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Brigade sees change of leadership

Col. Keegan takes helm of 59th Ordnance Brigade

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Military ceremonies like this might become a rare sight at Redstone within the next several years.

Soldiers and Marines assigned to the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School were assembled on the Redstone Parade Field for a change of command ceremony July 30. Under base realignment and closure, OMEMS will move to Fort Lee, Va., by 2011.

Col. Jose Enriquez relinquished command of the 59th to Col. Tom Keegan during the ceremony.

"I am proud to have served as your brigade commander," Enriquez told the troops. He commanded the 59th for two years.

Brig. Gen. Rebecca Halstead, chief of Ordnance and commandant of the Ordnance Center and Schools, served as the ceremony's reviewing officer. She told Enriquez, "You and your team have made a difference every single day."

Halstead welcomed Keegan to the brigade and OMEMS team. "Tom, your reputation for selfless service commanding and leading by example precedes you," she said.

Keegan, 46, a native of San Diego, arrived from the Army War College. He had attended the Ordnance Officer Basic Course in 1984 and the Ordnance Officer Advance Course in 1989, both at Redstone Arsenal.

"I'm ready. I feel fully prepared for this command," Keegan said after the ceremony. "I'm very comfortable in command. I like doing it. So I'm very excited about becoming a part of what's going on here."

Keegan graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, with a degree in

aerospace engineering in 1984 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps.

He and his wife, Laura, have three children: John, 15, Carole, 12, and Sarah, 2.

Enriquez 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'm ready. I feel fully prepared for this command."

— Col. Tom Keegan

The Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance 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.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ACCEPTING COLORS— Col. Tom Keegan receives the 59th Ordnance Brigade colors during the change of command ceremony.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PASS AND REVIEW— Members of the brigade color guard march past the reviewing stand at Redstone Parade Field.



Photo by Master Sgt. Barrett Parris

ORDNANCE SONG— Sgt. Maj. Gregory Knight sings the Ordnance Song at the conclusion of the ceremony.

An open lane random survey

Should someone convicted of dogfighting go to prison?

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Holly Hajari
AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs
"Yes. Because you're killing innocent animals and it's promoting violence. And I like animals."

Lt. Col. Jeff Knight
AMCOM Acquisition Center

"Yes. Because it's inhumane."



Ronnie Kirkland
Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School
"I have mixed views on that, based on the extreme of it. Meaning, it happens elsewhere. I don't condone animal fighting, but I'm a little leery on the jail side. I think you should fine the daylighters out of them so they won't do it again (laugh). Jails are crowded enough."

Stephanie Hill
Morale Welfare and Recreation
"Yeah, it's a crime. It's illegal, it's harming animals and you're gambling. And that's wrong. Anytime you do a crime, there are consequences."



Quote of the week

'Well done is better than well said.'

— Ben Franklin

Letter to the Editor

Waiting behind truck traffic

Something should be done about commercial truck traffic using Gate 1 during the bridge construction on westbound Martin Road. I just waited over 40 minutes stuck on the bridge that is open because of the backlog of commercial traffic ahead of me. There was no way to turn around nor was there sufficient advance warning to do a U-turn on Martin Road. How about restricting all commercial truck traffic to Gate 9 until the new Martin Road bridge is complete?

Richard Hunt

Lead mission equipment engineer

Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Name: Staff Sgt. Thomas Jackson

Job: Instructor at the Multiple Launch Rocket System Training Department, OMEMS

Where do you call home?
Plant City, Fla.

What do you like about your job?

I've been in it the whole time I've been in the military. I've been in 18 years. I enjoy the job. I enjoy working on launchers.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spend time with my family and sports. I like watching sports, playing dominoes and things of that nature.

What are your goals?

Go ahead and finish up my bachelor's degree (in general studies at Columbia College). And retire; get another job once I get out. Get a good-paying job that'll help me support my family (including wife, Dana, and son, Jarrod, 15 months).

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



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Chocolate a day may keep doctor away

Eating a small piece of dark chocolate with less than 30 calories seems to lower blood pressure, according to a recent study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Dark chocolate contains flavonoids and antioxidants, which relax blood vessels and protect against free radicals that contribute to heart disease. Look for dark chocolate with at least 70 percent cocoa content. Identify the type of fat used to make the dark chocolate and choose one that is made with cocoa butter, which has a neutral effect on cholesterol levels in your body.

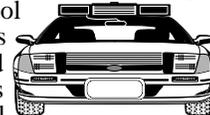
Very dark chocolate may be somewhat bitter so you may have to try different ones to find one you like. A word of caution: Chocolate is high in fat and calories. A 3.5-ounce dark chocolate bar has about 500 calories, whereas a medium apple has about 60 calories. Portion control is the key to getting the heart-healthy benefit of dark chocolate without getting too many calories. For more information on chocolate or any nutritional topic, visit "Ask the DeCA Dietitian," where you can post a question or comment and get quick feedback from DeCA dietitian Maj. Karen Fauber, at http://www.commissaries.com/healthy_living/dietitian/index.cfm. (Commissary release)

Look for dark chocolate with at least 70 percent cocoa content made with cocoa butter. Keep portions in control – aim for less than 30 calories.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

July 28: An individual was found to be operating his vehicle under the influence of alcohol after stopping at Gate 1. He was transported to the police station and processed. During the process it was determined that he was an illegal alien. After spending 12 hours in the detention cell, he was released to an immigration custom officer for deportation.



July 31: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after being stopped for speeding. He was issued two violation notices and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 9 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 failure to yield.

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Missile Defense Agency has new home

Von Braun II building opens with dedication

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**
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Program directors, project managers, employees and politicians gathered in front of the Von Braun Complex's new addition July 30 to talk about the past, present and future.

"This is a good day for Redstone Arsenal and a great day for the United States of America," Sen. Richard Shelby said.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the official commissioning of building 5222, also known as Von Braun II, and the close of construction on the project. It took almost two years and \$44.4 million to complete the 240,000 square foot facility, which will house the Missile Defense Agency.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Trey Obering, director of MDA, acknowledged that this facility is just the first step toward his agency's future.

"This is the physical manifestation of the first major milestone of MDA's move to the Tennessee Valley," Obering said.

He spoke briefly about MDA's importance to the Global War on Terror, both now and in years to come.

"With the developments in North Korea last year, for the first time ever, our president had the option of activating a defensive system to protect the nation," he said. He praised the joint effort of lawmakers, workers and industry which makes that possible. It was a sentiment echoed by the speaker who followed him.

"Part of the reason we are here today, among other things, is to continue to build that shield that protects our nation," Shelby said.

In addition to Obering and Shelby, audience members heard from Sen. Jeff Sessions, Reps. Bud Cramer and Robert Aderholt, and Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

DEFENSE VISION REALIZED— Air Force Lt. Gen. Trey Obering, director of the Missile Defense Agency, addresses the crowd at the commissioning ceremony for phase II of the Von Braun Complex.

One of the most eye catching features of the building isn't part of the structure itself. On the back wall of the lobby area are five pages, hand-edited with scribbled notes and revisions, in a simple wooden frame. It is the "Star Wars" speech given by President Ronald Reagan on March 23, 1983 where he outlined a plan to use missiles to defend the country against attack.

The display serves not only as decoration, but as a birth certificate of sorts for MDA.

"In 1983 President Reagan had a vision," Obering said. "What you are witnessing and being a party to is a

realization of that vision."

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendations included moving significant portions of the Missile Defense Agency from the Washington, D.C. area to Redstone Arsenal by 2011. The Von Braun II building is expected to hold more than 950 MDA employees.

Construction of the next phases of the Von Braun Complex is already being planned.

"It won't be long until we have the third phase," Shelby said. "Then what comes after that, as you well know, is the Army Materiel Command."

Shadow knows 200K flight hours

HUNT VALLEY, Md. — Shadow 200 unmanned aircraft systems, designed and produced by AAI Corporation, surpassed 200,000 total flight hours in July — doubling the 100,000 flight hour milestone set in June 2006 in less than 13 months.

This hours-of-operation milestone was reached in early July, during a sortie operated by an Army unit supporting ground operations in Iraq.

More than 88 percent of the flight hours of Shadow 200 systems, which the Army designates as RQ-7B systems, have been in support of U.S. and allied operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Army selected AAI as its Shadow prime contractor in December 1999. To date, 74 complete systems have been ordered, including 296 aircraft and 148 ground control stations. Each system includes four aircraft, two ground control stations, and other components. (AAI release)

General censured for Tillman investigation mistakes

WASHINGTON — The Army's senior civilian announced Aug. 1 that a retired three-star general will receive a letter of censure as the result of a review of previous military investigations into the death of Cpl. Patrick D. Tillman.

Secretary of the Army Pete Geren said a "perfect storm" of events initially obfuscated the facts regarding the April 22, 2004, death of Cpl. Tillman, an Army Ranger who was killed by friendly fire near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. Tillman, a former National Football League star, was initially reported to have died as a result of enemy fire.

After reading a review of previous investigations performed by Gen. William Wallace, commander of Training and Doctrine Command, Geren said he decided to issue a letter of censure to retired Lt. Gen. Philip Kensinger, who'd commanded U.S. Army Special Operations Command at the time of Tillman's death.

"I believe the buck stops with General Kensinger," Geren said. "He was the senior leader in the chain of command for administrative control for the 75th Ranger Regiment." (American Forces Press Service)

Real American hero visits research center

Sergeant portrayed inside online game

By MERV BROKKE
AMRDEC Public Affairs

Sgt. Tommy Rieman, a member of the America's Army online game Real Heroes program, is one of only a few people who can say that they are an action figure.

Not only is Rieman an action figure but he is also modeled inside the online game. During his recent trip to the Software Engineering Directorate's America's Army Project Office, Reiman presented Dr. Bill McCorkle, executive director of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, with an autographed Sgt. Tommy Rieman action figure.

Rieman and other Soldiers in the Real Heroes program play an important role working with the America's Army game developers to make the games realistic and authentic. He visited Redstone Arsenal to



Photo by Tommy Harris/AMRDEC

LIVE ACTION FIGURE— From left are Dr. Bill Craig, director of the Software Engineering Directorate; Sgt. Tommy Rieman, a member of the America's Army online game Real Heroes program; Dr. Bill McCorkle, executive director of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center; and Frank Blackwell, program manager of the America's Army Project Office responsible for managing the public America's Army game and all government America's Army applications.

review the new XBOX 360 game titled America's Army: True Soldiers that will release

exclusively for the XBOX 360 in the fall.

Members of the Redstone

and Huntsville community met with Rieman during a reception for him hosted by the America's Army Project Office at the Software Engineering Directorate. For two hours Rieman autographed copies of the America's Army online game and spoke to everyone about his military experiences and his role in the Real Heroes program to tell the stories of Soldiers who have exhibited courage under fire in the war on terror and have received awards for valor for their actions.

The first XBOX game was America's Army: Rise of a Soldier which was released in fall 2005 and reached the top 20 in total game units distributed for the Xbox worldwide during the 2005 holiday season.

The public America's Army PC game, which is free to download at www.americas-army.com, is consistently one of the top 10 online video games with over 8.5 million registered users and 2 million missions played each day.



Courtesy photo

Equality day speaker

Sharon Houy, associate deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, is keynote speaker for the Women's Equality Day luncheon and awards ceremony Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost for the luncheon is \$12. For more information and to RSVP, call Julia Story 842-7954.

General officers' wives welcomed to Redstone

Club members hold event for two new residents

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Two of Redstone's newest residents have been officially welcomed to the neighborhood.

Kathy Campbell and Alice Myles are guests of honor at a welcome tea July 31 conducted by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club. The event in the Officers and Civilians Club drew 114 attendees.

Campbell is the wife of Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command. Myles is the wife of Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

"I have the pleasure of introducing you to our guests of honor, Mrs. Kathy Campbell and Mrs. Alice Myles," OCWC president Lori Smith said during the program.

"Thank you to God for sending us to Huntsville," Campbell said on behalf of herself and her husband. "We feel blessed



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GUESTS OF HONOR— Kathy Campbell and Alice Myles enjoy their reception July 31 from members of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club.

to be here."

"We really do love being here," Myles said. "It's a beautiful place, it's a lovely community and we're really grateful to be a part of it."

The OCWC has more than 250 members. Myles will serve as its honorary president; and Campbell will be adviser.

Army chief recognizes recruiting station

Mechanicsburg meets goal in first six months of year

By Staff Sgt. CHRISTINA M. O'CONNELL
Army News Service

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. – Army chief of staff Gen. George Casey on July 27 visited Mechanicsburg recruiters, who met their yearly recruiting mission just six months into the recruiting year.

The Mechanicsburg Recruiting Station, which falls under Carlisle Recruiting Company, met its yearly mission of enlisting 64 Soldiers into the Army by late April with six months left in the recruiting year. The company also oversees Carlisle Recruiting Station, which was the first Army recruiting station to meet its 2007 active-duty recruiting goal.

“The main purpose of this visit was to congratulate them on the great job they’ve done and continue to do,” Casey said. “I also wanted to hear from them what challenges they face in recruiting and suggestions on how we can support them.”

Mechanicsburg recruiters shared their

suggestions and comments on the Army’s current recruiting strategies and tactics, offering ideas ranging from advertisement to incentives.

“I was very impressed with the quality and caliber of the Soldiers I met today,” Casey said. “They had great work ethic and insightful suggestions for me to take a look at.”

Meeting recruiting missions during a period of protracted war and low desire for enlistment has been a challenge for Army recruiters, though they continue to meet yearly goals. In fact, the command currently has 276 more accessions so far this year than at the same time last year.

Despite only meeting 83.7 percent of their June monthly mission, USAREC has reached 101.4 percent of their yearly mission in the active Army and 95.9 percent in the Army Reserve, with 70,000 new Soldiers committing to the active- and reserve-components so far this recruiting year.

“There are certainly challenges with recruiting when we’re a nation at war,” Casey said. “But we’re also at a time when men and women can get in there and make a difference in our nation’s history. The stakes are high; they’re our way of life.”



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christina M. O'Connell

MISSION ACHIEVED— Army chief of staff Gen. George Casey tells members of the Mechanicsburg, Pa., Recruiting Station how impressed he is with their reaching the yearly recruiting mission six months into the recruiting year July 27.

Corps continues cleanup from Katrina damage

Huntsville Center worker volunteers with field team

By TOM CLARKSON

Public Affairs, Louisiana Recovery Field Office

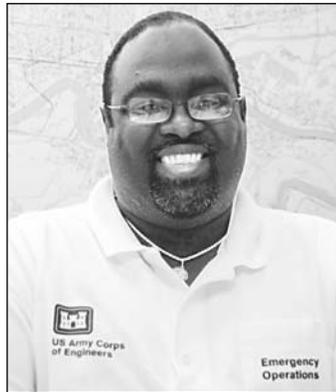
JEFFERSON PARISH, La. — His dark, intense eyes say it all. He takes his work very seriously; it is very serious work — the number one stateside mission for the Army Corps of Engineers.

Back home, 39-year-old Arthur Martin III has been chief of the operations branch at the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center for two of his 20 years in Corps service.

This summer, as an Army Corps of Engineers volunteer with the Corps' Louisiana Field Recovery team, he heads a diverse, effective mix of Army active duty and Reserve personnel, government service professionals, rehired-retired Corps veteran volunteers and contractors.

Martin is the resident engineer for the Jefferson Parish Debris Office. It's not a job for the faint of heart.

For almost two years, the Corps of Engineers has been supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency's response recovery efforts in 40 Louisiana parishes, including Jefferson. FEMA tasked the Corps to install 81,000 "blue roofs," replace 310 public structures and school buildings, remove 28 million cubic yards of debris, demolish 12,000 structures, and several other missions.



Arthur Martin III

See **Cleanup** on page 16

Visit exchange online mall for more savings

Military shopping selection expands

DALLAS — The addition of five new suppliers to the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Exchange Online Mall means even more savings and selection for military shoppers.

ShoeBuy, BagsBuy, Ritz Camera, BellaBlu Maternity and Football Fanatics all have recently joined more than 70 other name brand suppliers already on AAFES' virtual concession mall at exchangeonlinemall.com.

ShoeBuy is the largest e-tailer on the Internet focused on all categories of footwear and related apparel. From boots to sandals, ShoeBuy has partnerships with more than 250 manufacturers. In addition to free shipping anywhere in the United States, military shoppers who shop ShoeBuy through exchangeonlinemall.com save an additional 7 percent.

BagsBuy offers a huge selection of bags including handbags, laptop and duffel bags, briefcases and backpacks. Military shoppers visiting BagsBuy through the exchangeonlinemall.com can browse from more than 120 brand names and save an extra 7 percent and receive free shipping within the United States.

Ritz Camera has everything a shutterbug needs including state-of-the-art cameras, camera accessories, camcorders, home electronics, printers, scanners and binoculars. With a 5 percent discount on all merchandise and free shipping on orders of \$100 or more, military photographers shopping Ritz Camera through the

exchangeonlinemall.com are sure to save.

For military moms-to-be, BellaBlu Maternity is home to hip clothing that is both trendy and functional. BellaBlu offers career wear, swimwear and intimate apparel along with maternity jeans, dresses, formal wear and tops, all at a 10 percent discount for military shoppers using the exchangeonlinemall.com.

Finally, Football Fanatics carries more than 50,000 unique team and league licensed products featuring NFL, college, MLB, NBA, NASCAR and NHL teams. Additionally, the site offers a wide variety of products including kids jerseys, women's jewelry, hats and infant accessories with a 10 percent discount on every order placed through the exchangeonlinemall.com.

"We continue to partner with new suppliers to offer even greater value and selection to military families," said Richard Sheff, chief marketing officer. "The added selections of merchandise these partners offer ensure military families who exercise their exchange benefit always find the right product at the right price."

The Exchange Mall is a concession mall offering online service and merchandise to military members around the world. Today, more than 70 third party sites, including Technique, which features heat stress and cold weather related products, online book store Books A Million and music download site Napster strengthen the exchange benefit through their active support of the exchangeonlinemall.com. (AAFES release)

Soldier cited for paying ultimate price in war



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

WELL DESERVED— Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco presents honors to Mitchell Millican, father of Pfc. Johnathon Millican, who was killed in Iraq. The Soldier's widow, Shannon, center, was also honored.

Army presents Silver Star in Locust Fork hometown

By DAN O'BOYLE and SHAREE MILLER
For the Rocket

LOCUST FORK — With the preamble: "The Greatest Generation is sitting before us," Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space, addressed the sun-drenched audience July 28 at the home football field of a fallen American hero.

Admittedly — with a sense of heartfelt sadness — but more importantly with a sense of supreme admiration — about 600 filed into the stands surrounding the Locust Fork High School gridiron turf to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice paid by one its 2005 graduates — a true American patriot struck down in the Global War on Terrorism.

Pfc. Johnathon Millican, 20, fell on an enemy concussion grenade to protect his fellow Soldiers, Jan. 20. Five Soldiers were killed in the Karbala attack.

Millican was a member of the 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment from Fort Richardson, Alaska.

"This was a Soldier who believed in the Warrior's Ethos: Never let a comrade die — never leave anyone behind," Dellarocco said. "He never gave up; that's very important and very typical of today's generation who volunteer to become Soldiers in the United States Army."

Millican's sacrifice and service was further highlighted.

"He served to keep our nation safe and strong," Dellarocco said. "I am here today on behalf of the chief of staff of the Army to present an award, and the Army has taken extraordinary steps to go through the process on this particular award recommendation to make sure that the Army is doing the right thing. Folks, the Army is doing the right thing."

Dellarocco's emphasis was greeted by a standing ovation.

"This Soldier earned the Silver (Star) Medal," Dellarocco said. "I want you to know that."

Millican's paraphrased citation read: "On the evening of 20 January 2007 the Karbala Provincial Joint Coordination Center was attacked by a group of 25 to 30 well trained fighters. During the attack, men dressed in Iraqi police uniforms attempted to force their way into the Tactical Operations Center where Pfc. Millican and four other Soldiers were on duty. The attackers were unable to place effective fire in the room and used a weapon to pry the door open and throw in a grenade. When the grenade entered the room, Pfc. Millican identified the threat and threw himself on top of the grenade. While it proved to be a concussion grenade, Pfc. Millican was unaware of that fact when he used his body as a shield. Throwing himself on the grenade placed him in the restricted line of enemy fire and he was subsequently killed by small-arms fire."

A flyover by a KC-135, a tanker jet from the Birmingham-based 117th Air Refueling Wing of the Alabama Air National Guard, was also part of the ceremony, as well as the Sons of the American Revolution and the Patriot Guard motorcycle-riding veterans.

"He could just as easily have jumped behind a desk or ducked down or whatever, but he chose to cover the grenade," Mitchell Millican, the Soldier's father, said. "And, to me, that shows character that's becoming."



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

HERO'S MEMORIAL— Locust Fork High students will always be reminded of the bravery of Pfc. Johnathon Millican, an alum.



Courtesy photo

MEMORIAL— 1st Lt. Frank Walkup IV died June 16 in Kirkuk, Iraq from injuries sustained in Rashaad, Iraq. He was buried July 4 in Woodbury, Tenn.



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

FAMILY KEEPSAKES— Bonnie Coleman, left, and Kathy Konopaski, executive assistants in the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, prepare to pack up items donated by the PEO's project offices and industry partners. The items are slated for the nine siblings of 1st Lt. Frank Walkup IV.

Huntsville native takes command of logistics service

Marine colonel has Army roots

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Marine Col. Laura Jersey Sampsel, a Huntsville native, became the first woman to lead the Defense Logistics Information Service during a July 17 ceremony at the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center presided over by Army Lt. Gen. Robert Dail, director of the Defense Logistics Agency.

Sampsel became the 20th commander when she relieved Marine Col. John Fitzgerald, who served as DLIS commander for two years.

The new commander is from a military family. Her father, Army Col. Donald Jersey (deceased), served in World War II,

Korea and completed three tours in Vietnam as part of his 30 years of service. During the ceremony, Sampsel told Dail that her mother, Claudia Jersey, was “tickled pink” that she would be working for an Army general now.

While her sister followed her father's footsteps into the Army, Sampsel was commissioned as a Marine second lieutenant in 1983. Dail noted in his remarks that Sampsel's own 24 years of service have given her a great deal of experience in aviation supply and maintenance.

“She has served at every level and her previous experience will serve her well,” Dail said. He welcomed her “fresh energy” and “fresh set of eyes,” calling her a leader who knows how to take care of people.

Addressing her workforce for the first time, Sampsel said, “You are remarkable and I look forward to leading you.”

Sampsel comes to DLIS with previous joint service at U.S. Central Command and is a certified joint service officer. She deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom during her tour of duty with Marine Forces Pacific as the Aviation Logistics Department head, Marine Forces, Central Command, Bahrain. Before serving in Philadelphia, Sampsel commanded Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 in Hawaii.

Her training and education includes the Aviation Supply Officer School, Aircraft Maintenance Officer School, U.S. Air Force Command and Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. After graduating from Grissom High School in Huntsville, Sampsel earned a bachelor's degree in political science at Vanderbilt University, where she graduated cum laude in 1983. She has also earned master's degrees in economics from the University of Oklahoma and in national resource strategy from the National Defense University.



Courtesy photo

READY TO LEAD— Marine Col. Laura Sampsel assumes command of the Defense Logistics Information Service.

City destroyed by tornado starts recovery process

Worker answers call in Greensburg, Kan.

By **ANDREA TAKASH**
Engineering and Support Center

It only took 15 minutes for a vicious tornado to destroy 1,100 homes, displace 2,000 residents and completely alter the landscape of Greensburg, Kan.

On May 4, the eye of an Enhanced Fujita level five tornado, commonly referred to as an EF5, slammed into the town and destroyed almost 95 percent of its structures. With the utter devastation at hand, the city of Greensburg needed maps to correctly portray the new layout of streets and buildings.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency turned to the Army Corps of Engineers Tulsa District for help in rebuilding the city's mapping system.

Tommy Hunt, the Geographic Information Systems team leader for the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center, answered the call for a GIS technician. Hunt deployed to Greensburg June 4 to July 3.

"After working Hurricane Ivan in Florida and then Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi, I really couldn't believe what I saw when I

arrived in Greensburg," Hunt said. "Hurricane Katrina impacted several million people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, but there were only 2,000 people that lived in Greensburg. At this time, no one from Greensburg lives in their primary residence."

Hunt served as a GIS program response team member in Greensburg and became an integral part of FEMA's Geospatial Intelligence Unit.

"FEMA made me part of their team," he said. "This made my job easier because FEMA kept me informed."

Hunt needed this up-to-date information to create accurate maps of the city. The framework of roads and structures changed on a daily basis, and Hunt dedicated himself to designing precise maps.

"When I first arrived, I designed maps that provided the emergency shelter locations, which was vital information for contractors and other people working in town," Hunt said. "I also updated road closure maps. These maps kept police and emergency responders informed on what roads were closed."

David Whitlock, FEMA's GIU lead for this disaster, said Hunt fulfilled a needed function in Greensburg.



Photo by Tommy Hunt

UPROOTED— The tornado that struck Greensburg, Kan., May 4 destroyed 1,100 homes and displaced 2,000 residents.

"Since Tommy's background is in civil engineering and GIS, he was able to understand what the contractors needed," Whitlock said. "He actually was able to envision products. He was very proficient in his job."

Hunt also supported the Global Positioning System location efforts for FEMA's temporary housing sites. Once completed, the group site will hold 347 mobile homes for the displaced residents.

Not only did the tornado destroy homes it also damaged the city's infrastructure, including water, sewer, gas and electric

power supplies. Even 30 days after the storm, Hunt said water and power was still limited. He said connectivity with the outside world was the biggest challenge of his deployment.

"We were accessing large data sets created by other contractors and other FEMA offices," he said. "Then we were creating products of this disaster to provide to the joint field office in Wichita, Kan. We only had satellite link communications, and the weather severely impacted that capability."

Despite the challenges, Hunt said he benefited both personally

and professionally from this deployment.

"From a personal and professional standpoint, the deployment was benefiting because I got the chance to watch the town recover," he said. "Professionally, I benefited by working a very technical job hour to hour that I normally don't get to do in my normal job at Huntsville Center."

Hunt said at the end of his 30 days he witnessed significant changes, but the town had a long road to recovery.

"I saw a big difference by the close of my deployment," he said. "There was a lot of debris gone. People were rebuilding. I watched one couple start building their home the day after they received the permit."

"Even though I saw glimmers of hope in the city, many people were still discussing if businesses would even reopen," Hunt said. "The only full grocery store in town wasn't sure if they would return. The hospital closed, and nobody knew if it would ever reopen."

After Hunt returned from his deployment, Dustin Ray from Huntsville Center's Geographic Information Systems team replaced him as the Corps representative on FEMA's GIU team. Hunt said he would go back to Greensburg if needed.

Unmanned aerial vehicle gets boost at facility

Prototype Integration Facility extends communication system

By LAURA STONE

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In continued support of the Global War on Terror, the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Prototype Integration Facility, along with the support of Program Manager Unmanned Aircraft Systems and AAI Corporation, developed, integrated and tested a Communication Relay System for the Shadow 200 unmanned aerial vehicle.

The system, now deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, improves the Army's capabilities by extending the transmission range of standard military radios.

The system enhances reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition mission capabilities of the Shadow 200 by allowing the Ground Control Station operators to communicate directly with forward deployed ground

troops and provide them with early warning and real-time intelligence at distances more than 100 kilometers away. The system also enhances communications by enabling non-line-of-sight communications between ground-based units.

Recipient of the 2006 Army Research Development and Achievement Award, the system is an in-band relay using SINCGARS Advanced System Improvement Program radios which can be removed and installed on the Shadow 200 RQ-7B depending on mission needs.

The Shadow 200, designed and produced by AAI Corporation, Hunt Valley, Md., is one of the most widely used unmanned aerial vehicles currently deployed by the Army.

Courtesy photo

TAKEOFF— The Shadow 200 unmanned aerial vehicle has received a communication relay system which extends the transmission range of standard military radios.



College students introduced to research opportunities

Recruiting event organized by Chamber of Commerce

By MERV BROKKE
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More than 100 students, ages 18 to 24, from 35 states, who are working for Marshall Space Flight Center this summer, had a unique opportunity provided to them by the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce during its first Student Recruiting Event held July 24 in the South Tower of ADTRAN Inc., located in Cummings Research Park.

The students, many of whom still have one to two years of school to complete, were not looking for immediate employment but instead were introducing themselves and learning more about the many opportunities in Huntsville. Also participating in this event were 16 local companies and organizations.

Several years ago Aaron Brown was in a similar situation while earning his degree. As a participant in one of the Army's Educational Outreach Programs he was able to gain on-the-job experience and guidance from



Courtesy photo

REPRESENTING ARMY— Representatives at the student recruiting event include, from left, Karen Bandera of the Army Materiel Command, Roger Berry and Aaron Brown, both of Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

his mentors and then become a full-time employee with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

"I started my employment in July 1999 in the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program with the Unmanned Ground Vehicles/Systems Joint Project Office," Brown said. "In January 2001 I started working in the CT

Division as an engineering aide in the Cooperative Education Program. Upon completion of my bachelor of science degree in 2003 from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in computer engineering, I was accepted as a full-time employee. Since that time I have gone on to receive my master's degree in computer engineering from Walden University."

The event proved to be stressful, informative and an overall success.

"The format for the event based on 'speed dating' was a new way of doing a job fair, but in my opinion it was very successful," Army Materiel Command representative Karen Bandera said. "We were able to speak to a lot of students in a very short time and hopefully interest them in working for AMC whether it be at AMRDEC, AMCOM or the headquarters. AMC participated to have an opportunity to broaden student's awareness of AMC and I think we accomplished our goal — resumes are already coming in."

The students, in groups of four, were allowed one minute to give an introductory "elevator" speech and then it was the company's turn to provide its one-minute presentation.

Roger Berry, chief of the Electronics and Computer Technology Division at AMRDEC, gave a presentation to the students. His talk incorporated the Guidance and Control Section that was built by AMRDEC for the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System tech-

nology demonstration program

"This activity is a good illustration of the type of hands-on engineering done at AMRDEC," Berry, a mechanical engineer who has worked at ASGE Directorate since 1982, said. "The point I tried to make with the students is that AMRDEC is a great place to work because: one, outstanding hands-on engineering work, like the GMLRS design, development and test; two, great opportunities for graduate education; and three, job stability. I also told them that GMLRS was a system that was ultimately transitioned to our Soldiers and is now in production."

When the bell rang, the students then moved to the next station until they had visited with all 16 in the event.

"The AMC team took the approach of showing the students a sample of 'hands on' work for a missile guidance system at AMRDEC," Bandera said. "Students were impressed that they could actually do hands-on work and not sit at a desk all day."

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Aircraft visit among highlights for young students

In the high bay of building 5400 sits one of only two Comanche helicopters, and for most of the year, engineers pour over it looking for ways to migrate its advanced technologies to current and future aircraft.

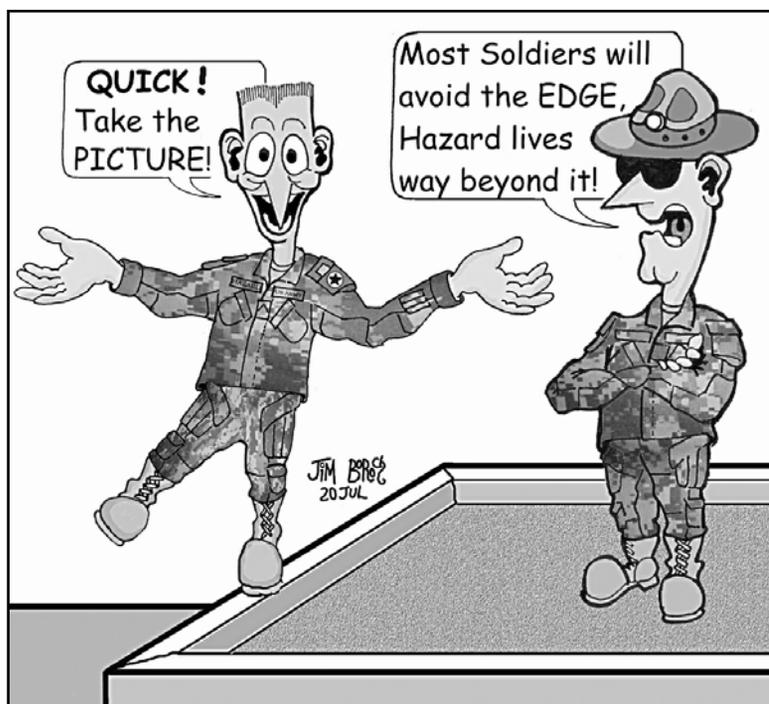
For a few weeks this summer, however, the Comanche served another purpose as part of the Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science program for middle and high school students, sponsored locally by the Aviation and Missile Research Develop-

ment and Engineering Center.

Phil Dussault, acting chief of the product engineering branch, Engineering Support Division, Engineering Directorate, hosted a tour of the Comanche for 15 GEMS students. The students viewed video of test flights, were shown key features of the aircraft such as its composite covering, and got to sit in the cockpit. The Comanche tour is among many events in which the GEMS students participate during the week. (AMRDEC release)



Photo by Bradley Stephenson
HELICOPTER TOUR— Phil Dussault, center, acting chief of the product engineering branch, Engineering Support Division, Engineering Directorate, conducts a tour of the Comanche for 15 students in the Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science program. In the front seat of the cockpit is Josef Woodsinger, a Grissom High sophomore and sitting behind him is Michael Raper, a Life Christian Academy sophomore. Outside the Comanche standing with Dussault is Dalton Hardy, a Priceville High freshman, and behind the Comanche is Matthew Stewart, a Bob Jones High sophomore.



Research center reaches out to college students

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Berry's hands-on hardware display showcased one of the many AMRDEC successes throughout its history and demonstrated to the students what they would be doing if employed by the center.

From his perspective as a former SEAP student and now a full-time employee, Brown summed up the event and offered some advice to the students.

"I think it is excellent anytime we have a chance to make a positive impact on younger kids coming up," he said. "I know how much guidance and advice meant to me as I was trying to find my way in life. My hope is that whether these kids come and join the AMRDEC or not, that we are able to impress on them the importance of staying in school and earning their degree. We would love to have them in the AMRDEC sure, but their success in life is far more important."

Huntsvillian leads effort to clear Katrina damaged properties

Cleanup

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Just across the river from New Orleans, progressive Jefferson Parish is home to 400,000 with population centers ranging from Metairie (150,000) to tiny Barataria (1,300).

A key Corps mission since August 2005 has been to remove debris from Louisiana public rights of way so response and recovery operations, and now citizen recovery, could gain momentum.

In Jefferson Parish, the Corps has picked up 3.8 million cubic yards of storm debris, enough to fill the Louisiana Superdome or two Empire State buildings. That quantity equals one huge 40-yard truck of debris for every 10 parish citizens.

But the scope of Katrina left some parish citizens without the will to return or overwhelmed physically or fiscally at the process of cleaning up their properties. This year, Jefferson Parish asked and received approval from FEMA to authorize the Corps to move from curbside debris pickup straight onto private property.

FEMA estimated that almost 25,000 property owners in Jefferson Parish would require Corps assistance to clean up their debris-laden properties and remove hazardous limbs and entire trees killed or mortally damaged by the storm. The Louisiana Corps total was 68,000.

Now in his second voluntary tour helping the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the devastating floods that ensued, Martin's team primarily focuses on debris and trees.

Challenges abound when hundreds of crews and heavy equipment are mixed with life on rural roads and in the suburbs, especially with the onset of the school year and buses.

Martin is proud that his team has already moved 143,010 cubic yards of demolition debris resulting from the necessary destruction and removal of homes destroyed by the catastrophe. One home simply becomes 200 or so cubic yards of debris in the numbed post-Katrina landscape.

In just a few weeks of the fledgling private property mission, Martin beams, "We have already picked up 195,437 cubic yards of private property debris from more than 23,000 properties and homes."

In some cases, anxious residents who have been waiting almost two years for assistance don't appreciate the record pace of the unpre-

cedented debris response. Phones are constantly ringing.

Few offer thanks.

Equipped with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of South Alabama, he smiles when adding that, "I had to be fair with both ends of the state so I got my MBA from the University of North Alabama." He is now working on a master's of science in project management.

He acknowledges, however, that one can't beat experiential education where one does the real – not textbook – work.

"This work has brought me to new horizons and is most gratifying. I'd be less than candid if I didn't admit that this effort has honed my management skills and team-building abilities."

Martin attributes his team's success to the team.

"Without the staff I have here and our extended teammates, this degree of accomplishment would not have been possible. We get great results because we have great people doing what they do best: execute the mission."

But now, "the big push" is about to begin. Jefferson Parish will be end point for the Corps' historic two-year Hurricane Katrina response in Mississippi and Louisiana. All eyes will be focused on his mission with a "not to exceed" mission date of Oct. 30.

Instead of a leisurely drawdown, the Jefferson Parish work force will beef up dramatically to nearly 400 and hundreds of contract crews as they strive to finish 15,000 eligible properties by Sept. 30, the result of the assessment of 140,000 properties.

Rising to the challenge Martin said, "We can now show what we're really made of and finish this off in grand style."

He admitted to missing home and family, but said, "This work is a 'gotta do' sort of thing. The storm devastation was so huge, the loss of property so massive, the number of lives these events negatively impacted so enormous, that it would seem almost sinful to not try to help out."

"Arthur well represents the outstanding cadre of professionals who comprise this effort," said Nolan Raphelt, one of Martin's seniors as deputy director of the Louisiana Recovery Field Office. "His conscientious desire to ensure his team accomplishes all they undertake speaks volumes of his character."

Raphelt paused, grinned and then said, in simple terms – "Arthur's a real good man!"

Payton happy to cross home plate

Pinch runner scores game winner as Redstone all-stars beat NASA

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The Redstone troop all-stars saved their best for last – again.

For the third time in four years, the troops beat their NASA softball counterparts in their final at-bat. Redstone has won all four of the annual games.

This time the troops overcame a 6-0 deficit after three innings.

Redstone rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat NASA 11-10 on July 31 at Linton Field.

“It was the defense,” Redstone coach/shortstop Rodney Henshaw, representing the National Guard, said. “It was the defense — defense and clutch hitting at the end.”

With one out and the bases loaded in the seventh, HHC 59th’s Damon Geist singled and pinch runner Jarvis Payton of Bravo scored the winning run from second. Lee Burket of the Marines scored and an errant throw enabled Payton to follow.

“It was crazy,” Payton said. “You got the third base coach hollering at you, telling you to go. I didn’t know whether to go or not.

“I listened to the coach. He told me to run and that’s what I did.”

The third base coach was Joe Cox of the National Guard, who played left field for Redstone.

“As soon as I saw that ball go by, I said ‘Make them make a play,’” Cox said. “I knew young legs could go. So we were good to go.”

But things didn’t look good for Redstone early in the game. NASA scored four runs in the first inning and two in the third for its 6-0 lead. Redstone finally answered with two in the fourth. After NASA went up 7-2, Redstone took a 9-7 lead with seven runs in the fifth.

A scoreless sixth inning led to a dramatic seventh. NASA was down to its final chance, when Tony Fiorucci blasted a three-run homer over the right field fence to give NASA a 10-9 lead with two outs.

Fiorucci, the NASA shortstop, went 3-for-4 with five RBIs and scored two runs.

“I just think it was the usual tight, hard-fought game,” he said. “We made a couple of minor mistakes and that’s all it took.”

NASA manager Victor Pritchett said, “I enjoy doing this every year. Good competition, good sportsmanship. Coming up short is always disappointing, but we’ll be back. We’ll be back again.”

Redstone got two hits apiece from Cox, Burket, Sean Newsom of the Marines and Billy Clark of HHC 59th. Burket was the



Photo by Skip Vaughn

STILL NUMBER ONE— The Redstone troop all-stars have won all four years against their NASA softball counterparts.

winning pitcher.

In the seventh, Burket got a leadoff single. Newsom reached on an error but was forced out by fielder’s choice on a Henshaw grounder. Payton went to first as a pinch runner for Henshaw. Clark reached

on a walk, and Geist followed with a single which led to two runs.

“It feels good,” Payton said of scoring the winning run. “That keeps the (winning) tradition. Everybody on the team is pretty much an all-star. I’m just happy to be here.”

HHC 59th goes distance against Headquarters & Alpha

Needs three games to subdue Gators

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The defending post volleyball champion HHC 59th was put to the test in its season opener Thursday night against Headquarters & Alpha.

After splitting the first two games, the 59th couldn’t seem to finish the Gators in the decisive third. Headquarters & Alpha fended off two match points before finally falling.

The 59th beat the Gators 25-19, 23-25 and 18-16 at Pagano Gym.

“I think it was teamwork and dedication,” 59th coach Dynetha Childs said. She acknowledged the play of Bobby McSwain, Ben Lipari and Damon Geist.

“We pulled it out in the end,” Lipari said. “We started talking. We almost lost it but we pulled it out.”

In the third game, the 59th led 15-14 and 16-15 before getting the last 2 of 3 points for the win.

“We beat ourselves this time,” Headquarters & Alpha player/coach Felix Knight said. “It was pretty much first-game jitters. We’re going to go back and work the kinks out.”

Jimmy Welsh and Kevin Fox were among the standouts for the Gators.

Here are the results from the first week of the season:

• **July 30** – Marines def. Bravo 25-16, 25-16. Charlie def. NCO Academy 25-10, 25-18.

• **Aug. 2** – HHC 59th def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-19, 23-25, 18-16. NCO Academy def. Marines 25-18, 25-20. Charlie def. Bravo 25-12, 28-26.

The Eastern Conference standings entering this week had Charlie (2-0), HHC 59th (1-0) and Marines (1-1). The Western Conference had NCO Academy (1-1), Headquarters & Alpha (0-1) and Bravo (0-2).

Games are played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 at Pagano Gym.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ON THE RISE— The 59th’s Ben Lipari leaps to make a spike against Headquarters & Alpha.

Head lice expected for first day of school

Infestations most common among school-age children

By **CHERIE MILLER**

Fox Army Health Center

They're as small as a pencil lead, yet just mentioning them makes people start to itch. What are they? Head lice.

With school starting, these little pests will be moving through school-age heads with a vengeance. Students, parents and teachers should know how head lice are transmitted and how to recognize and treat infestations.

Of the three types of lice — head, body and pubic — head lice are the most common in the United States and are most prevalent in school-age children. Contrary to popular belief, infestations are not related to poor hygiene or lower socio-economic status. Head lice are equal opportunity nuisance pests that happily use any human as a host. Their presence is more an indicator of interpersonal contact than lack of cleanliness.

Head lice are wingless insects, about one-tenth to one-eighth of an inch long, with piercing and sucking mouthparts used

for feeding on human blood. They are flat in shape, white to gray in color, and have short legs with large claws which grasp and hold onto hair.

They are most common in school-age kids grades K-8 due to head to head contact during play and sharing of personal items such as combs, brushes, hats, hair bows, etc. They can also be transmitted through close placement of coats, scarves and other items in lockers, coat racks, etc. Human head lice cannot be acquired from animals or birds and they do not transmit diseases.

The lice burrow themselves onto the scalp usually behind the ears and at the back of the head. They may also be found in the eyebrows or beard. The female lice feed on human blood about every four hours and then produce one egg. Approximately six eggs are produced each day. The lice glue the eggs (or nits) to the hair shaft about one-fourth of an inch from the scalp. The eggs hatch in about one week and feed within 24 hours. Mature lice live approximately 30 days during which time the females can lay 50-150 eggs so that a single infestation may involve hundreds of nits.

While there are no outward symptoms of lice infestation, parents and teachers should be aware of children with persistent scratch-

ing of the scalp. Identification of lice is enhanced with a magnifying glass and sufficient light to view the scalp. Closer inspection will reveal the small, silvery nits attached to the hairs. There may also be infected scratch marks or a rash-like appearance where the adult lice are attached.

It is not usually necessary to visit a doctor unless secondary infection has occurred due to scratching. There are numerous over-the-counter lice treatments (or pediculocides) available; your pharmacist can recommend one for you if you need assistance.

These products are pesticides approved for human use so it is important to use them exactly as directed on the package. Generally, an initial treatment is followed by an additional treatment in about 7-10 days to kill any newly hatched lice. The cement holding the nit to the hair shaft is not dissolved with the treatment so the nits need to be removed using the nit comb that comes with the package. Removing nits is easier if the hair is wet and if a conditioner has been used on the hair first. Clothing should be changed after the treatment and nit removal is through.

Wash clothing, bedding, towels, and other items that were in contact with the infected person, in hot water and dry in a

hot dryer about 20-30 minutes. Items may also be dry cleaned or sealed in a plastic bag for 30 days. Soak combs and brushes in very hot water or treatment shampoo for 10 minutes. You may also vacuum carpets, upholstery and mattresses used by the affected individual, though this is not necessary.

To help prevent lice infestation, discourage children from sharing coats and personal items with other children. Ideally, separate hooks at least 12 inches apart; cubbies or lockers should be assigned to each child. If this is not possible, have children hang coats on the back of their seats and keep coats and scarves at the child's desk. If scratching is noticed, check the child right away as well as family members for the presence of lice.

For more information on lice, call Preventive Medicine at Fox Army Health Center at 955-8888, ext.1026.

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Rocket Announcements



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.

School House 5K

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

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.



Conferences & Meetings

Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invites all ladies to its 2007-08 kickoff program, "Prepare for the Bridegroom," on Aug. 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel fellowship hall. "Join with us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," a prepared release said. Bible studies for the fall semester will be introduced and will begin Aug. 23. Child watch is provided. For information call Sharon Olshefski 489-0404 or Erica Hobbs 325-3152.

AMCOM town hall

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, will hold a town hall meeting today 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.

Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Scheduled speaker is State Rep. Sue Schmitz. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

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.

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.

Fleet Reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Aug. 25 at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For information call Gene Aittala 773-6283 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

Computer users

The Huntsville PC User Group's Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet at 9:15 a.m. Saturday 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. Thursday 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 Thursday 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 document filmmaker, is to speak to members about acquisition career management issues. For ticket information, call Marlene Clemons 313-2378 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Health support group

UAH nutritionist and physical education professor Dr. Dee Nicovich's Health Support Group meeting will feature Decatur nutrition and fitness advisers Ray and Gerry Coffey. Their subject will be "How to make yourself heart-attack-proof." The Decatur meeting, from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, is free of charge and will be serving "heart-attack-proof" recipes from famed



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Launching education

Army Materiel Command commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin, right, visits July 19 with some of the students participating in Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science, an Army educational outreach program sponsored locally by the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. The students talked to Griffin while busily completing their rockets for the July 20 launch. Accompanying Griffin on his tour of the Software Engineering Directorate were, standing from left, Lt. Gen. David Melcher, military deputy for budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army; Dr. Bill McCorkle, executive director of AMRDEC; Dr. Bill Craig, director of Software Engineering Directorate; and Dr. Steven Smith, director of special projects. For the third year, SED has supported and helped make possible the GEMS program with training rooms, transportation, storage and tours of its facilities.

Cleveland Clinic physician Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn's book: "Preventing and Reversing Heart Disease." For more information call 350-2823, 885-7387 or 637-2931.

Geospatial conference

Directions Media, organizer of the inaugural Rocket City Geospatial Conference, Oct. 15-17 at the Huntsville Marriott, has announced the final program for the event. More than 50 presentations will be offered representing a diverse mix of topics that address government and private industry applications of geospatial technology. Featured keynote speakers include the director of the Alabama Department of Homeland Security, James Walker, and the director of the Earth System Science Center at the National Space Science and Technology Center at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, Dr. John Christy. For more information, e-mail Joe Francica at joe.francica@DirectionsMag.com.

Women accountants

The American Society of Women Accountants will meet Aug. 14 at the Holiday Inn Select, 401 Williams Ave., in the Sun Room of Lofton's. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., buffet dinner at 6 and the program at 6:30. Becky Alexander is to speak on "Practical Tips for Business Startups." Cost is \$16.50 members, \$17.50 non-members and \$10 full-time undergraduate students. For reservations, call Florence Royer 830-0377 or e-mail royerfe@juno.com.

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.

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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

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

Women's club welcome

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a welcome coffee and activities signup Aug. 14 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The welcome coffee is 9:30-10:30 a.m., followed by the activities signup at 10:30 with vendors from the Huntsville area. For more information, call Laurie Taylor 722-8167 or Nanette Gamaldi 489-4346.

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 com-



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International grad

Sgt. Verden James from St. Vincent & Grenadines graduated from the Ammunition Specialist Course on Aug. 2.

plete 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.

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>.

Substance abuse training

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

Fall semester signup

Florida Tech Graduate Center, Redstone courses for fall semester begin Aug. 27 at

building 5304, room 4326. Class is weekly from 5-8 p.m. at 5304. All master's degree programs are offered online at FLtech@hiwaay.net. If interested call the administrative office 881-7878 or visit room 4326.

Women's equality day

Redstone Arsenal will hold a Women's Equality Day luncheon and awards ceremony Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The keynote speaker is Sharon Houy, associate deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. Cost for the luncheon is \$12. For more information and to RSVP, call Julia Story 842-7954.

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

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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.

Buffalo Soldier day

The Buffalo Soldiers Ad Hoc Committee is joining forces with Burritt Museum on the Mountain to host "Buffalo Soldier Day" at the museum on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10 to 4 p.m. The event will raise awareness of the role of Buffalo Soldiers in U.S. history and their connection to Huntsville. The 9th and 10th Cavalry Association of Buffalo Soldiers will be on hand as re-enactors. There will be an art display, demonstrations of a trooper's life, equipment displays and entertainment. The "Blue Notes," a quartet of Huntsville Police officers, will perform along with choirs from local churches. There will also be information available regarding how the community can get involved with the Buffalo Soldier project through a "Buy a Brick" campaign and donations. There is an admission charge to the museum (\$6 for adults, \$4 for ages 2-12 and \$2

for those under 2). But, part of the proceeds will go to making the Buffalo Soldier monument a reality. The ad hoc committee is working to raise about \$250,000 that is needed to erect a Buffalo Soldier statue on Cavalry Hill in northwest Huntsville, the site where the Buffalo Soldiers camped during their stay in Huntsville in 1898-99.

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

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arrangements for participation. Deadline for signing up to participate is Sept. 1. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled Dec. 20.

Waiting spouses

The Waiting Spouses talk time is from 1-2 p.m. Aug. 14 at ChildWise play morning building, 1413 Nike St. Karen Scott, a licensed professional counselor with Behavioral Medicine Division, Fox Army Health Center, will coordinate the group. The group is open to anyone who is geographically separated from their spouse who belongs to any branch of the armed forces or Department of Defense employee and is active duty and deployed or away on an unaccompanied tour or attending extended training. For more information call Scott 955-8888, ext. 1032. Free child care will be available, but registration is required by calling Mary Breeden 876-5397. Child care services will be provided at the ChildWise play morning building from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Shot records are required to use the services.

Dance classes

Register from now through Aug. 14 for Cha-Cha Dance Classes at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. This five-week course, taught by Mary Jo Blunt and Vince Guarin, is held Thursdays from Aug. 16 through Sept. 13 from 7:30-9 p.m. Cost is \$55. For more information, call 876-4531.

Comedy night

Comedy night is Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Performers include headliner Rik Roberts, feature act Pat Duax and opener Kate Brindle. Advance tickets are \$16 with a buffet dinner, or \$8 without the dinner. For more information, call 830-2582.

Unclaimed vehicles

The Directorate of Emergency Services has several abandoned vehicles which have gone unclaimed for the past two years. The owners should claim them before the vehicles get turned over to Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office. These vehicles include: a 1980 green VW Jetta four-door, 1987 white Olds Delta 88 four-door, 1986 white Honda Accord four-door and a 1987 gray Dodge van. For more information call Capt. Roger Triplett, assistant operations officer, 842-2436.

Outdoor evening

The Madison Rotary Club will hold "Parrots of the Caribbean," an outdoor evening of live island music, food and libations, Aug. 25 from 6-11 p.m. at 58 Martin St. in downtown Madison. All guests must be 18 or older and are encouraged to bring their IDs, blankets and lawn chairs. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the night of the event. Tickets can be purchased at the Madison branch of First

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