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Army wife wins cancer battle

Works to raise awareness of ovarian cancer threat

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Ten years ago, Susan Leighton should have been looking forward to one of life's many milestones – helping her daughter Teresa get settled in as a freshman in college.

Instead, Leighton was worrying about whether she would be alive when Teresa graduated from Auburn University.

In July 1997, Leighton got the news that many women have long feared – she was diagnosed with advanced stage 3 ovarian cancer.

As the wife of a retired Army chief warrant officer with many overseas assignments, the daughter of a retired Air Force chief master sergeant and a veteran herself, Leighton has faced many challenges associated with the military lifestyle. But, nothing prepared her for a very personal struggle with ovarian cancer.

"I knew there were other women who had ovarian cancer, but there wasn't a way for me to connect with them," said Leighton, who was 48 when she received her diagnosis.

"I knew there were women who had been on the same journey as me. I missed not being able to connect with them. I'm a counselor by profession and I knew I needed to reach out to somebody."

Leighton's daughter and husband were supportive, but not in the way that other women sharing the experience can be.

"My husband tackled it like he would if he was in the military – there's a problem, now let's fix it," Leighton said. "But, I wanted other women who I could talk to about what I was going through."

She did go to a general cancer support group, but the members' response to her cancer frightened Leighton.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SURVIVING CANCER TOGETHER— Ovarian cancer survivor Susan Leighton is thankful for the support she received from her husband, retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bill Leighton, after being diagnosed 10 years ago. Leighton, who is now in remission, is one of the founding members of Lilies of the Valley, a support and awareness group. The organization is also raising funds for a Garden of Life and Remembrance that will be located on the Gateway Garden in downtown Huntsville.

"At the time, statistics were that only 20 percent of women with ovarian cancer survived past five years," she said. "So, when I told them I had ovarian cancer, everyone was quiet and looked worried. I didn't go back."

To make matters worse, there was not a gynecologic oncologist in Huntsville at that time. Leighton had to go to the University of Alabama-Birmingham Medical Center for surgery, chemotherapy treatment and doctor's checkups.

"The timing really made it challenging for me because my daughter was going away to college," she said. "I wanted to be there for her. But, all of a sudden, I was sidelined."

While she endured her treatment – surgery to remove two masses on her ovaries and six

cycles of chemotherapy – Leighton began thinking about starting an ovarian cancer support group. But, when she was told just four months later that her cancer was in remission, Leighton put such ideas aside.

Then, in 1999, medical tests showed a possibility of more cancer and Leighton soon underwent surgery to remove a benign tumor. By 2004, Leighton started having symptoms again and a tumor was discovered on her chest.

"When it came back, it came back big," she said. "I was diagnosed with metastatic ovarian cancer. It spread and I had a tumor the size of a softball sitting on my heart and pressing on my carotid artery."

But, there was also a big change in treatment – a gynecologic oncologist in Huntsville

was treating patients and his wife wanted to start a support group for women with ovarian cancer. So, while Leighton was coping with another surgery and its outcome, she was also making plans for the support group.

"The good news was it was a totally encapsulated tumor," she said. "After surgery, I went right back into remission without chemotherapy."

That good news continued with the first support group meeting in September 2004.

"I can't tell you the difference it made to have women I could share with," she said.

"We started with 10 women at the first meeting. Now, we have 60 women who are members of our group. We have a few who are diagnosed with stage 1, some with stage 3 or 4. We have a number of long-term survivors. We have one who has survived 36 years and another who has survived 27 years. They are not actually in treatment, but they are giving hope to members of the group."

The support and awareness group is known as Lilies of the Valley. Its goals are to make women aware of the symptoms of ovarian cancer, to provide support for women coping with ovarian cancer and to raise funds for the Lilies of the Valley Garden of Life and Remembrance, which will be located on Gateway Greenway on Meridian Street in downtown Huntsville.

"One of the most important things we do is we want to get the word out," Leighton said. "Most women don't know the symptoms of ovarian cancer. Last year, we did an awareness campaign that reached over 40,000 women with printed materials in North Alabama. It is important to know the symptoms and to know how to talk to doctors about it because there is no screening test for ovarian cancer."

Ovarian cancer ranks as the fifth cause of cancer deaths among women and causes more

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An open lane random survey

What's the best movie of all time and why?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Elise McWilliams
AMCOM G-4 (Logistics)
"Imitation of Life" (1959 with Lana Turner). Back in that time, it showed a friendship between a white lady and a black lady. It shows that you have to live your life according to who you are. You have to live your life for yourself and not try to be someone else. In the end, you have to be yourself and love who you are."

Phillip Dark
AMCOM G-4 (Logistics)
"I guess it has to be 'Groundhog Day' (1993 with Bill Murray). It shows if you had enough time you could learn to be a concert pianist."



Gary Bell
Office of Inspector General
"The Passion of the Christ" (2004) because of its witness and realism."



Lt. Col. Meg Foreman
AMCOM Legal Office
"Gladiator" (2000 with Russell Crowe) because it epitomizes the true value of leadership."



Quote of the week

"I can't imagine a person becoming a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got."

— Walter Cronkite

Worker's postcard from Iraq

I felt led to do this challenge in my life and feel honored to be part of the Gulf Region Division Central District, Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq.

I serve as an administrative support assistant in the executive office. Our command averages a 15 percent turnover in personnel every month and one of my most rewarding duties is welcoming our newly-arrived GRC military, civilians and contractors to our team and overseeing their in-processing. I also assist the command group in a variety of other administrative duties.

I want to thank my God Almighty, my family, the Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Army, South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, for this opportunity to serve my country and be part of this tremendous mission of helping Iraqis rebuild their country. It's such a blessing to see the positive impact we're having on Iraqi families as we improve essential services many of us stateside take for granted, such as electricity, running water, sewers, schools, hospitals, fire stations, roads, bridges, etc.

On our own time we collected donations for orphanages, a woman's center and schools. It was truly a joy the day we visited the orphanage and saw the smiles on those children's



Courtesy photo

CHALLENGING TOUR— Debra Ramirez, a human resources technician with South Central CPOC, is serving in Iraq with the Corps of Engineers as an administrative support assistant.

faces when we started handing out gifts. My heart goes out to each of them on the challenges they continue to face.

It's almost time to go home! I've been here since Jan. 14, 2006. I will be departing in August 2007. I have lots of great memories to take home. God bless everyone!

Debra Ramirez
South Central CPOC

Editor's note: Debra Ramirez, a human resources technician with South Central CPOC, is serving in Iraq with the Corps of Engineers as an administrative support assistant. She is to return to Redstone this month.

Preventive measure for Patton bridge

Note that the Patton Road bridge repair over Martin Road is nearing completion. This is at least the second time since I arrived here in 1997 that it required repair due to damage caused by impact of an oversize load. This time they completely rebuilt the bridge and also raised it a small amount.

I have to wonder why they have not taken the obvious step to install barriers of the same height above the road as the new bridge, 100 feet short of the bridge. This could be very simply and cheaply accomplished with metal poles.

It would seem to be an obvious means of preventing this kind of damage in the future, and is far more cost effective than repairing/replacing the bridge. Given the very high volume of equipment entering and departing post, I think this kind of preventive measure would be prudent.

Timothy Ertz

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for your letter. The suggestion in your letter has been previously proposed and after much research it was determined that the best preventive measures that could be taken was to ensure that oversize loads could not enter post. At the truck inspection area just outside of Gate 1, which is the single entry point for all delivery trucks to enter Redstone Arsenal, height restriction barriers have been installed. The height of all inspected vehicles is checked and verified by the security personnel on all trucks entering post. This should help prevent damage to all bridges and overpasses on post in the future. The Patton Road bridge over Martin Road has been raised about 2.5 feet, which will put the new bridge above the state standard of 16 feet. In addition to this, all loads above 13 feet, 8 inches have to be permitted by the state and their route also has to be cleared by the state."

Walk on by with etiquette

I write this letter addressing the people that use the halls of the Sparkman Center as a "walking trail."

I am an avid fan of good health and exercise, so please don't see this as an attempt to bash the people that have the great mindset to stay in shape. However, the problem I have is when they walk down the hall and make it seem as though you are in their way, or doing them a disservice by not moving over.

I actually had a "young" lady ask me to move over which I thought was so rude. I champion the privilege for these people to walk and stay fit and

healthy. But they also need to realize that is just what they have, a privilege and not a right. I hear that there are rules governing "walking" in the halls and I in no way want it stopped. However, a little "walking" etiquette seems to be in order!

The people that are going about their daily duties should in no way have to feel intimidated by people that aren't.

Remember "walking" the Sparkman Center is a privilege, not a right.

Thank you and continue to stay fit!

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Bush urges patience, support for war

By DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Protecting American citizens requires more than tracking who’s entering and leaving the country, screening cargo and making people take their shoes off at airports, President Bush said July 26 in Philadelphia.

“I believe it requires a relentless search (and) relentless pressure on an enemy that wants to do us harm again,” he told members of the American Legislative Exchange Council in urging patience and support for the war in Iraq.

Bush said it’s shortsighted to think that terrorists will retreat if there’s no pressure on them. They’re committed to imposing their ideology and punishing those who stand in their way, so there’s no choice but to confront them, he said.

“The best way to protect you is to keep them on the run (and) keep the pressure on them,” the president said. “And that is exactly what the United States of America is doing and will continue to do so long as I’m the president of the United States.”

But, Bush said, defeating terrorists isn’t enough. “We’re ... in an ideological struggle, and the best way to defeat their ideology of darkness in the long term is with an ideology of hope,” he said. “The ideology of hope is based upon the universality of liberty.”

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

July 22: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol at Gate 1. After he failed the field sobriety test, he was arrested and his vehicle was impounded. He was then



transported to the police station, where he refused the breath test. He was placed into the detention cell until his blood alcohol level reached an acceptable level. Prior to being released he was issued five citations

or summons — for DUI, open container, providing false information to a police officer, no driver’s license and no insurance.

July 24: An individual was found to operating his motor vehicle with a suspended license at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Traffic accidents reported: one without injuries, three with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 12 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 1 no proof of insurance, 4 parking in violation of ordinance, 1 following too close, 1 no driver’s license, 1 expired registration and 1 suspended driver’s license.

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deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system. Ovarian cancer symptoms include: abdominal bloating, unusual fatigue, nausea, indigestion, gas, constipation, diarrhea, urinary frequency or incontinence, unexplained weight loss or gain and shortness of breath.

“This disease used to be called the silent killer,” Leighton said. “But, it isn’t silent. It’s just a matter of recogni-

tion. I am passionate about getting the word out.”

Now, with her cancer in remission, Leighton is working to let other women know about ovarian cancer, and its symptoms and treatments. She hopes the group’s garden will be a place where women can celebrate victories over ovarian and other reproductive cancers

Editor’s note: To learn more about the Lilies of the Valley and the life and remembrance garden, call 880-7366 or visit the web site at www.liliesofthevalley.org.

Getting to know you

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Job: Assistant chef, Morale Welfare and Recreation

Where do you call home?
Madison, Ala.

What do you like about your job?
I enjoy people. I’m a people person.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I’ve got my own little business I run – a catering service I run in my spare time.

What are your goals?
My goal is to stay in the food business until I’m able to open another business of my own. After Fox Den (closed a year and a half ago at Fox Army Health Center), I came to work with MWR. Thanks to Bill Bullen (Post Restaurant Fund business manager) for allowing me to work with MWR.

What’s your favorite type of music?
Down-home blues

Top 1st sergeants put their Soldiers first

Ordway award given to best of the best

By **KARI HAWKINS**

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They are three men who like wearing the hat of a Soldier's Soldier. They have excelled at developing young people into highly trained and motivated Soldiers. They are often in the background, providing their Soldiers with the support they need to be their best in every way.

They are first sergeants.

1st Sgt. Thomas Dobbin of Charlie Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade; Master Sgt. Mitch Jackson of the Army Reserve's 4th of the 108th Chemical Battalion in Huntsville and 1st Sgt. Bruce Head of the National Guard's HHC 142nd Signal Brigade in Decatur were recently recognized by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army as recipients of the second annual 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award.

"Selection of these Soldiers



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CONGRATULATIONS— Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle of the 59th Ordnance Brigade congratulates 1st Sgt. Thomas Dobbin on his win of the second annual 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award. The award, presented in June by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, recognizes the area's best first sergeant in the Army, Reserve and National Guard.

was made because of the many family programs the first sergeants have initiated, and the above and beyond work they do for Soldiers," said retired National Guard Sgt. David Carney, who was among the judges

for the award.

"They work with the family readiness groups, they assist families at Christmas time and they always set the example of a model leader."

The award is named after 1st

Sgt. John Ordway, an active duty sergeant on the Lewis & Clark expedition who has descendants in Huntsville. Ordway performed all the duties required for taking care of Soldiers on the expedition.

"The 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award is a method for us – our AUSA board – to encourage and make leaders across the spectrum aware that taking care of Soldiers and families is extremely important," Carney said. "So, the focus of the award is to honor those first sergeants who do most to support Soldiers and families of Soldiers – based on examples of what they have actually done – not just 'a great first sergeant.'"

Here are profiles of this year's winners of the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award.

Walking the first sergeant's walk

1st Sgt. Thomas Dobbin walks easily in the boots of a first sergeant.

But, he doesn't plan on keeping those boots on for long. Dobbin recently left Redstone Arsenal to attend the Sergeant



1st Sgt. Thomas Dobbin

Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. With his wealth of military experience and knowledge gained from leading various companies, Dobbin is sure to excel at the academy. To his long list of career accomplishments, Dobbin recently added the Ordway Leadership Award.

"This award recognizes all the hard work he has done," Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle of the 59nd Ordnance Brigade said. "It's not just about his hard work at Redstone Arsenal,

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but also about his hard work in other companies and when he was deployed. He is truly worth this recognition.”

Dobbin grew up in Chicago listening to stories about World War II from his grandfather.

“He had a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star,” Dobbin, 38, said. “That was always an attraction for me. I grew up wanting to serve.”

After Junior ROTC in high school, he joined the Army Reserve as an orthopedic specialist. But, a couple years later, in 1988, Dobbin decided to go active Army as an ammunition specialist, with training at Redstone Arsenal.

While at Redstone, Dobbin met now Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Bill Cole, who was recruiting Soldiers for airborne school.

“He was looking for Soldiers who were motivated and outstanding,” Dobbin recalled. “I saw that going to airborne school would put me on a path of getting exciting jobs. I saw the beret and wings. And, I passed the airborne physical test.”

He went to airborne school at Fort Benning, Ga., and was then stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the 82nd Airborne Division, which was deployed in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

“We were mortared all the time. There was a lot of small arms fire. We crossed into Iraq when there was a lot of fighting. I crossed the Euphrates River with the 82nd,” said Dobbin, who earned a Bronze Star for his service in Iraq.

Dobbin’s assignments then took him to Germany and to a second deployment to Bosnia in 1995-96 on a peacekeeping mission with the 1st Armored Division. In 1998, while at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., he was selected for drill sergeant duty. In 1998-2001, he was a drill sergeant at Redstone Arsenal for Charlie Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade.

That job was followed by assignments at Germany posts and, in 2003, Dobbin was deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom as a first sergeant for the 529th Ordnance Brigade. That deployment was followed by his latest assignment at Redstone as the first sergeant for Charlie Company.

“Serving as a drill sergeant and the first sergeant are the two best jobs,” Dobbin said. “In those jobs, you really get to impact the lives of Soldiers. I witnessed so many things. And, I learned that a lot of young Soldiers are basically good. They just need a foundation and a push in the right direction. They need a surrogate parent.”

Dobbin has enjoyed that parental role, offering his experience and support to help develop Soldiers as better people.

“You’re not just building Soldiers, you are building citizens,” he said. “If they are a good citizen, then it’s easy to be a good Soldier.”

Even though Soldiers join the Army from all walks of life, Dobbin said they

have the same basic needs.

“They are looking for guidance,” he said. “They know this is not just a job, it’s a way of life. They want a role model, someone they can look up to and say I want to be like that someday. A lot of them come from places where they didn’t have a positive role model. So, they soak up the good stuff like a sponge. We want to train them and give them life skills to be successful.”

His job with Charlie Company has been made more challenging because of the Global War on Terrorism.

“We have to make sure they get all the proper training,” Dobbin said. “A great majority of them will come here and deploy to Afghanistan or Iraq. That puts extra pressure on to make sure they get the skills to survive. I’ve gotten letters from Soldiers saying ‘thanks for the stuff you taught us.’ They’re using it every day in Afghanistan or Iraq. That’s the kind of feedback we want.”

Just as Dobbin lends support to his Soldiers, his wife Shonda lends support to him.

“When I was deployed, I never had to worry about the kids (Jeron, 21, and Thomas Jr., 15) or my family situation because my wife takes whatever comes and runs with it,” he said. “She understands the role of an Army wife. Her dad was a Soldier. So, she knows what it takes. She knows I have a real passion for what I’m doing and she supports that.”

Growing up in the military

Mitch Jackson was a “quiet and shy” teenager who didn’t care for much of anything when he first joined the military.

Fast forward 14 years later, and Jackson has taken on the uniform of a patriotic Soldier who is eager and committed to lead and develop Soldiers that have the training and skills to serve their nation.

Recently promoted to master sergeant and battalion operations NCO for the 4th of the 108th Chemical Battalion based in Huntsville, Jackson laughs when he remembers those younger days.

“I was 19 years old, and it would kill



Master Sgt. Mitch Jackson

me. I was getting up and actually speak,” he recalled. “I could care less about anything.”

“My sisters all tell me I’m a totally different person now. I’m more confident. I have direction and self discipline. I can lead Soldiers. I can speak in front of Soldiers. I think it’s an honor to be able to serve. I still don’t like being in the spotlight. But, I really appreciate being part of the military.”

Jackson began his military career in the Alabama Army National Guard, assigned to the communications section of the 2nd of the 152nd Armored Division in Oneonta. Two years later, he transferred to field artillery and was assigned to the 1st of the 117th Field Artillery Division. In 2000, he transferred to the Army Reserve, 108th Chemical Battalion.

“There were more challenges and opportunities for me in the Reserve,” he said. “I was able to be an instructor of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear classes for National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers. I was responsible for all aspects of planning and logistics for the chemical Total Army School System battalion.”

As a Reservist, Jackson was activated in 2002 and then mobilized for a year to teach at the Edwin R. Bradley Laboratories at the U.S. Army Chemical School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He then transferred back to the 4th/108th, and became a platoon sergeant for the 326th Chemical Company in Huntsville and, later, its first sergeant. His next assignment took him back as a first sergeant to the 4th/108th, where he was promoted to master sergeant in March of this year. Twenty-two Soldiers report to Jackson and there are a total of 97 in the battalion.

“The operations position is the heart of the unit,” said John Perry, retired command sergeant major of the 4/108th Chemical Battalion.

“Master Sgt. Jackson coordinates all the activities for the unit and sets the standards. I’ve know Master Sgt. Jackson since he was an E-5 or maybe earlier. He is a top notch NCO, a caring husband and father to his children and runs his own restaurant in Arab. He’s been a fair and solid leader to his Soldiers. He sets the example when it comes to the APFT (Army Physical Fitness Test) and always places the welfare of his Soldiers first.”

Jackson is a hands-on leader, setting an example for his Soldiers by working alongside them.

“I believe in leading from the front,” he said. “If my Soldier is out there sweeping the floor, I’m right out beside him. You can’t get out here and tell your Soldiers to do things you can’t do yourself.”

His Soldiers often are teaching classes at Fort Leonard Wood and Fort McClellan. They teach students from throughout the nation and from other countries.

“We can take Soldiers who were in engineering or military police or ordnance and make them into chemical Soldiers,” Jackson said. “We teach them so that if they don’t know the answer, they know where to find it.”

Jackson is often working at home when off duty, making sure his Soldiers have what they need to teach other Sol-

diers. He has established strong personal ties to his Soldiers and their families, including the family of Capt. William “Bill” Hoyt, who died in 2005 in an automobile accident. During that time, Jackson provided support to Hoyt’s family.

When he’s not focused on the chemical battalion, Jackson manages his Arab restaurant, and spends time with his wife Tracy and their three children – 13-year-old Velisa, 3-year-old Bronson and 2-year-old Braleigh.

“Being a Soldier is all about service,” he said. “Sometimes I feel unworthy of this honor. Serving my country has given my life a lot of focus.”

Happy as a Soldier’s father figure

As an Alabama Army National Guard Soldier, 1st Sgt. Bruce Head has been overseas several times to places like Japan, Korea, Thailand and Iraq on deployments.

But, he’s happiest being right here in North Alabama, serving as a father figure to the 120 Soldiers of HHC 142nd Signal Brigade in Decatur.

“The first sergeant is kind of deemed



1st Sgt. Bruce Head

the father of the company,” said the 57-year-old Arab resident.

“I make sure everything – from beans to bullets – is taken care of for the Soldiers. We make sure they have survival skills training and all the training they need. I talk with them about the military, their education, the Army values and ethos. I work with Soldiers from ages 17 to 60, and I love it. I’d rather do that than anything else in my life.”

Mentoring young Soldiers is a job Head enjoys. Although he works at the Guard headquarters during the first weekend of each month, Head spends a lot of free time talking to young Soldiers about personal and Guard matters via e-mail or telephone. Head doesn’t mind lending an ear to listen or offering supportive advice. He is working toward his goal of developing young Soldiers into the best trained Guardsmen possible.

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Hail and farewell

Departing colonel going back to jazz roots

Enriquez leaves Ordnance brigade for assignment in New Orleans

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As he leaves for New Orleans, the jazz capital, Col. Jose Enriquez will be in the right place to renew a hobby he hasn't had time for in his 25 years in the Army.

He can start playing the saxophone again.

Enriquez, who relinquished command Monday of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, will become the chief of staff of the 377th Theater Support Command. It's based at the Naval Air Station in Belle Chasse, La.

"I'll pick (the saxophone) up again," Enriquez said. "I've been meaning to do that and surprise my wife because she never heard me play."

The Camden, N.J., native played professionally with a Latin band during his last few years in high school and first few years of college. The 12-piece band, called Chelo Soto and His Orchestra Borinquen, did contract gigs in nightclubs, weddings, dances and as opening or closing acts for headliners.

"But that was many moons ago," Enriquez, 49, said. "I always said I'll pick this thing back up. Time just hasn't permitted that. Now that I'm going to New Orleans, I'm going right into heaven."

He doesn't plan to join a band, but just pick the sax back up and start playing. Then after several months, he'll see if there are other musicians he can practice with.

"I plan on picking it up and getting back into it and just relaxing," Enriquez said.

That's the personal side of leaving Redstone, the 59th and OMEMS after two years. Professionally, he said he has enjoyed serving as brigade commander. His successor is Col. Tom Keegan, who arrives from the Army War College.

"To be a commander is always the best thing to be doing," Enriquez said. "The folks here are a bunch of great folks. I couldn't have asked for a better team — the civilian folks as well as the military."

The school's more than 2,600 people include over 1,500 students. For the first time, OMEMS was fully accredited within the past year by the Training and Doctrine Command. Other recent accomplishments include winning the command's top brigade award for reenlistment at a medium-size installation during fiscal 2006.

Under base realignment and closure, the school is moving within the next several years to Fort Lee, Va.

"The school will have moved to Fort Lee by 2011," Enriquez said. "In the long run it'll be good because you'll have all your logistics being trained at Fort Lee in one location. So that is a good concept."

He was commissioned as an Ordnance officer through ROTC in May 1982. He has a bachelor's degree in general science from Rutgers University and a master's in strategic study from the Army War College.

Enriquez and his wife, Maria, have two sons. Jose, 26, attends Rutgers; and Alexan-

dro, 22, goes to North Carolina State.

"To the members of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, I would say thank you for all your support and dedication," Enriquez said. "I know that there were a lot of things asked of them with little resources or time and they always came through with an outstanding product. They always deliver an outstanding product. And for their honesty and sincerity and maintaining a positive attitude, I could not have asked for a better bunch of folks to work with."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

COMMAND TEAM— Col. Jose Enriquez, outgoing commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, meets with his staff last week. From left are OMEMS deputy commander Dr. Rick Armstrong, Enriquez, Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle and chief of staff Lt. Col. Mark Davidson.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LAST ORDER OF BUSINESS— Col. Jose Enriquez will report by Sept. 1 to become the chief of staff of the 377th Theater Support Command, based at the Naval Air Station in Belle Chasse, La. He served the past two years as commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

Blood work

Vivian Fields completes a donor's paperwork at the Armed Services Blood Drive, held July 17-18 at Redstone Fitness Center. The Armed Services Blood Program provides blood directly to servicemembers wounded in combat.

■ Association honors NCOs for their leadership

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“A lot of them join the Guard for benefits, school tuition and bonuses,” he said. “They don’t really think about having to go to war. But, my job is to try to prepare them for that possibility.

“My reward is seeing my Soldiers succeed. If they get deployed, I want them to come back alive. I had one Soldier call me from Iraq and say ‘thanks for the training you gave me.’ I want to see them mature and succeed in their military profession.”

Back in 1970, thinking he may get drafted, Head voluntarily joined the National Guard. The Guard provided him with funds for a college education and trained him in signal support duties for the military. It wasn’t long before Head realized he liked the opportunities the National Guard had to offer.

Besides his international deployments, Head has served at Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Stewart, Ga., and other mili-

tary posts. Many of those deployments were only for one-month exercises. Throughout his Guard career and deployments, Head was able to continue working for a hydraulic cylinder manufacturer, and raise his three children with his wife Margaret in Arab.

But, on Sept. 21, 2001, Head was activated and served as a full-time Guard Soldier for four years.

In 2005, Head volunteered to deploy to Iraq, serving as the equal opportunity adviser for the 3,600 Soldiers that made up the 116th Brigade Combat Team at FOB (Forward Operating Base) Warrior, which is near the cities of Kirkuk and Tikrit, and at other FOBs, like McHenry. His service took him into the dangerous streets of Iraq.

“I also provided personal security detail for teams that were setting up government offices, fresh water systems and schools. I helped in dealing with the relationships with oil companies so they could get back on track with their operations,” Head said.

“When you go out into the city, every-

thing is dangerous. There are suicide bombers and IEDs everywhere. We lost some Soldiers – 11 — and we had 300 injuries while I was there.”

Head earned his combat action badge during a mission in Tikrit when a suicide bomber blew up a police station with a 155 artillery round IED and 5,000 gallons of fuel.

“It blew windows out of buildings,” Head said. “But, we were fortunate because only the suicide bomber was killed. We only had five injuries.”

Head, who now works as a security officer for Coastal International Security, which manages NASA Protective Services at Marshall Space Flight Center, knows he and his family have made sacrifices so that he could do his “patriotic duty” with the Guard. But, Head doesn’t regret his service.

“The National Guard has been real good to me,” he said. “It instills a sense of discipline and camaraderie. It develops young people into Soldiers. You get to experience teamwork in a way you’ll never get otherwise. You learn how to trust others with your life and how to be trusted.”

Purple Heart recipient gets hero's welcome home



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TRIUMPHANT HOMECOMING— Sgt. Hubble Hainline of the 128th Military Police Company returns to Huntsville with his wife Shannon after more than 45 days of surgeries and rehabilitation needed to recover from injuries he sustained in a sniper fire attack while on a mission in Iraq.

National Guardsman wounded in Iraq

By KARI HAWKINS

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Alabama Army National Guard Sgt. Hubble Hainline is now a member of a prestigious group.

He has received the Purple Heart, a military award that puts him in a class of veterans that no rank, experience or honor can surpass.

And, along with that Purple Heart, this 30-year-old Soldier has won the appreciation and caring concern of local veterans, civilian Army employees and community leaders. The community's patriotic pride for its most recent hero in the Global War on Terrorism was on display last week when Hainline and his wife, Shannon, were greeted by about 150 well wishers upon arrival at Huntsville International Airport.

Their homecoming on July 24 brought an end to a 45-day journey that took Hainline from the brink of death as the victim of a sniper fire attack in Iraq to a Soldier who wears the scars of battle with dignity and honor.

"I got hit by sniper fire in Tikrit," said Hainline, who was serving with the 128th Military Police Company when he was shot. "Sgt. (Curtis) Lewis saved my life (by immediately putting pressure on the carotid artery to slow the blood loss). He got me in a chopper. I don't remember a lot of it. I wasn't conscious for a lot of it."

But, his wife was. Shannon Hainline was flown to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany to be with her husband. She then accompanied him to Bethesda Naval Hospital and then to a veterans hospital in Tampa for rehabilitation.

"I'm so excited he's home," Shannon Hainline said. "It's been a long road. It's



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WAITING FOR DAD— Brothers Wyatt and Kalib Hainline wait together for their father's return after sustaining serious injuries while deployed in Iraq with the 128th Military Police Company, Alabama Army National Guard.

been hard being away from our kids and the support group I have here."

Among those waiting for the couple's return were their two sons – 5-year-old Kalib and 11-month-old Wyatt – and Shannon Hainline's parents, Thomas and Alice Buchholz, who have taken care of the boys while their mom has been with their father.

Also in the crowd were Kalib's fellow students and their moms from the Mother's Day Out program at Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church; Kalib's teacher, Fhara Walker; and Karen Owen, the wife of Jeff Owen, commander of the 128th in Iraq. The crowd included Soldiers and civilian employees from Redstone Arsenal and Fox Army Health Center, members of the local chapter of the

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New surveillance camera should cut danger in Iraq

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — A new surveillance system that minimizes Soldiers' exposure to harm while providing continual observation in operating areas has been fielded in Iraq after just three weeks of design and manufacturing.

The Army's Rapid Equipping Force developed the Rapid Deployment Integrated Surveillance System, or RDISS, to improve situational awareness for Soldiers at joint security stations and combat outposts throughout Iraq.

"There are a lot of areas, especially obscured areas, around the combat outposts and we needed a way to cut down on exposing the troops to this broad danger," said Sgt. 1st Class Mark Henderson, REF operations NCO.

The REF partnered with Exponent Inc., an engineering and scientific consulting firm, to develop the RDISS, which can be installed quickly and with minimal training.

"In this environment, where a potential sniper lurks around every corner, having the capability to maintain persistent surveillance while minimizing the risk to the Soldiers is a must," said Lt. Col. Daniel Shea, REF team leader in Iraq.

REF staff trained more than 100 Soldiers, Marines and civilians from 20 brigades in the last two months to install, troubleshoot and maintain the system.

"It's a very simple system to install and monitor yet the benefits are priceless," Shea said. "I know of a few occasions in which using RDISS has averted dangerous situations downrange. It's already proven its worth."

REF plans to deploy hundreds of systems to Iraq and Afghanistan by year's end.

"RDISS is a definitive asset when it comes to persistent surveillance, and as long as joint security stations and combat outposts remain targets of opportunity for enemy forces, RDISS will be there to help the Soldiers," Shea said. *(Army News Service)*



Photo by Maj. Robert Lenz

INSTALLING SYSTEM— Sgt. 1st Class Mark Henderson, operations NCO with the Army's Rapid Equipping Force, installs a new surveillance system on Camp Victory, Baghdad. The system is called the Rapid Deployment Integrated Surveillance System, or RDISS.

Competition to determine Army's best warrior

Soldiers and NCOs tested at Fort Lee

FORT LEE, Va. — U.S. Army warriors from around the world will gather here Oct. 1-5 to determine who is the top Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer during the sixth annual NCO and Soldier of the Year "Best Warrior" competition.

The 24 Soldiers and NCOs, who will compete for the Army titles, are wrapping up preliminary competitions held by the 12 major Army commands. The competitors for Soldier of the Year will include the ranks of private through specialist. The competitors for NCO of the Year will include the ranks corporal through sergeant first class.

The warriors will face rigorous tests that challenge every aspect of their training, skills and abilities. The competition begins with four days of testing here. During the testing phase, the warriors will take the Army Physical Fitness Test consisting of push ups, sit ups and a two-mile run; a written examination on general military topics; write a graded essay; fire M-4 rifles for record; negotiate a day and night Urban Warfare Orientation course; be evaluated in a number of critical Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills; and complete

a mystery event.

They will also have selection boards in front of their Army peers. The boards will evaluate each warrior's appearance, military bearing and knowledge in a number of key areas.

Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston will chair both the Soldier and NCO selection boards. The two boards will each be comprised of six senior command sergeants major from throughout the Army.

The major commands that will be represented in the competition are:

Army Forces Command, Training and Doctrine Command, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Army Materiel Command, Eighth U.S. Army-Korea, Army Medical Command, U.S. Army Pacific Command, Space and Missile Defense Command, Army Special Operations Command, Army Reserve Command, Army National Guard, and the Military District of Washington and National Capitol Region, which includes 10 smaller commands.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony Oct. 8, during the Sergeant Major of the Army luncheon held at the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting in Washington, D.C. (*Fort Lee Public Affairs Office release*)

Future civilian leaders get training opportunity

Their development valued by managers

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The Aviation and Missile Command wants to do a better job of training its future civilian leaders.

A meeting Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club was a step in that direction.

This was the quarterly training and annual offsite for Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders. About 75 TACL members participated in the daylong session which included a panel discussion with senior leaders, networking lunch with senior leaders and a Toastmasters workshop.

"Today is about taking advantage of opportunities," Dr. Richard Amos, AMCOM's deputy to the commanding general, said in his welcoming remarks.

While the command does a wonderful



Photo by Skip Vaughn

OPENING REMARKS— Dr. Richard Amos, AMCOM's deputy to the commanding general, addresses members of Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders.

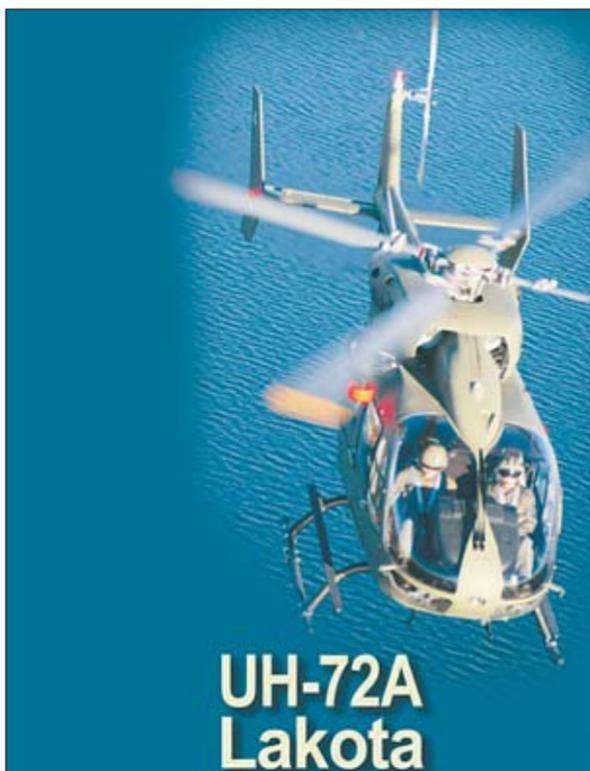
job of developing military officers, "we are absolutely terrible about preparing you (civilians) to be a leader," he said. "Today you're going to have an opportunity to learn from some leaders.

"Your leadership and I think you're important. We think your development is important."

Courtesy photo

Going to Guard

The Army is fielding the new UH-72A Lakota helicopter; and the National Guard is the primary beneficiary. After the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., received the first set of Lakotas, this fielding resulted in the cascading of a UH-60 Black Hawk to a National Guard unit. More than 300 Lakotas remain in the delivery plan and many of these aircraft will go directly to the National Guard.



Benning fitness facility showcases design criteria

Huntsville Center provides support

By DEBRA VALINE
Engineering and Support Center

Staying fit to fight is the Army way. Soldiers and family members at many installations exercise in older facilities that offer basic equipment and limited space, but few frills.

With the dedication of the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Fitness Center June 29 at Fort Benning, Ga., Soldiers and family members there now have a 100,000 square foot, state-of-the-art exercise facility.

The new \$19 million physical fitness facility is the result of a renewed push for what the Army Corps of Engineers calls Centers of Standardization. The Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville is the Center of Standardization for physical fitness centers.

The Smith Fitness Center is one of the first built using the physical fitness center criteria, and it's also the largest to date, according to architect Jay Clark, Engineering Directorate. Clark worked with Janet MacKinnon, the fitness and aquatics program manager for the Army Family Morale Welfare and Recreation Command, and other regional and installation sports and fitness experts to come up with the criteria.



Photo by Jay Clark

POOL PLAY— The natatorium at the Fort Benning fitness center includes a lap pool, a recreational pool with a fountain and a hot tub.

The team looked at what fitness facility functions already existed on the installation and what functions were needed. Flexibility was built into the design so installation commanders can adapt the new facilities to their requirements.

“We found installations had too many basketball courts and not enough aerobic space,” Clark said. “We use standardized criteria rather than plans to get exactly what the installation needs, for instance, more weight rooms.”



Photo by Jay Clark

WEIGHT ROOM— The 10,000 square foot, open air weight room includes a cardio theater.

Benning. “It is a beautiful facility that came in ahead of schedule. The commanding general wanted the grand opening by July 4 and we held the ribbon cutting June 29. The fitness center is right across from the post headquarters so it gets a lot of visibility.”

“We presented the standard, answered questions and reviewed the final design,” Clark said. “We worked with Fort Benning officials to resolve any issues that surfaced during construction. For instance, the request for proposal did not specify the

Huntsville Center worked as a consultant on the design charrette for the project. Savannah District, Corps of Engineers, had the lead for construction. Savannah District awarded the construction contract to Turner Construction. Huntsville Center is now involved in buying the office furniture and furniture for the lobby and pool.

“Standardized information we get from Huntsville is always a help,” said Tim Morris, Savannah District Corps of Engineers’ senior project manager for Fort

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Redstone Arsenal Environmental Program
Public Comment Period – July 29-August 27
Focused Feasibility Study/Statement of Basis/
Proposed Plan
RSA-049 Capped Arsenic Waste Ponds - West

The U.S. Army Garrison at Redstone Arsenal is proposing to adopt the existing multi-layer Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)-type cap with land use controls and long-term groundwater monitoring as the Preferred Alternative for closure of RSA-049, the Capped Arsenic Waste Ponds – West. The Preferred Alternative would provide protection for human health and the environment and ensure that contaminants remaining in soil and waste under the cap will not leach to groundwater. Historically, the three unlined waste ponds received treated arsenic waste from lewisite manufacturing in the 1940s and rubble, ash, and other construction debris from Army and NASA activities until 1977. The ponds were covered with a multi-layer RCRA-type cap in 1997 as part of a non-time critical removal action. The Preferred Alternative provides comprehensive closure by supplementing the existing cap with engineering and administrative controls and long-term groundwater monitoring.

This Focused Feasibility Study/Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan is available for review and comment at the following locations through August 27, 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 final remedial decision will be made only after the public comment period has ended and comments have been received and considered. The U.S. Army Garrison-Redstone and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will select the 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 RSA-049 Focused Feasibility Study/Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan, contact:

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Friends at work remember contract specialist Erma Ivy

PEO Missiles and Space holds memorial ceremony

Erma Ivy, a contract specialist at Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office, died from cancer July 15 at Huntsville Hospital. She was 54.

The Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space held a memorial flag ceremony in her honor Friday afternoon.

Ivy, a native of Holly Springs, Miss., entered federal service as an intern in 1989. She had worked at CCWS since January 1995 in the project office's acquisition management division, business management directorate.

"She helped deliver capabilities," Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer, said during Friday's ceremony. "Contracts are our bread and butter. She was a part of that."

He presented the American flag, which had flown in front of building 5250, to one of Ivy's brothers, Carey Ivy.

"On behalf of the Ivy family, thank you very much," Carey Ivy said.

Survivors include one son, LeBrawn D. Ivy of Huntsville; her mother, Juanita



Erma Ivy



Photo by Skip Vaughn

IN TRIBUTE— Carey Ivy, a brother of Erma Ivy, receives a folded flag from Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco during the PEO's ceremony Friday in Erma's memory.

Ivy of Holly Springs; her father, Herman Ivy of Memphis, Tenn.; five sisters, Shirley Jones, Cynthia Terry, Marilyn Curry, Tina Selman, all of Holly Springs, and Naomi Flagg of Kennesaw, Ga.; six brothers, Cecil Ivy of Oakland, Calif., Herman Ivy Jr. and Alfred Ivy, both of Holly Springs, Carey Ivy of Huntsville, Samuel Ivy of Memphis and Danny Ivy of Batesville, Miss.; 40 nieces and nephews, 23 great-nieces and nephews, two great-great nephews, three aunts and five uncles.

Volleyball season bounces this way

Six-team league rolls into action

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The troop volleyball season has arrived at Pagano Gym.

Six teams, including three apiece in the Eastern and Western Conferences, are competing from July 30 through Aug. 23. Games will be played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6, 6:45 and 7:30.

HHC 59th is the defending post champion.

"I think we're just going to go out there and have fun," HHC 59th commander Jacob Quinn said. "As long as we have fun, we'll be winning. That's what it's all about."

Jason Wryn returns as player/coach for the 59th. Dynetha



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOOD SERVICE— Jason Wryn serves last year as player/coach for HHC 59th which won the post championship.

Childs is also back from last year.

The 59th plays in the East-

ern Conference along with the Marines and Charlie. Western Conference teams include

Bravo, NCO Academy, and Headquarters & Alpha. The postseason tournament starts Aug. 27.

In last year's tournament, the 59th advanced from the losers bracket to beat the NCO Academy in the final. First, the 59th won 25-13, 25-21; and then it took the title 25-18, 25-8.

"I think we'll do real well," NCO Academy volleyball coordinator David Beier said. "From talking with the students, we've got a good cross section and they're willing to go out there and work hard and come together as a team."

Volleyball helps decide which unit will win the coveted Commander's Cup at the end of the troop sports year.

"This is the last main sport of the Commander's Cup," sports director Gaylene Wilson said. "We have this and a 5K run (remaining)."

Young golfer already an ace

Many golfers go their entire lives without making a hole-in-one. A local teen got his already.

Daniel Aiken, 13, made his first hole-in-one July 21 on Hillside No. 3 (150 yards) at the Links at Redstone. He used a Golden Bear No. 5 hybrid club and a Maxfli Noodle golf ball.



Daniel Aiken

Daniel is the son of Maj. Terry and Carol Aiken. His dad, who works at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, witnessed the shot.

"What is especially touching about this is that Daniel was with his dad back on July 12, 2003 when his dad hit his first hole-in-one (140 yards) while playing at Cole Park at Fort Campbell, Ky.," Carol Aiken said. "Terry was also the 2006 Redstone post champion. They both play golf at every opportunity and are fierce competitors on the course."

Entering the ninth grade, Daniel anticipates playing golf for the second year on the Sparkman High team.



Courtesy photo

Third in nation

The Alabama Blue Devils 14-and-under basketball team took third place in the AAU National Division II Tournament held July 16-21 in Cocoa Beach, Fla. The team was created in January by Capt. Douglas Pope of the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors. In the front row, from left, are Dante Freeman, Stephen Hodges, Jordan Benson, Brenton Capers, Montrell Battle and Allen Pride. In the back row are Tim Capers, Cade Johnson, Pierre Troupe, Derek Gibson, Jamar Pope, Preston Hunt, Larry Johnson and Douglas Pope.

'Sesame Street' deployment show nominated for Emmy

By SAMANTHA QUIGLEY

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A television special that looks closely at challenges military families face when a parent is deployed has been nominated for an Emmy Award for Outstanding Children's Program.

Defense Department officials were thrilled to hear the program, called "When Parents Are Deployed" and produced by Sesame Workshop, received such recognition.

"We were delighted to hear of the Emmy nomination of Sesame Workshop's 'When Parents Are Deployed,'" said Leslye Arsht, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy. "For those who are not part of the military family, the impact of deployments and how families cope may be difficult to understand.

"The program ... helps bridge that gap in powerful ways and — to borrow a phrase from 'Sesame Street' — it shows that a servicemember and his or her family are 'people in your neighborhood,'" she added.

Of course, the program's creators were ecstatic about the recognition, as well. "It was really very exciting just to hear about it and the fact that it was nominated," said Jeanette Betancourt, the vice president for outreach and educational practices at Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational organization behind "Sesame Street."

The primetime special, hosted by actor Cuba Gooding Jr., evolved from the Sesame Workshop's initial outreach initiative, "Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families During Military Deployment." The DVD was created and distributed to military families with the help of Wal-Mart and Military OneSource.

■ Physical training in good shape at Fort Benning

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right type of aerobic flooring so they came to us and we worked that issue."

Clark said the team learned they need to develop very detailed criteria and make sure the RFP reflects that. The aerobic flooring was one example; the climbing wall is another.

"They would have liked it to be taller," Clark said. "There were pipes in the construction they weren't aware of. We need to make sure all this is addressed in the criteria."

Clark said planners also had to consider how to address anti-terrorism and force protection issues.

"To get the image that we want to have in these new facilities, but include some of the constraints we have in Army construction like force protection and energy conservation is very challenging, especially on tight budgets," Clark said. "The structure has special reinforcing and special frames. The glass must meet certain requirements, too.

"What we are trying to push is a design that is more like what

you would see at a college or university or a community center — a state-of-the-art facility," Clark said.

Ken Wetherill, Fort Benning's sports director, said "It is a great facility. Everybody did a great job on this. Overall the consensus has been positive. There are some personal preferences that people would have liked to see, but overall, lots of good feedback on the new facility."

Amenities include:

- A 10,000 square foot, two-story weight room with a cardio theater;
- A cardio area in a balcony where you can be out of the way, but watch what is going on in the weight room below;
- A smaller balcony with cardio equipment that overlooks the lobby and the pools;
- A three-court gymnasium for basketball and volleyball;
- A natatorium that has a lap pool and a recreational pool as well as a hot tub;
- A large aerobic room that can be divided into two rooms;
- A women's weight room where there is specially designed equipment and a spinning room.

"I think we've brought the fitness center designs to a modern

level," MacKinnon said. "It is wonderful to see a fitness facility with an open air concept."

A similar, but larger, fitness center is being constructed at Fort Bliss, Texas. It will be built with the same criteria. Once complete, it will be the largest in the Army with approximately 120,125 square feet. There will be five basketball courts. Corps of Engineers' Little Rock District is working with Fort Worth District on that project.

"Fitness is critical for Soldiers," MacKinnon said. "FMWRC conducts three surveys (Sample Survey of Military Personnel, Survey of Army Families, Leisure Needs Survey) that address needs of families and Soldiers. Every survey ranked fitness facilities as No. 1. It is becoming increasingly important to families. Within MWR, fitness facilities remain No. 1 in importance and actual use. It is wonderful when Soldiers enjoy using a facility for recreation which also helps them with mission readiness. They get two-for-one!

"The involvement of the local sports director and his staff is critical to the success of the project," MacKinnon said. "Mr. Wetherill was instrumental in making this happen."

Commissary spot-checks visitor IDs at entrance

A recent change to DeCA Directive 40-6 is that Commissary personnel are now required to perform unannounced spot-checks at the entrance to ensure the visitors are in the company of authorized patrons a minimum of once per month twice a day for a period of 2-3 hours.

The DoD policy still requires that the Commissary ID check be performed at the checkout, rather than upon entry. Therefore, patrons who take part in the monthly spot check and pay for their purchases by check or credit card will be required to present their ID card at the entrance and at the register; prior to the order being rung through the register and then again upon payment.

Checking the signature and name on the ID card against the one entered on the payment instrument provides protection for all patrons and guards against fraudulent usage. Although it may be an irritant, checking the ID at the door ensures the integrity of the benefit. Checking the ID at the checkout is the best way to prevent

unauthorized use of the Commissary by visitors. Visitors are allowed into the Commissary as guest of authorized patrons. This is solely for the convenience of Commissary patrons, some of whom need assistance. Visitors are not allowed to make purchases. In general authorized Commissary patrons cherish their benefit, and will do nothing to jeopardize their individual or collective Commissary privilege.

In another recent change to Defense Commissary Agency directive 40-6, the express checkout is now open for customers with 20 items or less.

The Commissary is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We open 30 minutes prior to allow physically disabled patrons time to select items to be purchased in the store and pay for these items when the store opens," store director Amber Bray said. (*Commissary release*)

Teledyne marks milestone for support

Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. announced Friday that since June 2001 the company has provided 50,000 hours of science operations support for the International Space Station from Marshall Space Flight Center's Payload Operations Center.

Teledyne Brown personnel man the payload consoles 24 hours a day with three shifts of flight controllers. The Payload Operations Center links researchers from around the world with their experiments and astronauts aboard the ISS.

Mentoring program invites participants

Signup under way for six-month cycle

AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources) announces Cycle VI of the People Empowering People mentoring program.

Cycle VI will begin Sept. 17 and end March 16, 2008. The six-month mentoring cycle consists of a variety of educational and guided learning experiences to include mentor/protégé training, lunch and learns independent mentoring sessions, and a culminating capstone experience — a staff ride. Staff rides have a focus such as leadership, continuous improvement, or application of a specific technology.

Mentoring is an opportunity for the command to leverage its diverse strengths and enhance professional development through mentoring relationships. The Aviation and Missile Command has had five mentoring cycles; and 146 protégés and mentors have gone through the program. The mentoring program represents a

cross-section of AMCOM organizations. The protégé portion of the program is open to permanent AMCOM employees at the GS-3 level through GS-13. If you are interested in being a mentor, you must be GS-12 or higher.

Participants' feedback indicates the mentoring program benefits the mentors and protégés in a variety of ways — from learning problem-solving skills, exposure to the "big" picture, to professional development.

What happens in a mentoring relationship can have a profound, deep and lasting impact. The process of creating effective learning relationships through mentoring challenges participants to think about what they might become.

Be a part of shaping AMCOM's future by signing up as a mentor or protégé during the application acceptance period from now through Aug. 8. For more information call mentoring program manager Jackie Timme or visit the G-1 (Human Resources) web site at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/portal.do?sp=301150>.

Redstone cadet tapped for beret

Cadet Master Sgt. Jonathan Allen of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol, Redstone Composite Squadron, has been selected to be a member of the National Blue Berets.

As a member of the NBB, Allen was to serve July 23-29 at the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual air show at

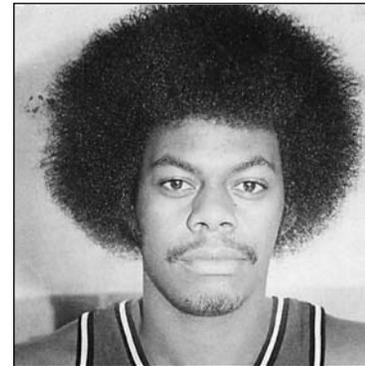
Oshkosh, Wis.

The cadets meet every Tuesday night from 6-8 at the Civil Air Patrol building located behind the Flying Activity at Redstone Airfield. For more information about the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, call Lt. Col. John Hall at 656-5925.

Courtesy photo

Happy 50th

A Redstone worker — who requested anonymity — provided this old photo of a fellow employee (who will also remain anonymous) with the following message. "Can you recognize this person? He played basketball and graduated from Sparkman High School over 30 years ago. Shortly thereafter he started serving the troops here at Redstone Arsenal. This individual is part of an elite awarding winning organization for Redstone. He has seen troops come here as privates, return as NCOs, first sergeants and finally as sergeants major. He has watched them start their career here and retire from here as well. He has always served with pride and does his best to support every Soldier from E-1 through O-8 three times a day, seven days a week for over 30 years. Now he turns 50 on Aug. 6 and plans to continuously serve them with the same pride as long as he can."



New prosthesis could help keep troops in the fight

By FRED W. BAKER III
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – A new prosthesis under development will give servicemember amputees more flexibility and help them better perform their military jobs if they choose to stay on active duty.

A preview of the new technology July 17 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center drew key staff and several servicemember amputees. The open forum allowed users to see improvements in prototype form and ask developers questions or offer suggestions.

In 2006, Otto Bock HealthCare, a global provider of prosthetic components that started out providing devices for German World War I veterans in 1919, began developing a prosthetic knee system that is an upgrade to its already popular C-Leg. It was awarded a three-year \$1 million contract to develop a leg that will allow more servicemembers to stay on active duty if they choose to.

The prosthesis is for above-the-knee amputees and uses a microprocessor to control the knee's hydraulic functions and anticipate the wearer's actions and make changes in real time. This will give servicemembers greater flexibility to change speeds or directions without sacrificing stability.

The project began in 2006, and developers are through the prototype development. Barring any technical problems, the new prosthesis should be available to servicemembers in 2009.

Mobility will be improved, allowing more movement without the user having to concentrate on the knee, said Hans-Willem van Vliet, the program manager.

■ National Guardsman returns home with injuries

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Military Order of the Purple Heart, Patriot Guard Riders, and members of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army and the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition. Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer was also on hand as were representatives for U.S. Reps. Bud Cramer and Robert Aderholt.

Hainline's family appreciated all the well wishers, talking to many of them as they waited for his arrival.

Hainline was shot in the carotid artery while on a mission in Iraq on June 5.

"Shannon got a phone call and she was told he was shot, but that he would be OK," Alice Buchholz said. "But, things got worse after that. Because he was shot in the carotid artery, a blood clot formed and it caused a stroke. He had to have brain surgery. Shannon was there through all his surgeries. She is a very strong and amazing woman, and she helped bring him through to recovery."

Hainline is scheduled for more surgeries to reshape the side of his head. He has lost some eyesight in his left eye, and he may have remaining numbness in his left arm because of nerve damage.

Before Hainline appeared off the airport's concourse, the crowd was led in prayer for his recovery by Rev. James Henderson. They also practiced their "Hurrahs!" in anticipation of Hainline's arrival.

"We want him to hear the cheers," retired Sgt.

David Carney told the crowd.

The cheers were indeed loud and overwhelming. Some in the crowd also wanted to make sure Hainline saw their thanks. Lisa Williams, Sarah Trial and Kate Blankenship of the Space and Missile Defense Command carried a sign welcoming Hainline home.

"We wanted to thank him," Trial said. "We don't have to know him. Every Soldier is special to us."

"He's part of the family," Blankenship added. The women and others from Redstone Arsenal, such as Phil Patterson of SMDC, took time off from work to welcome Hainline home.

"We want to support our Soldiers," Patterson said. "And, we want to show our support not only to this Soldier, but especially to his family. We want to thank them for what they've been through."

"We just stopped what we were doing and took the time to do this," added Sgt. Maj. Randall Williams of SMDC. "We all have busy schedules, but this had to take priority. This is why I come to work every day."

Most evident in the crowd were the Patriot Guard Riders who posted U.S. flags and wore the Patriot Guard biker gear.

"It's an honor to be here," said Patriot Guard Joel Stephens of Decatur. "I was a medic in the Army during the Vietnam War era. I'm glad to see him come home alive."

Carney, who organized the event, was encouraged by the huge showing of support for Hainline.

"Every individual Soldier deserves their welcome home," he said.

Soldier gets \$2,000 from Reserve recruiting

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Pvt. Dustin McMore of Conway, Ark., became \$2,000 richer July 16 as the first recipient of the Army Reserve Recruiter Assis-

tance Program bonus.

To qualify for the bonus, McMore recruited his friend, Pvt. Trent Harris, also from Conway, into the Army Reserve.

McMore learned about the bonus opportunity from his recruiter, Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Covington Sr., just days after enlisting to be a food service specialist with the 460th Chemical Brigade.

"I make sure everyone I put in knows about AR-RAP and the SMART (Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team) program. I also called my prior Soldiers and told them about it," Covington said.

McMore and Harris, who will also be a food service specialist with the 460th Chem. Bde., headed to basic training July 19.

The Army Reserve launched AR-RAP in June. Recruiter assistants earn \$2,000 for helping identify qualified recruits – an initial payment of \$1,000 when the potential recruit signs a contract, then a second \$1,000 upon successful completion of basic training.

Covington said he has high hopes for the program.

"I believe this is the tip of the iceberg. It's going to change the way Reserve recruiting is done," he said, adding that it helps elim-

inate mistrust people may have in recruiters. "When you have a referral there's an automatic level of trust."

To become a recruiter assistant, Soldiers must first complete online training at www.ar-rap.com.

"So far more than 5,000 Army Reserve Soldiers have signed up for the online training, and this is

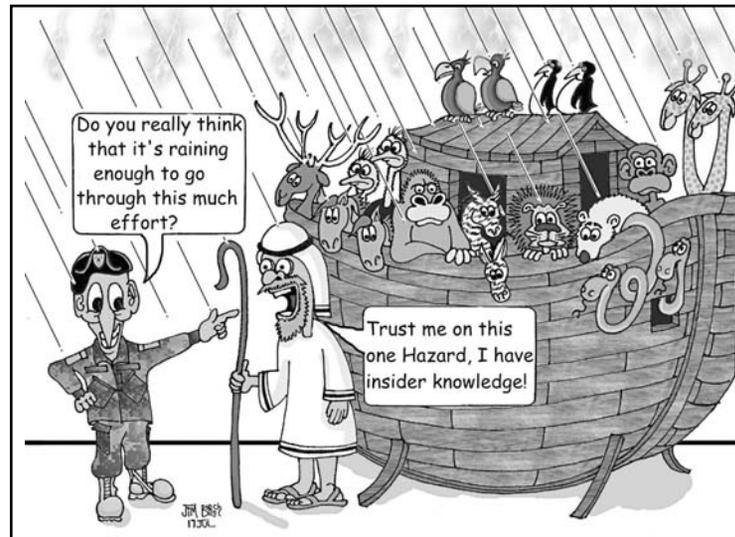
an excellent indicator the program is working," said Lt. Col. Robert Humphrey, chief, Army Reserve Accessions.

RAs may not establish web sites to procure contact information, visit schools without the presence of locally assigned recruiters, or place ads in newspapers and magazines on behalf of AR-RAP. (*Army News Service*)



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Larry J. Mears

BONUS— Pvt. Dustin McMore is presented a \$2,000 check from Megan Kincaid after being named the first recipient of a bonus offered by the Army Reserve-Recruiter Assistance Program.



Game warden's trail leads to post

Smith's adventures resume at Redstone

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**
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Lots of people make use of Redstone's natural resources — hunting, fishing and hiking. If you happen to sneeze while you're out in the Arsenal's wilds, don't be alarmed if one of the bushes says "Gezundheit!" It's just post game warden Kelly Smith on the job.

"And definitely don't shoot," Smith said, laughing.

Smith took over the game warden duties after Cecil Winn retired last summer, but he's not a new face on post. He actually had the job years ago while stationed on post as a Soldier.

"I was the game warden for about eight months until Cecil Winn came on board," he said.

After leaving Redstone and the military in 1987, Smith spent several years as a motorcycle officer with the Decatur Police Department. It is a job he has fond memories of.

"It was a lot of fun actually," Smith said. "Any time you get to ride a motorcycle with lights and sirens on it is a fun gig."

Regardless of the fulfillment he found keeping the streets safe, this native Texan couldn't resist the pull of the great outdoors. So he took a job as a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services special response officer for the Southeastern United States.

"I had always wanted to be in wildlife law enforcement," Smith said. "My time at Redstone had really whetted my appetite for that type of work. It never really got out of my system."

It put him back on the path of adventure. One of those adventures was staking out poachers in the Okefenokee Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Game wardens used a mechanical black bear decoy to draw poacher fire. When the illegal hunters would attempt to take down the decoy, game wardens would move in and make arrests. Smith said poachers were both surprised and impressed by how well the officers would be hidden right in their midst.

"I was camouflaged," he said. "One of the individuals hovered right over the top of me. He never saw me. He got within inches of my face looking for bear tracks and never saw me. I got up and told everyone to stay where they were. They were pretty well speechless for two or three minutes. I guess they weren't

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Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

OUTDOORSMAN— Game warden Kelly Smith is on the job in the woods and fields of Redstone.

■ Wading in swamps doesn't faze game warden

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used to 'Swamp Thing' rising up out of the mud."

Surprising people with guns was a dangerous job, but it was a risk Smith was willing to take to protect natural resources.

"They were pretty well-heeled with the firepower," Smith said.

Sometimes the areas and animals on his watch were exotic, such as the time he was sent to Puerto Rico to stand guard over endangered sea turtle nests.

"I was detailed to just off the coast of San Juan," he said. "Most of the time I was there I worked 12-hour night shifts."

Other times the animals and habitats were a little more famil-

iar, but just as important. Smith spent time in the Big Woods region of eastern Arkansas keeping well meaning spectators from disturbing the habitat of an animal thought to be extinct for years.

"They rediscovered the Ivory Billed Woodpecker, which they thought had been extinct for the last 60 years," Smith said. "Once it made the news people were coming from all over to try and

"I have no problem walking 10 miles to go check on someone. I've done it many times. Fortunately, I'm a fitness buff."

— *Kelly Smith,*
Redstone game warden

see this bird. Evidently, one publication had offered a \$50,000 cash reward to the person getting photographic proof of this bird."

When his mother's declining health called Smith back to Blooming Grove, Texas, in the late 1990s, he returned to police work as the town sheriff. He missed being a game warden, but it was good to be back for a while. Among other things, it was a chance to see one of his favorite childhood events as a member of the audience instead

of an entrant.

"There would be armadillo races. You would go out, catch one and enter it. I never won," Smith said, laughing. "My armadillo would either not want to run at all or it would take off sideways."

Smith returned to Redstone in 2005. He said there was never a question that he would come back someday. This area had a special place in his heart.

"North Alabama is home to me," he said. "I spent so many years here, from age 20 to 35. It just felt like home."

He said laughing that with his time as a game warden here and at the federal level, he may have walked, crawled and climbed every tree, rock and mud puddle in the South.

Even though the instance of poaching and illegal activity at Redstone is minimal, Smith still spends the majority of his time

on patrol around the installation. It is a physically demanding job.

"I have no problem walking 10 miles to go check on someone. I've done it many times," he said. "Fortunately, I'm a fitness buff."

He also makes good use of his ability to blend in to keep a close eye on the resources in his charge. Occasionally, he hears a little more than he means to.

"Trying not to give away my position, I had hunters sit down and talk right in front of me," Smith said. "I heard all kinds of stuff. I know everything those guys had done the night before, where they had been and who they had been with. They never noticed me."

Hunters on post will be grateful to know that discretion is included on the game warden's list of skills—right next to integrity, responsibility and impersonating a mud puddle.

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Sports & Recreation

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.

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.

Boating safety

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights from Aug. 9 to Sept. 20 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive, Redstone Arsenal. Classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee

covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621 or cellular 527-4475.

Youth golf

The Summer Youth Golf Clinic, for ages 7-17, is Saturday from 2-3 p.m. at the Links at Redstone. Register at Child and Youth Services, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. For more information call 883-7977, 313-3699 or 876-3704.

School House 5K

The School House Run 5K and 1-mile fun run is Sept. 22 at the old Council 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 Council building and to support Christmas Charities Year Round. For more information, call 837-2373.



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.

AMCOM town hall

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, will hold a town hall meeting Aug. 8 at 9 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. As in the past, coordination will be made to ensure video-teleconference hookup with the CCAD, LEAD, ACLC, AATD and Lower Tier PM organizations. The session will also be televised on Channel 42.

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 Active and Retired Federal Employees Association 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.

Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society) will meet Thursday 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.

Admin professionals

Membership in the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals is open to all government and government contractor administrative professionals. The chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. For more information, call Amanda Medley 313-4970 or Elise McWilliams 876-4515.

Computer users

The Huntsville PC User Group's Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet at 9:15 a.m. Aug. 11 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. The SIG leader will be Kevin Wangbickler, HPCUG president. At 10:45, Gene Zajicek, a photographer and a teacher of photo manipulation, will discuss and demonstrate computer programs for combining multiple, digital photographs into single, seamless photographs. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 830-2232.

Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table meets 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Jeffrey Ewing, a local documentary filmmaker, is to speak on "The History of Ft. Oglethorpe and the Chickamauga National Military Park." The meeting is free and open to the public. Chicken dinner buffet is available for \$6.95 at 5:30. Call 858-6191 for more information.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Aug. 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. The scheduled speaker is Shirley Hornaday, regional director for Southern Region, Acquisition Support Center. She will talk to members about acquisition career management issues. For ticket information, call Marlene Clemons 313-2378 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

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 Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the

25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. "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.

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.

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

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

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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

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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.

Employment briefing

A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct a Federal Employment Briefing on Thursday 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.

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.



Courtesy photo

Ammo graduate

Saudi Arabian Capt. Shuji Alsubaii graduated Friday from the Ammunition Warrant Officer course.

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.

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.

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

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 pro-

ceeds 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.

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.

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 Friday 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.

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

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