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Welcome to post, Maj. Gen. Myles

Succeeds Maj. Gen. Pillsbury
as commander of AMCOM

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A standing-room-only crowd in the 650-seat Bob Jones Auditorium watched the end of one era and the beginning of another.

Thursday's change of command ceremony marked the sendoff for Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and the welcome for Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, his successor as commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

"You are world class. You are a national treasure," Myles told the AMCOM work force.

Pillsbury said, "Jim is definitely the right person to take over. He cares about Soldiers as much as I do."

Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of the Army Materiel Command, conducted the change of command. Griffin recognized both the Pillsbury family and the Myles family.

"It is really two tremendous Army families here, great teams," Griffin said.

Pillsbury, a Texas native, led AMCOM for 44 months. He and his wife, Becky, have two children, Michael and Katherine. He leaves to become the deputy chief of staff for operations and logistics at Army Materiel Command.

Myles, a South Carolina native who was raised in Nashville, and his wife, Alice, have one child, Jim. Before this assignment, he led the Test and Evaluation Command in Alexandria, Va., since May 2004.

On Friday afternoon, Myles, 54, sat down in his conference room for an interview with the *Redstone Rocket*. The following are questions and answers from that interview.

What does it mean to you personally to become commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal?

Myles: "What it means to me is that I'm thankful I'm fortunate enough to be able to continue to support Soldiers in a position of significant responsibility."

What are your goals as commander?

Myles: "My No. 1 goal above all is to provide life cycle support to the Soldiers conducting combat operations. To empower the work force to do what they do best. And if I can empower them by providing proper guidance and leadership, I will have met my goal. AMCOM is conducting combat operations. Jim Pillsbury has done an absolutely



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ALL THE BEST— Patricia Weaver of Huntsville embraces Maj. Gen. Jim Myles after Thursday's ceremony. She is the wife of Bill Weaver, Raytheon senior manager for aviation.

superb job the last 44 months."

What is your message to Team Redstone?

Myles: "Alice and I both are thrilled to be here, to be part of the Redstone team. I commit everything that I am as a person and as a Soldier to enable it to continue to support the Soldiers."

Tell us about your family.

Myles: "My better half, Alice, she's my high school sweetheart. I met her at a dance



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ACCEPTING FLAG— Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, right, accepts the AMCOM colors from Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of Army Materiel Command.

on a Friday night in Nashville. She's been my lifelong partner (through 33 years of marriage). She has been with me every step of the way. We have a son (Jim), he's 30 years old, married and has two wonderful children. They're living in Chattanooga. Mom's happy the grandchildren are close and our son is close. You'll see a lot of her in the local community and at AMCOM."

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Myles: "Play golf and ride bikes."

What's the best thing about moving to Redstone Arsenal?

Myles: "Personally, it is to be able to move into a great community that supports the Army. And professionally, it's being able to go to a position where you can really make a difference."

Anything else you'd like to say?

Myles: "I'm so thankful to the community for what they've been doing to support AMCOM. When they support AMCOM, they're supporting Soldiers and their families. They're making a difference."

One final thing: Do you support Alabama, Auburn or some other team?

Myles: (Laugh) "I'm not committing yet. Right now the team I'm supporting is the St. Louis Cardinals. But I know I have to commit before the football season."

An open lane random survey

What makes a good leader?

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Tim Grey
AMCOM Human Resources
"I think a good leader is an individual who understands the organization, understands the people who work with him and for him. Sets high ethical standards; sets high goals for the organization. Has good people work for him, and lets those folks do their job."

Artro Whitman

Integrated Materiel Management Center

"I think one that is willing to listen, lead by example. One that is flexible, adaptable and willing to change. I guess willingness and ability to accept change kind of goes together. And a leader is one that kind of sets the vision for the organization. Also I think a leader is one that develops his people – professional development, career development or whatever. He also is one that instills in everyone an opportunity to excel. You know that there's something for you to strive for in an organization."



Pvt. Kyle Parker
Marine Detachment
"Someone that can lead by example; someone that's willing to stand up for what is right."

Staff Sgt. C. Nicole Gaines
Marine Detachment

"I enjoy working for someone who sets a good example, listens and gives me the authority to lead."



Pump patrons for their IDs

This letter is in response to the article about the AAFES Gas Station's new pumps. I would like to know if AAFES is going to set up the pumps to ensure that only the military and their authorized dependents use the pumps. I have read the comments before about how they do random checks. Well that isn't working. On a regular basis I will hear people at work who are not authorized to use the gas pumps mention they just filled up on post or they do it all the time. When I question them about if they are authorized, they say we thought we could use it.

I think there should be a policy memo or something where all Redstone employees need to read and sign that unless they have a military (active, retired, dependent) ID card they are not allowed to fill up at the gas station.

With gas prices on the rise it is no wonder that gas consumption on post has ballooned. At this time I have seen gas for as much as 30 cents more a gallon off post. There are many times that I cannot get gas

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because they have run out. I would like for the PX to do a survey and have someone set up to check all IDs of those getting gas for a week or two and see how much the gas usage changes. If it turns out to be insignificant then I can see not having someone stationed outside to check IDs. However, if it turns out to be a big difference then I would recommend making this a full-time position.

As an example, Sam's Club and Costco both have employees man the gas pumps; although we have to slide our cards to use the pumps, there have been times when they will ask to see the cards as well. I think this is something that AAFES has been turning a blind eye to and it needs to be addressed. It is possible that the consumption will stay the same since there are many times that authorized users of the gas station have to go off post because there isn't any on post. But I would still like to see something done and I am not the only military dependent who feels this way. In the future since

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Discouraged from using gymnasium

Recently my supervisor accused me, in writing to the AFGE Local 1858 union, that I had abused my work time by going to the gym during lunchtime. He said food and drink weren't consumed there so that isn't considered a lunch break. He had the contractor who runs the gym pull a report from the computer that the CACs are swiped on. Oh yes, the time, day and identity of the individual is stored and management can get the data.

It didn't matter to him that others go shopping, off of the Arsenal, eat at restaurants (not just fast-food) off of the Arsenal and are gone quite awhile without him paying attention to them. Not meaning to pick on the smokers, but we all know they take smoke breaks throughout the day and are not threatened about a disciplinary action being taken against them like I have been for my gym use.

Many others in my organization utilize the gym during their lunchtimes and nothing has been said to them about it being an abuse of work time. If our commanders didn't think the gyms should be used during the lunch break, the gyms would not be open for business. If the commanders didn't think using gyms was good for people's physical and mental health, the gyms would not be here.

Let's hope nobody else has the problems I have had for using the gym during my combined break time and lunch break. Good health to all of you! Just be aware that management has access to the computer report and may try to accuse you and threaten you, too, if they have a "problem" with you.

Name withheld by request

Quote of the week

'You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself.'

— Harvey Firestone

Getting to know you

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Name: Susan Douglas

Job: Security assistant, G-2 (Intelligence and Security)

Where do you call home? Memphis, Tenn. Even though I've lived here (in Huntsville) since I was 3 years old.

What do you like about your job?

Meeting different people and the different security issues that come open every now and then, as they occur. And learning about current

intelligence activities.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spend time with family and spend time with my little 1-year-old Chihuahua. Also, I do IAAP (International Association of Administrative Professionals) activities.



What are your goals?

To become more trained and eventually become a security specialist.

What's your favorite type of music?

I like country music. I like several other kinds but I guess that's my favorite.

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Geren becomes secretary of the Army

WASHINGTON — Pete Geren became the 20th secretary of the Army on July 13 following his nomination by President Bush and confirmation by the Senate.

As secretary of the Army, Geren has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to the Army: manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications, and financial management.

Geren is responsible for the Army's annual budget and supplemental of \$170 billion. He leads a work force of more than 1 million active duty, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers,

230,000 Army civilian employees and 280,000 contracted service personnel. He has stewardship of more than 15 million acres of land.

Geren had been serving as the 28th under secretary of the Army, a post he held since Feb. 21, 2006. He was named as the acting secretary of the Army March 9, 2007.

Geren joined the Department of Defense in September 2001, serving as special assistant to the secretary of defense with responsibilities in the areas of inter-agency initiatives, legislative affairs and special projects. He served as acting secretary of the Air Force from July to November 2005. (*Army News Service*)



Pete Geren

Contract specialist dies after lengthy illness

Debora Scruggs Parker remembered as kind and highly professional

Debora Scruggs Parker, a contract specialist at Targets Management Office, died July 13 at a local hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 43.

Parker had worked at TMO, under the Program Executive Office for Simulation Training and Instrumentation, since 1989. Charles Farrior, chief of the business management division, was her supervisor the past five years.

"She was kind, very friendly, spirited and liked and respected by everyone," Farrior said. "And (she was) a very, very good worker, highly professional."

Parker was the daughter of Ruby Scruggs and the late Willie Scruggs. In 1989, she married Thomas Parker. They had two children, Gabrielle and Joshua.

She was educated in the Madison County Public School System where she graduated from Buckhorn High in 1982 as class valedictorian. She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Alabama A&M University in 1986. She continued her education and went on to earn her MBA in 1990 from Alabama A&M.



Debora Scruggs Parker

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Parker; one daughter, Gabrielle Parker; one son, Joshua Parker; mother, Ruby Scruggs; siblings: Carrie Copeland of Huntsville, Eloise Franklin of Nashville, Lenora Perkinson of Cartersville, Ga., Willie Scruggs Jr., David Scruggs, Stanley Scruggs, all of Huntsville, Beatrice Townsend of Durham, N.C., Michael Scruggs, Ruby Scruggs, both of Huntsville, Dwight Scruggs of Atlanta and Mollie Lang of Huntsville; three uncles, two aunts, 20 nieces, 15 nephews, one brother-in-law and nine sisters-in-law.

PAC-3 packs punch in flight test

Missile successful in target intercept

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. — The Army conducted a successful test July 18 of the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 system.

The test engaged an Air-Breathing Target by firing one PAC-3 missile. Preliminary test data indicated successful achievement of mission objectives to demonstrate the weapon system's capability to detect, track, engage and intercept a threat-representative ABT.

Soldiers of the 5-52nd Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas, participated in the test.

The PAC-3 system successfully completed operational testing and began fielding in 2002. It was first used in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

PAC-3 is an agile, hit-to-kill missile within the Patriot family of missiles. It provides a capability against advanced tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and other air-breathing threats.

The PAC-3 program is under the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space and is managed by the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office.

Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, Dallas, Texas, is the prime contractor responsible for the PAC-3 missile. Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems is the system integrator.

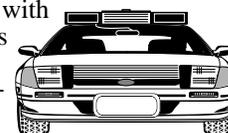
Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

July 13: An individual stopped at Gate 9 and was found to be operating their vehicle with a suspended license. The subject was issued a violation notice and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 15 speeding, 4 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 expired tags, 1 failure to yield.



Exchange tries to offer convenience, protect privilege

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pay at the pump is so popular, AAFES needs to come up with a way for all authorized users to have a card that can be swiped and then there wouldn't be a need to have someone to check IDs.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Post Exchange provided the following response. "Thank you for your comment suggesting we check ID cards at the gas pumps located at the Redstone Arsenal One Stop. Our managers at the Shoppette continue to conduct periodic spot checks and in fact have now stepped up the frequency of the spot checks from monthly to weekly.

"AAFES currently has signs posted at our gas pumps that state, 'ID Requirements: Purchases at this activity are

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

"These signs prevent unauthorized civilians from 'unknowingly' using the gas pumps. And, if unauthorized civilians are found to be wrongfully using the gas pumps during periodic spot checks, AAFES will report them to the base/post commander so they may be dealt with appropriately. If you suspect an unauthorized individual is using the gas pumps, such as the customers you describe in your letter, please notify the manager on duty and we will be more than happy to conduct an additional spot check.

"It has been our experience during these spot checks, 99 percent of these alleged unauthorized patrons are either retired military, Guard or Reserve members which are authorized.

"Based on the results of our spot checks and the razor thin margins on

gasoline, it is simply not cost effective to hire additional manpower to check IDs for a perceived problem. To add additional manpower would sacrifice earnings. Intentionally sacrificing earnings is not a business philosophy to which AAFES can subscribe to. AAFES is entrusted to protect the earnings derived from its sales, monies which belong to U.S. servicemembers in the form of dividend payments providing continued financial support for the military's Morale Welfare and Recreation programs. In FY 2006, AAFES paid \$228.2 million to the MWR funds. Every cent we earn goes back to our customers in one form or another.

"In your letter you also mention Costco and Sam's Club having employees at the pumps. Please understand these locations charge membership fees to the consumers which could easily be used to defray the costs of additional manpower.

"On the issue of running out of fuel, we have had difficulty with the unleaded regular since we only had one 10,000 gallon tank for storage and our daily

sales have exceeded this amount. Gasoline is delivered via 8,500 gallon trucks and we give the supplier a 2- to 3-hour window to make their deliveries to prevent over filling or running out. When the suppliers missed this window, we ran into problems of running out of fuel.

"To prevent this from happening we have recently installed new dispensers with 'blenders' which are typically used on the economy. Blenders allow us to eliminate the need for storing mid-grade fuel and mix unleaded regular and premium to dispense a mid-grade product. With this scenario, we now have the storage capacity of 20,000 gallons of unleaded regular and the supplier has a much larger window to deliver fuel and in turn eliminate the problem of running out of fuel.

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

Huntsville honored along with Soldiers at salute dinner

Heroes among crowd recognized for service

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Staff Sgt. Fatima Earley, NCO of the Year, and Sgt. Clayton Jennings, Soldier of the Year, were waiting for the Armed Forces Celebration Salute Dinner to begin in the North Hall of the Von Braun Center last week when they were warmly greeted by one of the early heroes of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Seemingly from no where, Gen. William Wallace, who led Soldiers in combat both in Vietnam and in the first months of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and who was the guest speaker at the July 17 dinner, came up to the two Soldiers, shook their hands and congratulated them on their award. After a few moments with the Soldiers and others in the crowd milling around the stage, Wallace left, returning to his place behind the stage curtain to wait for the evening's program to begin.

That intriguing mix of senior officers and young Soldiers was evident throughout the evening as members of the Association of the U.S. Army, many of them military retirees, repeatedly honored today's Soldiers for their courage, dedication, abilities and sacrifice. The program, titled "America Supports You," included a guest performance by the

U.S. Army Soldier Show during the reception, and, during the dinner, videos promoting the bravery of today's Soldiers, a brass quintet from the 135th Army Band playing patriotic music, and local singer Bryan Cordell giving awe-inspiring renditions of the national anthem and "God Bless America."

"This evening we come together to celebrate the heroism of the men and women of our armed forces, and to honor our military community here in Alabama," AUSA Huntsville-Redstone Chapter president (retired colonel) Mike Howell told the audience of more than 700.

"Here in Huntsville and throughout the world, courageous men and women, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen, are selflessly answering the call to protect America, its ideas and its citizens."

In the audience were such heroes as Staff Sgt. Howard Andrews, who sustained life threatening injuries during a mission in Iraq in 2004 and yet continued to guide his Soldiers to mission completion, and the parents of Pfc. Jessica Newey of the National Guard's 128th Military Police Company. Steve and Rachel Gentle represented their daughter, who is now in the hospital at Fort Bragg, N.C., recovering from concussion injuries sustained during several incidents when improvised explosive devices and rocket propelled grenades hit her Humvee in Iraq.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

APPRECIATIVE PARENTS— Rachel and Steve Gentle, the parents of wounded National Guard Pfc. Jessica Newey, join in the applause for their daughter whose image was projected on a screen during the Salute Dinner hosted by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. Newey, 20, from the 128th Military Police Company, is recovering at the Fort Bragg, N.C., hospital from concussion injuries she sustained during countless attacks on her Humvee while deployed in Iraq.

Both Andrews and Newey are Purple Heart recipients.

"These wounded warriors walked the heroic path of self sacrifice, a trail well traveled by American servicemen and women since our nation's beginnings," Howell said. "And, through examples like theirs, many future Soldiers will take the leap from duty to heroism."

Even as young Soldiers were recognized, so, too, were a sen-

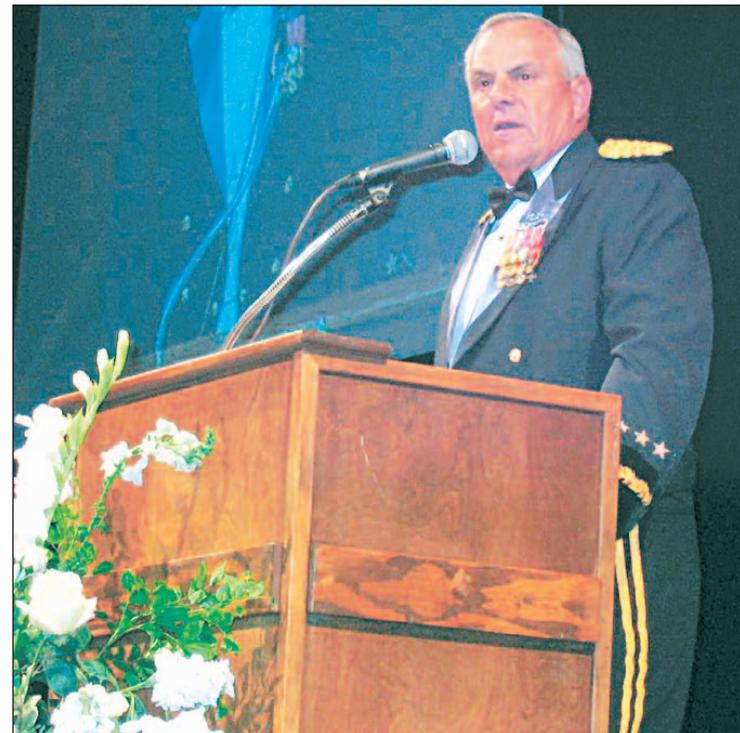


Photo by Kari Hawkins

GUEST SPEAKER— Gen. William Wallace, commander of the Training and Doctrine Command, tells his audience that U.S. Soldiers are "giving the people of Iraq and Afghanistan and countless other locations what we take for granted, something that you and I often don't recognize as a gift, yet it's the greatest gift one man can give another - the gift of freedom."

ior officer and his wife who have given much to the Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal communities during their 44-month assignment to AMCOM. Both Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and his wife, Becky, received AUSA's Distinguished Service Award.

"You are a great leader," said retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, state AUSA president, as he presented the award to Becky Pillsbury. "You have galvanized all sectors of our civilian-military

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENTS— Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and his wife Becky pose with the Distinguished Service Awards presented to them by retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet and Emily Vandiver, both of the Association of the U.S. Army. Each received their own award for the work they've done in Huntsville and at Redstone Arsenal during their 44-month assignment at AMCOM.

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Army Community Service celebrates 42nd year

Importance of volunteers emphasized during event

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Happy 42nd birthday, Army Community Service.

Post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and his wife, Becky, helped ACS celebrate its 42nd year in a ceremony July 16.

He presented a framed letter of appreciation to Army Community Service on behalf of himself and Becky. ACS's recent accomplishments include passing accreditation for the third time and winning the 2007 Department of the Army Installation of Excellence Award for best medium size installation.

Citing the importance of volunteers to ACS, Pillsbury asked the oldest such volunteer in attendance to join in cutting the birthday cake.

Jerry Martin, 66, complied. He has been contributing his time to Army Community Service for about six years.



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

CAKE CUTTING— From left are Becky Pillsbury, ACS division chief Sue Paddock, Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and ACS volunteer Jerry Martin.

Martin retired from the Army in 1982 as a sergeant first class with 20 years service.

"Believe it or not, I started (volunteering at ACS) when I was employed with Chrysler," he said.

Ironically, his 66th birthday was July 10, less than a week before ACS's celebration.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

ENJOYING CONCERT— Pvt. Bernard Stein of Charlie Company relaxes with his daughter, 5-year-old Kayna, and his wife Mandy during the patriotic concert by the 135th Army Band. Also at the concert was Stein's son, 2-year-old Kenson, and family friend Pvt. Johnny Drosinis of Charlie Company. Many Soldiers stationed at Redstone Arsenal were in attendance at the concert, which was part of Huntsville's Armed Forces Week Celebration.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PATRIOTIC TUNES— Members of the 135th Army Band play patriotic music during the Concert in Park, one of several events taking place during Huntsville's Armed Forces Week. The concert, originally slated for Big Spring International Park, was moved inside the Von Braun Center South Hall because of bad weather forecasts. More than 1,000 people attended the free concert July 16. There were many veterans and Soldiers in the audience. Following the concert was a fireworks show over the park.

Community salutes armed forces for protecting freedom

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community into one focus – taking care of wounded warriors. Your leadership has significantly helped to organize a remarkable organization – Still Serving Veterans.

You have created a legacy that will grow and will continue far beyond what any of us here can imagine."

Emily Vandiver, past AUSA Huntsville-Redstone Chapter president and now AUSA's third region vice president, described Pillsbury as a "Soldier's general" as she presented him with his award.

"I have personally seen how you interact with Soldiers and I have also seen how these Soldiers are inspired by you," she said. "At AUSA, we know the impact that you have had on the families of these Soldiers. It makes their sacrifice easier because you truly care.

"For the rest of us, you have also made a tremendous impact. Your commitment of your personal time at local events has strengthened the ties of Redstone Arsenal to the entire community ... You have provided top notch support to us all. We certainly appreciate you and your great service to our nation."

But, the Salute dinner and its guest speaker – Wallace, currently the commanding general of the

Training and Doctrine Command – also honored its host – AUSA – and the hundreds of members who make sure Soldiers and their families receive the support they need at a time of great challenges for the Army.

"At no time in my over 38 years of military service has this Association been more important than now for we are a nation at war and an Army amidst great change," Wallace told the audience. "Our Soldiers and their families require and deserve your unwavering support."

He commended the Huntsville-Redstone Chapter for being the best of 123 AUSA chapters worldwide, winning "Best Chapter Overall" for three years in a row and recently receiving the Third Region AUSA President's Trophy for Large Chapter Excellence.

"Many in this room are leaders and supporters who have dedicated much of your lives to building our magnificent Army," Wallace said.

"I was blessed with the awesome privilege of leading the V Corps in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and I'm here to tell you our nation is indebted to you for your efforts because the Army you built performed superbly. It was a relevant, integral and decisive part of the joint military operations that toppled Saddam Hussein's regime. And, it's still performing superbly."

Wallace, a 1969 West Point

graduate and highly decorated Soldier, said he strongly believes the Army's victory starts on the ranges and in classrooms, in the schools and training centers, in colleges and ROTC programs. "That's where we develop young Soldiers and adaptive leaders, and it's where we form the foundation of our great Army," he said.

He went on to say that today's Soldiers are fighting a different war in a world different from the one he grew up in and served in as a young Soldier.

"We are a nation at war. We've been at war for a long time," he said. "The problem is we may not have known it.

"Since before 9/11, you could go back to the Iran Hostage Crisis in 1979-1981 and the Marine Barracks bombing in Beirut in October 1983. Maybe it started there, maybe years before. Only future historians can say for sure. But, there is one thing that is certain – this is a long struggle that requires and deserves our undivided attention and an unconditional commitment to our Soldiers."

Wallace described the War on Global Terrorism as an "in-your-face war" and a "full spectrum conflict that ranges from reconstruction and stability operations to major combat operations and every place in between, sometimes simultaneously."

He called the enemy asymmetric, saying "the more technically

focused we get, the more primitive the enemy seems to get. The more primitive the enemy gets, the more difficult it becomes for us to deal with him.

"There are things about this enemy that we need to be concerned about. They are calculating and fanatical. They operate in distributed factions or cells" and exploit technology to maximize guerilla warfare and terrorist tactics, often in densely populated areas. They use commercial networks, and information and misinformation to influence people, he said.

While the enemy is focused on causing destruction and death in urban areas, "our Soldiers are nothing but themselves, showing compassion, being the compassionate Americans we know they all are," Wallace said.

"They represent American Soldiers around the world, who ask for so little in return, Soldiers whose only purpose in life is to make a difference in someone else's life. This conflict is about Soldiers. They go to a country they didn't want to be in, endure hardships they didn't want to endure, deal with climates like none they have ever experienced before in their lives. They do it because their nation asks them to and they see a chance to give opportunity to people who would otherwise have none."

Wallace described American Soldiers as the nation's and the free world's asymmetric advantage, carrying within themselves

"strong core values instilled at home and honed by the Army," understanding different cultural values, willingly learning new technology and using their leadership training to solve problems.

"They are giving the people of Iraq and Afghanistan and countless other locations what we take for granted, something that you and I often don't recognize as a gift, yet it's the greatest gift one man can give another – the gift of freedom," Wallace said.

He asked AUSA members to not only support and respect Soldiers, but to also encourage young people to join the ranks of the military.

"You and I must be convinced that service to this nation is a noble calling, and, beyond that, encourage young men and women to answer that call ... Throughout 232 years this Army has never let our nation down. With the superior men and women we have in our forces today, it is obvious to me that we never will," Wallace said.

"I ask you to remember that tonight in places like Baghdad or Kandahar or hundreds of other places around the globe, there are American Soldiers walking point, displaying unparalleled leadership and commitment to excellence. May God bless our Soldiers and protect them. God bless you for your unwavering support of our Soldiers and their families. Please remember our fallen heroes. This might very well be history's greatest generation. And may God bless our nation."

NCO/Soldier of Year recognized for excellence

Earley, Jennings receive gifts from community

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Two Soldiers will probably need the rest of this year to use all the perks they received last week from local businesses and organizations.

Gifts from various sponsors go with winning the NCO and Soldier of the Year competition. These were presented July 16 at the annual Redstone Arsenal NCO/Soldier of the Year Luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Staff Sgt. Fatima Earley is the 2007 NCO of the Year; and Sgt. Clayton Jennings is the Soldier of the Year.

"I admire excellence," Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, post commander, said of the two winners. "I admire anything that is excellent. And what we just saw on this stage is excellence."

Earley, a small group leader for the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course at the NCO Academy, is also the NCO of the Year for the Combined Arms

Support Command. She represents CASCOM in the Training and Doctrine Command NCO of the Year competition scheduled July 24 at Fort Monroe, Va.

The Silver Spring, Md., native has been in the Army eight years and arrived at Redstone in August 2006. Earley, 26, has a daughter, Jasmine, 9.

"It was a great experience, great challenge," she said, referring to the NCO/Soldier of the Year competition. "I'm glad that I won. And I'm glad that Soldiers were here to see me win so they can strive for the best."

Jennings, 25, from Camden, N.J., has been in the Army three and a half years. He arrived at Redstone in July 2006 and is a member of Charlie Company. He and his wife, Tiffany, have a 5-year-old son, Elijah, and 1-year-old daughter, Zyiera.

"It's great, something I've worked hard for," Jennings said. "And I think of it as the first step to getting where I want to be in the Army, which is a sergeant major. And I hope to win some more awards and represent the Army well."

The other Soldier of the Year candidates included Sgt. Brian Romick of MEDDAC and Sgt. Samuel Kelsey of Headquarters



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ANNUAL HONOREES— Staff Sgt. Fatima Earley is Redstone Arsenal's 2007 NCO of the Year; and Sgt. Clayton Jennings is the Soldier of the Year.

& Alpha Company.

Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates, the post command sergeant

major, thanked the 157 luncheon attendees for their support of enlisted Soldiers and NCOs.

"This is really the center of the universe – Huntsville, Ala.," Yates said. "It really is."

Incoming product manager ready to fill big shoes

Willhelm takes reins of top-notch team

By JULIE FREDERICK
For the Rocket

Declaring that the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Netted Sensor System Product Office is widely recognized as being “number one,” Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space leaders set the tone for the JLENS change of responsibility ceremony July 16.

“What you have witnessed today is a change of responsibility,” Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer, said. “In our business we are vested with the trust of Congress to field the best systems, and that is what we are doing, and what we will continue to do. The PEO is going to miss Lt. Col. Jeff Souder, but he is going to be an asset to us out there (at Fort Bliss, Texas). He is going to be our boots on the ground.”

In the ceremony Lt. Col. Stephen Willhelm, who enlisted in the Army in 1985 in the Texas Army National Guard, took over as the product manager. Souder reported to his Lone Star State Battle Lab director assignment.

Souder thanked former program executive officer Brig. Gen. Mike Cannon.

“He taught me that a good leader trusts his staff and backs them up,” Souder said.

Willhelm pledged his best effort.

“General Dellarocco, Colonel Mullin, I promise I will give this 100 percent,” Willhelm said. “I won’t let either one of you down. Everyone I have talked to about this group, speaks phrases like A-Team, top notch, dedicated. That’s the kind of group that you hope to come into.”

Willhelm was assessed into the Acquisition Corps in 1996. His acquisition assignments include assistant product manager at Terminal High Altitude Area Defense in the THAAD Fire Control/Communication and Radar Product Offices, and range control officer at Reagan Test Site supporting Ground Based



Photo by Holly Hajari

NEXT IN LINE— Lt. Col. Stephen Willhelm, product manager for Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Netted Sensor System, receives a welcome after the Bob Jones Auditorium ceremony July 16.

Midcourse Defense flight tests.

He comes to this assignment after serving as deputy director for the Test Execution Directorate, GMD Joint Program Office.

He holds a master’s of business administration from Jacksonville State University, a master’s of science from Naval Postgraduate School, and a master’s of military art and science from the Air War College.

“Steve stepped up to the plate when nobody else would,” Dellarocco said. “Everyone else saw how big a pair of shoes Jeff left behind and ran the other way.”

Logistics assistance rep enjoys working with Soldiers

*Selected by his peers
as LAR of the Year*

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This award didn't come from his supervisors. It was voted on by his peers.

That's significant to logistics assistance representative Mike Arthurs, the 2006 LAR of the Year for the Aviation and Missile Command. But there's something more.

Arthurs was presented the award July 11 by Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury during Pillsbury's final town hall meeting as AMCOM commander. What makes this extra special is Arthurs had been one of Pillsbury's platoon sergeants when Pillsbury was a company commander in 1984-85 at Fort Campbell, Ky.

"It really felt good," Arthurs said. "It was an honor getting it from him. It meant a lot to me."

An aviation LAR for CH-47 and UH-60 helicopters, Arthurs works at Fort Bragg, N.C. He came to Redstone for a basic and intermediate electronics course July 9-27 at Toftoy Hall. He was notified in June of his selection as LAR of the Year while attending a CH-47 conference here.

"It gives you a good feeling that your peers voted you LAR of the Year," he said. "They're the ones who actually know what you're doing out in the field."

And then there was the thrill of joining Pillsbury onstage at Bob Jones Auditorium for the presentation. In the early 1980s, Pillsbury was a captain and then a major and he commanded B Company, 5th Transportation Battalion under the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell. Arthurs was a sergeant first class who served as Pillsbury's aircraft maintenance platoon sergeant.

"He was probably one of the best commanders I had ever served under," Arthurs said. "I knew he would go somewhere. He knew aviation."

They met up again in Afghanistan early this year when Pillsbury visited the troops. "It was fabulous," Arthurs

said. "It was like, I knew this guy when he was a captain; now he's a two-star general."

Arthurs is among about 200 logistics assistance representatives belonging to AMCOM. About two-thirds of them are aviation LARs, according to Norb Lutz, chief of the logistics assistance program in the Readiness Directorate under the Integrated Materiel Management Center. The missile and aviation system experts serve worldwide and deploy with units who use the equipment they support.

"I don't know (Arthurs) very well personally," Lutz said. "I know that professionally he does great work everywhere he's ever been. Everybody's real happy with him."

Arthurs, 54, from New Waterford, Ohio, has served three tours in Afghanistan and one in Iraq. He was in Baghdad in Al Asad in 2004, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in 2005, in Bagram, Afghanistan, in 2006 and in Bagram again this year from January until May.

He retired from the Army in 1992 as a first sergeant. After leaving the military, he worked as a contractor for about four years at Boeing Sikorsky at Fort Campbell. His civil service career began in January 1998 with the Defense Contract Management Command at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., where he spent two years as a quality assurance representative on the C-5 aircraft. He became an AMCOM LAR in 2000; and his career has included two years in Korea and four deployments.

"I'm going to stay in civil service at least another 10 years and then retire," said Arthurs, whose goal is to become a senior staff technical representative.

He and his wife, Chong, reside in Raeford, N.C. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. Their son, Michael, 34, is an assistant manager in food retail in Raleigh, N.C. Their daughter, Kandice Jones, 32, is married and also works in the food retail business.

"I enjoy the position here as a LAR," Arthurs said. "I love working with the Soldiers in the units. It's really been rewarding as a logistics assistance rep. I enjoy supporting the Soldiers, the war fighter. I enjoy supporting the war fighter. It's really rewarding."



AVIATION SUPPORT— Logistics assistance representative Mike Arthurs is the 2006 LAR of the Year for the Aviation and Missile Command.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

Aide gets lasting tribute from outgoing commander

Meritorious Service Medal awarded to Capt. Snider

By JULIE FREDERICK
For the Rocket

As a surprise conclusion to his 44 months as commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury used his last official act to award the Meritorious Service Medal to Capt. Tim Snider, his aide-de-camp.

The award ceremony took place July 18 in the command suite. Snider, uncertain about what was about to take place, was surrounded by his wife and children.

"I had no idea this was going to happen," he said.

The Meritorious Service Medal is presented to servicemembers who distinguish themselves by outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement or service to the United States.

For Snider, the appointment to aide-de-camp for Pillsbury came as a surprise. Having come up through the enlisted ranks, to warrant officer and then officer;

he did not travel the usual aide-de-camp career path.

He admits that his first several months in the position did not quite go as planned because of an extreme learning curve, but he had help to pull him through.

"After my first three months I thought this is going to be a very long year," Snider said. "I've learned something every day on this job and that's because of all of you and I want to thank you."

But in his defense, Pillsbury said the position was tough.

"There is not a harder job in AMCOM than his (Snider's), with the possible exception of Carolyn's," Pillsbury said, referring to executive assistant Carolyn Caudle. "They have to get me to the right place, at the right time, in the right uniform, and in the right frame of mind. That is a very tough thing to do. I'm going to miss him tremendously; Becky and I both will."

Snider ended the ceremony with a farewell to Pillsbury.

"I have only said this to one other officer over me," Snider said. "Sir, if you need me, I'll follow you anywhere. It's been a joy."



Photo by Julie Frederick

GIFT— Capt. Tim Snider reads the inscription, "You're fired," on a parting gift from Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury after his award ceremony.

Training Iraqi troops presented dangerous duty

Reservist recalls successes; threats from mortars, snipers

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For Joseph “Jody” Creekmore, the two-fold mission for the 108th Reserve Training Brigade in Iraq was clear – train the Iraqi Army to stand up to insurgents and win the support of the local population.

And, with 10 years active duty in the Army, nearly 10 years in the Reserves and a previous 10-month assignment to train Reservists throughout the Southeast to deploy to Iraq, Creekmore, a West Point graduate, knew he had the experience, skills and training to be successful in his mission.

But, what he and others didn’t count on were the persistent and always-present attack-and-run insurgents who would threaten every action and every move of the Iraqi Army working from Forward Operating Base Faylak/Normandy, located 16 kilometers from the border of Iran and northeast of Baghdad and northeast of Baqouba in Iraq’s Diyala province.

“It’s a bad area because of the close proximity to Iran. There’s a lot of traffic of insurgents in the area through the mountain pass,” said Creekmore, a Reserve lieutenant colonel who works in AMCOM’s Safety Office. “We were shot at several times. We were mortared several times. IEDs (improvised explosive devices) exploded multiple times. They were horrible. I got to where I lost track of how many IEDs exploded around us on missions. I earned my combat action badge several times over.

“Snipers were a constant threat. We were ambushed three times. I lost one Soldier on one of my teams. One of my gunners is still at Fort Hood (Texas) with problems from concussions he sustained from constant IEDs.”

Although Soldiers are trained for wartime conditions before their deployment, getting used to the day-to-day environment of war is tough.



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A SOLDIER GOES TO WAR— Reserve Lt. Col. Jody Creekmore mans a machine gun on the bow of his patrol boat on a mission on Lake Hamrin in the Diyala province of Iraq. Training Iraqi soldiers meant participating in many dangerous missions for Creekmore and his 10-member team. Creekmore returned from his deployment in June and is now back at work as an aviation system safety engineer.

“Was I mentally prepared? No. I was an active duty aviator. I never performed with an infantry before,” he said.

“Going into combat – I don’t think anybody is prepared for it. You go in to do a mission and you know you are a good person. But, then you are being shot at from all directions and you wonder ‘Why are they doing this?’ The emotional part was hard. But, as time went on you got adjusted to it.”

As brigade chief, Creekmore was responsible for leading a 10-man military transition team of Reserve and active Soldiers who worked with soldiers of the 3rd Brigade, 5th Iraqi Division from April 2006 through June. Two other members of his team – Reservists Maj. Gary Hawkins and Sgt. 1st Class Darrell Whited – were from North Alabama. Others were Reservists from Utah and Massachusetts, and active Army Soldiers from Fort Polk, La., Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Stewart, Ga., and Fort Bragg, N.C. Similar Reserve teams working with the



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HOME FROM DEPLOYMENT— Reserve Lt. Col. Jody Creekmore, who works in the AMCOM Safety Office, is now home from a deployment in the Diyala Province of Iraq, where he assisted in the training of Iraqi soldiers.

108th included Lt. Col. Billy Stender, Maj. Jim Bowie and Maj. Dustin Autry, all of North Alabama.

Creekmore was also responsible for three 11-man teams assigned to subordinate battalions of the 3rd Iraqi Brigade.

“We were mobilized to provide training for the Iraqi Army,” Creekmore said. “We were embedded. We lived with, fought with and ate with the Iraqi Army.

“Our job was to lead, teach, mentor and train the Iraqi Army to stand up as a professional fighting force. We lived on their base, in their barracks, and went out on missions with them and fought with them. We were like their shadow.”

The U.S. Soldiers would assist the Iraqi brigade in security operations in the city of Mugdadiyah and in villages like Shaqaraq.

“Operations included cordon and search,” Creekmore said. “We would secure neighborhoods and then go door-to-door looking for contraband, high value individuals, weapons and IED weapon materials.

“At the same time, we were working to win the hearts and minds of the local populace. We went in making our presence known, patrolling regularly and making neighborhoods secure.”

The Iraqi officers and soldiers were professionals, Creekmore said, who faced very difficult obstacles.

“For the greatest part, the officers I worked with believed in Iraq and believed in making Iraq a safe place,” he said.

“They’re challenged significantly by the threats that their families face and the threats they face. Three Iraqi battalion commanders were killed when I was there. They live with a constant threat and fear for their families. But, they are committed to Iraq and fight well.”

Making the situation even more difficult, Creekmore said, were the Iraqi policies concerning military service. Iraqi soldiers are not obligated to sign a contract, can freely come and go from military service as they please and are not scrutinized with extensive background checks.

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“But, the biggest challenge is their leave policy,” he said. “They work 14 days and then have 10 days off. It’s hard to have a continuous training program for them. In the middle of a multi-day mission, if it was time for Iraqi soldiers to take their leave, they would be gone and replaced by a new crew that would pick up in the midst of an operation. It was dangerous and challenging at the same time.”

Liberal military service policies have been put in place by the Iraqi government, Creekmore said, to keep Iraqi enlistment rates high.

“Every officer, every enlisted soldier, every rank, including brigade commander and brigade executive officer, had the same leave policy,” he said. “What was frustrating for U.S. Soldiers was the aspect of commitment. We are fighting in their country for their freedom seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 360 days a year. We’re committed. It’s frustrating to be helping to earn freedom in a country where soldiers take 10-day leaves in the middle of an operation.”

Despite the frustrations and setbacks of the mission, Creekmore said his team made a “huge impact” on the Iraqi brigade. About halfway through his deployment, the brigade achieved a major milestone.

“When we got there they were an unvalidated unit,” he said. “They were not certified to take over ownership of

their battle space. But, they learned the planning, processes and execution of operations. They went through validation exercises and were briefed by the division commander of the 101st Infantry Division. When we left, they were a validated brigade with validated leadership. They took ownership and led the security force. Now, the U.S. coalition is supporting the unit. It’s a good, hard fighting brigade.”

That achievement was possible, Creekmore said, because the Iraqi brigade leadership and their soldiers “believe in Iraq, and want to stay in the army and continue to fight for Iraq. They are committed. They are there to make Iraq a better place for their children. They are all very curious and envious of the lives of U.S. children. They want their children to have the same kind of opportunities and freedoms.”

During his deployment, Creekmore had access to U.S. news sources. But, he also made it a point to listen to Iraqi news reports, which were translated into English for Soldiers.

“I was interested in seeing what the Arabic slant was on what was going on,” he said. “I also wanted to know what people at home thought of what was going on. But, I had to compartmentalize that and keep focused on what I was doing as a Soldier.

“My personal belief is that if we were to leave Iraq at this point in time we run a huge risk of the government failing and the Iraqi Army failing. They are very accustomed to our presence. If we left right now the result would be the Iraqi Army would crumble and the government

would fail. If we left, what would fill the void at that point? The situation would be worse.”

He knows it’s hard for Americans to face that truth when the lives of U.S. Soldiers are at stake daily.

“It’s hard to look at the casualty list. It’s an emotional thing to hear the stories of U.S. casualties and, at the same time, hear about how Iraqis aren’t as committed as we are,” Creekmore said.

“But, I think Americans know deep inside that the consequences of us leaving are much worse than us continuing to help the Iraqi government and army continue to succeed.”

One of Creekmore’s most rewarding experiences in Iraq was when he was able to distribute school supplies provided by employees at AMCOM’s Safety Office to more than 300 elementary-age students in the villages of Hamrin and Brishta.

“It was something tangible that we could do for the students,” he said. “It had a great impact. It was just an amazing moment to be in a courtyard and to see the smiles on those kids’ faces.”

One of the most difficult times for the unit was when Sgt. 1st Class David Rodriguez was killed by an IED.

“We were on dismounted patrol through a village where we were trying to establish a continuous presence,” Creekmore said. “A roadside IED detonated right next to him as we were patrolling down a street. It was command detonated, but we couldn’t get the insurgents. The randomness and devastation of IED and mortar attacks were hard to deal with.”

Christmas was also a difficult time, but Creekmore said the U.S. Soldiers were able to turn the day into a positive experience with the help of a blow-up globe sent

by Creekmore’s wife and set up in the middle of the barracks.

“We took funny pictures with the blow-up globe,” he said. “We grilled steaks, played horseshoes and cards, and hung out together. We turned a potentially very bad day into a good day.”

While he was in Iraq, Creekmore’s wife, Susan, who is director of clinical services at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Services, and their three teenage children continued their lives in Huntsville and Madison. Without Creekmore’s help, the couple’s oldest son, J.P., completed his Eagle Scout program, and applied for and received an ROTC scholarship to Auburn. Their daughter Maddy and younger son Michael helped out on the home front.

“Because they were teenagers, I think they were better emotionally prepared for the separation,” Creekmore said. “They also know the Army life. They were all born in Army hospitals. They were actually a little surprised I was deployed so late.”

His wife started a support group for Reservist wives known as DAWS (Desperate Army Wives) that continues to meet monthly. Creekmore is now getting back up to speed in his job as an aviation system safety engineer at AMCOM. Before his deployment, he was Reserve commander for the 4th Battalion, 321st Regiment, 108th Division on Wells Road, Redstone Arsenal. He now serves the Reserves with the 4th Brigade, 75th Division in Birmingham.

But, Creekmore won’t ever forget the U.S. Soldiers and their Iraqi counterparts who he worked with in Iraq.

“We were a good unit,” he said. “By the end of our deployment, we had been through a lot together.”

Play begins on expanded golf course after ceremony

Three new holes open with event

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After a brief ceremony, post officials got to experience their main reason for going to the Links on July 17.

They played golf.

This marked the grand opening for the course's three new holes. The additions bring the Links to 30 holes; and there are plans to add six more.

"It's all about the Soldiers and the retirees, and giving them more of an opportunity to play golf," post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury said.

Golf course superintendent Larry Underwood and his maintenance crew did the work in-house. Construction went

from February to August 2006; and since then they have been managing the turf to prepare for play. MWR's Capital Purchases and Minor Construction dollars paid the \$195,000 cost.

Underwood received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service during the ceremony. "You did an incredible job," Mark Germonprez, business operations officer for Morale Welfare and Recreation, said.

The three additions include Nos. 10, 17 and 18 on the south side of Goss Road. No. 10 is a par-4 measuring 385 yards from the blue tees, 360 from the white, 320 from the gold and 270 from the red. No. 17 is a par-3 with 202 yards from the blue tees, 180 from the white, 145 gold and 125 red. And No. 18 is a par-4 with 425 blue, 390 white, 345 gold and 305 red.

"This is a dream," Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski said. "We're one-third of the way through."



Photo by Holly Hajari

FORE!— Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski tees off on No. 10, one of three new holes at the Links.

AAFES expands recall of Soldier Bear toy sets

Lead poisoning hazard identified in paints

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Soldier Bear toy sets have been voluntarily recalled by their manufacturer because their surface paints contain lead, according to a release from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The commission announced the recall in cooperation with Toy Century Industrial Ltd. of Hong Kong.

Consumers should immediately take the toys away from children and return the product to the nearest Army & Air Force Exchange Service store for full refund.

Surface paints on the toy action figures, dinosaurs and animals contain high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. No incidents or injuries have been reported, the release said.

This recall involves toy sets with various action figures, dinosaurs, animals and vehicles. The style number, Universal Product Code and Soldier Bear logo are printed on the product's packaging.

AAFES stores worldwide sold the toys from August 2005 through April 2007 for between \$5 and \$15. This represents about 13,000 units; about 3,000 Invincibles Transport Converter toy sets were recalled on May 23, 2007.

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Troop reductions in Iraq could begin next year

By JOHN KRUZEL

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Now at full strength, the U.S. troop plus-up in Iraq is showing “definitive progress” and the number of forces serving in Iraq’s Multinational Division North could be halved by summer 2009, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon said July 13.

A reduction of U.S. forces under the general’s command could begin as early as January 2008, he told Pentagon reporters via videoconference.

Mixon, commander of both Multinational Division North and the U.S. Army’s 25th Infantry Division, is responsible for six Iraqi provinces in northern Iraq, including the city of Baqubah — site of the ongoing Operation Arrowhead Ripper.

He said he has given Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, commander, Multinational Corps Iraq, a plan indicating a possible reduction of force in Multinational Division North during 2008.

Mixon said the current debate over troop withdrawal should revolve around reaching a strategic “end state.”

“It seems to me that we should first decide what we want the end state to be in Iraq, and how is that end state important to the United States of America, to this region and to the world, and then determine how we can reach that end state, and how much time that will take,” he said.

“To me, that seems to be the most important thing, because there will be consequences of a rapid withdrawal from Iraq.”

“It cannot be a strategy based on, ‘Well, we need to leave,’” he added. “That’s not a strategy, that’s a withdrawal.”



Identical scholarship money goes to twins

Frith brother and sister have separate interests

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Cory and Kelly Frith aren't stereotypical twins. They don't look alike, act alike or think alike. In fact, the only thing about them that may be the same are the identical scholarships they have won from Army Emergency Relief.

"We saw an announcement in the Rocket about these scholarships," Jackie Frith, a licensed practical nurse in the Immunization Clinic at Fox Army Health Center and proud mom, said. "We got on the web site and applied."

The Friths systematically completed the requirements for the scholarship program, careful to meet each deadline on time. In addition to copies of grades and proof of eligibility, applicants were asked to write an essay. In it, hopeful students wrote about their goals, aspirations and how the scholarship would impact them.

"They told how this money would help them become who and what they want to be," Jackie said. "It was a long application process. They also sent them separate letters to tell them they were getting the scholarships. Thankfully, Cory was home to open his. I couldn't wait. I had to call Kelly at work and tell her."

The notice that they were, in fact, both receiving scholarships came the last week of June, just weeks after graduating from Bob Jones High School with advanced diplomas. As fraternal twins, the pair are no more alike than any other brother and sister. Kelly said that often people don't even realize they are twins – not even at school.

"In ninth grade our bus driver asked Cory if he was excited about starting high school," Kelly said, laughing. "Then he asked me what grade I was in."

Being twins also doesn't mean they have the same interests, though they do overlap from time to time. Kelly is a big fan of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series. She is excited about all of the current fuss surrounding the release of the fifth movie and the final book in the series. Having pre-purchased her copy of the seventh book, Kelly was making plans to be there when the bookstore opened Saturday to pick up her copy.

"They're opening early for just the people who have paid in advance," she said.

The chatty and well spoken teen plans to parlay her love of the written word into a career. She will enter Wallace State Community College in Hanceville this fall to pursue a degree in secondary education. She wants to be an English teacher. Originally, she wanted to teach at the elementary level, but a summer spent babysitting made her rethink those plans.

"The little kids cry when you get mad at them," she said.

Cory will be attending Calhoun Community College studying machining on his way to an engineering degree. While he may not be as outspoken as his sister, he has his own interests and hobbies. He was a valued member of his high school band.

"I play the saxophone," he said.

He is also a vegan. Cory not only avoids meat, but also any food made from animal products such as gelatin or milk.

"I haven't had meat in a long time," he said. "But I like tofu."

Both teens enjoy ghost stories and monster movies, although not the same kinds.

"I don't like zombies," Cory said. His sister nodded, adding her own phobia.

"I'm afraid of clowns," she said.

While they will be putting the funds toward different goals, the entire Frith family is grateful for the \$3,200, divided between two semesters, which each teen will receive this school year. They intend to reapply next year.

"We'll absolutely reapply," Jackie said. "Every year."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

TWICE THE FUN— Cory Frith and his sister, Kelly, won twin scholarships from Army Emergency Relief.



Courtesy photo

Engineering camp

Justin Matthews, left, and his brother, Jordan, participated in the NASA sponsored Michael P. Anderson Summer Engineering Program at the Alabama A&M University School of Engineering and Technology. With them is program coordinator Bianca McDuffie. During the three-week engineering camp they and approximately 20 other students from in-state and out-of-state high schools had hands-on experience in fuel cells, robotics, electronics, land measurements, mechanical energy conversion, global positioning system, model bridge building, computer programming and web page design. Justin, a junior at Madison Academy, won first place in the electronics category competition phase. Jordan, a sophomore at Madison Academy, won second place in the bridge building category competition phase. They are the sons of Rod and Brenda Matthews. Rod Matthews is the chief of the Depot Partnering/Fort Rucker Division within the Aviation Logistics Directorate of the Acquisition Center.

Civilian personnel center instructs new supervisors

Training provided on human resources

New supervisors who gathered last week for a weeklong class had something in common.

They all will be evaluating workers who remain under the current personnel system. Their employees haven't switched to the Defense Department's new National Security Personnel System and remain under the General Schedule performance system.

"All of these supervisors have some GS employees they have to evaluate," Syleria Jarmon, of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center's Human Resource Office, said.

CPAC provided the training, titled "Human Resources for New Supervisors," at the Sparkman Center's electronic meeting facility for 53 supervisors from various organizations.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HOW TO EVALUATE— Human resource specialist Kitty Williams explains the Total Army Performance Evaluation System.

Model railroad club on track with renovation

More upscale setup in place by 2008

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**
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One of Redstone's oldest clubs is getting ready to celebrate its 50th anniversary in January. It'll be ringing in the New Year with a new setup as well.

This is big news for an organization that specializes in little items — the Redstone Model Railroad Club.

"The purpose of our club is to build an upscale, in terms of technology, model railroad," retired Maj. Gen. George Turnmeyer, club president, said. "It's also a chance for people who enjoy model railroading to socialize with other people who like model railroading."

Recent advances in model railroad technology had rendered the previous layout obsolete, Turnmeyer said. The old layout operated using many electrical switches which controlled current directly to the track.

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Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

WORKING ON THE RAILROAD— Retired Maj. Gen. George Turnmeyer and Jim Sims, right, check construction progress for the Redstone Model Railroad Club.

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This meant the train layout had to be operated in sections, which didn't allow for many options for would-be engineers.

"Anybody who had a layout built prior to 1995 is obsolete. That's what happened to us," Turnmeyer said. "Two years ago we all voted and came up with a plan to rebuild."

The new system lets modelers "drive" the trains by controlling the engines directly. It is as close to the real thing as can be accomplished thus far, short of climbing into the locomotive itself, Turnmeyer said.

"It's called Digital Command Control. There are no toggles. There are no switches to throw. You have a controller in your hand. You can turn the engine left or right. You can also have two engines running on the same track," he said. "The most significant thing is that you don't have a maze of wires going to all the boxes. You are now the engineer. You are actually modeling what a real railroad does. You can turn on the lights inside the cars and the lights on the crossing signals. Anything electric you can control with DCC."

In order to make the transition from one style to another, the complete layout of track, scenery and trains themselves had to be taken apart. Since they had to start over from scratch, club members are using the rebuild as an opportunity to redesign and renovate their entire setup to make the most of the newer technology. It is also their largest renovation since a 1974 tornado destroyed both their layout and their building. This will be the fourth layout the club has had since its 1958 inception.

The new layout under construction is being modeled after the state of Alabama from just below Huntsville southward to the sea. The Birmingham North portion includes steel yards, a river crossing and a mountain pass before continuing on to eventually meet the port of Mobile and a shipyard. It also includes both passenger and freight lines. There will be numerous stations and track switches available so several trains will be able to run concurrently. The design works well with the club's target time period.

"It's going to be representing the time of 1960 plus or minus 10 years," Turnmeyer said. "So we won't have all these huge new locomotive models or the Civil War models. Recognizing that other people do, we have one open run meeting a month. We don't care what you have. If it will run on our track, bring it."

The design also allows for future additions and expansions – a necessity for any model railroader, according to club vice president Jim Sims.

"A layout is never really finished," Sims said.

Don't be mistaken; these are not the plastic and tin toy trains that you may remember circling your childhood Christ-

mas tree. These machines are detailed scale models of real world trains. They are also a bit pricier than their plastic-tracked cousins.

"A locomotive, for example, in today's market will start at \$250 and go up to around \$2,500," Turnmeyer said. "Most of them are handmade. We're not playing with toys here."

Each component of the layout is handcrafted and lovingly maintained. Even the bit players of the layout are marvels in their own right. The tiny trees, bushes and buildings are individually constructed by club members. Most of the buildings are hand-painted wooden structures, although some are a newer resin material.

"You can buy kits for them. Most kits are wood. Some kits are resin. They are highly detailed. The more expensive they are, the more you have to do," Turnmeyer said. "I have one I am donating to this layout, an abandoned mill. On sale, already built it is \$500."

Although many of the items going into the rebuild are brand new, don't expect them to be bright and shiny.

"Our things will generally be weathered," Sims said. "It's more realistic. Even the best maintained real structures will still have weathering when they have been exposed to rain."

Club members are excited about all the work going on, though for different reasons, Sims said.

"We have some people who love building. We have some who love painting. We draw in people who love to build models," Sims said. "Then there are some of us who just love to be here."

It is also an exciting opportunity for prospective members looking to break into the hobby for the first time. They have the rare chance to learn about model railroads literally from the ground up. Practical experience creating a model railroad from expert club members can give novices the knowledge and confidence to create their own layout at home. With all the options and equipment out there for model railroading, the beginner can feel a bit overwhelmed on their own, Turnmeyer said.

"There are catalogs with hundreds of pages," he said. "There are a lot of things out there for model railroading."

Club members are working two days a week on the rebuild, which includes some renovation to the building to make the most of the space available. With construction currently on schedule, they expect to be up and running by their January birthday. It's not a speedy process, but doing something properly is worth taking the time. It's also a labor of love, Sims said.

Membership dues for the year are \$60. The RMRRRC is meeting twice weekly during construction on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The club is in building 3463 on Zeus Road. For more information, visit its web site at www.rmrrc.net or e-mail Sims at jlsoms@knology.net.

Insure yourself against identity theft

Actions to safeguard personal information

By JULIE UNGER
For the Rocket

Identity theft can involve a lot more than just a stolen Social Security number and some fraudulent charges.

Stolen identities can be used in far more serious crimes, often leaving the victim in feeling helpless. Luckily, these crimes are preventable. Here are things you can do to protect yourself:

Shred all important papers and especially all pre-approved credit card applications, credit card receipts and anything else with your personal and/or financial information on it.

Be extra careful when using ATMs. People can look over your shoulder and get your PIN number and access your accounts.

Have your checks delivered directly to your bank and not your house.

Do not put checks in your home mailbox. If you need to mail a payment, take it to a U.S. mailbox or post office.

Know when your credit cards expire. When you order a new credit card, make note of the date it is reordered. If you have not received your new card within 10 business days, contact your credit card company.

Cancel all credit cards you do not use or have not used within the last six months. (Make sure to destroy the card before throwing it away.)

Put passwords on all of your accounts and be sure not to use your name or other obvious choices. Be sure to memorize your passwords.

Ask all doctors' offices and other institutions that require your personal information, how it is used, how it is stored and how it is disposed.

Do not carry any identifiers (credit cards, Social Security cards, passports) you do not need. Memorize your Social Security number.

Get your credit report periodically, and correct any mistakes immediately. You are entitled to receive three free reports each year, one from each of the nationwide consumer credit reporting companies.

Never give out your personal information over the phone, unless you know the person to whom you are speaking or you initiated the call. Even if the person says they are a credit grantor of yours, call them back at the number that you know is the right one and ask for the party to whom you were previously speaking.

Do not put your Social Security number or your phone number on your checks or other credit receipts. Do not give out your Social Security number, even if a business asks for it; give them an alternative number and tell them why.

Monitor all of your bank statements. If there appears to be anything that you do not recognize, report it immediately.

Get your credit report periodically, and correct any mistakes immediately. Go to www.annualcreditreport.com to get your free credit report. You are entitled to receive three free reports each year, one from each of the nationwide consumer

credit reporting companies – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

Get credit cards and bank cards with your photo on them.

Take your name off of all promotional lists. You can call the three credit reporting agencies to have your name removed.

Make a list of all your credit card numbers and other account numbers and keep it in a secure place, not on the hard drive of your computer.

If you are not confident that your own personal actions will prevent identity theft, you can even purchase insurance. Companies such as LifeLock and Truste-dID guarantee your privacy and compensate you up to \$1 million if your identity is stolen. But just like identity theft itself, identity theft prevention fraud has also become a growing issue. Here are a few ways to ensure that the company you choose is legitimate:

- Be sure the company has been approved by the Better Business Bureau to participate in its privacy program. If a

company has been approved, the BBB online logo should be predominantly displayed on their web site. You can click on the logo and see the details of the BBB's review of the company.

- Verify the company's URL. Go to www.whois.net. There you can see who registered the company's web site and its actual physical address.

- Do your research. Read up on your company, call them, and ask questions. Any legitimate company should, at the minimum, be able to put fraud alerts on your accounts, contact the credit bureaus for your yearly reports, remove your name from pre-approved credit card and junk mail lists, and guarantee their services and their own company's security systems.

For more information on how to protect you identity, go to www.identitytheft.org.

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Law covers claims by contractors

By ERIKA MCPHERSON
Claims Division chief

Contractors play an integral role in accomplishing the mission at Redstone Arsenal. Sometimes in the course of business, contractors may suffer personal or property damage.

Payment for damages is governed by a variety of federal rules and regulations found in AR 27-20 and DA Pamphlet 27-162.

If a government employee acting within the scope of employment is at fault and causes personal injury or property loss or damage to an individual, including a contractor, the individual may file a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act for compensation.

Examples would include a falling item from a government vehicle striking a contractor's vehicle, a fender bender

with government employee who is conducting official business, or a contractor slipping and falling on a wet floor in the PX food court and breaking his arm. If a government employee is at fault and the contractor's conduct did not contribute to the loss or injury, the contractor will receive payment. If the government disputes liability, the claim will be denied and the contractor can file suit in federal district court to resolve the matter.

Property located on an Army installation that is used by a contractor for purposes of performing the contract follows a different set of rules for analysis. In general, these types of claims are not payable if the property is lost, damaged or stolen.

For more information, you may contact the Claims Division of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate by calling 876-9911.

Senior executive receives presidential honor

Paul Bogosian, program executive officer for aviation, received the 2006 Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive in the Senior Executive Service on July 10 in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Each year, the president recognizes and celebrates a small group of career senior executives with the President's Rank Award for sustained superior accomplishments and noteworthy achievement of quality and efficiency in the public service.

Bogosian became the program execu-



Paul Bogosian

tive officer for aviation in 2004. He oversees the development, procurement and life cycle management of the Army's helicopter fleet, including the Apache, Black Hawk, Chinook, Kiowa Warrior, and the recent Lakota and Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters as well as all Army fixed wing aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems.

He served as deputy program executive officer from November 1995 and as acting program executive officer from January 1996 to June 1997. Bogosian and his wife, Celeste, have two children, Elizabeth and Paul.

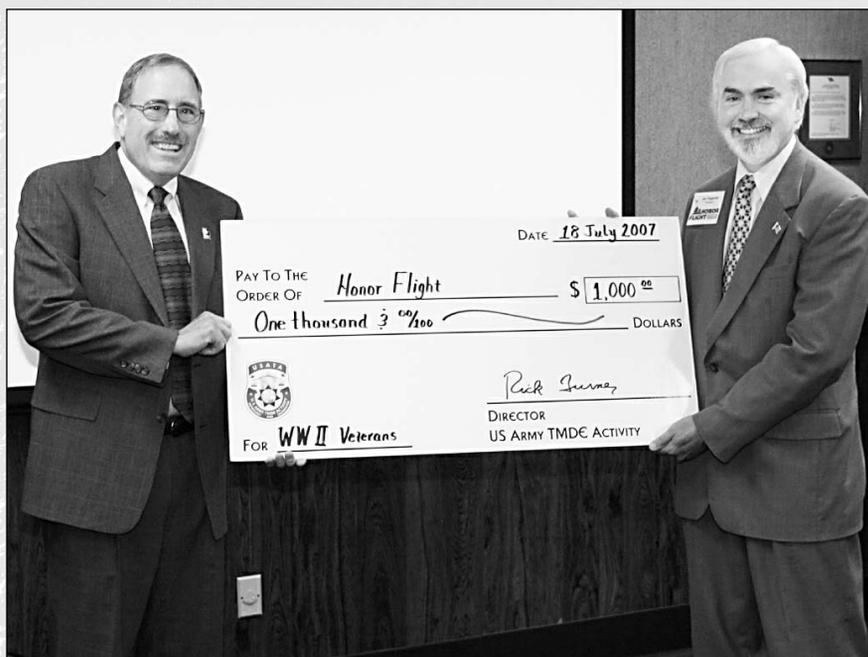


Photo by Ronald Jayne

Honorable check

Rick Turner, executive director of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, presents a \$1,000 check to Joe Fitzgerald, president of Honor Flight, to send World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial. USATA employees raised the money by having a dunking booth, NASCAR Fan Day and a book sale. They challenge other AMCOM organizations to raise money for this worthy cause.

Redstone, NASA warm up for all-star showdown

Troops try to stay unbeaten in 4th annual softball game

By SKIP VAUGHN
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It was the softball equivalent of inflicting shock and awe on the opposition.

Last year's all-star game between Redstone and NASA was all but over in the top of the first inning. Redstone's troop stars opened with a four-run outburst including a two-run homer and two solo shots. Redstone went on to win the third annual showdown 21-8 on July 27, 2006 at NASA field 3.

It was in stark contrast to the first two years when Redstone beat NASA both times in its final at-bat.

Redstone will try to keep its 3-0 streak intact in this year's all-star game at 6 p.m. July 31 at Linton Field.

"My biggest thought is we haven't ever lost this game and not to start losing now," Redstone coach/shortstop Rodney Henshaw said. "A lot of the guys on last year's team are on this year's."

Henshaw is the coach this year, since he coached the National Guard to the post championship. Other representatives from the National Guard include right fielder



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WINDING UP— Redstone's Lee Burket hits his third two-run homer during last year's all-star game against NASA. He was also the winning pitcher.

Fredrick Allen and left fielder Joe Cox.

The Marines are represented by pitcher Lee Burket, left-center Sean Newsom and Chris McCarthy. In last year's all-star game, Burket had three two-run homers

and was the winning pitcher.

"Lee did a good job (with last year's players)," Henshaw said. "Maybe I can get Lee to assist me on some of these guys so we can just start with where we were."

Newsom, who coached the post runner-up Marines this year, was also on last year's team. He hit three home runs in that rout.

"I don't think we're as strong as last year, but I think we'll give them a run for their money," Newsom said. "I think we'll be all right. We lost some guys from last year's team, a lot of power. But I think we'll be all right."

Rounding out the Redstone team are David Beier and Joe Kimbrough from the NCO Academy, Billy Clark from HHC 59th, Benson Pace and James Epps from Charlie, Steven Jacques from MEDDAC, Frank Stafford from 326th Chemical, and Jarvis Payton from Bravo.

The NASA all-stars are led by manager Victor Pritchett and assistant manager Jim Lomas. The team will include NASA employees and contractors.

"It's always an enjoyable game," Pritchett said. "We're going to go out and play our best and hopefully turn things around this year."

Some of the members of this team from Marshall Space Flight Center include Al Mayers, Mark Watts, Corey Harrell, Mike Guthrie, Mack Chavis, Derek Calvert, Tony Fiorucci, Paul Prichard, Dusty Crouch, Shawn Brechbill and Cory Stevenson.

Soldiers on target with gold, silver medals in Pan Am Games

By TIM HIPPS
Army News Service

A veteran Army marksman showed his protégé another thing or two during the 50-meter prone shooting event July 17 at the Deodoro Military Club, Brazil's National Shooting Center.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Tamas and Spc. Michael McPhail left the building clutching XV Pan American Games Rio 2007 gold and silver medals respectively.

A two-time Olympian, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Tamas, 42, won the gold medal with a Pan Am Games record of 703 points, including 598 during qualification rounds that topped his previous record of 597, set at the 1991 Pan Am Games in Havana, Cuba.

U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit teammate Spc. Michael McPhail, 25, of Darlington, Wis., took the silver medal with 699.9 points. Both Soldiers are stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Canada's Gale Stewart pre-



Photo by Tim Hipps

ON TARGET— U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Tamas (center) celebrates winning the gold medal in the men's 50-meter rifle prone shooting event July 17 at the XV Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Spc. Michael McPhail (left) won the silver medal and Canada's Gale Stewart (right) took the bronze. Both Soldiers are stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

ailed in a shoot-off against Brazil's Samuel Lopes to win the bronze medal with 695.8 points.

McPhail secured a second 2008 Olympic quota in the event

for Team USA and drew rave reviews from his mentor.

"Hat's off to McPhail," Tamas said. "He's the hero right now, honestly. He did the job for the U.S. team."

Winning on this level is old hat to Tamas, a 20-year United States Army Marksmanship Unity (USAMU) veteran who struck gold in the 2003 Pan Am Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and won four medals at the 1991 Pan Am Games.

"That's what it takes to win these high-pressure games," Tamas said. "I didn't think I was going to shoot that well in the final, but it ended up working out pretty good. That's a good score."

Having matched the world record of 600 at the 1998 World Championships in Barcelona, Spain, Tamas knows a good score when he shoots one. He has thrived in USAMU's high-stakes tempo for two decades and expects McPhail to follow.

"It's high pressure because you're expected to win all the time," explained Tamas, who placed 13th at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, and was a U.S. alternate for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. "You just can't accept being third and second. You have to be prepared to win a lot, so there's always a little pressure in the back of your mind."

"They expect you to win, and you've got to come through. Hopefully, Spc. McPhail is going to do the same because my career's coming to a close here shortly."

McPhail is eager for the challenge. "He's one of the greatest prone shooters in the world ever," McPhail said of Tamas. "It's like I've got three years to make up 30. I need to get to work."

"My goal is to win an Olympic gold medal, period," McPhail said. "If you want to be an Olympic champion in shooting, there is no better place to

accomplish that goal than with the Army Marksmanship Unit — it's amazing.

"Our first mission is Olympic gold. Our second mission is to win international and CISM (Conseil International Du Sport Militaire) championships, and our other mission is to put civilians in boots. Having us on the medal stand and making the United States Army look good is a major part of our job."

So, too, is making Olympic dreams come true.

"It only happens every four years, so hopefully you're on," Tamas said. "When you get to the World Championships, World Cups and Olympics, a good majority of (the competitors) can win. It's just a matter of being on that day."

On this day, Tamas and McPhail were both right on target.

Editor's note: Tim Hipps writes for Family and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command Public Affairs Office.

Training center lands Lakota helicopter

Does medical mission for support battalion

Members of the UH-72A Light Utility Helicopter team have fielded a set of Lakota aircraft to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

This aircraft fielding supports the Corps Support Battalion's Medical Evacuation mission. The battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. Darrel Larson.

The first Medevac mission using the Lakota was flown last week when a UH-72A evacuated two patients. One had complained of chest pain and the other had a fracture ankle. The Lakota team accomplished the mission, safely transporting the patients to a local hospital.



Photo by Matt Rainey

STANDING BY— A UH-72A stands in a medical role near Fort Irwin.

New utility helicopter wins defense approval

The UH-60M was granted an Acquisition Decision Memorandum on June 26 in response to the Overarching Integrated Product Team meeting held May 8.

Kenneth Krieg, defense acquisition executive, authorized full rate production for the UH-60M and the HH-60M configuration. He authorized fiscal 2008 advance procurement for the HH/UH-60M upgrade program as well.

The next milestone in the UH-60M program is the award of the multi-year, multi-service contract VII.

The UH-60M recently completed operational tests in the Southwest United States. The Army pilots who flew the aircraft provided positive comments about the aircraft's capabilities. This new aircraft provides the war fighter with greater speed, range and power – and an information age mission equipment package.



Photo by Patrick Sheahan

HELICOPTER ON RISE— Lt. Col. Chip Lunn, product manager, poses with a UH-60M.

Guard task force keeps Army helicopters in the fight

By Staff Sgt. JIM GREENHILL
National Guard Bureau

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – A unique National Guard maintenance task force keeps Army helicopters flying in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The National Guard has four Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depots in the United States. Based in California, Connecticut, Mississippi and Missouri, each serves a region of the country. Task Force AVCRAD is comprised of personnel from all four of them as well as other individuals.

Think of an AVCRAD as a car dealership's service center, except that it services Army aviation assets. The AVCRADs maintain helicopters, including AH-64 Apaches, UH-60 Black Hawks, CH-47 Chinooks and OH-58 Kiowas.

During Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, the AVCRADs have taken turns deploying so

that maintenance can be performed close to the front lines.

"All the AVCRADs have been deployed," Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Allen said. "So they came up with Task Force AVCRAD." Allen is the noncommissioned officer in charge of maintenance for the task force.

Task Force AVCRAD is a one-of-a-kind rotation composed entirely of National Guardmembers and civilian contractors. Instead of pulling one of the regional AVCRADs from the U.S., Task Force AVCRAD consists of qualified volunteers from across the country.

The task force's approximately 220 members are drawn from the regional AVCRADs and from Maryland's Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit, which serves as an administrative headquarters for the AVCRADs, and from Kentucky's Aviation Intermediate Maintenance unit, supplemented with Soldiers from the National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Va.

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Family readiness support extended to battalions

By BILL BRADNER
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, at the request of senior Army leadership, is expanding the Family Readiness Support Assistant program to reach all the way to the battalion level, Armywide, to support deployed Soldiers and their families.

Currently, there are slightly less than 400 FRSAs Armywide, including Guard and Reserve units. They are primarily contract, term or temporary over-hire positions, funded by war on terror supplemental funding or unit funds, and managed by their respective Army commands. Under the new program, recently approved by Army chief of staff Gen. George Casey Jr., the positions will be added to unit manning documents, centrally funded, and FMWRC will provide program oversight.

"Commanders had already identified the need and we're responding," said Brig. Gen. Belinda Pinckney, FMWRC commander. "We're not inventing anything new here. We're taking something that works well and expanding it, providing a uniform level of support to Soldiers and families Armywide."

The plan calls for an end-state of as many as 1,100 FRSAs throughout the Army, placing a support assistant in each deployable battalion, brigade, division and corps headquarters. The FRSAs will hold DA civilian positions at the GS-6 level.

The need for FRSAs was initially iden-

tified through the Army Family Action Plan. The FRSAs will remain a component of the unit commander's family readiness program, and will be supervised by the commander or his designee. Their primary duties will be to provide administrative assistance in support of the unit's family readiness programs and activities.



Photo by Susan Smith

Employee of quarter

Security specialist Tonya Aldridge is the Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2007 in the G-2 (Intelligence and Security).

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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.

Redstone 5K

The MWR/Crestwood 5K is Wednesday, Aug. 29 at the troop track off Patton Road (in the "Tin City" area). The 5-kilometer (3.1 mile) race starts at 3:30 p.m., followed by a 1-mile fun run/walk at 4:15. This event is sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation, and Crestwood Medical Center. The \$10 registration fee for the 5K includes a T-shirt for the first 50 registrants. The 1-mile fun run/walk, geared toward children, is free. Registration, for the 5K and/or fun run, ends Aug. 24. For information call Gaylene Wilson at 842-2574; or for information on the fun run/walk, call Mike Gates at 313-3699.

Golf tournament

The eighth annual John Riche Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by 100 Black Men of America, is Friday 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.

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School House 5K

The School House Run 5K and 1-mile fun run is Sept. 22 at the old Councill High School, 620 St. Clair (by the Huntsville Public Library). The 5K begins at 8 a.m. and the fun run at 9. Registration for the 5K is \$15 in advance or \$20 on race day starting at 7 a.m. Proceeds are to go toward renovating the Councill building and to support Christmas Charities Year Round. For more information, call 837-2373.

Swimming pools

Swimming Pool Season passes are now half price at Outdoor Recreation or the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. The passes are \$22.50 for a single pass or \$30 for a family pass. For more information, call 876-6854.

Bowling team

American Legion Post 237 bowling team is looking for two permanent bowlers for the upcoming winter bowling season. They bowl at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday at Parkway Lanes. You must be a member of Post 237 or eligible for membership, i.e., active or retired military to include Reserve and National Guard. If interested call Paul Eickholt 876-2525.



Conferences & Meetings

Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is holding its summer Bible study program this Thursday and July 26 at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Nursery care is provided. For more information, call Erica Hobbs 325-3152 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404.

Space/missile defense

The 10th annual Space and Missile Defense Conference and Exhibition will take place Aug. 13-16 at the Von Braun Center. The theme is "Celebrating 50 Years in Space and Missile Defense." Event sponsors include the National Defense Industrial Association's Tennessee Valley Chapter, Air Space and Missile Defense Association, and the Air Defense Artillery Association's Huntsville Chapter. For more information, call Giselle Bodin 955-3889.

Quality summit

The 2007 Quality Leadership Council Quality Summit is Aug. 23 in Bob Jones Auditorium. The theme of the summit, sponsored by the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, is "Quality and Supply Chain Management." It will consist of invited speakers from government and industry. Participation from industry, academia and government is requested. For more information, contact Amanda Clark at amanda.clark@irtc-hq.com.

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.

Fleet reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565 Exit 3. For information call Gene Aittala 773-6283 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society) will meet Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Aerospace scientist and author Les Johnson will speak on his very recently published book (co-authors Gregory L. Matloff and C. Bangs) titled "Living Off the Land in Space: Green Roads to the Cosmos." A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie 509-3833.

Parent advisory council

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet July 31 at 11 a.m. in the Redstone Room, Challenger Activity Center, building 1500; call 876-7952. All parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance - 5 points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. "Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Child and Youth Services facilities and to voice your ideas, opinions or concerns," a prepared release said.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Retired Sgt. 1st Class David Carney, president of North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, is the speaker. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

Admin professionals

Membership in the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals is open to

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all government and government contractor administrative professionals. The chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month, except July, at 11 a.m. For more information, call Amanda Medley 313-4970 or Elise McWilliams 876-4515.

Terrain summit

Terrain Summit '07 is Sept. 24-25 in

Huntsville. For information visit www.terrainsummit.org.

Weapon system forum

The fifth AIAA Biennial National Forum on Weapon System Effectiveness is Oct. 16-18 at Samples Auditorium in Huntsville. This event, hosted by Miltec, a Ducommun Company, will address the

themes of major weapons, test and evaluation, performance analysis, and future systems. Registration is now open. For more information or to register, visit the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics web site www.aiaa.org/events/wse.

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

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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

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Courtesy photo

Penguins rock

Tunisia Sgt. 1st Class Boulbaba ElKamel visits the "Penguins Rock" exhibit at the Tennessee Aquarium in downtown Chattanooga. The International Military Student Office took 14 international students to visit Chattanooga on July 14-15. The students were from Tunisia, Trinidad and Tobago, Belgium and Netherlands.

to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. "Join us Saturday, Aug. 4 from 10-2 for great bargains," a prepared release said. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays through Thursdays. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. 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.

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 25 and 28. For information call Keith Coates of Garrison Safety Office 876-3383. The instructor is Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

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.

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.

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.

Fall semester signup

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.

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. Deadline 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.

Women's equality day

Government agencies in Huntsville will observe Women's Equality Day Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The keynote speaker is to be announced. During this program, each agency will recognize and present Equal Employment Opportunity awards to employees for outstanding career achievements and employee of the year in the professional and administrative categories. These awards will be presented to women who have demonstrated outstanding achievement during their careers. The EEO Supervisor of the Year Award will be presented to a supervisor or manager for significant contributions to the accomplishment of EEO program goals, i.e., one who through his or her efforts extended EEO to minorities, women and disabled applicants and employees.

Road detour

Due to Patton Road overpass construction, the Martin Road detour at the Patton

intersection will continue each Saturday through July, and most likely until project completion in early August. Traffic will be diverted at the Patton interchange ramps and back onto Martin Road directly beyond the intersection. Detours will be in place on Saturdays only.

Employment briefing

A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct a Federal Employment Briefing on Aug. 2 from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. This session is open to military spouses, active duty and retirees. Topics will help participants to understand the federal application process. It will cover the recruitment sources, Resumix procedures, candidate evaluation and the referral process. Call ACS 876-5397 to reserve a seat.

Green to gold

The Alabama A&M Army ROTC program, which includes University of Alabama-Huntsville and Athens State University, is seeking proficient enlisted Soldiers interested in completing an undergraduate or graduate degree and commissioning as Army officers upon receiving the appropriate degree. If you are an enlisted Soldier who has served at least two years on active duty, this is an opportunity for you to advance. Enroll in Army ROTC on campus by using opportunities provided through the Green to Gold Program. For more information or to schedule an interview, call Maj. Annette Woods 372-4023 or e-mail annette.woods@aamu.edu. You may also visit online at <http://www.aamu.edu/rotc>.

Lateral entry

Opportunities to excel under a competitive learning environment are available to qualified prior service individuals who wish to train and commission as second lieutenants in the Army. These opportunities are also available to you if you are an enlisted member of the National Guard or Reserve and wish to become an officer. The Lateral Entry Program will allow you to enroll — as a junior, senior or graduate student with four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation — as a cadet in the ROTC Program at Alabama A&M University. For more information or to schedule an interview, call Maj. Annette Woods 372-4023.

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CFC volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the 2007 CFC Loaned Executive Program. The Combined Federal Campaign office is looking for enthusiastic individuals with leadership and organizational abilities to be a part of the 2007 LE program. CFC is the federal community's single, comprehensive charity drive designed to help others in their time of need. This year's campaign is Oct. 8 through Dec. 7. The Loaned Executive program is critical to the success of CFC. The CFC needs special people to do a special job — bright, energetic people who have the ability to get the job done successfully. It offers an opportunity for the best employees to set an example of caring and concern, not only for their fellow employees, but for the civilian community as well. Loaned executives will be required to attend a four-day orientation Aug. 27-31 and be able to volunteer up to 20 hours per week during the campaign. If you are interested in participating in the Loaned Executive program or would like more information, call the CFC office 876-9143.

Women honorees

The Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama, North Alabama Region is preparing for its Scroll of Honor Awards Luncheon on Oct. 24 at noon at the Von Braun Center, Meeting Room A. The 2007 Scroll of Honor will be awarded to five women. Nominations are being accepted. The Girl

Scouts are looking for any Madison County woman resident who exemplifies leadership as professionals, educators and volunteers. All nominations are due by Sept. 3 to the Girl Scout office at 1515 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville, AL 35816. For more information, call 883-1020.

Brigade commander

The Redstone community is invited to the 59th Ordnance Brigade change of command ceremony 10 a.m. July 30 at the Redstone Parade Field. Col. Jose Enriquez will relinquish command to Col. Thomas Keegan. Inclement weather location is the Redstone Fitness Center. For more information, call Capt. Jacob Quinn 876-3934.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on Aug. 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338, Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden,

Relocation Assistance Program manager, 876-5397.

Buffalo Soldier day

The Buffalo Soldiers Ad Hoc Committee is joining forces with Burritt Museum on the Mountain to host "Buffalo Soldier Day" at the museum on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10 to 4 p.m. The event will raise awareness of the role of Buffalo Soldiers in U.S. history and their connection to Huntsville. The 9th and 10th Cavalry Association of Buffalo Soldiers will be on hand as re-enactors. There will be an art display, demonstrations of a trooper's life, equipment displays and entertainment. The "Blue Notes," a quartet of Huntsville Police officers, will perform along with choirs from local churches. There will also be information available regarding how the community can get involved with the Buffalo Soldier project through a "Buy a Brick" campaign and donations. There is an admission charge to the museum (\$6 for adults, \$4 for ages 2-12 and \$2 for those under 2). But, part of the proceeds will go to making the Buffalo Soldier monument a reality. The ad hoc committee is working to raise about \$250,000 that is needed to erect a Buffalo Soldier statue on Cavalry Hill in northwest Huntsville, the site where the Buffalo Soldiers camped during their stay in Huntsville in 1898-99.

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Logistics achievement award

Nominations for the Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award are being accepted for deserving individuals (civilian or military) assigned to Team Redstone who have made significant contributions to the logistics community and whose leadership and expertise have made a major, positive impact on the Army's logistics program. The 2007 "Ernie" format will include two awards — the Management/Executive Award for GS/GM-13s and above (or military equivalents), and the Professional/Technical Award for GS/GM-13s and below (or military equivalents). Eligible population for the award includes all Team Redstone personnel (government or military) who contribute to the logistics mission at AMCOM. Nominations should be submitted by Aug. 24 to Kathy White of Integrated Materiel Management Center 876-1757. The award will be presented to the winners during a luncheon/ceremony Nov. 8 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Army family team building

Army Family Team Building is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions: volunteer program manager, marketing chairperson, logistics chairperson, and office manager. If you are new to the area or just want to try something new,

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AFTB will provide you with training for these positions. For information call Cathy Hays at Army Community Service 842-8375.

Quarterly retirements

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are required to participate in one of the quarterly retirement ceremonies. Call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969 to make arrangements for participation. Deadline for signing up to participate is Sept. 1. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled Dec. 20.

Logistic engineers

The July SOLE program and luncheon will be held Aug. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Trinity Conference Center on Airport Road. This month's luncheon will be a joint meeting with the Air Force Association and will welcome Air Force Maj. Gen. Chris Anzalone to this community. He is the Missile Defense Agency deputy director for test, integration and fielding. For reservations call Jane Reeves 544-7991 or Dave Welch 837-5282, ext. 1706. The cost of the luncheon is \$14 for non-members, \$13 for members.

Red Cross blood drives

Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Post Exchange. Aug. 9 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ground-Based Midcourse Defense on Bradford Drive, building 5400 and the Sparkman Center. Aug. 10 from 7-noon at

Corps of Engineers. Aug. 16 from 7-noon at building 6263 and 7-12:30 at SMDC building 5220. Aug. 17 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316, 7-noon at 5681 and 7-12:30 at building 4545. Aug. 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency. Aug. 30 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400. Aug. 31 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400.

Concert series

Burritt on the Mountain-A Living Museum's 2007 City Lights and Stars Concert Series continues Friday at 7:30 p.m. The featured group for the evening is The Ken Watters Group. The entire concert series is sponsored by Knology; and The Ken Watters Group is sponsored by Superior Bank. *The Huntsville Times* and WLRH Public Radio are media sponsors. Advance tickets for the City Lights and Stars Concerts are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students; at the gate all tickets are \$15. Tickets for Burritt members are \$10. Tickets may be purchased at Josie's on the Mountain (Burritt Museum Store), AB Stephens Music, and the Fret Shop. To order tickets by phone, call Burritt on the Mountain 536-2882.

Exchange birthday

Join the Post Exchange for birthday cake and coffee today at 10 a.m. to celebrate AAFES' 112 years of service and support to servicemembers. You may register to win a \$112 shopping spree. Check your receipt for a 112th birthday sticker to win an \$11.20 gift card.

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Waiting spouses

The Waiting Spouses talk time is from 1-2 p.m. Aug. 14 at ChildWise play morning building, 1413 Nike St. Karen Scott, a licensed professional counselor with Behavioral Medicine Division, Fox Army Health Center, will coordinate the group. The group is open to anyone who is geographically separated from their spouse who belongs to any branch of the armed forces or Department of Defense

employee and is active duty and deployed or away on an unaccompanied tour or attending extended training. For more information call Scott 955-8888, ext. 1032. Free child care will be available, but registration is required by calling Mary Breedon 876-5397. Child care services will be provided at the ChildWise play morning building from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Shot records are required to use the services.

Redstone Arsenal Environmental Program Public Comment Period – July 22-August 20 Proposed Plan for Interim Remedial Action Installation-Wide Groundwater

The U.S. Army Garrison at Redstone Arsenal is proposing to institute land use controls (LUC) as an interim remedial action for the groundwater under the Arsenal. Groundwater under portions of the Arsenal has been contaminated with volatile organic compounds (e.g., trichloroethylene), perchlorate, and other compounds from past mission-related operations and from non-Army contributing sources outside of the Arsenal. While the Arsenal currently does not use groundwater for drinking water, a risk evaluation has determined that there may be unacceptable risks for potential groundwater users from ingestion of the groundwater. As part of the interim remedy, the Army will continue to prevent potable uses (i.e., water for drinking) of groundwater beneath the Arsenal and develop procedures to maintain control over Arsenal groundwater use for any non-potable needs (i.e., mission-related tasks) until the investigations for groundwater are completed and final remedies are selected. The action also recommends coordination between the Army and bordering government entities (Cities of Huntsville and Madison, Madison County, and Morgan County) for review of proposed off-site groundwater uses that are beyond the Army's control. This review process will serve to protect the community from inadvertent ingestion or exposure to contaminated groundwater beneath areas immediately outside the Arsenal boundary.

The proposed plan is available for review and comment at the following locations through August 20, 2007:

- Redstone Arsenal Office of the Installation Restoration Branch, Environmental Management Division, Building 4488, Room 327L
- Triana Public Library (Triana Youth Center), 280 Zierdt Road, Triana, Alabama
- Huntsville/Madison County Public Library, Heritage Room, 915 Monroe Street, Huntsville, Alabama
- www.environmental.redstone.army.mil under Public Notices

The interim remedy decision will be made only after the public comment period has ended and all the comments have been received and considered. The U.S. Army Garrison-Redstone and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will then decide the interim remedy in consultation with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

For more information, to receive a copy in the mail, or to send comments about the IWGW Proposed Plan, contact:

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