include girls underwear briefs size 6-12 and teenage girl bikinis size 5-8, socks (low cut or no show), jeans size 5-14 with flare legs, boys boxer shorts size 5-16 and socks (no show or low cut). Your help is appreciated. For information call 837-2373.

Sidewalk sale

The Commissary will hold a mini sidewalk sale Thursday and Friday for authorized commissary patrons who are uniformed personnel (active duty, National Guard and Reserve), family members and retired military.

Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus is now registering for the fall term, Aug. 6 to Oct. 7. The center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels in Aviation/Aerospace and Management fields; as well as certificate programs in Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Industrial Management, Occupational Safety and Health, Aviation Safety, and Space Studies. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses.

to register is Aug. 3. For more information call 876-9763, visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222, the web site at <http://www.erau.edu/huntsville>, or e-mail huntsville.center@erau.edu.

Master's in management

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is offering a Master of Science in Management program on Redstone Arsenal. Students applying for admission in this program may choose from specializations in Management of Integrated Logistics, Aviation/Aerospace Industrial Management, and a General Management Option among others. Courses are offered in nine-week terms and are available online as well. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses. For more information call 876-9763 or visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222.

School readiness day

Tricare Prime beneficiaries enrolled at Fox Army Health Center are invited to participate in School Readiness Day. Sports physicals and school age immunizations will be given at the health center July 14 from 8-11:30 a.m. by appointment only. Parent/guardian must provide school physical paperwork and shot record or old Alabama blue card at the time of the appointment. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 955-8888.

Commissaries anniversary

American military commissaries, the "supermarkets to the military" at bases in the United States and across the globe, will reach their 140th anniversary on July 1. On that day in 1867, the Army was authorized by Congress to begin selling food items, called "commissary" items, "at cost," to Soldiers of all ranks. This landmark event began the modern era of American military commissaries.

Pancakes for troops

A pancake breakfast will be held at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill on South Memorial Parkway on July 7 from 7-9:30 a.m. to raise funds for the 128th Military Police Company Family Readiness Group. The 128th is a National Guard unit deployed to Iraq. Its family readiness group sponsors meetings and events to support families as they wait for their Soldiers to return home. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used for the unit's Welcome Home ceremony, which will take place later this year. Tickets to the breakfast are \$5 each. Those who would like to support the 128th and its FRG, but can't attend the breakfast, can donate a ticket to be used

by veterans, local police and fire department personnel, and military personnel. Military personnel in uniform can attend the breakfast for free as a token of appreciation for their service. For more information or to buy a ticket, call Jennifer Tresnan 881-0775.

Soldier Show 2007

Morale Welfare and Recreation presents the 2007 Soldier Show on July 17 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Concert Hall. Tickets are free and are first come, first serve. Tickets will be available to the Redstone community at the MWR Ticket Office starting July 2. The general public can get tickets from the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce starting July 9. There is a limit of four tickets per person. For more information, call 876-4531 or 955-7399. The Soldier Show is sponsored by the Army National Guard, AT&T and Bill Heard Chevrolet.

PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours on the Fourth of July: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All concessions, closed. Furniture store, closed. One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tire Store, closed. Burger King, closed. Military Clothing, closed. Barber Shop building 3479, closed. Food Court - Anthony's, closed; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Robin Hood, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Church's, closed; and American Eatery, closed.

Summertime giving

The Decatur Athens Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and the Madison Athens Decatur Regional Achievement Foundation Inc. have joined forces to kick off the Summertime Santa Project through July 20. This is part of the chapter's continuing effort to serve the communities of Madison, Athens and Decatur. The chapter is soliciting letters of nomination through July 20 from community and social service organizations. These letters should identify families or individuals to be Summertime Santa recipients and include the following information: Why the nominator thinks that the individual/family being nominated deserves to be a Summertime Santa recipient; a "wish list" of needs for the nominated family/individual; and contact information for both the nominator and potential Summertime Santa recipient. All submissions should be mailed to: Decatur-Athens Alumni Chapter, c/o Madison-Athens-Decatur Regional Achievement Foundation Inc., Attn: Summertime Santa Project, P.O. Box 6013, Madison, AL 35813. For more information, call 650-4333.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U				
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																							
WTST07981437	Security Assistant (OA)	27-Jun-07	US Army Aviation Ctr, Security Div	GG-0086	9	9	44,993 - 58,490	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07039446	Supv Prgm Mngr	28-Jun-07	Garrison	YC-0340	2	2	63,958 - 122,678				X								X				
SCBK07061362	Logistics Mgmt Spec	28-Jun-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X														
SCBK07013774	Prgm Analyst	28-Jun-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X														
SCBK07080415	Logistics Mgmt Spec	28-Jun-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X														
SCBK07039026	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	28-Jun-07	IMMC	GS-0303	6	6	32,446 - 42,180		X						X				X				
SCBK07048945	Supv Budget Analyst	28-Jun-07	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	YA-0560	3	3	86,199 - 144,307		X														
SCBK07048931	Supv Budget Analyst	28-Jun-07	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	YA-0560	3	3	86,199 - 144,307		X														
SCBK07042587	Secretary (OA)	29-Jun-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YB-0318	1	1	18,891 - 37,839		X														
SCBK07987482	Attorney-Adviser(Contracts)	2-Jul-07	AMC, Legal Ofc	GS-0905	12	13	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07983137D	Supv Gen Engr	2-Jul-07	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	75,879 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07040087	Gen Supply Spec	3-Jul-07	AMCOM, TMDE Actvty	GS-2001	11	11	53,362 - 69,373	X	X														
SCBK07040264	Customer Supp Assistant	3-Jul-07	AMCOM, TMDE Actvty	GS-0303	6	6	32,446 - 42,180	X	X														
SCBK07039975	Calibration Coordination Spec	3-Jul-07	AMCOM, TMDE Actvty	GS-0301	9	9	44,104 - 57,334	X	X														
SCBK07038117	Architecture, Civil Engr, Mech Engr, Elect Engr	4-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0808,0810,0830,0850	2	2	44,104 - 98,876							X		X	X		X				
SCBK07038117D	Architecture, Civil Engr, Mech Engr, Elect Engr	4-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0808,0810,0830,0850	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07028407	Secretary (OA)	5-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YB-0318	1	1	26,017 - 42,180						X		X	X			X				
SCBK07026871	Prgm Analyst	5-Jul-07	USAASC	GS-0343	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X														
SCBK07062353	Prgm Analyst	5-Jul-07	USAASC	GS-0343	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X														
SCBK07092043	Supv Human Resource Spec (Military)	6-Jul-07	Garrison	YC-0201	2	2	72,487 - 98,876	X	X				X		X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07005732	Supv Contract Spec	9-Jul-07	Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	75,879 - 127,031						X		X	X			X				
SCBK07005732D	Supv Contract Spec	9-Jul-07	Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	75,879 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07086711	Traffic Mgmt Spec	9-Jul-07	IMMC	GS-2130	11	11	53,362 - 69,373				X												
SCBK07082320	Electronic Publications Spec	9-Jul-07	IMMC	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X										X				
SCBK07046287	Industrial Property Mgmt Spec	9-Jul-07	Garrison	GS-1103	11	11	53,362 - 69,373		X										X				
SCBK07082100	Editor (Printed Media)	9-Jul-07	IMMC	GS-1082	7	7	36,057 - 46,874		X							X			X				
SCBK07038948	Lead Aerospace Engr	12-Jul-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434						X		X	X			X				
SCBK07038948D	Lead Aerospace Engr	12-Jul-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07034623	Aerospace Engr	12-Jul-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434						X		X	X			X				
SCBK07034623D	Aerospace Engr	12-Jul-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07053671	Interior Design Spec	13-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1008	2	2	53,362 - 98,876							X		X	X		X				
SCBK07053671D	Interior Design Spec	13-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1008	2	2	53,362 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07030225	Architect	13-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0808	2	2	44,104 - 98,876							X		X	X		X				
SCBK07030225D1	Architect	13-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0808	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07913568D	Supv Gen Engr	14-Jul-07	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	75,879 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK070960296	Civil Engr, Envmtl Engr, Geologist	23-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810,0819,1350	2	2	44,104 - 98,876		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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SCBK07039446	Supv Prgm Mngr	28-Jun-07	Garrison	YC-0340	2	2	63,958 - 122,678				X								X
SCBK07987482	Attorney-Adviser(Contracts)	2-Jul-07	AMC, Legal Ofc	GS-0905	12	13	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07983137D	Supv Gen Engr	2-Jul-07	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	75,879 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07038117D	Architecture	4-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0808	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07038117	Civil Engr	4-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07038117D	Mech Engr	4-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0830	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07038117D	Elect Engr	4-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0850	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07005732D	Supv Contract Spec	9-Jul-07	Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	75,879 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07038948D	Lead Aerospace Engr	12-Jul-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07034623D	Aerospace Engr	12-Jul-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07053671D	Interior Design Spec	13-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1008	2	2	53,362 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07030225D1	Architect	13-Jul-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0808	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07913568D	Supv Gen Engr	14-Jul-07	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	75,879 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

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

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

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone **876-7772**.

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee.. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for **Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647**, for more information.