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# Taking jump for wounded Soldiers

*Horse show fund-raiser  
benefits injured warriors*

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Horses will take center stage on Redstone Arsenal on Saturday, Sept. 29, in a competition where wounded Soldiers will be the winners.

The Redstone Saddle Activity will sponsor the first-ever Redstone Equestrian Center Combined Training Show with two purposes in mind – to bring competitive horse shows back to Redstone Arsenal and to raise funds for wounded warriors.

“This is the first horse show hosted by the saddle activity in 20 years,” organizer Marie Lyons said. “We’ve been trying to think of a way to give back to our military. We want to draw attention to the barn. We want to bring horses and their riders out here to compete. And, we want to make a contribution to the Redstone community. The best way we could think of to do that since we’re at war is to have an event that would help us raise funds to help young Soldiers who are wounded.”

Fifty to 80 horses are expected to compete in the combined training show. Lyons hopes to raise \$4,000 from the horse show, which will be distributed to wounded Soldiers with the help of Chaplain Larry Lawrence at the Bicentennial Chapel.

Although this is the saddle activity’s first show, the facility was used last spring for a horse show hosted by the Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association. That event was a learning experience for saddle activity volunteers who are working the Sept. 29 show.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**AT REINS— Marie Lyons of the Redstone Saddle Activity is organizing the Redstone Equestrian Center Combined Training Show to raise funds for wounded Soldiers.**

“We want to build an ability to put on shows here for charity,” said Lyons, who would like the saddle activity to host two shows a year and make the facility available to other organizations to host their own shows.

The Redstone Saddle Activity, located just inside Gate 9 on Overlook Road, is an

MWR facility that is home to 85 horses, all privately owned by Redstone Arsenal Soldiers, military retirees or civilian employees.

But, even though there are 85 horses on-site, Lyons only expects about 10 of those to be in the show.

“People who have horses here do not necessarily compete with their horses,” she said. “We have a diverse group of people here who may be more into Western riding or trail riding or other aspects of horse riding.”

“You have to train for a show like this. Even at the lowest level you have to know how to jump your horse and work it in the arena. It can be scary for a lot of riders. These are very powerful, very athletic creatures, and you have to know what you are doing when you are riding them, especially in a competition. Anyone who does combined training has gotten a certain amount of training from a teacher.”

Riders will be able to enter in six categories – Junior/Senior Amoeba (riders jumping 12 to 18 inches high); Junior/Senior Tadpole (riders jumping no higher than 2 feet);

## Horse lover, saddle activity one of a kind

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Marie Lyons has a big smile on her face when she tells people she is a “barn babysitter.”

At the Redstone Saddle Activity, this horse lover spends her days taking care of 15 to 20 horses. Although the activity is a self-care facility managed by Morale Welfare and Recreation, horse owners can hire employees like Lyons to care for their horses.

Lyons said there is no other horse barn like the Redstone Saddle Activity in North Alabama.

“As far as I know, this is the biggest herd in the area and it is certainly the most varied herd,” she said. “A lot of barns will only have one style of horse. But, here we have Tennessee Walkers, miniature ponies, mules, Arabians, thoroughbreds, Appaloosas and many other variety of horse on almost 200 acres of land. That’s what makes this barn interesting.”

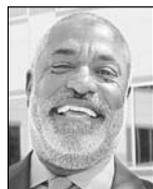
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# An open lane random survey

What do you think of Huntsville drivers?

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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**Tony Baker**  
AMCOM General Counsel  
"They should all be required to take a driver's course because it seems that tailgating and speeding are common to Huntsville drivers."

**Amy Brown**  
Security badge checker,  
Phoenix Service

"I think they need to go to driving school again. I had somebody try to run me over this morning (Aug. 20) coming off Keel Mountain, where I live."



**Dan O'Boyle**  
AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs  
"I come in every morning from the Monrovia area down Research Park, entering Gate 9, Rideout Road. I drive the speed limit in that area, which is 65 (mph). Every morning, without fail, motorists fly by me as if I'm going in reverse."

**Sgt. Thomas Champion**  
AMCOM Command Group  
"Huntsville drivers have a tendency to be not as cautious as other drivers. They're not as cautious as drivers in California. I can't count the times I've had to slam on the brakes because somebody's cut me off."



## Quote of the week

'The object of life is not to be on the side of the majority, but to escape finding oneself in the ranks of the insane.'

— Marcus Aurelius

## Letter to the Editor

### Commissary news on web

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**Amber Bray**  
store director, Commissary

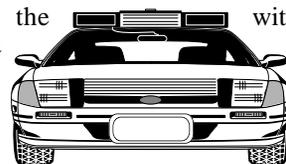
## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Aug. 16:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Aug. 16:** Someone passed a counterfeit \$50 bill at the Commissary, which was found by Regions Bank. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office and the Secret Service.

**Aug. 18:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license when he was stopped by the police for using a cell phone while driving. He was issued two violation notices and



released.

**Aug. 18:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Aug. 21:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Traffic accidents reported:** none without injuries, three with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 9 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 4 driving with a suspended driver's license, 4 expired tags, 1 following too close, 1 no insurance, 3 parking.

## Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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**Name:** Ronnie K. McDaniel

**Job:** Installation adjutant general, Garrison

**Where do you call home?**  
Live Oak, Fla.



**What do you like about your job?**

It's providing services and support to our great Army; and now having the ability to continue that in this civilian capacity (after more than 32 years in the military, retiring as a lieutenant colonel Sept. 30, 2007).

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

Actually, I'm a sports official – Alabama High School Athletic Association. I'm officiating basketball. We're getting ready for the season as we speak.

**What are your goals?**

My No. 1 goal is to improve the support that the MILPO gives to this community. And the overall objective is to make this Military Personnel Office known for its ability to provide quality support.

**What's your favorite type of music?**

You know I'm old school R&B, man.

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# New licensing office reflects community's support

Tags, licenses offered  
in post shopping mall

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In the two years that he has led the Garrison at Redstone Arsenal, Col. John Olshefski puts the opening of the joint county and state licensing office at the top of his list of new Arsenal services.

So, the ribbon cutting on Aug. 20 officially opening the Redstone Arsenal Tag and License Satellite Office at the Commissary/PX shopping mall was a special day on Olshefski's calendar.

"Of all the things we've done on Redstone Arsenal since I've been here, this is the biggest thing we've ever done," Olshefski said. "There's no where in the Army where you have one-stop shopping for county and state licenses ... This is a big, big, big deal to us."

The grand opening was among the first Garrison events attended by recently appointed AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, who views the new satellite office as symbolic of all he has heard and seen concerning local community support of the military.

"This is one more tangible commitment from the state and the county," Myles said. "There is no other post in the Army that has a tag and licensing satellite located on the installation. You can look at this office and see what the local community is



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**CELEBRATING WITH RIBBON—** Redstone Arsenal, state and county officials cut the ribbon on the new Redstone Arsenal Tag and License Satellite Office located in the Commissary/PX shopping mall just off Goss Road near Gate 8. They include, from left, Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski, Madison County license director Mark Craig, Lt. Col. F.A. Bingham and Lt. Ricky Dale of the Alabama Department of Public Safety, and Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles. The licensing office is open to anyone who has access to Redstone Arsenal.

doing to take care of Soldiers."

The Madison County and State of Alabama joint licensing office on Redstone Arsenal has gotten a lot of attention since quietly opening in July. With only word-of-mouth publicity, the office has stayed busy, providing driver's licenses, county

car tags and other services to all Alabama residents who have access to Redstone Arsenal.

Officials are confident the office will get even busier as the Arsenal community becomes more aware of its services.

"There are 77,000 retirees who have access to Redstone

Arsenal. We have new BRAC (base realignment and closure) employees coming in," Olshefski said. "Some 30,000 come through our gates every day. There are 48,000 transitions in and out. Everybody can come here for a license. It is a win-win situation all around."

That win-win situation extends to the county and state – whose officials hope the new office will help reduce lines at other county and state licensing offices in Madison County – and includes the entire Redstone Arsenal work force, who will enjoy shorter wait times, convenience to work and access to other services at the shopping mall.

"Everybody that can get on post can come here and use the licensing office, and then they can eat lunch here or even shop," Olshefski said.

Although only military, military retirees and their dependents can shop at the Commissary and PX, all Redstone Arsenal employees, regardless of whether they served in the military, can enjoy other offerings in the shopping mall, including a flower shop, barber, beauty and nail salons, cleaners, UPS shipping office, alterations store, Enterprise car rental, optical store, Cingular Wireless, GNC and several other vendors selling items such as sunglasses, purses and jewelry. In addition, they can purchase meals in the mall's food court, which includes Cinnabon, Church's Chicken, Baskin Robbins Ice Cream, Robin Hood Sandwich Shop and Anthony's Pizza.

Dividends from Army & Air Force Exchange Service vendors located in the mall go to support Soldier programs.

Myles was impressed with the way state and county officials worked with Team Redstone to make the joint licensing office a reality.

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## ■ Redstone horse show first in 20 years

### Show

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Junior and Senior Beginner Novice (riders jumping no higher than 2 feet, 7 inches); and Junior and Senior Novice (riders jumping no higher than 2 feet, 11 inches).

The competition's jump course will be designed by Elaine McCutchen, a well-known local instructor. The judge will be Cathy Zappe, a well-known local instructor, competitor and judge. Ribbons through sixth place will be awarded along with high score sashes to a junior and senior rider.

The event fee is \$55. There is a refundable bridle tag deposit of \$5.

Entry forms are available through the saddle activity, various local tack shops such as Horsing Around, various local stables such as Flint Ridge Farm, Steel Prize Stables and Red Horse Ridge, and through the Tennessee Valley Dressage Association

and Huntsville Pony Club. They will also soon be available at <http://www.RedstoneEquestrianCenter.org>.

Horses, riders and their guests must be registered by Sept. 24, so that the Provost Marshal Office can be properly notified. All guests attending the show with a rider must be included on the entry form.

Riders will be allowed to visit the saddle activity on Sept. 28 to walk the course. Registered riders and their guests and horses will be able to enter the Arsenal that Friday and Saturday at the far right gate at Gate 9, where security officials will have a pre-approved list of names supplied by the Provost Marshal Office. They will not have to stop at the Visitors Center. Once inside the gate, they should make an immediate right onto Overlook Road. The saddle activity will be on the left.

For more information on the show or to obtain an entry form, call Paulette Harrell at 652-4007 or Lyons at 651-3214 or e-mail [britsnbits@knology.net](mailto:britsnbits@knology.net).

## ■ Horse lover began riding at age 3 in England

### Activity

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Lyons has loved horses since she was put up on one by her father in her native England at the age of 3. Though she rode and trained professionally for several years, Lyons didn't own her first horse until the age of 35. She now has three Appaloosa horses – 10-year-old Forest Gump, 21-year-old Alvin and 22-year-old Sundance.

Lyons has worked at the saddle activity for about seven years. Her constant companion while at the saddle activity is her dog, Tuvok, a Keeshond breed.

When they are not in their own private barn, horses at the activity are put out to pasture in three different fields – female, gelding male and mixed. No stallions are allowed.

"The horses here get to interact almost like in the wild," Lyons said. "Within our herds, horses make friends. It's very interesting to be able to watch how the horses behave with each other. They all have very distinct personalities."

Lyons admits that "horse people" are a different breed, dedicating much of their lives and income to the care of their horse and enjoyment of riding. It costs between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a year to maintain a horse that is in good health.

"For the most part, people out here really take care of their horses," she said. "They should be taken care of and seen to almost every day. For a large animal, they have a delicate constitution."

Owners are required to check on their horses at the saddle activity at least three times a week. But, when they can't, horse lovers like Lyons are happy to help.

## General officer values communication with war fighters

*Operator and provider interface emphasized*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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System providers should talk directly to the war fighter to get his perspective, because the farther away from the battlefield the less likely to get the true picture.

That was part of the message from Air Force Brig. Gen. Gary Connor, who served in Baghdad from December 2005 to March 2007 as deputy chief of staff for communications and information systems for Multi-national Force-Iraq. He is now the program director for Ground-based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office.

"If you think somebody's representing the war fighter's point of view, ask to talk to the real war fighter. And don't take no for an answer," Connor said. He was guest speaker for the Aug. 21 luncheon meeting of the Huntsville Chapter, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

"I would ask you to be persistent to getting to who the real war fighter is," Connor told the more than 80 attendees at the Holiday Inn-Research Park, near Madison Square Mall.

He expressed appreciation to the members of the communications and electronics defense community for their daily efforts.

"Thanks for what you do day in and day out to serve our war fighter," Connor said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**THANKS FOR SHARING—** Retired Maj. Gen. John Urias, left, president of the Huntsville Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, presents a memento to Air Force Brig. Gen. Gary Connor, program director for Ground-based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office, for serving as guest speaker at last week's luncheon.

# First sergeant appointment a first for SMDC

## Headquarters ceremony receives full support

By **DOTTIE WHITE**  
*SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs*

The Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command appointed Master Sgt. Petey Smith to first sergeant Aug. 21 during a ceremony at the Von Braun Complex.

Sgt. 1st Class Erika White began the ceremony with a few remarks about the role of first sergeant. "When you are talking about the first sergeant, you are talking about the life-blood of the Army. There can be no sub-

stitute for this position or any question of its importance. When first sergeants are exceptional, their units are exceptional, regardless of any other single personality involved.

"The first sergeant holds formations, instructs platoon sergeants, advises the commander, and assists in training all enlisted members," she said. "In the German Army, the first sergeant is referred to as the 'Father of the Company.' He is the provider, the disciplinarian, the wise counselor, the tough and unbending foe, the confidant, the sounding board and everything we need in a leader during our personal success or failure."

Next, Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja spoke on behalf of the commanding general, who couldn't make it to the ceremony due to travel.

Borja said it gave him great honor and privilege to host the ceremony.

He looked into the video camera and thanked Smith's wife and children, who couldn't be at the ceremony, for their support to the first sergeant throughout his career.

Borja, along with Sgt. Maj. Randall Williams, placed the new rank insignia on Smith's uniform.

Smith, a San Mateo, Calif., native, concluded the ceremony

by thanking everyone. He said he feels like the mayor of the city, and appreciates the opportunity to be the first First Sergeant of SMDC/ARSTRAT headquarters.

After the ceremony Smith said he was surprised at the number of attendees.

"This ceremony started out as a small event, and it grew into something that was really special for the SMDC/ARSTRAT com-

munity," he said.

"In the past, with the SMDC/ARSTRAT headquarters located in Arlington, Va., the level of support was minimal," said Smith. "Now that (the headquarters) has relocated to Huntsville due to the BRAC, and with the growth of SMDC, the need for unit level support is required and with that comes a commander and a first sergeant."

## Step outside to celebrate SMDC's 50<sup>th</sup> year

*Volksmarch on tap  
Sept. 27 at O' Club*

Volksmarch – a leisurely walk at your own pace – is a popular pastime in Germany. It's also among the plans for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Space and Missile Defense Command.

The 50th anniversary SMDC/ARSTRAT Volksmarch is Sept. 27 from 2-5:30 p.m. on 5K and 10K courses beginning and ending at the Officers and Civilians Club. The walk is free.

"It's fun and promotes esprit de corps," Angela French, an organizer for the event, said. "I think it's just a good event for people to mingle and walk. It's good for them. And since it's our 50th anniversary, it's a way to honor 50 years."

She's a native of Germany, from the town of Amberg in Bavaria. But she has only limited volksmarch experience.

"Not a lot of them," she said, "because in Germany, they usually start at 6 o'clock in the morning. I'm not an early bird. It's a big event over there. I've probably done two or three of them. I'm not a volksmarch pro, but I do like walking and I like being outdoors."

French, who has worked at SMDC/ARSTRAT since May 2003, is a technical plans and operations specialist in the command's Technical Center. Co-worker Andrea Weathington is also organizing the volksmarch.

The Officers and Civilians Club will provide for purchase bratwurst, sauerkraut and broetchen (\$4), pretzels (\$2) and water/soda (\$2 to \$3).

Commemoratives for sale will include 50th anniversary T-shirts and mugs/steins for \$14.50 each. Payment must be made by check payable to MWR Multi Crafts.

Those planning to participate should send an e-mail by Sept. 7 to French at [angela.french@smdc.army.mil](mailto:angela.french@smdc.army.mil) or Weathington at [andrea.weathington@smdc.army.mil](mailto:andrea.weathington@smdc.army.mil).



Photo by Dottie White

**NEW DUTIES—** SMDC/ARSTRAT Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja, left, makes comments about 1st Sgt. Petey Smith's accomplishments, skills and responsibilities during a ceremony appointing Smith to SMDC/ARSTRAT first sergeant Aug. 21 at the Von Braun Complex.

# Command contributes to urban search and rescue

*SMDC re-engineers mobility system for robot used by New Jersey task force*

By **BARBARA NASH**  
Public relations consultant

In the shadow of the massive hangar that once housed the Hindenburg at Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey lies the training ground and headquarters of the elite New Jersey Task Force 1. In an area so rich with historical significance, this urban search and rescue unit continues to make history through its advanced disaster response operations and training of other teams.

Highly-decorated for its work following the 9/11 attacks and for its assistance in the aftermath of Hurri-

cane Katrina, NJTF1 is considered the premiere urban search and rescue unit in the United States. As such, it employs the use of cutting-edge technologies in its rescue operations.

The Space and Missile Defense Command recently conducted a project to re-engineer the mobility system of a small robot that is critical to reaching victims trapped in rubble so compact even the search dogs cannot get to them. The robot was originally designed to crawl through pipelines to find leaks and other structural problems. The SMDC upgrade project significantly improved the robot's ability to maneuver through very rugged terrain to locate and reach trapped victims, help determine their condition, and communicate with them if they are conscious while they await rescue.

The robot mounts a triage sensor developed by Radi-

ance Technologies and the University of South Florida that provides quick evaluation of non-responsive victims. The sensor measures carbon dioxide, pulse, and blood oxygen content to enable medical personnel to remotely determine if a victim has survived. Prior to having the robot, rescuers were forced to rely solely on the canine unit to locate victims, and without indication of the victim's viability, to devote retrieval resources while the clock ticks away precious time for others who are trapped.

"Because of the new capabilities of the robot, we are able to determine the status of victims so we can make sure we are focusing our resources on living victims," NJTF1 Technical and Canine Task Force leader Jim Bastan said in a recent demonstration of the robot and its capabilities.

The robot can perform multiple functions. Outfitted with cameras, lights and communications equipment, it allows operators to evaluate the disaster site while it searches for victims. It can also operate as a HAZMAT tool carrying sensors to determine safety zones following radiation or biological attacks; expand its searches of disaster sites such as building and mine collapses or subway attacks; serve as a critical medical tool by allowing triage of victims; and could even help SWAT teams by giving them the ability to see and hear in a hostage situation.

NJTF1 trains with this technology at its extensive facility that covers roughly a football-sized area of collapsed structures and debris. In order to simulate as many real-life urban rescue situations as possible, the mountains of rubble include tunnels, pipes, bridges, a railway car, and countless crevices where victims can hide to test dogs, equipment and operators in training. It is the largest such facility in the U.S. and gives rescuers invaluable practice working through concrete, metal, dirt and debris.

"The New Jersey Task Force 1 is clearly a leader in technology development for urban search & rescue," William BetSayad of SMDC said after the demonstration. "SMDC is pleased to support the vital work of this dedicated team. We hope our improvement to the robot's mobility leads to more successful rescues by the Task Force."

Bastan added, "We're looking to save lives here – bottom line. The robot and the triage sensor help us do just that."

*Editor's note: Barbara Nash of Huntsville wrote this article for Radiance Technologies Inc. Her company, Barbara Nash & Associates, does its public relations and communications work.*



Photo by Barbara Nash

**ON TRAIL—** This robot's re-engineered track provides greatly-improved mobility in search and rescue missions.

## Women workers advised to listen, mentor and network

*Career advancement tips given by defense official*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Sharon Houy, associate deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, offered career advice during the Women's Equality Day celebration Thursday.

As the celebration's keynote speaker she suggested listening, mentoring and networking.

"You really have to sell yourself," she said of listing your accomplishments when applying for jobs.

Redstone's annual event celebrated the 87th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. Some 327 people attended the luncheon in the Officers and Civilians Club.

"I'm extremely proud of the

accomplishments of the women on Redstone Arsenal," Houy said. "And I'm extremely grateful to the men and women who guided them to their success."

Outstanding Career Achievement Awards were presented to Kay Campbell of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Margrit Carr of the Garrison's Directorate of Information Management, Teresa Dail of the Garrison's Plans Analysis and Integration Office, Paulette Davy of Marshall Space Flight Center, Wyndolyn Fuqua of MSIC, Kim Henry of the AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs Office, Mary Hovater of Marshall Space Flight Center, Regina Johnson of Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, Cherie Miller of Fox Army Health Center, equal opportunity adviser Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon of AMCOM/Garrison, Teresa Portzer of Space and Missile Defense Command, Sharon Roberson of Utility Helicopters



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER— Sharon Houy, associate deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, addresses Redstone's celebration of Women's Equality Day.**

Project Office, Priscilla Sanders of OMEMS, Nancy Sims of Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Anne M.E. Williams of Engineering and Support Center-Huntsville and Sgt. 1st Class

Requitha Williams of OMEMS.

Outstanding Supervisor of the Year Awards went to Elizabeth Bergmann of Utility Helicopters Project Office, Jackie Bennett of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Darrell Brew-

er of Garrison, Col. Mark Glynn of SMDC/ARSTRAT, Richard Grulich of Engineering and Support Center-Huntsville, Nancy Kyle of Logistics Support Activity, Jacquelyn Langhout of AMRDEC, Joanna Massar of Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Lt. Col. Phala Patton of LOGSA, Joan Singer of Marshall Space Flight Center and Eve Swaim of MSIC.

Team Redstone sponsored essay writing and a static display contest in support of this year's Women's Equality Day observance. Essay winners included the Program Directorate, Aircraft Survivability Equipment, first place; Richard Browning of the Criminal Investigation Division and Bud Eberhardt, tie for second place; and Pvt. Melissa Dill of Charlie Company, third place. Display winners included NCO Academy, first place; Program Directorate, Aircraft Survivability Equipment, second place; and Headquarters & Alpha Company, third place.



Photo by Tony Medici

## *Depot leadership*

Lt. Col. Michael Talley, right, assumes command of the Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, Pa., during a change of command ceremony. He receives the colors from Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, commander of Defense Distribution Center. DDTTP's former commander Lt. Col. Yvonne MacNamara retired.

# Family game brings more than fun

*Tool for military households delivers structure, discipline*

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Playing games is often a family affair.

Now, there's a new family game that's not only fun but also serves as a tool to improving family life, instilling discipline in children, and bringing structure into the home.

And, that can be particularly helpful for military families dealing with frequent household moves and Soldier deployments.

With that in mind, the Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program sponsored last week an interactive family workshop featuring Kevin McMahon, who has received national recognition for his development of "That's The Ticket!" The game helps parents inspire their kids daily with clear and achievable goals that guide them toward completing specific tasks, establishing positive habits like self-discipline and financial management, and earning the things they want through their own work.

"It's good to be able to offer something new and dynamic, and something that gives parents another option, another way of organizing their lives," said Virginia Dempsey, manager for the Family Advocacy Program. "Parenting is a long, difficult, confusing trip. But, it can also be lots of fun as you get to know your own child and watch them grow up."

The family game night at Bicentennial Chapel was open to families of Soldiers, military retirees, and DoD civilians and contractors. The goal of the Family Advocacy Program is to sup-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**BUILDING GOOD HABITS—** Kevin McMahon, creator of the family game "That's The Ticket!" explains the game's concept to Virginia Dempsey, the Family Advocacy Program manager for Army Community Service. McMahon presented the game to Soldier and civilian families at Redstone Arsenal last week. The game is a tool to improve structure, discipline and goal setting in a family.

port both the war fighter and the employees who help make the war fighter successful.

"Everyone is supporting the war and dealing with stresses associated with that. Everyone is doing things that keep them busy and that makes it hard to give families the attention they need," Dempsey said. "We want to offer programs that make families

strong, more stable and happier. It's OK to be happy with your family and enjoy your children without always having to be the one to keep everyone in line. This game allows families to get to know each other and to enjoy each other."

Since developing the program six years ago, McMahon has seen his military audiences

grow. He has spoken about how the game impacts families to groups at Fort Meade (Md.), Fort Gordon (Ga.), Fort Wainwright (Alaska), Whiting Naval Air Station (Fla.) and Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Washington, D.C.). His audiences have included Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force and National Guard families.

McMahon said all four branches have given "That's The Ticket!" to military families to help them maintain structure in the home during deployments.

"We are trying to put a new tool in the family tool belt, especially for children where all of a sudden a parent is deployed and they are being raised by a single parent," McMahon said. "If we can provide a way for the family to offer more stability for the children then it will be better for the entire family."

Before "That's the Ticket!" can start, parents custom build their family's game board based on their top five expectations. Those expectations are translated into daily and weekly "Ways to Win," such as keeping bedrooms clean, helping with the dishes, walking the family pet, brushing teeth without being told, doing the laundry and getting homework done.

"Parents have to get clear on what they want," McMahon said. "You need to set up a job description that includes the habits that you want to see in your child. You want to show your child how they can succeed in your house, and then you need to stick with it."

Once expectations are decided, value is given to each of them. For each expectation that a child succeeds at they are rewarded with golden tickets. They can use the tickets to buy things they want, such as television time, a trip to the movies, going to the park or a favorite snack.

"This is a young kid's version of real world experiences," McMahon said. "It teaches skills and how to make choices. As a parent, you put the challenges out there. Children love to please their parents and be rewarded. Kids love to succeed. Once they are successful, they get instant rewards."

See **Game** on page 11

# Savings register with military shoppers

DALLAS – Military shoppers in search of the best value for their dollar are increasingly reaching for “private label” products manufactured under the Exchange Services’ “Exchange Select” brand.

The steady demand for affordably priced, quality products by the military community continues to drive expansion of the Exchange Select brand, available exclu-

sively at Navy, Marine and Coast Guard Exchanges, Veterans Canteen Service locations and Army & Air Force Exchange Service BXs and PXs.

“We introduced 67 new ‘Exchange Select’ items in 2006 including value pack diapers and baby wipes, whitening pre-brush oral rinse and smoking cessation gum,” said AAFES’ senior vice president of sales Maggie

Burgess. “The entire portfolio now includes 557 unique items, all priced to deliver substantial savings.”

Whether shopping for health and beauty care items, household cleaning and laundry products or even a single-use camera, Exchange Select products offer quality that is equal to or better than equivalent national brands at an average savings of 50 percent. (AAFES release)

## Game offers goal-setting for military families

### Game

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Likewise, if they behave badly, such as sassing their parents, hitting their sibling or not putting their dirty clothes in the laundry hamper, then the child has to pay their parents a predetermined amount of tickets.

“They can win or pay, it’s their choice,” McMahon said. “This is designed for children ages 5 to 18. But, even at 2-years-old, kids can get it.”

When a parent is deployed, the game can continue as though the parent is still there, he said. There is no disruption in discipline and structure with the coming and going of a parent or the moving of the family.

“The good thing for the parents is once

the rules are set up they only monitor the rules,” McMahon said. “They are not responsible for their children’s decisions. The child decides, and then he is rewarded or punished, depending on the rules of the game.”

As children master “Ways to Win,” parents adjust the game board to make it more challenging.

The biggest success, McMahon said, is when the game doesn’t have to be used anymore to remind children of their responsibilities and the family can transition to life without the game.

The game helps families achieve the end result – young adults who are responsible, disciplined, successful and happy, Dempsey said.

“A parent’s job is to prepare their children to fly out of the nest, and that starts from birth,” Dempsey said. “It’s wonderful to see children go out on their own. But, it’s also wonderful to see them come home for a visit with lives that are satisfying.”

ACS at Redstone teamed up with

Maxwell Air Force Base and Anniston Army Depot to sponsor McMahon’s visit to each of the three posts. Dempsey hopes to partner with the three other Alabama military bases – along with Fort Rucker – on similar programs in the future.

“It’s got to be a program that works for all of us,” Dempsey said.

Programs like McMahon’s offer something for families in all kinds of situations.

“At Redstone, we have a lot of families that are leaving to go to another duty station to prepare for a deployment,” Dempsey said. “We also have a lot of families who have already been through a deployment and know what it is like. A lot of Soldiers and families here have had the war as a part of their lives. We also have civilians here who have been deployed and away from their families.”

Families who want more information from ACS’s Family Advocacy Program can visit the ACS office in building 3338 on Redeye Road, check out its web site at <http://www.redstonemwr.com> or call Dempsey at 876-5397.

## Besides licenses, mall offers shopping and dining for Redstone

### License

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“You wanted to reach out to take care of Soldiers,” he said. “It was a good idea to do this. It was the right thing to do. You guys had a vision and it’s all about helping Soldiers.”

For Myles and the rest of Team Redstone, “helping Soldiers” involves supporting not only the Soldiers wearing the uniform, but also their families, retirees and DoD civilians and contractors – all those “linked to the fight.”

“There’s linkage,” Myles said. “You’ve made it easy for us to use this office. And, now we can turn around and walk out of this door and go back to doing what we do best – taking care of Soldiers. We can go back to work and make a difference for the Soldiers in the fight ... I’m most impressed with how the local community gets it. They get the linkage.”

The office will also be available to NASA/MSFC employees and all other Team Redstone employees who are not affiliated with the Army.

Madison County license director Mark Craig said his office is proud to be part of Team Redstone.

“We’ve opened a great office here. The doors and the phone lines are open,” he said. “And, we are open to suggestions to be better.”

Lt. Col. F.A. Bingham, who is a retired Reserve Soldier, admitted there were some obstacles getting the state involved with the joint office. But, working out those

problems made the opening even better.

“We’re proud to be part of this base,” he said. “Thank you for letting us move on your post.”

Others in attendance who were instrumental in assisting with opening the licensing office included State Rep. Mike Ball, a former Marine and state trooper; Lt. Ricky Dale and Capt. Travis Trainer of the Alabama Department of Public Safety; Bob Lott, team leader for the BRAC Support Team on Redstone Arsenal; and Todd Hutto, chief of plans, analysis and integration for the Garrison.

*Editor’s note: The joint licensing office is located in the Commissary/PX shopping mall just off Goss Road near Gate 8. The county licensing office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (with a lunch break from noon to 1 p.m.) while the state licensing office is open only on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (with a lunch break from 12:30 to 1 p.m.). The county office provides tag registrations, driver’s license renewals, state I.D. card replacements, fishing licenses and hunting licenses. The state office transfers out-of-state licenses, issues Alabama I.D. cards, renews driver’s licenses and state I.D. cards, tests and licenses vessels and motorcycles, and tests for learner’s permits. The state office does not at this time offer road testing for private or commercial driver’s licenses or for initial issue licenses. Check [www.co.madison.al.us](http://www.co.madison.al.us) and [www.dps.alabama.gov](http://www.dps.alabama.gov) for required documents. The phone numbers are 882-1547 and 882-8698.*

## Wolfpack outlasts NCO Academy

Charlie Company edges  
Academy in volleyball

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Charlie Company and the NCO Academy exchanged momentum several times in their volleyball match last week.

After splitting the first two games, the decisive third contest went back and forth. Every time one team would pull ahead, the other would catch up. There were six ties and five lead changes before Charlie moved ahead to stay.

The Wolfpack beat the NCO Academy 25-22, 12-25, 20-18 on Aug. 20 at Pagano Gym in the last week of the regular season. The postseason tournament begins this week and the final is Sept. 4 at 6 p.m.

"It was just a lot of hard work," Charlie coach Rochelle Witherspoon said of the win. "With the amount of Soldiers we have coming out and in, we just have to adjust. And (it was) a lot of dedication."

Big hitters for the Wolfpack included Sammuell Storm, Robert Duncan and Robert McPhaul. Charlie improved to 4-4 on the season.

"I feel good going into the postseason (tournament) just because of the dedication of the Soldiers and their competitiveness," Witherspoon said.

NCO Academy player/coach Anthony Cardona gave his team early leads of 1-0 and 2-1 with two kills. He added two more for leads of 15-14 and 16-15. But the Wolfpack prevailed at the end.

"My team played great," Cardona said. "They did a valiant effort. They came from scratch through just practice. My team didn't know how to play to where they are now."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**NET PLAY—** Charlie's Alejandro Pena, left, battles at the net with NCO Academy's Sean Caldwell.

Christina Duncan and Terence Deese were among the leaders for the Academy, which fell to 5-3.

Here are the results from the fourth and final week of the season:

- **Aug. 20** – Marines def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-13, 25-19. HHC 59th def. Bravo 25-6, 25-21. Charlie def. NCO Academy 25-22, 12-25, 20-18.

- **Aug. 21** – Headquarters & Alpha def. Charlie. Marines def. HHC 59th 25-20, 26-28, 15-9. NCO Academy def. Bravo.

- **Aug. 23** – HHC 59th def. Charlie 25-20, 25-19. Headquarters & Alpha def. NCO Academy 25-10, 25-22.

The Eastern Conference final standings had Marines (7-3), HHC 59th (5-5) and Charlie (4-6). The Western Conference had Headquarters & Alpha (8-2), NCO Academy (6-4) and Bravo (0-10).

## Ala. A&M, Bama, Auburn picked to win

College football  
openers slated

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It's time again for college football and that means "Skip's Picks."

Each week during the season, I'll predict the outcome of select games on the major college schedule.

Alabama A&M at Tennessee State — **A&M**  
Western Carolina at Alabama — **Bama**  
Kansas State at Auburn — **Auburn**  
Richmond at Vanderbilt — **Vandy**  
Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky — **Ky.**  
Tennessee at California — **Tenn.**  
LSU at Mississippi State — **LSU**  
Mississippi at Memphis — **Memphis**  
Troy at Arkansas — **Arkansas**  
Oklahoma State at Georgia — **Ga.**  
Western Kentucky at Florida — **Fla.**  
Florida State at Clemson — **Fla. State**  
Georgia Tech at Notre Dame — **Ga. Tech**  
UCLA at Stanford — **UCLA**  
Navy at Temple — **Navy**  
Washington at Syracuse — **Wash.**  
Connecticut at Duke — **Connecticut**  
Virginia at Wyoming — **Va.**  
UAB at Michigan State — **Mich. State**  
Houston at Oregon — **Houston**  
Missouri at Illinois — **Missouri**  
Washington State at Wisconsin — **Wis.**  
Wake Forest at Boston College — **BC**  
Purdue at Toledo — **Purdue**  
Bowling Green at Minnesota — **Minn.**  
Indiana State at Indiana — **Indiana**  
Villanova at Maryland — **Md.**  
UCF at North Carolina State — **State**  
Baylor at TCU — **TCU**  
Army at Akron — **Akron**  
Marshall at Miami (Fla.) — **Miami**  
Utah at Oregon State — **Utah**  
Murray State at Louisville — **Louisville**  
Iowa at Northern Illinois — **Iowa**  
Middle Tennessee at Florida Atlantic — **MT**  
San Jose State at Arizona State — **San Jose**  
Northeastern at Northwestern — **Northwestern**  
Jacksonville State at Alabama State — **Jax State**  
Tennessee-Martin at Southern Mississippi — **SM**  
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Mississippi Valley State — **Ark PB**

I'll try to select the top games weekly without dodging the tossups in which the teams are evenly matched. Tie games count as ties in my won-loss record.

Bowl games don't count against my percentage at the end of the year. It's just too tough to pick the bowl game winners; and besides I'll need a break. So, I'll just predict the bowl winners for fun.

There's plenty of football to be played before January, so let's get started. Here are Skip's Picks for this week:

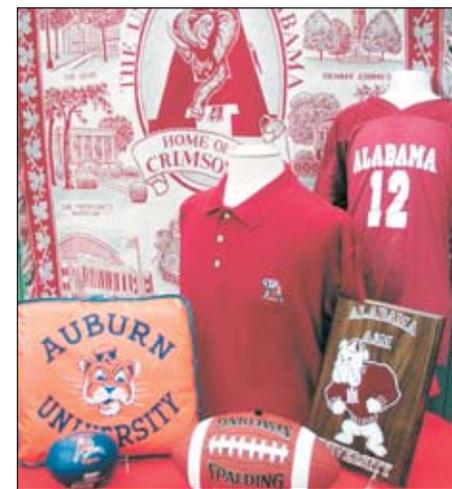


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HAPPY DAYS—** Regardless of loyalties, football fans look forward to this time of year.

Arizona at Brigham Young — **BYU**  
Eastern Michigan at Pittsburgh — **Pitt**  
Arkansas State at Texas — **Texas**  
La.-Lafayette at South Carolina — **SC**  
New Mexico at Texas-El Paso — **UTEP**  
Idaho at Southern California — **USC**  
Northern Colorado at Hawaii — **Hawaii**  
South Carolina State at Air Force — **AF**  
Colorado State at Colorado — **Colo. State**  
East Carolina at Virginia Tech — **Va. Tech**  
Texas Tech at Southern Methodist — **Tech**



# Night of drinking may be ultimate final fling

## Alcohol poisoning can lead to death

“A major health concern to today’s young troops is alcohol poisoning or alcohol overdose,” said Pat Johnson, Army Substance Abuse Program counselor at Fox Army Health Center.

“Alcohol poisoning occurs when the body can no longer process the amount of alcohol in its system and it begins to shut down. Binge drinking or drinking large quantities of alcohol in a short period of time with the goal – to get drunk fast – is the single most (frequent) cause of alcohol poisoning.”

ASAP counselor Harold Smith described the result. “What happens next is that the person ‘passes out.’ This is a very serious stage that can range from a semi-conscious to unconscious state,” he said. “If left unattended, a Soldier can slip into a coma and eventual death can occur. Depending upon the amount of alcohol ingested, the blood alcohol content or BAC continues to rise after a person passes out.”

The counselors have discovered that well meaning friends of the passed out victim will often put them to bed, and let them “sleep it off” or are too drunk themselves to attend to the passed out victim.

“Both of these attitudes can be disastrous, and we have been really lucky that

more serious consequences haven’t occurred,” Johnson said.

The problem is that alcohol poisoning, if left untreated, can lead to the following:

- Choking on own vomit.
- Breathing slows, becomes irregular, or stops.
- Heart beats irregularly or stops.
- Hypothermia (low body temperature) and hypoglycemia (too little blood sugar) lead to seizures.
- Untreated severe dehydration from vomiting can cause seizures, permanent brain damage, or death.

People should stay with the passed out person. He or she is not asleep; turn them on their right side, so that their left side is up. Get medical attention by calling 911 if the person is not responsive.

“Redeploying Soldiers need to remember that they do not have the tolerance for alcohol that they had prior to deployment – it does not take as much alcohol to get as drunk as they did before deployment,” Smith said. “We have had numerous cases of alcohol poisoning from redeploying Soldiers who were gauging their alcohol consumption on what they previously drank. The same can be said of IET students who haven’t drunk much alcohol since beginning basic training and IET. They will not be able to tolerate the amount of alcohol use they once did.

“I would not want to be the person calling a parent and telling them their child

died of alcohol poisoning after a successful Army deployment, yet it is done daily somewhere in this military environment.”

With Labor Day weekend ahead, a final fling before fall, Fox Army Health Center officials want to remind service-members to take care of themselves and each other. They should use designated

drivers and remember moderation in alcohol consumption.

The ASAP is an Army designated program to assist with the readiness and retention of military strength. It’s located in Fox Army Health Center, phone 955-8888, ext. 1931. *(Fox Army Health Center release)*



Courtesy photo

**RECOVERY POSITION DEMONSTRATED—** Medical officials say this is the position a passed out person should be placed in to ensure proper breathing – on his right side, with his left side up. He shouldn’t be left alone. And get medical attention by calling 911 if he is not responsive.

# Robotics project office under new leadership

## Project manager looks toward future

By LIRA FRYE  
For the Rocket

Saving lives daily. That's a phrase often used in conjunction with the Robotic Systems Joint Project, a phrase that Marine Col. Terry Griffin believes in passionately.

"When people are not in war, they think this robot is just a thing to take my job away," program executive for ground combat systems Kevin Fahey said. "When you get into a war, people realize a robot is a neat thing — it can save my life."

Fahey and others recognized Griffin for his achievements with the RSJPO as the outgoing project manager in a change of charter ceremony Aug. 21 in Bob Jones Auditorium. Griffin passed the torch to Marine Col. James Braden as the new project manager. Griffin also received the Legion of Merit during the cere-

mony. Braden will be stationed in Warren, Mich., as the RSJPO moves as a result of base realignment and closure.

"Terry is a true American," Fahey said. "Terry says nothing and does nothing that he doesn't believe is the best thing for the Marine or Army Soldier on the ground. And you can tell it's genuine. He has one focus, and that's his focus. Everything he does is heartfelt... everything with passion. Every action that he does, you know it's because he really believes that that action will save lives. It's been a reward for me to get to know him."

The RSJPO fields, sustains and maintains robotic systems for the Department of Defense.

In 2004 the organization, with Griffin at the helm, started the robotic surge by fielding 162 systems to Iraq and Afghanistan. By the end of fiscal 2007, the project office will have fielded more than 5,000. The systems are now used in route clearing, countermine missions, explosive ordnance disposal and reconnaissance.

"Terry Griffin and his team have done so much to support the war fighter," Fahey said. "He has an outstanding team of Americans who are as passionate as he is."

And that passion continues to grow as the role of robots in theater increases.

"There's no way to know how many lives have been saved," Griffin said. "There were 11,100 robot missions in 2006. As we crossed from 2006 into 2007, the number of servicemember deaths overseas was about 3,000. If one third of the 11,100 missions saved one life, then they preclud-

ed that death rate from being doubled."

Griffin gave thanks to many during his remarks, but he started by thanking God.

"I'm absolutely blessed to have had the opportunity to do the things that I have," he said.

He went on to acknowledge his family, specifically his wife Debbie, as well as his sons and daughter. He made special note of his mother and his father. "Mom is a real inspiration in my life," he said. "And my dad taught me that there's nothing you can't do."

In addressing the project office he said, "The chemistry

within this organization is fabulous. The things we've done, we've done together."

For Braden, the task is specific: continue to build the robotics capability at the new center in Warren, and maintain and grow the chemistry within the RSJPO. "This assignment is both humbling and challenging," Braden said. "These machines are saving people — they're critically important, and we can't slow down."

Braden comes to the RSJPO from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., where he served as chief of staff.



Photo by Leon Edwards

**FAREWELL**— Outgoing Col Terry Griffin and his wife, Debbie, bid farewell to Marine Col. Ed Ward.



Photo by Leon Edwards

**PASSING THE FLAG**— Col. Terry Griffin, outgoing Robotic Systems Joint Project Office project manager, passes the flag to the deputy project manager, Duane Gotvald, who will then pass it to incoming project manager, Col. James Braden. Griffin leaves after four and a half years as project manager and will retire in September after 31 years in the Marine Corps. Kevin Fahey, program executive for ground combat systems, is in the background.

# Industry representatives learn about opportunity

Program executive explains concept

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco knows how to take advantage of an opportunity. Dellarocco, the program executive officer for missiles and space, invited

## Perfect Opportunity plan unveiled

Here is the Perfect Opportunity plan described by Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer for missiles and space:

- Transfer/transition programs to PEO Missiles and Space from AMRDEC, SMDC, MDA and other organizations.

- Research, development, test and evaluation — Re-engineer systems via S&T/R&D modernization; and increase RDTE investment to reverse obsolescence.

- Increase international sales.
- Increase affordability — Need help from multiple sources to include industry partners; leverage other people's money.

- Recreate the Army Center of Excellence for Missiles, Space and Aviation.

- PEO Missiles and Space envisioned doubling in three to five years.

30 of the area's top industry representatives Aug. 21 to showcase his Perfect Opportunity plan. In office just over two months now, he devised this concept as an answer to a previous "Perfect Storm" analogy.

"We are on the verge of performing a real balancing act, with industry playing a vital role," Dellarocco said. "Key to that will be re-creating a systems engineering chief in the PEO in the next few months. This chief will contribute a valuable importance that will be rooted soundly in saving precious funding."

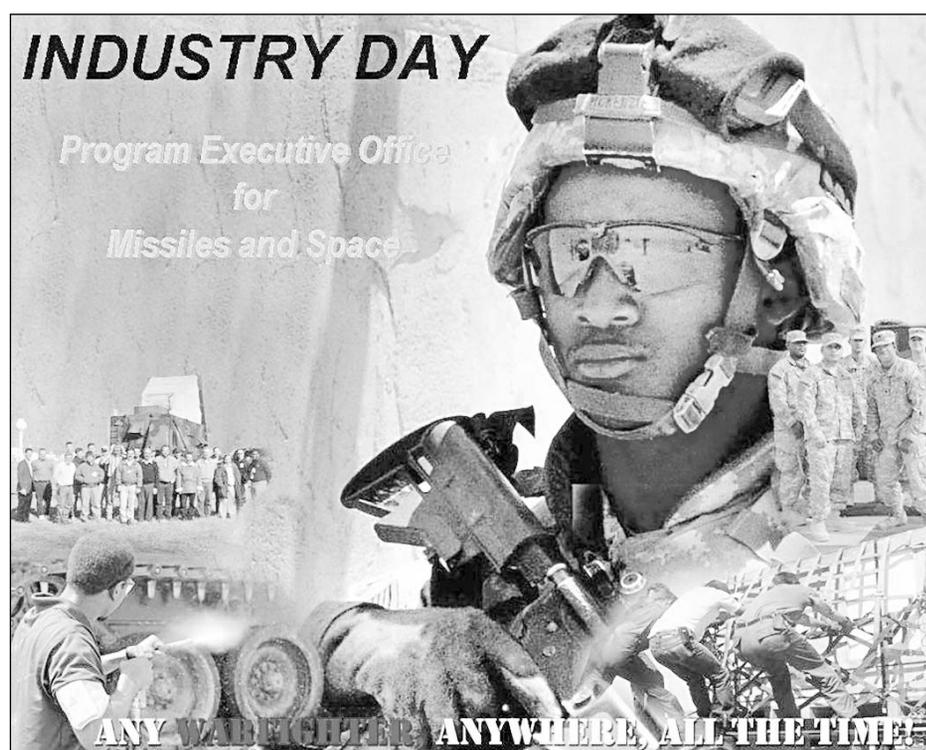
Emerging threats mean that the Team Redstone community must come together to be self-reliant and not reliant on off-shore capabilities to protect the nation, according to the general.

"Now and in the future, we must rely on the strength of our military and the strength of our government to sustain combat operations," he said. "In that role, performance-based logistics, condition-based maintenance and TMDE's test equipment will need to be collaboratively and intensely managed."

He told the attendees he will be looking closely at Independent Research and Development activities to see where the industrial base is heading, with an eye toward shaping future partnerships.

"Bear in mind the fact that a lot of IRAD money comes out of my pocket," Dellarocco said. "Our system engineering chief will be looking at voids to reinforce our mutual interests, rebuild relationships and take advantage of new and emerging synergies to package things differently when working toward technical solutions."

New technologies are on the cusp of



emerging and there will be plenty of new talent in the area to help produce capabilities, according to Dellarocco.

"We are in a unique situation," he said. "We want to avoid food fights and chasing our tails. This is a perfect opportunity that we need to take full advantage of. This is a community thing, with a great future. We need to work together and not compete for resources, as we posture for more business."

That community overture was well received by attendee Jim Huey of Metters Industries Inc.

"It was good for the missile community to hear that the light at the end of the tunnel may not be a train after all," Huey said. "Instead, it is the light of a new day dawning. To use his words: a new opportunity."

"I found his discussion with industry candid and straightforward. He is a knowledgeable person with a positive outlook and clear vision of where he wants to take the PEO Missiles and Space. He understands the challenges, and is the right person for the job."

## Non-Line-of-Sight launcher on target in test

By Maj. MICHAEL BLOMQUIST and GARY ILLG  
NLOS-LS Project Office

The Non-Line-Of-Sight Launch System Project Office, working closely with Netfires LLC, a joint venture between Raytheon Company's Missile Systems and Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, recently conducted a successful Precision Attack Missile Captive Flight Test at the Raytheon Missile System Radio Frequency range test area in Tucson, Ariz.

This was the first captive flight test of the new system design and development PAM guidance section and NLOS-LS

navigation system, integrated on a UH-1 helicopter flight test platform. The previous 10 captive flight tests used Netfire's Defense Advanced Research Project Agency hardware.

Primary test objectives demonstrated and successfully evaluated the development and integration of the PAM guidance section hardware and software in a helicopter captive flight test environment. This accomplishment moves the program forward and sets the stage for future PAM successful test flights.

"This successful integration onto a test platform now allows the program to conduct tactical missile profile flights and

evaluate the system's effectiveness against multiple target sets," project manager Col. Doug Dever said. "This ability is a critical step in presenting the Soldier a new capability as we go forward in supporting the current force and the Army's Future Combat System."

The CFT unit-under-test hardware developed for this test included a modified guidance section housed within a modified PAM missile front end and strong back, or missile pod, interfaced to a flight test rack that provided the operator interface, image display and storage data.

The Non Line-of-Sight Launch System

is one of the Future Combat System's core systems. It will operate as a part of the FCS systems-of-systems to meet the requirements of the Army's Future Brigade Combat Teams and provide increased capability for the current force's modular Brigade Combat Teams.

It is also one of the key Littoral combat ship mission modules for the Navy. Compared to systems with equivalent firepower — kills-per-combat load — the Non Line-of-Sight Launch System provides a modular, highly deployable and flexible precision fire capability to the Army, Navy and joint maneuver forces for a low life-cycle system cost.

# Couple answer call for help in bridge disaster

*Reserve officer and his wife provide medical support at site in Minneapolis*

By **JERRY HARBEN**  
U.S. Army Medical Command

Disasters are horrible calamities that result in pain, crippling injuries and death. But often they also bring the best in the human character to the forefront.

Such was the case when the Interstate 35 bridge across the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, Minn., collapsed Aug. 1. About 100 people were injured, five were killed and a week after the event eight were still missing. Casualties would have been greater without the response of people at or near the scene who immediately began to help.

Two of those heroes were Army Reserve 2nd Lt. Nathan Lund, a student at the University of Minnesota Dental School, and his wife, Christine, a registered nurse.

Lund said his brother witnessed the bridge fall and called to notify him. He immediately thought he should go to the scene and help.

"Not without me, you're not," said Christine.

"We threw on our scrubs, grabbed a tourniquet, masks, gloves and a stethoscope and ran to our car. We're five miles from the bridge and got there within 10 minutes," Lund said.

After looking for injured people at the northwest and southwest corners of the bridge, they were told by a police officer that help was needed at the southeast corner — on the other side of the still unstable bridge.

"We ran over there, under the bridge. We said a prayer first, but you gotta do what you gotta do," Lund said.

An emergency boat then pulled up with three medical students in it. They said triage was on the bridge's northeast corner.

"We jumped in the emergency watercraft and roared off," Lund said.

The scene when they arrived was a vision.

"Everything was on fire, live wires making sparks... There were 8 to 12 injured people in a row near the bridge," he said.

While Christine listened to lung functions, Lund checked vital signs and palpated abdomens. He pointed out that dental students take the same anatomy classes as medical students.

They loaded a man with a skull fracture into a pickup truck for evacuation.

"The bridge was still shaking and creaking, so we moved the patients about 30 yards. Then four more pickups arrived and we put the other patients in them," Lund said.

"There weren't as many injured as I expected," he commented. "There were a lot of broken backs and ribs, internal bleeding, but not severed arms or legs. One girl had both legs fractured at 90 degree angles. One person had a lung punctured by a broken rib."

After loading the wounded for transport to a hospital, the couple moved to a Red Cross station and waited until 10 p.m. to see if more patients would be found.

Lund's actions were recognized when ABC News honored him as Person of the Week.

Why run to the site of an event others are running away from?

"Might as well send me, someone's got to do it," Lund said. "And I knew I could get there in about 10 minutes.

"I think you have an obligation to help people if you can. And as an officer I think we should set a good example," he added.

Lund received a direct commission into



**Reserve 2nd Lt. Nathan and Christine Lund**

the Army in January 2004 and is studying on a scholarship from the Health Professions Scholarship Program. College students who want to become physicians, dentists, veterinarians, optometrists and clinical or counseling psychologists, if they qualify, can earn a full-tuition scholarship plus a monthly stipend of more than \$1,300 under HPSP. They normally are obliged to serve on active duty the same

number of years they were in school.

Lund will enter active duty after graduation in May, and hopes for an endodontic residency through the Army.

"I hope someday for some kind of command position. But life takes you where it takes you," he said.

Those at risk in future disasters can only hope life takes people like the Lunds where they are needed.

# Iraq veteran returns home to help Army recruiters

*Program enables front-line Soldiers to convey experiences in hometown*

By LEE ELDER

*Army Recruiting Battalion Nashville*

An Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran made good use of his experiences working alongside U.S. Army recruiters in his hometown for two weeks this month.

Spc. Paul Workman, a human resources specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 159th Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, just wrapped up a tour in Bowling Green, Ky., participating in the Special Recruiter Assistance Program. The SRAP program offers Soldiers who have served on the front lines the opportunity to convey their experiences back in their local communities.

"I've got a newfound respect for these recruiters," Workman said. "This job is not easy."

Recruiters put Workman to work right away. He accompanied three different recruiters throughout the Bowling Green area to various stops, and was not confined to sitting in a recruiting station.

"We wanted him to be out prospecting as much as he could," said Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Salloum, one of the station's recruiters. "These younger Soldiers who have gotten deployed can probably better relate to the community and to young people."

Workman, 22, attended McNeil High School before moving to Nashville, Tenn., with his father, Mark. He



Photo by Lee Elder

**MILITARY WAY—** Spc. Paul Workman, from Fort Campbell, Ky., interviews a would-be Army applicant while serving in the Special Recruiter Assistance Program.

graduated from Brentwood High School in 2004 and joined the Army one week afterward. He said the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, had started him thinking about military service.

"9/11 was probably my whole reason for joining," Workman said.

Workman deployed to Iraq last year with the Scream-

ing Eagles at nearby Fort Campbell, Ky. He was stationed at Logistics Support Area Anacosta, which is near Balad in northern Iraq. His service in Iraq generates a lot of questions.

"If they ask about Iraq, I tell them," Workman said. "I try to let them know what it is like over there. They ask me if I ever killed anybody over there and if it's really that hot in Iraq."

After returning from Iraq, Workman said a friend told him about the SRAP program. He registered online to participate and was told he was accepted.

The recruiting station's assistant commander, Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Allen, said it was great having Workman at the Bowling Green station.

"He helped us with our recruiting efforts and was able to communicate with the younger generation a little easier than the rest of us," Allen said.

Workman, who stayed with his mother, Velma, while on SRAP duty, netted the station 16 potential recruits, five of whom have already had appointments with recruiters.

Workman said he is leaning toward reenlisting; a hefty reenlistment bonus and a stable future are the big factors driving this decision.

"I want a family one day," Workman said. "Nobody takes care of a family like the Army can in my opinion." A tour as a recruiter is also an option, Workman said. "I would be open to it," he said. "I've certainly learned the importance of the mission of putting people in boots."

# Army takes issue with payday loans

*High interest rates mean more debt*

By **TAMIKA MATTHEWS**  
*Army News Service*

FORT MYER, Va. — Everyone's heard the familiar radio spots cajoling people to take out a payday loan, which is paid back when your paycheck arrives. It sounds easy enough.

In reality, these loans are dangerous and damaging, requiring sky-high interest rates and often sending people into a downward financial spiral.

The Defense Department considers payday lending one of the top 10 key issues impacting the quality of life of Soldiers, and a Pentagon report summary posted on the Center for Responsible Learning's web site estimates that about 17 percent of servicemembers use payday loans.

President George W. Bush signed the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act in October 2006, which takes effect this October. The law caps inter-

est rates for military personnel at 36 percent and prohibits the use of a personal check or other method to access a borrower's bank account.

The law won't stop Soldiers from using payday loans, said Leonard Toyer, a financial counselor with Army Community Service, but it will lessen the amount of debt servicemembers carry as a result.

Payday loan requirements are simple: a bank account and steady source of income. The loan recipient writes a post-dated check to the lender for cash. Interest rates are extremely high, usually around 300 percent or more. Repayment is usually required within two weeks.

If the recipient cannot pay the loan off when it's due, he or she must deal with late and bounced check fees and possible legal action. To avoid default, the borrower must roll the debt into a new loan with the same high rates.

"Unfortunately, 75 to 90 percent of people can't pay it back in the prescribed time," Toyer said. "They're constantly rolling over two or three times trying to

get out of the hole. Generally, unless they come into some kind of windfall where they can plunk a good chunk of money down, they're stuck.

"When everything shakes out, you're talking about people paying anywhere from 400 to 600 percent in interest for those loans, and that's ridiculous."

## PAYDAY ADVANCE CASH LOANS

Toyer said the reasons Soldiers use these loans, or even how many are using them, are hard to pin down.

"Since finances are so tied to careers nowadays, a lot of Soldiers are reluctant to come forward and say they used a payday

loan," he said. "They know a lot of times, units don't look favorably on that and might consider it irresponsible."

The director of the Financial Readiness Program here, Toyer helps teach Soldiers how to handle their money, and the Army offers alternatives to payday lending to help Soldiers in financial need.

Trina Reliford, the Army Emergency Relief officer for ACS, said Soldiers can fill out an application for an interest-free loan and receive a check the same day with a commander's approval under the Commanders Referral program. Soldiers may

receive up to \$2,000 a year in two loans and the first loan must be repaid before seeking Commanders Referral again.

The timeline for paying back the funds is prorated depending on budget and current finances, Reliford said. Either way, the terms are much more flexible than those of a payday lender.

She hasn't seen many Soldiers come in seeking the assistance, but encourages it. "We try to get Soldiers educated and tell them to come to us first and stay away from payday lending."

The Army also offers an emergency food program that helps Soldiers buy food when funds are tight.

"If it's a choice between paying your bills or buying food, pay your bills and then come to us," Toyer said. "We'll help you with that rather than you going to a payday lender and ending up deeper in debt."

Many of these businesses stay "just under the wire of being legal," he said.

*Editor's note: Tamika Matthews writes for the "Pentagram."*

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## Sports & Recreation

### Pineapple open

The 13th annual Pineapple Open charity golf tournament, sponsored by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, will be held Sept. 7 at the Links at Redstone. This will be a four-person scramble (no handicap) with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Entry fees include lunch, green fees and a cart. Proceeds go to the OCWC Welfare Fund which provides financial support to local organizations. "Last year, the OCWC Welfare Fund gave just over \$30,000 in scholarships and donations back to the community – over \$7,000 of which was from our 2006 golf tournament proceeds," a prepared release said. "Your support of the Pineapple Open is vital to ensuring the OCWC can continue to assist those in need in our local area." For more information, call 497-5662 or e-mail ocwcpineappleopen@yahoo.com.

### Punt, pass and kick

The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter of Alabama A&M University Alumni Association will host the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition, sponsored by the Tennessee Titans, on Sept. 8 at noon at Louis Crews Stadium on the A&M campus. This is open to all male and female youth ages 8-15 in the Tennessee Valley. Registration is free starting at 11 a.m. with the competition beginning at noon, on the visitors' side of the stadium. Parents or guardians signature is required on the Entry and Release of Liability Form. Only sneakers are allowed to be worn by participants – no cleats allowed. For more information, call C. Lamar Sterns 722-8093 or 679-8961 and Tourischeva Stubbs 372-4059.

### 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.

### Benefit tournament

The Executive Women's Golf Association and Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association are taking part in the "Rally for the Cure" presented by Golf for Women magazine, a breast cancer awareness campaign. The "Rally for the Cure" tournament will be held Sept. 22 at the Links at Redstone with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Check-in will begin at noon. The four-person scramble costs \$60 per player and \$240 per team. For more information and registration forms, call Christina Semmens 603-0225 or Kay Theodoss 684-5161.

### Garrison golf

Join the Links for the All Garrison 4-man Scramble Golf tournament Sept. 29. Cost is \$30 per person. For more information, call 883-7977.

### Football fans

For the entire college and NFL football seasons, you can catch your favorite game at Brooklyns Sports Bar. Brooklyns will be televising all your favorite college games every Saturday and NFL games every Sunday. Brooklyns is located inside the Redstone Lanes bowling center. Call 876-6634 for more information.

### Hunter orientation

Join Outdoor Recreation Sept. 4, 18, Oct. 2, 16, Nov. 6 and 20 at 4:30 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center for its annual Redstone Arsenal Hunter Safety Orientation. This class is mandatory for all who want to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. For information call 876-4868.

### Lions club tournament

Huntsville Pacesetters' Lions Club will hold the "Flight fore Sight" golf tournament Sept. 15 at Colonial Golf Course, 400 Colonial Drive in Meridianville. Check in is at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start at 7:30. Player entry fee is \$55. For more information, call tournament chairman Mike Crane home 881-7554 or work 881-1346, Regis Percey 883-3132 or Bill Harrell 881-2248.

### Golf fund-raiser

The family readiness group for 1/167th Infantry, Cullman, is holding a four-man scramble golf tournament at 1 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Cullman Golf Course. Cost for this fund-raiser is \$60 for individuals and \$240 for foursomes. For more information call Ronda Rusk, family readiness group chairman, 737-0836.

### Honor Flight benefit

A four-person Scramble golf tournament at the Links at Redstone is set Friday and will raise funds for Honor Flight. The inaugural Honor Flight Benefit Golf Tournament will begin with registration at 7 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30. Door prizes and awards will be announced at 1 p.m. The tournament fee is \$50 for civilians, and \$45 for military and Department of Defense civilians, and includes entry fee, green fees, golf cart, and food and

drink. Team sponsorship packages are \$500, \$750 and \$1,000. A hole sponsorship is \$100. Checks should be made out to Honor Flight and sent to Nick Leone Golf, 2623 Hickory Flats Trail, Huntsville, AL 35801. Leone can also be reached at 655-4352. Other organizers are Jason Hales 542-4604 and David Miller 542-4816. Proceeds from the golf tournament will enable World War II veterans in the Tennessee Valley to visit their memorial in Washington, D.C.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invites you to study God's word each Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

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Photo by Faye Yates/IMMC

## That's the ticket

Bill Andrews, deputy executive director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, purchases a ticket for the 2007 IMMC Riverfest Picnic from Jan Pickard, picnic chairman. The picnic, Oct. 4 at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area, is open to all IMMC employees to include IMMC retirees and matrix personnel. For ticket information and a list of activities scheduled for the day, call Pickard at 842-6625.

at Bicentennial Chapel. Free child watch is available. For more information, call Erica Hobbs 325-3152 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404.

## **Engineering society**

IEEE Huntsville Section, Engineering Management Society, will meet Sept. 6 from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at UAH Engineering Building, conference room 258. Jerald Kerby of Marshall Space Flight Center is to speak on Earned Value Management. For reservations call Sonya Hutchinson 544-3312.

## **Industry briefing**

The 2007 Advance Planning Briefing for Industry will be held Sept. 20 at Bob Jones Auditorium. This briefing is a continuing effort to keep industry informed of AMCOM's long-range technology development objectives and contractual opportunities. These briefings will be of interest to representatives from industry, academia and research. The theme of this year's conference is "Concept to Combat - A Partnership for Progress." This event is restricted to U.S. citizens with no foreign nationals or foreign owned company representatives allowed due to security restraints. You may register online at <https://www.apbi.redstone.army.mil>. For additional information, call the APBI help desk 842-9967 or e-mail [redstone-apbi@conus.army.mil](mailto:redstone-apbi@conus.army.mil).

## **Parliamentarians**

The American Institute of Parliamentarians meets on the second Monday of each month, beginning Sept. 10, from 6-8 p.m. at the Eleanor E. Murphy Branch Library in Huntsville. For information call Arthur Henderson 541-4395.

## **Space society**

HAL5 (National Space Society) presents a free public lecture Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Marshall Space Flight Center historian Mike Wright is to speak on "Historical Trends in Technology." A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie 509-3833.

## **Officers association**

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Madison County tax assessor Fran Hamilton will be the speaker. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows, are invited. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burtram 325-1938.

## **Computer users**

The Huntsville PC User Group's Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet at 9:15 a.m. Sept. 8 at the

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Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. The special interest group leader will be Kevin Wangbickler. At 10:45, Andy Karabinos will give a presentation on Internet research. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 830-2232.

## Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Visitors are welcome. Brian Hogan will speak on "The Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization founded in 1866 for the Union veterans of the Civil War. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. Call 858-6191 for more information.

## Special Forces group

The Northern Alabama Chapter of the Special Forces Association will hold its quarterly meeting Sept. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Outlaw Steakhouse in Guntersville. Past and present members of Special Forces, both Army and Army National Guard, are eligible to join and are welcome at the meeting. For more information, call Les Fuller 922-3579.

## 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.

## Terrain summit

Terrain Summit '07 is Sept. 24-25 in Huntsville. For information visit [www.terrainsummit.org](http://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 located at [www.aiaa.org/events/wse](http://www.aiaa.org/events/wse).



## 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

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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

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## 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](http://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 9-12:30. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The shop will be open Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10-2. 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 com-

## Catholic women

Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) will open its 2007-08 year with a welcome social Sept. 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel conference room. Optional holy hour is at 11 and Mass at noon. All Catholic women with military or civilian IDs are invited to attend and bring a friend. For information call Phyllis at the chapel office 842-2175 or Chris 701-6490.

## Military collectibles

A military collectibles show, sponsored by the Alabama Military Collectors Association, will be held Sept. 7-8 at the Huntsville Jaycees Community Building, 2180 Airport Road. Show times are 1-7 p.m. Sept. 7 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 8. For more information, visit [www.almilitarycollectors.org](http://www.almilitarycollectors.org) or e-mail [amcahq@knology.net](mailto:amcahq@knology.net).

## Health center holiday

Fox Army Health Center will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The health center will be open regular hours, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., the remainder of the week. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments. Fox has no emergency room or emergency medical services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.

## Spouse employment

You may not always control where you live, but you can control your career. Manpower will accept resumes from military spouses for a variety of positions Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. until noon at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. These jobs include administrative assistants, executive assistants, human resources, accounting clerks, cus-

tomers service representatives, and general office clerks. Manpower, a corporate partner with the Army Spouse Employment Program, understands the challenges military spouses face when searching for employment. "When you become a Manpower employee, transfers to another city are easy," a prepared release said. "Manpower's network of choices can help you out in just about every corner of the country. Plus, as a Manpower employee, you retain your earned hours. They offer temporary employment, permanent placement, training and benefits. They place associates in short term, long term, temp-to-hire, and permanent positions; the choice is yours. Let Manpower serve your employment needs while your spouse is serving our country." For more information, call ACS's Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

## Oktoberfest

Redstone Arsenal's 12th annual Oktoberfest is Sept. 13-16 at the Redstone Activity Field off Patton Road. For more information, call 876-4531.

## Big Spring Jam tickets

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is selling Big Spring Jam three-day passes for the corporate rate of \$45. Children 10 and under are free with a paid adult. Payment is by check or money order only, payable to BSJ. Absolute last day for CWFC advanced three-day pass sales is Sept. 26. Three-day passes will not be sold at the BSJ gates. The individual ticket price at the gate this year is \$25 per day. You can purchase your three-day passes from any of these CWFC members: building 5303, Charles Urban 955-7662; building 5400, Bob Olson 876-4993; building 5220, Yancy Mitchell 955-5476; DAU, Don Clark 722-1035; building 5302, Jan Pickard 842-6625; building 5301, Jack

Padley (Garrison rep) 876-1747; building 7804, Sue Urban 842-1276; building 5301, Bud Allen 876-5285; building 4545, Loretta Brooks 313-7406; building 5435, Dave Landrum 842-8534. For more information on the Big Spring Jam, go to [www.bigspringjam.org](http://www.bigspringjam.org).

## Wellness day program

Greater Huntsville Chapter, 100 Black Men of America Inc., will hold its eighth annual Health and Wellness Day program Sept. 8 at Alabama A&M University's Elmore Gym. The event is from noon until 4 p.m., before A&M's football game against Clark Atlanta. Its focus is on screening, education and prevention. There will be free food, entertainment, door prizes and gifts. For more information, call Earnest Starks 430-1987 or cell 658-4545.

## Ride wanted

Worker, who resides at Renaissance Apartments on South Memorial Parkway, wants rides to and from the Sparkman Center. Hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 881-3160.

## Beauty pageant

The Alabama Hispanic Association will hold the inaugural Senorita Hispana Beauty Pageant Oct. 6 from 7-11 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. The pageant, to raise funds for scholarships, is open to everyone with an admission charge of \$8 a ticket. "Hispanic señoritas wanting to participate in the contest can get more information by calling 325-4242," a prepared release said. Contestant divisions range from ages 5 to 8, 9 to 12, 13 to 16, and 17 to 20.

## PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours Labor Day, Sept. 3: Main Store 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All Concessions closed. Furniture Store closed. One-Stop Goss Road 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tire Store closed. Burger King closed. Military Clothing closed. Barber Shop, building 3479, closed. Food Court - Anthony's closed, Cinnabon closed, Baskin Robins 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Robin Hood 11 a.m. to

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5 p.m., Churchs closed, American Eatery closed.

## Poker run

A poker run, a benefit ride for Operation Smile, "changing lives one smile at a time," is scheduled Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. at Weatherly Road and Bailey Cove in southeast Huntsville. Everyone is invited - all bike clubs and non-club riders. This event is sponsored by Chips & Salsa Cantina, 10300 Bailey Cove (phone 880-1202). Entry fee is \$10 rider, \$5 passenger. The grand prize is \$240. Plaques will be awarded for largest club, traveled farthest, oldest rider, best poker hand and worst poker hand.

## Exceptional family members

EP LiveOnline - a joint venture of Exceptional Parent Magazine and Vemics Inc. - announces a new series of interactive online seminars specifically for military medical personnel, civilian health care professionals, families and care givers. This free four-part series, titled "Behavioral Disorders Commonly Encountered in Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities: ADD/ADHD and Autism," begins Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. For more information call Natalie Taylor, Exceptional Family Member Program manager at Army Community Service, 876-5397. The web site for registration is <http://www.epliveonline.org/military-prglist.html>.

## Organizational day

All associated with security assistance/foreign military sales are invited to SAMD LCMC Organizational Day on Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rustic Lodge. Activities will include bingo, a cake walk, horseshoes, volleyball, door prizes, sunrise golf and more. To schedule golf, call Steve Dirigo 842-1106. A barbecue beef or pork lunch will be catered by Rolo's. Lunch begins at noon and cost is \$14 a ticket. Please get your tickets by Sept. 28 from a Security Assistance Management Directorate contact or call Stephanie McWhorter 842-1078.



Courtesy photo

## Graduating interns

The Integrated Materiel Management Center recognized its summer 2007 graduating Army interns on Aug. 21. Certificates were presented to supply interns Bernadette Green, left, and Pamela Evans.

# ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
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SCBK07154019	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Aug-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876			X					X			X	
SCNAFBK0727	Lead Lifeguard	31-Aug-07	Swimming Pools, Outdoor Rec	NF-0189	2	2	7.61 - 13.48	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07169253	Admin Supp Tech (OA)	31-Aug-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YB-0303	1	1	29,108 - 42,180	X											
SCBK07159056	Supv Info Sys Mgmt Spec	31-Aug-07	GARRISON	YC-0301	2	2	76,056 - 116,835	X											
SCBK07197886	Traffic Mgmt Spec	31-Aug-07	IMMC	GS-2130	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X											
SCBK07184096	Electronical Engr	3-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0850	2	2	44,104 - 98,876							X	X			X	
SCBK07184096D	Electronical Engr	3-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0850	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCNAFBK0728	Recreation Aid	4-Sep-07	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.15 - 10.63	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCNAFBK0729	Sales Clerk	4-Sep-07	Bus Oper Div	NF-2091	1	0	5.15 - 10.63	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCNAFBK0730	Laborer	4-Sep-07	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	7.90 - 7.90	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCNAFBK0734	Laborer	4-Sep-07	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	7.90 - 7.90	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCNAFBK0735	Tractor Oper	4-Sep-07	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.69 - 9.69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07196982	General Supp Spec	4-Sep-07	IMMC	GS-2001	11	11	53,362 - 69,373	X											
SCBK07116244	Equipment Spec (General)	5-Sep-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07147320	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Sep-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	75,879 - 127,031	X							X			X	
SCBK07147320D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Sep-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	75,879 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07097367	Contract Spec	6-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1102	2	2	63,958 - 98,876							X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07097367D	Contract Spec	6-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1102	2	2	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07167963	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Sep-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X							X			X	
SCBK07149320	Equip Spec (General)	6-Sep-07	IMMC	GS-1670	11	11	53,362 - 69,373	X							X			X	
SCBK07209377	Administrative Supp Assistant	6-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DK-0303	2	2	29,108 - 42,180	X							X			X	
SCBK07210769	Opers Research Analyst	6-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-1515	12	13	63,958 - 98,876			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK07210769D	Opers Research Analyst	6-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-1515	12	13	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07196988	Supply Sys Analyst	6-Sep-07	IMMC	GS-2003	11	11	46,974 - 69,373	X											
SCBK070159870	Supv Staff Action Control Chief	7-Sep-07	AMCOM, Bus Mgmt Dir	YC-0301	2	2	63,958 - 122,678	X	X										
SCBK07146178	Computer Engr	7-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X		X	X	X			X	X		X	
SCBK07146178D	Computer Engr	7-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07120870	Contract Spec	7-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DE-1102	3	3	48,570 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07224416	Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Sep-07	AMCOM, G3 (Oper)	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148			X				X	X				
SCBK07108963	Equipment Spec (Aircraft&Electronics)	12-Sep-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	56,301 - 83,148			X					X			X	
SCBK07121517	Computer Engr	13-Sep-04	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK07121517D	Computer Engr	13-Sep-04	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07122465	Lead General Engr	14-Sep-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07122465D	Lead General Engr	14-Sep-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07191532	Aerospace Engr	14-Sep-04	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK07191532D	Aerospace Engr	14-Sep-04	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07197171	Equip Spec	14-Sep-04	AMCOM, TMDE Actvy	GS-1670	11	11	53,362 - 69,373	X	X										
SCBK07212354	Logistics Mgmt Spec	14-Sep-04	AMCOM, TMDE Actvy	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X										
SCBK07022364	Geophysicist	17-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-1313	2	2	44,104 - 98,876						X		X	X		X	
SCBK07022364D	Geophysicist	17-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-1313	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07120366	General Engr	18-Sep-07	PEO AVN	NH-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434			X				X	X	X		X	
SCBK07120366D	General Engr	18-Sep-07	PEO AVN	NH-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07201717	Lead Aerospace Engr	21-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK07201717D	Lead Aerospace Engr	21-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV</b>																			
SCBK07146400D	Computer Engr	30-Aug-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07184096D	Electronical Engr	3-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0850	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07147320D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Sep-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	75,879 - 127,031	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07097367D	Contract Spec	6-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1102	2	2	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07146178D	Computer Engr	7-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07121517D	Computer Engr	13-Sep-04	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07122465D	Lead General Engr	14-Sep-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07191532D	Aerospace Engr	14-Sep-04	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07022364D	Geophysicist	17-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-1313	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK07201717D	Lead Aerospace Engr	21-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)</b>																			
<b>A</b> - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																			
<b>B</b> - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																			
<b>C</b> - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
<b>D</b> - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
<b>E</b> - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
<b>F</b> - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
<b>H</b> - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
<b>I</b> - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
<b>R</b> - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
<b>T</b> - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
<b>V</b> - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																			
<b>U</b> - All U.S. citizens																			
<b>NOTE:</b> If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																			
<b>NOTE:</b> The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at <a href="http://www.redstonemwr.com">www.redstonemwr.com</a> or you may telephone 876-7772.																			
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