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# Lining up team to give to others

## Combined Federal Campaign kicks off with tailgate party

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Federal agencies in the Tennessee Valley always seem to score a touchdown when it comes to giving to charitable causes.

The annual Combined Federal Campaign represents their opportunity to help others. The 2007 CFC kickoff celebration/agency fair tailgate party is Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NASA picnic area.

"CFC is all about people helping people," campaign coordinator Donna Johnson said. "Our slogan for this year is 'Give Today, Change Tomorrow.' And that's what we want to encourage folks to do with CFC – to give a contribution today to change tomorrow in someone's life.

"CFC is simply about people helping people. That's the message of CFC – people helping people. There's a time when everyone needs help, and we want to make sure that help is available when people need it."

The fund-raising campaign is Oct. 8 through Dec. 7 with a \$1.9 million goal. Last

year's drive collected \$2,102,840 to surpass a \$1.8 million goal.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, is the campaign's new chairman.

"It is the cornerstone program that allows us to give to those that are in need," Myles said. "And it's a tremendous program that we all need to get behind."

The kickoff ceremony with Myles is 11-noon Sept. 25, followed by lunch and the agency fair and other activities from 12-2 p.m. Eighty-two CFC charitable agencies are to attend and have booths to share literature and answer questions about their services. Food will be provided by Domino's Pizza and Costco, with beverages from Pepsi Buffalo Rock.

Ralph Malone, president and chief executive officer of Triana Industries, is the keynote speaker. He's a local philanthropist and a former professional football player with the Miami Dolphins. Entertainment will be provided by Melani Higginbotham, a computer technician for contractor Jacobs Technology at the Utility Helicopters Project Office, who won this year's AER Idol singing competition. Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the event. WAHR-Star 99.1 will provide music and serve as the DJ.

"We're inviting the attendees to wear their favorite sports jersey to represent their favorite football team," Johnson said. "The intent (of the kickoff) is to educate employees about CFC, but we also want it to be a fun event as well to enjoy."

There are about 15,000 employees in the 40 federal agencies of the Tennessee Valley. The campaign covers six North Alabama counties – Cullman, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall and Morgan – and Lincoln County, Tenn.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CFC JERSEY— Campaign coordinator Donna Johnson presents a Combined Federal Campaign shirt to Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, chairman for this year's fund-raising drive.**

This year's participants include 170 local charitable agencies and 1,900 international and national agencies.

"The CFC participating agencies will now have new five-digit codes that will be used when making donations in the campaign this year," Johnson said. "Office of Personnel Management has issued new five-digit codes for participating agencies, so four-digit codes will no longer be valid. So be on the lookout for this change."

Federal employees, active duty military and Postal Service workers can give to CFC through payroll deductions, cash or check contributions. Retired military, civilian retirees and contractors are welcome to give cash or checks.

"All campaign materials will be distributed to financial chairpersons prior to campaign time," Johnson said.

For more information, call the CFC office at 876-9143.

## An open lane random survey

Should public figures be put to a higher standard than the rest of us?

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*Dana Holmes*  
AMCOM Acquisition Center  
**"Yes, I think they should be because the majority of the American population looks to these people as role models. And I think they should set an example for the public to follow."**

*Larry Reed*  
Yulista Test Department

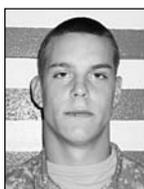
**"I wouldn't think so. Nobody should be better than anybody else."**



*2nd Lt. Susana Ash*  
Charlie Company  
**"Yes, more than likely they volunteer to be public figures. Therefore, they assume the responsibilities. One of those is maintaining a good public image."**

*Pvt. Matthew Pittman*  
Charlie Company

**"I think that we (the military) should hold ourselves to a higher standard. The way that we conduct stuff promotes confidence in our nation."**



## Quote of the week

**'If you don't know where you're going, you might not get there.'**

— Yogi Berra

## Letters to the Editor

### Question surfaces on overpass

**W**hy are they going to remove the overpass over Martin on Toftoy Road? All it really needs is a good repaving. The government is going to spend large sums of money to remove the overpass when it probably just needs a good repaving.

**Miguel A. Rodriguez**

*Editor's note: The Garrison pro-*

*vided the following response. "The Toftoy bridge over Martin Road will not be removed. Only the concrete decking surface will be replaced along with the handrails to bring them up to present codes. We will construct a temporary protective tunnel under the overpass to protect the vehicles on Martin Road during the construction period. We agree that there is no need to expend limited funding when it is not necessary."*

### Give time, money to CFC

**W**ho needs CFC? Is CFC just something that helps 'someone else'? If you take the time to talk to those around you, you might be surprised to find out how many are affected by CFC charities.

When my daughter was born, she was five weeks premature. She had 10 fingers and 10 toes and we thought everything was perfect. For three weeks, the only problem we had was that she wasn't eating as much as the doctor wanted her to, so she wasn't gaining a lot of weight. When she was 3 weeks old, her neck and the side of her face suddenly swelled so much that there was no

jaw line. We had to rush her to Children's Hospital in Birmingham. My little 3-week-old baby had an IV in each arm, each leg, and one in her forehead. Can you imagine how I felt seeing her like that, not knowing if she would live?

The surgeons removed a Thymic cyst, which had been preventing her from taking much milk and had begun choking her. While we were in Birmingham, the Ronald McDonald House offered us a place to stay. We had family in Birmingham, so we didn't take them up on the offer. But, it was nice knowing that we

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### Decisions need common sense

**I**am disturbed to see the anger toward the fellow interns who were hired in for OP GS-13 positions.

Those angry at the interns are hypocrites as we all know we would have never have turned down such an opportunity. The real problem has been that Dr. Pieplow has done a superb job in hiring local interns at a quality equal to these fellow interns. I would be angry too if I were a local OP GS-11 intern knowing that future promotions would be more limited.

Morale has been damaged at a critical time. But this anger needs to be directed to AMC headquarters

where these decisions are made. A key issue is that many of these fellow interns do not spend enough time in the trenches to understand how the real world operates. Our office tries to provide the maximum experience possible but this is not done across the board. Many of these interns will move on to AMC positions without being able to fully understand the difference between theory and real world reality.

The Army made errors in the Vietnam War by training officers totally in a classroom environment to the total exclusion of experience.

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### Bird's-eye view of tasty geese

**A**s we head into fall, I can't help but notice the lovely geese out in front of the Sparkman Center.

This brings to mind that I would really like to thank all the kind hearted people that go out of their way to feed and nurture the ever increasing flock of geese. I have noticed that some people are actually able to stand next to several of them as they wait their turn to be fed. This really is a cute scene just like out of a fairy tale. Only one word can describe the grain feeding and nurturing like I see going on here at the Sparkman Complex: Tasty!

Have you folks that are feeding the geese ever considered the harm you do to these geese? Let's count the ways:

- They lose all sense of warning and danger from humans the more you interact with them;
- They quit flying – i.e., less exercise;
- They don't try to migrate anymore since better food is had from a human feeding out of a bag;
- Their population numbers increase in concentration (as evidenced this year around the Sparkman Center);
- Because of the increase in population, disease is more prone to happen;
- The small pond that they have to swim and defecate in is now loaded with more bacteria than it can handle (leading to sick geese);
- The pond now has bacteria runoff during rains that contaminates down stream areas.

Now, let's count the positive things that come out of feeding them:

- The person who feeds them gets a good warm fuzzy feeling;
- People driving into the Sparkman Center get to look at Lawn Designer Ornaments;
- The geese are full and don't have to go anywhere to get food.

So as we head into hunting season, and I have a goose walk up to me looking for a handout, and I save money on a shotgun shell, I want to thank you bird feeders and handlers for that tasty fat grain-fed goose.

Maybe the Redstone Arsenal game warden would like to add to this perspective?

**Phillip D. Lively**

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Stanley Walker

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**Where do you call home?**  
Chicago, Ill.

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

The people that I work with and the opportunity to serve.



What I do is I hit flea markets and antique shops. And I like to try barbecue places. And I work with kids. When you see my office, that'll be apparent. It looks like Toys R Us.

**What are your goals?**

To make my parents, my country and my God proud of me.

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

It's more era music – I like music of the '60s, '70s and '80s, and a variety of each of those eras. But that was my favorite era of music.

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

Remote control airplanes – I fly them and build them. Long drives through Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee.

■ Combined Federal Campaign affects many

## Donate

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could. After 10 days, we brought our baby home and she will soon celebrate her 16th birthday.

Because someone like you donated to CFC, my daughter and I benefited. I will always remember the wonderful doctors and nurses at Children's Hospital and the folks at the Ronald McDonald House. They treated us with such compassion and concern that I, a young, first-time mother, was comforted. I remember them in my prayers and I remember them with my CFC donations because I want your child or grandchild to have that type of care should they ever need it.

The CFC Kickoff Celebration is coming up on Sept. 25 at the NASA picnic area. There will be a selection of agencies from the CFC brochure available for you to talk to. You can find out what they are doing in your community to help people just like you and me.

Come down, have lunch and have your eyes opened to some of the great things happening in our community.

When you receive your CFC brochure in a couple of weeks, please take the time to look inside and truly think about how these many charities affect you and those you care about. I encourage you to give to the charity of your choice. Every penny of what you give through CFC will go where you designate it. There are checks and balances in place to guarantee that.

So, talk to those around you and hear their stories. Search your heart and find a cause that is dear to you. Then, look in the CFC brochure to find a charity (local, national or international) that will be helped by your donation. If you need help finding a particular charity or filling out your pledge card, anyone involved with CFC will be happy to help you. What you give today will change tomorrow.

**Lynn Moore**  
IMMC CFC financial chair

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

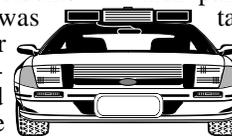
**Sept. 6:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after they stopped and stated they were lost at Gate 9. The passenger and the driver were observed switching seats; and after checking both individuals, both were found to have suspended driver's licenses. Both individuals were then issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 9:** An individual was observed taking photos from one envelope and

placing them into another. The subject then paid for one envelope which contained both sets of photos. The subject was detained by store security and the police were called. The subject was processed and issued a court summons for shoplifting.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 14 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 driving with a revoked/suspended driver's license, 1 improper backing, 1 failure to maintain control, 1 illegal turn.



■ Fellows and interns evaluated

## Decisions

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These "intellectual" officers had casualty rates in their units far above those of experienced officers. AMC "intellectuals" are currently making decisions based exclusively on theory in absence of any real world experience. If this trend continues, the Army will soon be in a state of SUBAR (screwed up beyond all recognition) possibly to the point of no return. AMC advocates "technology insertion" in our weapons systems. I advocate "common sense insertion" in AMC headquarters.

**Name withheld by request**

*Editor's note: The AMCOM Command Group provided the following response. "Thank you for the opportunity to address concerns regarding the various entry level recruiting and training programs used by the Aviation and Missile Command. AMCOM considers both the Fellows Program and the Intern Program as vital parts of our efforts to meet our future work force needs.*

*"These programs provide tremendous career opportunities for the participants, and they are also critical components of our work force reshaping mission. We have a challenging mission in replacing*

*our experienced and capable work force as many of them approach retirement, and Interns and Fellows are a major part of the solution. The Army, AMC and AMCOM have put in place stringent requirements for the selection and development of Interns and Fellows. These requirements involve classroom training and on the job development. Fellows and Interns are assigned mentors; detailed development and training plans are prepared; and their work is closely monitored and evaluated on a quarterly basis.*

*"These programs are not free rides; performance counts, and non-performance can result in termination. In addition to these programs, there are opportunities for growth and development throughout the work force. AMCOM and AMC are dynamic organizations, constantly changing to meet the needs of an Army and nation at war, and personal growth opportunities will emerge based on the needs of the Command. We will provide these opportunities as we meet the challenges of sustaining the war; mature the Soldier Focused Logistics teaming with the program managers; implement the Logistics Modernization Program; and comply with the directed BRAC moves. It is likely that we will soon have more opportunities for advancement and leadership than we have fully qualified candidates. This Command will use all resources available to us to meet those future needs."*

## Never forget those struck down by terrorism

### Patriot Day Tribute honors America

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The sacrifices of 9/11 can be seen in the faces of today's Soldiers — and in the names of those who have lost their lives in the Global War on Terrorism since that fateful day in 2001.

Both were remembered and honored at this year's Patriot Day Tribute.

In a quiet ceremony that packed the 650-seat Bob Jones Auditorium, two generals — Iraqi war hero Gen. William Wallace, now commander of the Training and Doctrine Command, and AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles — spoke about the sacrifices Soldiers are making today to ensure American freedoms and liberties.

The tribute included patriotic music sung by the Rocketeers barbershop quartet, the lighting of three candles in remembrance of the three crash sites of 9/11, the presentation of a wreath to representatives of the state's Purple Heart association, and the mournful notes of Taps played as the names of 156 servicemembers from Alabama and southern Tennessee who have died in the Global War on Terrorism were displayed in a Scroll of Honor.

"It was wonderful," Vicky Caylor of AMRDEC said. "The music made me cry. It made me remember."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SPEAKING OUT— AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles speaks out against the "immoral people" who orchestrated and executed the attacks of 9/11 during AMCOM's annual Patriot Day Tribute in Bob Jones Auditorium. Myles said Patriot Day is a day to remember the sacrifices made by the 2,974 victims of 9/11 and the servicemembers who have given their lives since then in the Global War on Terrorism. American Soldiers, he said, will take the fight wherever needed to protect American freedoms and liberties.**

"It was a good remembrance," said IMMC's Billy Myles.

Among the dignitaries at the Patriot Day Tribute was Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, who was involved in a local leadership conference at the time of the attack and who worked with then AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen and city officials to assure local residents that they were safe and protected.

"It gives you a terrible feeling when you think back because no one knew at the time what had happened. We just thought it was an accident," she recalled.

The tribute opened as emcee

Ed Benefield recalled a day when Americans "watched with horror" as the first tower of the World Trade Center in New York City was attacked and "our worst fears were realized when three more planes were hijacked" and crashed into the second World Trade Center tower, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania.

In the midst of that destruction, Benefield said the attacks "began a new era in American history" and there grew a "new kind of patriotism our country has never known. Our courage and valor has grown ... America is truly the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Keeping America free is in

the hands of U.S. servicemembers led by officers like Wallace, who, as 5th Corps commander, led more than 100,000 servicemembers in combat operations during the early days of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Wallace was at a training conference in Heidelberg, Germany. Although it was awhile before those at the conference fully understood what happened in the U.S. on that day, Wallace said "we knew precisely that we were in the wrong place."

Today, U.S. servicemembers are in the right place, defending U.S. freedoms against a dangerous enemy.

"We need to be thankful to the young men and women who stepped forward to be the first to fight. They were compelled to do that by what happened on (9/11)," Wallace told the Patriot Day audience.

He said American Soldiers are helping to keep the peace and ensure liberties in hundreds of countries throughout the world.

"Today they will pause to remember where they were on Sept. 11, 2001. They will say a prayer. And, then, they will put on the body armor, pick up their weapon and go back to work," he said.

"They are in places where they don't want to be, enduring hardships they never wanted to endure, experiencing temperatures and environments they've never experienced. And, they've left their families behind to be in a position of great responsibility and great danger. They are on point for their squadron and bat-

alion, for their nation and the world, and for you and I."

Calling them "incredible," Wallace said American Soldiers are working around the world to give opportunities to people who otherwise would not have them.

"Say a prayer for that Soldier and his family, and our great nation," Wallace urged. "Our Soldiers deserve a tremendous amount of respect and all of our devotion."

Myles likened the Patriot Day Tribute to the many different heritage ceremonies hosted by the Army every year.

"We do them for one reason to remember. To remember our past, to remember the challenges

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**REMEMBERING THE FALLEN— AMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates talks with, from left, Purple Heart senior vice commander Richard Payne and Hal Meeker, past commander of the Department of Alabama, Military Order of the Purple Heart. During the Patriot Day Tribute, Yates presented a memorial wreath to Meeker and Payne, who represented servicemembers who have died or been wounded in combat.**

# Tribute

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of people who went before us and the sacrifices they made. They were empowered to move forward for our future ... If you don't remember your past, you won't have a future worth fighting for," Myles said.

Remembering those 2,974 people killed on Sept. 11, 2001, "on purpose by ruthless, undisciplined, immoral people" who orchestrated and executed the terrorist attacks "because they didn't like our way of life," Myles said, is what Patriot Day is all about.

"Our way of life was challenged" on that day, he said, "and we were reminded that freedom isn't free."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**WAR HERO—** Gen. William Wallace shares his remembrance of 9/11, an attack on freedom that resulted in his role as the leader of thousands of U.S. troops during the first days of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Wallace, now commander of the Training and Doctrine Command, was a surprise guest speaker at AMCOM's Patriot Day Tribute.

He recounted that the people who died on 9/11 represented 91 different countries. Of those that died, 246 people were killed in the four airplanes used as bombs in the attacks. Of the rescue personnel who responded to the attack, 343 New York firefighters, 23 New York police officers and 37 Port Authority officers lost their lives.

"They walked in to serve others, to take care of their families, to make a living, never envisioning they'd lose their lives," Myles said.

But, he said, that day, though tragic, was not a losing day for the U.S.

"The folks that died that day serve a purpose that goes well beyond their individual lives," he said. "They reminded us of our freedoms and that freedom isn't free. The Soldiers who are in harm's way today remind us that freedom isn't free. They've reinvigorated this country in a powerful way."

Myles said he appreciated the hard work of AMCOM employees in supporting the Soldiers at war. He encouraged AMCOM employees as well as all U.S. citizens to remember the sacrifices that have been made since 9/11 and to "stop, take a moment and say 'I remember. I know what happened and I'm part of something greater than myself.' This command, this Army, this country will never forget."

To protect American freedoms and liberties, Soldiers are taking the fight to wherever terrorism exists today, and defending the U.S. against the potential of future attacks on its own soil.

"We will go wherever we need to go to stop those who want to do us harm," Myles said. "We will take the fight to them. And, we will always remember those who gave their lives on Sept. 11, 2001."

*Editor's note: Patriot Day was planned and coordinated by AMCOM's Sept. 11 Committee, including chairman Sam Wright of AMCOM Information Assurance Office (Jacobs Technologies contractor), Patricia Kurth of LOGSA, 1st Sgt. Paul Grosch of the Garrison, Barbie Baugh of AMCOM Protocol, and Lira Frye and Dan O'Boyle of Public and Congressional Affairs.*

# Research Center teams with Athens State

## Partnership agreement promotes technology

Working together since Aug. 24, Athens State University's College of Business and its Management of Technology Program have partnered with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center in an educational partnership agreement.

An educational partnership agreement is a formal pact between a federal agency and an educational institution to encourage and enhance study in scientific disciplines at all levels of education.

"The educational partnership agreement will benefit the students by enhancing their skills in the area of assessing the different types of technologies, analyzing the size of the markets and identifying marketing potentials for the technologies," Cindy Wallace, deputy for AMRDEC's Office of Research & Technology Applications, said. "The students will be able to develop a multi-level technology assessment tool that can be tailored to meet assessment needs for a quick snapshot review or a comprehensive review or anything



Photo by Terri Wrights

**RESEARCH PACT— Officials gather Sept. 12 to sign an educational partnership agreement between the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center and Athens State University. Seated, from left, are AMRDEC director Dr. Bill McCorkle and Athens State president Dr. Jerry Bartlett. Standing are Dr. Russ Alexander, Office of Research & Technology Applications, AMRDEC; Dr. Linda Shonesy, dean of the College of Business, Athens State; Dr. Wayne McCain, chairman, Management of Technology Department, Athens State; and Cindy Wallace, deputy for the Office of Research & Technology Applications, AMRDEC.**

in between on technologies."

The main goal of an educational partnership agreement is to encourage and enhance the study

of the scientific disciplines at all levels of education. By educating the students on technology assessment skills and marketing technol-

ogy, they will be better prepared to enter into the ever-changing work force seeking positions in marketing and technology transfer.

"Determining a technology's commercial potential requires a thorough assessment of that technology and its prospective market," Wallace said. "One of the weaknesses across the board of the laboratories and the existing employment work force has been to assess technology and its perspective market potential."

AMRDEC's authority for educational partnerships is Title 10 U.S. Code Section 2194 which states, in part, that under such agreements the director of a defense laboratory may provide assistance to the educational institution by making laboratory personnel available to teach science courses or to assist in the development of science courses and materials for the institution; involving faculty and students of the institution in defense laboratory research projects; and cooperating with the institution in developing a program under which students may be given academic credit for work on defense laboratory research projects.

Employees in the Office of Research & Technology Applica-

tions are focused on expanding the team of research partners.

"The mission of the ORTA is to facilitate access of federally-funded research and development efforts by private industry, academia, state and local governments, and nonprofit organizations," Wallace said. "This is accomplished primarily through marketing, technical outreach, cooperative research and development, and the licensing of intellectual property. One of the vehicles that facilitate the process of technology transfer is through EPAs (educational partnership agreements)."

It wouldn't be a partnership if only one team member benefited.

"The U.S. government will benefit by partnering with the university by gathering the results of the technology assessments and marketing potential of the technologies," Wallace said.

If you represent an educational institution and wish to pursue an educational partnership agreement, the Office of Research & Technology Applications is interested in talking with you. For more information, call 313-0895 or 876-8743. (AMRDEC release)

# Soldier returns as company commander

Former student leads Bravo

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When a Soldier leaves boot camp and begins his career, he doesn't always know where military life will take him. Occasionally, he ends up right back where he started. The road forward for Capt. Jay Gavigan has brought him back full circle.

Gavigan started his career with Advanced Individual Training at Redstone, like so many other Soldiers. Twelve years later, he's back. Gavigan became Bravo Company commander at the end of August.

He remembers his previous time at Redstone clearly, when he was a fresh-faced student just starting out. Even if he didn't, he has a constant reminder handy – 1st Sgt. Christopher Mazur. Today, Gavigan calls Mazur his right-hand man, but during his student days Gavigan called him drill sergeant.

"It's funny," Gavigan said.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**TROOP TALK— Bravo Company commander Capt. Jay Gavigan, talks to Pvt. Robbie Bellamy about the Army experience.**

"He remembered me."

The commander credits Mazur with helping him decide the kind of leader he wanted to be.

"I remember him dropping me (to do push-ups). After I was done doing the push-ups, he gave me a little nod of his head. It made me feel good," Gavigan said. "He probably doesn't even remember it, but I do. That little bit of encouragement had a lasting impact. I'm a product of his

leadership. It shows how important the NCO Corps is to the overall Army."

That experience has stayed with Gavigan over the years. He hopes to pass on the feeling to the young Soldiers now in his charge.

"These Soldiers are brand new to the Army," he said. "So everything we do as leaders, they are keyed in on."

He said that helping Soldiers

make the transition from basic training is the biggest challenge of his job.

"Our mission here is to transform them into Soldiers and instill the Army values. The idea is to get them to want to do rather than having to do," he said. "By the time they leave we want to have them wanting to meet the standards rather than having to be told to."

In between the career bookends of Redstone, Gavigan was deployed twice to Iraq. He also spent time in Germany. It was a life-changing trip. While in Frankfurt, he fell in love with a professional ice skater from the Czech Republic. Now he and his wife, Martina, have a 2-year-old son, John.

Gavigan came to Redstone this time from a captains' training program in Fort Lee, Va. The move to Alabama was made easier because he had sent a scout ahead, he said laughing.

"We were stationed with Maj. Ben Lipari and his wife, Melissa, in Germany. We came to the same place not too many months apart," he said. "Now we're neighbors in Madison. When we made the trip down from Vir-

ginia, they had the house set up for us. It made it a lot smoother transition."

When asked what he does for fun when he's not on the job, Gavigan laughed.

"When am I not here?" he said. He has found time for a little fun on the job from time to time, though. He goes on PT runs every morning. While deployed to Iraq in 2006, he participated in the Boston Marathon's sponsored run. Running a marathon in combat gear, though sand and in Iraq's notorious temperatures isn't many people's idea of fun.

"It was 108 degrees," he said. "I finished though. That was the goal."

Since arriving he has spent his time trying to interact with his Soldiers as much as possible. He anticipates that knowing their names and faces will make the next graduation ceremony emotional.

"The biggest asset we have is these Soldiers," Gavigan said. "I can see that as I get to know them, graduation will be a big deal for me. Knowing that we accomplished something and got that Soldier ready for his next unit is important to me."

# School age services are growing up

*New facility under construction near other child care buildings*

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Morale Welfare and Recreation is committed to providing the best services possible to parents and their children.

And, because of that commitment, MWR's Child & Youth Services is overseeing a major construction project that will provide added convenience and services for parents who rely on Child & Youth Services for child care.

The new School Age Services facility is under construction just off Goss Road, and adjacent to both the Child Development Center and the Youth Center.

"Location has a lot to do with this project," said Andre Terry, chief of Child & Youth Services. "Having all our child care facilities together in one area provides a great convenience to our parents whose children may be in more than one program. We expect there will be growth in the programs just because of the location. We also chose this site because we wanted to have a campus atmosphere for our child care services. We want it to be one-stop where parents can find child care for

all children from infant to age 19."

At least 40 percent of the parents who use Child & Youth Services have children in more than one of its programs, Terry said.

Currently, the School Age Services facility, which provides before school and after school programming as well as summer care programming for children ages 6 to 10 (kindergarten through fifth grade), is located in building 3400 at the corner of Ajax and Gray roads. The Child Development Center and Youth Center are both located in the same area off Goss Road.

Besides its inconvenient location, the current facility also was not designed for school age children, Terry said. Previously used as the enlisted officers club on post, the building falls short on providing the types of space needed for school age programming for anywhere from 195 to 225 children.

"The current facility only has one wide open space where we try to do all our activities," Terry said. "There's no privacy and it's pretty crowded.

"In the summertime, the number of kids in the facility at one time causes the volume to be incredibly loud. Whenever you have a large number of children in one space it's going to be very loud."

The new \$1.4 million, 20,674-square-foot facility was designed by Wanninger

& Associates of Cropwell and is being built by Petticoat Construction of Cropwell under the supervision of the Mobile District Corps of Engineers. The design

provides lots of specialty rooms for school age children activities.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**LOOKING OVER PLANS—** Sam Schultz, senior project manager for Petticoat Construction, and Andre Terry, chief of Child & Youth Services, review plans for the new Myra Garriott School Age Services Center now under construction off Goss Road, and adjacent to the Youth Center and the Child Development Center.

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“One of the highlights of it is the multi-purpose court gym,” Terry said. “We don’t even have a gym at our current location.

“The gym is large enough for basketball, indoor soccer and volleyball. It also has a skating rink along the perimeter of the room for rollerblading and skating.”

But, the new facility will offer even more. There will be an arts and crafts room, a performing arts room with dance mirrors and bars, a game room with ping pong, foosball, air hockey and pool, a homework center and a computer lab. There is an industrial-size kitchen that has a connected demonstration kitchen where children can learn how to prepare snacks and lunches.

“The neatest thing is the atrium design that we have. There will be a west, north and south atrium,” Terry said. “They are all lit by natural light from skylights. And, there are areas where kids can sit and socialize and eat their lunch. The atriums are great for just hanging out with your friends.”

The only down side to the new facility was the loss of the Youth Center’s backyard, which at one time was shaded by a large grove of pine trees.

“There are always trade offs,” Terry said. “Having a new facility and getting all the children together in a campus

atmosphere was the gain. We are moving the Youth Center’s outdoor area to their side yard, which also has a lot of trees. We will put out grills for barbecuing and other things for the Youth Center.”

The new School Age Services building is expected to open in June, just in time for its popular summer care program. At that time, the building will be formally named the Myra Garriott School Age Services Center, after the former chief of Child & Youth Services who died from cancer.

“This new building was something that she initially started the plans for,” Terry said. “This was a project that was important to her.”

Terry is also involved in other facility improvements affecting Child & Youth Services. Recently, the SKIESUnlimited program moved into building 3466, which was once used by the Boy Scouts. The facility offers a gym and other space for dance, music and piano classes. And, Terry is involved in plans for a second Child Development Center to be located off Martin Road.

“We’re expanding our programs and getting larger. The expanded space is much needed,” Terry said. “When we can, we’ve renovated buildings that are otherwise not being used. But, the main thing is we don’t want families to leave post when we can provide them with the services they need on post. So, we hope to expand as needed to take care of family needs.”

# Local poet up for national honor

*Lacy says he's honored just to be nominated*

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People who work with Marc Lacy know he's an eloquent speaker. They know he's energetic and determined. What they may not know is that he's an accomplished poet. His latest book "Rock & Fire – Love Poetry from the Core" is up for a prestigious award next week.

"It's the African-American Literary Award show," he said. "It started three years back, kind of centered around the Harlem Book Fair. Even though the awards aren't that many years old, there is a high level of prestige with them."

Lacy, employed by Stanley Associates, is the Continuity of Operations information management system administrator at AMCOM G-3 (Operations). He hopes to make the trip to Harlem, N.Y., on Sept. 26 and take home the big prize. But he said he's just happy to be nominated.

"I've never put a lot of emphasis on accolades. I put the emphasis on the effort and drive that even puts you in someone's mind to nominate you," he said.

Some of his competitors are legends already. Instead of being anxious about it, Lacy is awed.

"It is such an honor to have your name mentioned in the same sentence as Nikki Giovanni," he said. "I forget about being nervous at that point. I tremble, not out of nervousness, but because I can't believe God put me in a situation where my name can be coupled with Nikki Giovanni. That's awesome!"

"Rock & Fire" is Lacy's second book of poetry. He also has one spoken word CD out and another in production. His first book, "The Looking Heart," was geared toward all ages. His latest offering is a more targeted audience.

"It's a sharp contrast from the first book. As I say in the preface, this book is for grown folks only — mature people who have experienced various things in love," he said.

The book deals with the common themes of love and relationships. Lacy said each poem turns a spotlight on a difficult situation. Lacy then turns that light on the reader, asking them to weigh the choices

and possibly review their own behavior in a similar situation from their own life.

"Most of the time, we know the right thing to do, but we're feeling the wrong thing," Lacy said. "Often, we act on the wrong thing. People can look at this book and say 'Oh, that's me!' It talks about the things people experience, but are too afraid to talk about. It pulls no punches and it's straight to the point. It challenges you to take a look deep down inside."

Lacy self-publishes his books. That doesn't mean he spends his nights in a basement with a printing press, but it is still a lot of work.

"It can be a daunting task," he said. "You subcontract out what you can't do yourself — printing, web sites and the like."

He made the decision to self-publish in part because of the control it gives him over the finished product. It was also because of the attitude he said large publishing houses take toward poetry.

"The new opinion in the literary world is that poetry doesn't sell. Major publishing houses will seldom take on a poetry project," Lacy said. "Self-publishing puts you in a position where you oversee every aspect of your project."

This is not the first award Lacy has been up for. Among others, he was named Poet of the Year at the 2006 Memphis Black Writers Conference. However, the award that has meant the most to him personally was only partially related to his writing.

"In May of 2007 I received the Distinguished Alumni Award from my high school (Butler High)," Lacy said. "That means a lot to me. You're not going to have rock star status as a writer. This lets me know that people are recognizing the passion within."

If he wins the African-American Literary Open Book Award, he'll be rubbing elbows with some big names at the ceremony. Actor Denzel Washington, producer Russell Simmons, and playwright Tyler Perry are nominated for awards in other categories. The timing makes the trip a bit difficult, but Lacy is hoping to work it out.

"It's in Harlem in the middle of the week, so it's a challenge," he said.

His books are available through most major retailers. For more information on Lacy's writing, visit his web site [www.marclacy.com](http://www.marclacy.com).

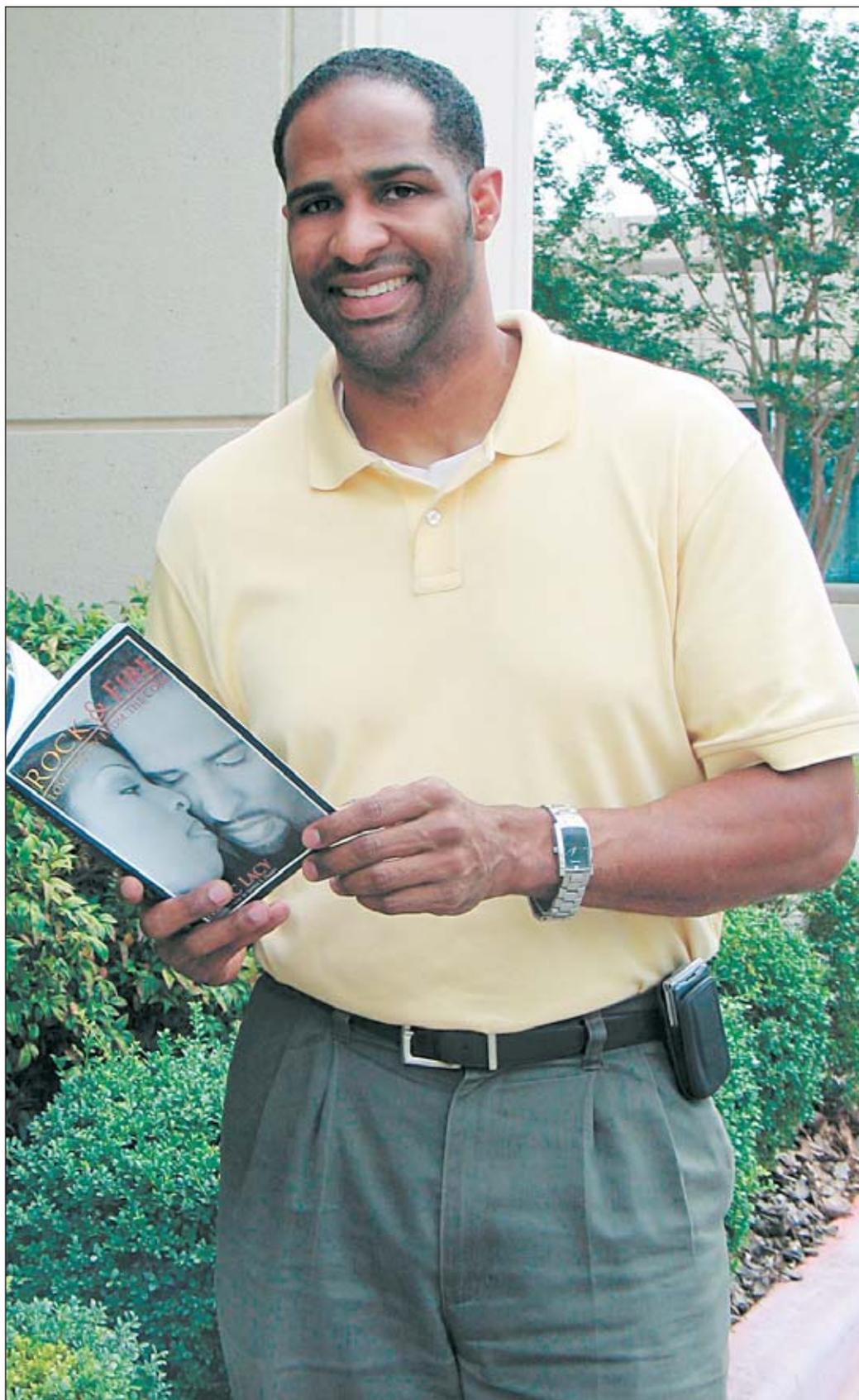


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**OPEN BOOK**— Marc Lacy reads through his book that has been nominated for an African-American Literary Open Book Award.

# Division helicopter crashes in Jackson County

*Three Fort Campbell Soldiers killed during training flight*

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. – The three Fort Campbell Soldiers killed when their helicopter crashed during a training flight Sept. 11 in rural Alabama have been identified.

The Soldiers were all assigned to Company C, 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Killed were: Capt. Scott Shimp, 28, of Bayard, Neb.; Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Stanley, 33, a pilot from Fort Rucker, Ala.; and Sgt. Jeffrey Angel, 24, a Black Hawk helicopter repairer from Gauley Bridge, W.Va.

The three Soldiers were traveling in a

helicopter that went down at approximately 7 p.m. near Skyline, Ala., in Jackson County. It was flying from Fort Campbell to Chattanooga Municipal Airport in Chattanooga, Tenn., at the time of the crash.

Tennessee Valley Authority, Skyline Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department initially secured the site; and military personnel arrived shortly after the crash.

The accident is under investigation.

Shimp was a Black Hawk pilot, and the company commander. He joined the Army in June 2002 and arrived at Fort Campbell in May 2007. Shimp is survived by his parents Teri and Curtis Shimp of Bayard.

Stanley joined the Army in November 2000 and arrived at Fort Campbell in November 2003. Survivors include his



**Chief Warrant Officer 2  
David Stanley**



**Capt. Scott Shimp**



**Sgt. Jeffrey Angel**

wife, Kristy Stanley, son Kristian and stepson Johnathan Grant, all of Clarksville, Tenn., and his parents Joel and Beverly Stanley of Niceville, Fla.

Angel joined the Army in November 2002 and arrived at Fort Campbell in May

2003. Survivors include his wife Megan and daughter Sophia, of Clarksville, Tenn., and his parents, Kathy Jarvis of Oak Hill, W.Va. and Jeffrey Angel I of Fayetteville, W.Va. (*Fort Campbell release*)

# Cyberspace security subject of conference

*Eighth annual event co-sponsored by Garrison and Marshall center*

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Retired Col. Bob Devlin, deputy director of the Marshall Space Flight Center's Office of Center Operations, will deliver the keynote address Sept. 25 at the eighth annual Redstone Arsenal and NASA Marshall Center Information Technology Security and Assurance Conference and Expo.

The conference, a forum for review and discussion of information assurance systems and technologies used to safeguard government, businesses and personal identities, will be held Sept. 25-26 at the Sparkman Center. The theme for the event is "Information Security Promotes Mission Security... Are you doing your part?"

Devlin, a 24-year Army veteran, will address attendees at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 25, following a welcome and introduction by John McDougle, director of the Office of the Chief Information Officer at Marshall.

The importance of information security will be the subject of Devlin's keynote speech, he told the Marshall Star.

"In the not-so-distant past, the greatest threats to the protection of our nation were nuclear missiles and armies faced across borders of barbed wire and landmines," he said. "With the advent of personal computers, and revolutionary changes in information management technologies, the potential threats to our ability to manage and protect our

nation have morphed in ways that are much more subtle and potentially more dangerous.



**Bob Devlin**

"Unlike in the past, where warfare and threats were well defined, these threats offer the potential for nations and corporations to steal or defeat critical national technology, for terrorist and rogue nations to attack the ability of a nation to operate its power grid and life support systems, and for criminals to steal the identity that makes each of us unique, and allows us to enjoy the prosperity that is America," Devlin added.

From 2002-05, Devlin was the Garrison commander. He supervised more than 2,000 military, civil service and contractor employees and directed a comprehensive

array of institutional services, programs and emergency management operations for Arsenal facilities, organizations and personnel. He retired from the Army in 2005 and joined the Marshall Center in 2006.

Other conference speakers will include representatives from Microsoft Corp., Dynetics Inc. and SecureInfo Corp., as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cyber Crime Squad and the Army Network Enterprise Technology Command.

The conference, free to all attendees, is hosted by the Garrison and the Marshall Center, and is presented by Technology Forums of Huntsville. Registrants must be U.S. citizens. For more information, visit <https://www.technologyforums.com/7RE/index.asp>.

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# Liberty Bike delivers freedom's message

*Motorcycle parts crafted from Statue of Liberty*

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There's an American icon of freedom and liberty on display at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center that is related to the Statue of Liberty.

In a corner of the center's main foyer, a shiny copper-plated motorcycle featuring artifacts of Lady Liberty is part of a display that tells the story of the statue's history, recent restoration and worldwide significance.

It is the Spirit of Liberty Bike, an Ambassador of Freedom, created from the artifacts collected from the Statue of Liberty's restoration.

Looking at the Liberty Bike is like seeing the Statue of Liberty itself, with every part of its design inspired by an element of Lady Liberty. It is plated in copper preserved from the statue and its shift lever is crafted from a section of cable that once carried electrical power to the light in Lady Liberty's torch. Its handlebars symbolize spikes from Lady Liberty's crown, and the front fender and rear swing arms capture the appearance of the statue's interior structure. The carburetor resembles Lady Liberty's torch and lights up when the bike is running. In strategic places — the rim of the front wheel and atop the gear shifter, for instance — Lady Liberty's image reigns.

On the back fender, an image of the American flag is etched

along with the following Bible verse from 2nd Corinthians: "Now the Lord is that spirit and where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty."

But, there's more to the story of the Liberty Bike than its symbolism. Its story rests in the miles it will travel — already more than 55,000 — to tell the story of American freedom and liberty.

"This bike has a purpose, a mission," said Rick Stocks, founder of Gold Leaf Corp. and the Freedoms Light Foundation, which owns and tours the motorcycle. "It appeals to everybody. First, they see it as a fascinating work of art. But, when they realize its message, it speaks to their heart."

The Liberty Bike has traveled to several military installations, including Fort Rucker this past July Fourth, to fund-raising events for organizations such as the American Red Cross, Special Olympics and National Children's Advocacy Center, and to schools and museums. It is one of 50 Ambassadors of Freedom — one to represent each state — that the Freedoms Light Foundation hopes to create from the artifacts of the Statue of Liberty restoration. A Liberty Guitar has already been created by Gibson Guitar, and there are plans for a new Liberty Bell and a 1932 Ford Roadster Convertible.

Stocks happened onto the idea of creating commemorative pieces and Ambassadors of Freedom from Lady Liberty artifacts in the mid-1980s, when the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island were being restored in time for the statue's 100-year anniversary.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**MUSEUM DISPLAY— Rick Stocks and Joe Fitzgerald of the Freedom Lights Foundation look over the Liberty Bike now on display at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. The Liberty Bike is one of 50 Ambassadors of Freedom that the foundation hopes to have created from cast-off artifacts from the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island restoration.**

"The Statue of Liberty is the greatest, most well-known symbol of freedom and liberty in the world," Stocks said. "Seventeen million immigrants went through Ellis Island to reach freedom. Forty percent of this nation can trace its ancestry back to Ellis Island."

Though the statue's restoration was well-needed, plans had not been made for its cast-off artifacts. Stocks contacted the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation and entered into an agreement, overseen by the National Park Service, to store disposed artifacts and to create

commemorative items from the artifacts.

"Before we knew it, we had the statue's armature bars designed by Gustave Eiffel (French architect of the Eiffel Tower), the lights that shone on

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Lady Liberty and the bronze hand railing inside the statue,” Stocks said. “All these historical things started coming to us, and we wanted to preserve and warehouse them until we could use them.”

From the beginning, Stocks knew there was a future for the cast-offs of Lady Liberty.

“These artifacts can serve a greater purpose,” he said. “They can be used to educate. You can touch, feel and hold them.”

“When (French sculptor) Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi created Lady Liberty and it was placed in New York Harbor, he named it ‘Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World.’ What he really intended was for the monument to be a living thing. It’s not meant to remember the past, but to inspire something to be done in the future, to step forward for freedom.”

Lady Liberty is the only monument that has an active component – its beacon of light shining from the torch.

“The light is going out into the universe,” Stocks said. “It’s

not just a monument standing there. It is reaching out with its light. It is reaching out to the world with freedom and liberty.”

Stocks and board members for the foundation, such as local businessman and community leader Joe Fitzgerald, wanted to use Lady Liberty artifacts to continue her message to the world.

“We decided to work with the world’s greatest artists to create a limited number of pieces of art that would serve as ambassadors of liberty,” Stocks said. “These ambassadors can travel abroad while Lady Liberty can’t. They can take her message anywhere in the world.”

The Freedoms Light Foundation teamed up with the Discovery Channel and Orange County Choppers to design and build the motorcycle at a cost of \$500,000 in 2004. A reality television series followed the bike’s creation.

The newly created guitar, which was designed and built by Gibson Guitar, is not as well-traveled as the Liberty Bike. Stocks and Fitzgerald are working on a significant media event planned for July 4, 2008, in New York City to introduce the guitar to the world.

“The guitar is ideal for spreading the message of liberty and freedom through music,” Stocks said.

The 1932 Ford Roadster convertible and a bell that can be viewed as a new Liberty Bell are the next Ambassadors to be created.

“The nation’s Liberty Bell is historic. But, it is cracked and doesn’t ring anymore,” Stocks said. “We want to cast a new bell so that freedom can ring once again. We want a new bell that can ring freedom over New York and the nation.”

The Freedoms Light Foun-

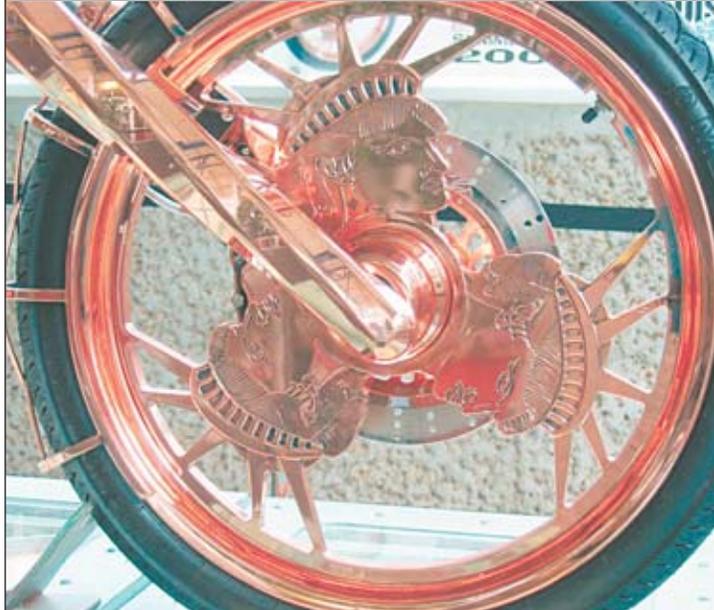


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**FACE OF LIBERTY—** Lady Liberty’s face graces many parts of the Liberty Bike, including the front tire rim. Other images from the Statue of Liberty can be found on the motorcycle.

ation is also developing curriculum for school-age children that tells the history and symbolism of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Future plans call for a museum where the 50 ambassadors can be displayed, a program that commissions foreign artists to create an Ambassador of Freedom for their own country out of Statue of Liberty artifacts and an awards program with a statue made from the artifacts that would recognize contributions to the spread of freedom and liberty.

“It’s such a powerful, historical teaching tool,” Stocks said of the foundation’s project.

“When we talk to children about the Liberty Bike we can see their curiosity and their imaginations light up. We want to use these Ambassadors to tell people of all ages that they should exercise the freedoms and liberties they’ve been given to live their dreams. We want the offspring of the Statue of Liberty to be symbols of freedom throughout the world.”

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## Conference continuity

**Angie Paxton talks during the Army Materiel Command's Enterprise Continuity of Operations Program Conference held Sept. 11-14 at the Sparkman Center. She is the continuity of operations program contractor lead at AMCOM G-3 (Operations). The conference drew about 50 attendees from throughout AMC.**

# Technical library has cure for information overload

## Reference librarians do training at request

Many engineers and other researchers occasionally use the Redstone Scientific Information Center to find books and journal articles. But do you ever wonder if you are making the best use of the resources available at RSIC?

Do you read over the list of online databases, wondering where you can find an article on an elusive topic? If you find yourself overwhelmed or confused about these resources, the first step is to contact one of the RSIC reference librarians for some one-on-one or group training.

They will provide this training either at the library or in your office. If you need team or group training, they can focus that on the databases of most interest to your team.

Through the library's web site (<https://rsic.amrdec.army.mil>) RSIC provides access to 16 databases, 12 of which are in full text. The more

popular databases are AIAA, IEEE, Engineering Village, and Jane's Online. However, Science Direct, Optics InfoBase, and other full text resources can be helpful in doing both basic research and in locating articles from specific journals and conference proceedings.

The reference librarians at RSIC can provide users with an introduction to search strategies, describe the coverage of each database, and explain how to use the library catalog most effectively. For those who prefer online instruction, the library catalog includes a link to the tutorial, "How to Use RSIC Resources." In addition, they periodically present brown bag lunches at the library which focus on specific databases.

To set up a training session, or for any other information about RSIC, call 876-5195 or send an e-mail to [rsic-gov@amrdec.army.mil](mailto:rsic-gov@amrdec.army.mil). The library staff is there to help you get the information you need to do your job most effectively. (*Redstone Scientific Information Center release*)

# Shingo Awards tripled in Army Materiel Command

*AMC activities win 12 prizes for year*

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing has recognized 12 Army Materiel Command programs with the 2007 Shingo Prize Public Sector Award for achievement in implementing Lean systems in support of the manufacturing, repair, overhaul and maintenance of war fighter equipment.

Established in 1988, the Shingo Prize is administered by Utah

State University and has been referred to by Business Week magazine as the “Nobel prize of manufacturing.”

The AMC recipients are:

- Gold — Red River Army Depot, Texas, High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle production; Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, Ill., Forward Repair System; and Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., AN/TPQ-36 Firefinder antenna.

- Silver — Anniston Army Depot, Ala., Field Artillery

Ammunition Supply Vehicle; Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., Humvee recapitalization; Red River Army Depot, Bradley Power-train and Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck; and Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, Shop Equipment Contact Maintenance.

- Bronze — Anniston Army Depot, Automotive Gas Turbine 1500 Engine; Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command, Aviation Center Logistics Command, Fort Ruck-

er, Ala., C2J Engine Line TH-57 Sea Ranger; Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, H-60 Pavehawk; and Letterkenny Army Depot, Power Generators.

“I’m extremely proud of AMC’s efforts to provide war fighters across DoD with equipment much faster, better quality and at a lower cost.” AMC commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin said. “We won four Shingo Awards in 2006. The 12 Shingo Awards we won this year acknowledge AMC as a viable partner in lean manufacturing

processes and procedures. This three-fold increase in awards also recognizes the men and women in our outstanding work force who are directly responsible for these improvements. Equally so, those awards are an affirmation of the best business practices we have integrated into the Army’s industrial base.”

The awards will be presented during the third annual Public Sector Shingo Prize ceremony Oct. 11 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, Va. (AMC release)

# Surge has curbed violence, says top commander in Iraq

*Petraeus tells Fox News there’s still work left*

By DONNA MILES  
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WASHINGTON — The troop surge in Iraq is helping reduce violence and has put al Qaeda “off balance,” but a premature withdrawal of troops could enable terrorists to regain their losses, the top military commander in Iraq said Sept. 10 on Fox News Channel.

“Al Qaeda is still the element in Iraq that

carries out the most significant attacks (and causes the most casualties)” while feeding violence between Iraq’s factions, said Gen. David Petraeus, commander of Multinational Force Iraq. “There’s still work to be done, although the reduction (in violence) is substantial.”

Petraeus noted that sectarian violence over the past two weeks is at its lowest point since June 2006.

The general reiterated points made earlier Sept. 10 during six hours of testimony before the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs committees. He also testified Sept. 11, again with U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker, during separate hearings before the

Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations committees.

Petraeus told Fox News that although progress in Iraq is evident, it’s taking place unevenly, and not as quickly as hoped.

He said that he had recommended a gradual drawdown of surge troops in Iraq beginning next month, but said it’s too soon to consider timetables for larger-scale redeployments.

Both Petraeus and Crocker said they believe in the mission in Iraq and have faith it can succeed.

Petraeus expressed confidence in the way Iraqi security forces are shouldering increasing responsibility and in the fact that tribal

leaders and sheiks are starting to work with them and U.S. forces to counter al Qaeda.

Defeating al Qaeda in Iraq will have “tremendous payoff,” he said, particularly because the al Qaeda organization considers Iraq its central front. Should the coalition fail it would be “a huge lift” and “shot of adrenaline” for al Qaeda, he said.

Crocker called progress in the war pivotal to establishing stability in Iraq that will extend far beyond its borders. “I think we have a prospect now of helping bring into being an Iraq that is ... a source of stability and security in the region. And I think that’s important,” he said.

# Rain doesn't dampen Oktoberfest spirit

German festival weekend entertains with variety

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Dancing with a chicken, testing the laws of physics on a ride called the Spider, singing about a hot dog and eating the best German food around were all on the agenda for the hundreds of festival goers who attended this year's Oktoberfest. The four-day event kicked off in a big way on a clear Thursday night with a keg tapping and German music performed by Terry Cavanaugh and the Alpine Express under the big Festhalle Tent. Although rain dampened the festivities on Friday, the weekend turned out to be perfect weather for lots of festival fun. And, while festival goers made the most of Oktoberfest's rides, food and entertainment, the event's

sponsor support and the ticket fees collected at the gate will go far in providing for Soldiers, their families and others associated with Redstone Arsenal during the upcoming year. "We can't do anything without our sponsors," Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski said at a sponsors-only dinner event early Thursday evening. "Our general here on Redstone Arsenal - Maj. Gen. Jim Myles - has three priorities. And, they are support the Soldier, support the Soldier, support the Soldier. But, the 'Soldier' also includes government civilians, contractors, family members and retirees. And, I want to add one more to that list - our sponsors ... We can't do this without your support. And, we want to keep doing stuff like this." The sponsors for this year's Oktoberfest were Papa John's Pizza, Bill Heard Chevrolet, *The Huntsville Times*, WZYP, Supreme Beverage Company, Coca Cola, Redstone Federal Credit Union, News Channel 19, H.H. Gregg, Knology, The Home Depot and Crestwood Medical Center. Each sponsor received the first-ever Oktoberfest

commemorative mug, created by the Arts & Crafts Center and also made available for purchase during the festival. There was family fun at the festival throughout the weekend. Much of that centered around the 25 carnival rides and 27-foot long, orange and yellow Oscar Mayer Wienermobile. "Do you really want to be on TV?" asked Elizabeth Sumera as her daughter Katie, friend Emily Warner and husband Patrick considered participating in the Oscar Mayer "Singing the Jingle, Be a Star" contest. "You're really going to be on TV!" said 5-year-old Maggie Sumera, jumping up and down in front of the camera. "Daddy, will you sing the Bologna Song with us one more time?" Katie asked as she and Emily got ready for their performance. With a little practice, the 8-year-old friends easily sang the Bologna Song for the camera. "Hey, I can see them!" Maggie said as she watched while Oscar Mayer employee Jenna Barna taped the performance.

"We are putting the performances online so they can see themselves," Barna said. "They are also entering a contest where they could win \$5,000, two tickets to American Idol 2008 and be in a commercial." Barna and her co-worker Caitlin Kwan are touring the South in the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, one of six Wienermobiles attending festivals, state fairs and other public events throughout the country to promote Oscar Mayer. While in Huntsville, the two have been impressed with the local hospitality and interest in their Wienermobile. "It's nice to get in a town that's really excited about it," Barna said. "This is a 71-year-old icon and it's got fans everywhere. You get the younger ones who are excited and the older ones who are even more excited." While singing about a hot dog was tops on one end of Oktoberfest, dancing and German food and beer made for lots of carnival fun under the Festhalle Tent. Dave and Kim Slifka of Madison, who brought their three young daughters to the festival, enjoyed watching their girls dance with German-attired waitress Bobby Sue Alokhin and the Dancing Chicken. "This is so much fun," Kim Slifka said. "It's our third year to come to Oktoberfest." Throughout the activity field, rides like the Thunder Bolt, Spider and Lightening tested the bravery of

festival goers. For the younger fare, there were rides like the merry-go-round, bumper cars and race cars. Racheal Crutsinger, who works in AMCOM's Operations and Support Division, and her two sons, 4-year-old Noah and 3-year-old J.C., enjoyed riding the race cars. The boys also enjoyed playing carnival games, where they each won a plastic sword. Isaac Bedwell, 10, whose stepfather is Redstone Arsenal officer John Gaskin, and his friend, Tyler Reetz, tried their hand at SkeeBall bowling along the midway. Though they didn't win at bowling, the two boys were excited about the midway games and the carnival rides. "I really like the Thunder Bolt," Isaac said of a ride that involves a high rate of speed. "I've gone on it seven times already." Selena King, 8, and her sister, Jasmine, 7, preferred the heights and speed of the YoYo Swing while Thomas France, 3, liked the spinning of the Spider. But, for many festival-goers, the most fun - whether rain or shine - was sitting with friends under the Festhalle Tent, and enjoying the German music, food and beer. That's just where friends Steve Darby, Brian Ridley, Brandy Croft and Dan Perry spent their time during Oktoberfest. "We heard there was German beer and food, so that's why we came," Perry said, as the four friends made a toast to the festival.



Photo by Kari Hawkins  
**TAPPING THE KEG**— It wouldn't be Oktoberfest without tapping a keg of the best German beer. Joining Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski in the keg tapping honors under the Festhalle Tent are, from left, Officers and Civilians Club manager Bob Howell, club waitress Bobby Sue Alokhin and Rick Bell, area supervisor for Papa John's, the major sponsor for the four-day festival.



Photo by Kari Hawkins  
**WAITING FOR BIG SWING**— Eight-year-old Selena King, at right, and her sister Jasmine, 7, can hardly wait for the YoYo Swing to fly them up in the night air. Behind them is their mother Leeann King and 3-year-old sister Aaliyah. The Huntsville family enjoyed riding the carnival rides together at Oktoberfest.



Photo by Kari Hawkins  
**FAIR NIGHT**— Festival goers enjoy the spin and speed of the YoYo Swing as night falls on Oktoberfest.



Photo by Kari Hawkins  
**SINGING THE WIENER JINGLE** - Lt. Col. Mike Theodoss of AMRDEC, his wife Kay and their son Benjamin, 2, sing the Oscar Mayer Wiener Jingle for the video camera outside the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile. The mobile was at Oktoberfest to audition contestants for an Oscar Mayer singing competition.

# Captains now eligible for \$25K retention bonus

By Lt. Col. MAURA GILLEN  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — A critical skills-retention bonus of \$25,000 or more is available to more than 16,000 regular-Army captains who agree to remain on active duty beyond their initial active-duty service obligations.

The bonus is part of a “menu of incentives” targeting officers willing to remain on active duty an additional three years. The other incentives include graduate school, military schooling, branch or functional area transfer, or post of choice.

“The incentives are aimed at retaining the incredible experience resident in the Army’s company-grade officers. This program recognizes how important their skills are as the Army strives to fill increased requirements in key grades and branches,” said Col. Paul Aswell, officer division chief in the Directorate of Military Personnel Management, Army G1.

Requirements for captains and majors have increased by nearly 6,000 since 2004, but the officer shortage is not the result of higher attrition, according to Aswell. In fact, company-grade officer retention now is at virtually the same level it was before Sept. 11, 2001.

He explained that the Army is growing to increase capabilities and reduce long-term stress, and needs more mid-grade officers.

“It takes the Army 10 years to ‘grow’ a major,” Aswell said. “To ‘grow’ the active officer force, we must keep officers who in the past have left active service.”

An earlier version of the plan unveiled in May was reviewed by senior leaders. The final plan increases the number of officers eligible for the bonus (up from 7,000), and includes a higher basic bonus (up from \$20,000) and targeted higher amounts for officers in critical branches.

The bonus is available to captains with dates of rank of April 1, 2002 or later, based on the original accession branches listed as follows:

- The basic \$25,000 bonus is available to officers who were originally commissioned in air defense, engineer, finance, signal, quartermaster, nurse corps and select medical service medical functional areas.
- Officers commissioned in adjutant general, armor, chemical, military police and ordnance are eligible for a \$30,000 critical skills-retention bonus.
- Officers commissioned in aviation, transportation, infantry, field artillery and military intelligence are eligible for a \$35,000 CSRB.

Aswell said he is confident that the new incentives will increase active-duty, company-grade officer-retention rates to historic levels.

“We’ve done a number of studies, including a very specific study on the

value of a bonus to active-duty officers,” he said. “We’re confident that the incentives we’re offering will make a difference to those junior officers we really

want to keep on active duty.”

*Editor’s note: Lt. Col. Maura Gillen works for the Army Human Resources Command.*



Courtesy photo

## Churning into Chattanooga

The International Military Student Office took 10 international soldiers on a field studies tour of Chattanooga and Chickamauga Battlefield on Sept. 7-8. The students were from Egypt, Greece, Jordan, Tunisia, Trinidad and St. Kitts. From left, Maj. Ghassan Twal from Jordan, Sgt. 1st Class Boulbaba ElKamel from Tunisia and Lt. Col. Qasem Bashayreh from Jordan visit the Chattanooga Choo Choo engine on display at the terminal station. It is the same kind of wood-burner used on the first run from Cincinnati to Chattanooga in 1880.



Courtesy photo

## *Picnic chitchat*

The International Military Student Office took 10 international soldiers to the Rustic Lodge for a picnic Sept. 9 with members of the Friendship Force and the International Services Council of Huntsville Inc. The students were from Korea, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, Trinidad and St. Kitts. Talking during the event are, from left, Lt. Col. Qasem Bashayreh from Jordan, Joe Powell from Huntsville and Maj. Ghasan Twal from Jordan.



Photo by PEO Soldier

**COMFORTABLE FIT—** The new Army Combat Shirt is in development for use under body armor and is designed to be as breathable and comfortable as possible.

# Latest version of Army Combat Shirt debuts

By DEBI DAWSON

*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — In response to Soldier feedback, Program Executive Officer-Soldier has designed the new Army Combat Shirt to be even more breathable.

The flame-resistant ACS is in development for use under body armor. It is designed to replace two layers, the Army Combat Uniform jacket and moisture-wicking T-shirt, thus reducing bulk and heat stress.

“As providers of the world’s best equipment to the world’s best Soldiers, we collect and rely on Soldiers’ input and ideas to constantly improve all of our products,” said Brig. Gen. R. Mark Brown, Program Executive Officer-Soldier. “All of our clothing and equipment is battle-proven and live-fire tested. Those labels can’t be earned in a laboratory.”

The ACS features a mock-turtleneck, long sleeves in the universal camouflage pattern, flat seams that reduce bulk and chafing and built-in anti-abrasion elbow pads. The shirt is moisture-wicking, anti-microbial and odor-resistant.

The latest version of the shirt includes upgrades based on Soldier feedback collected since the shirt was first distributed in the spring for limited-user evaluations.

“Even though we developed the Army Combat Shirt to be lighter, more comfortable and breathable, we listened to Soldiers who tested it and said they wanted it to be even more breathable and comfort-

able,” said Maj. Clay Williamson, assistant product manager for clothing and individual equipment. “The fabric that made up the torso of the ACS was replaced with a fabric that provides breathability that is off the charts.”

However, to retain modesty, the original fabric was maintained in the mid-chest area. Both fabrics have a four-way stretch.

Another change that increased breathability was replacing the elastic cuffs designed to keep out sand with adjustable cuffs similar to ACU jacket cuffs. The cuffs can be loosened for ventilation or tightened to keep out sand and other debris. Changes were also made to the neck band.

Although the ACS was designed to be worn under the Interceptor Body Armor, test participants noted the short breaks between patrols made it impractical to change into the ACU jacket. They wanted changes to the ACS that would identify them and their unit. In response, hook and loop tape was added to the right sleeve to accommodate a name tape, rank and infrared flag. The left sleeve also sports hook and loop tape for a unit patch.

The ACS with the most recent improvements will be available in late September for follow-on user evaluations. The shirt is still a developmental garment, and further fielding will be determined by the Department of the Army.

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**Commander's Cup sports trophy up for grabs**

*Marine Detachment leading annual points competition*

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The annual quest for troop sports supremacy is entering the homestretch.

The 5K run this Saturday at 8 a.m. represents the last of the seasonal events that compile points for the Commander's Cup. Throughout the year, units compete in softball, flag football, volleyball, basketball, the 5K run and golf.

"Our last event for Commander's Cup is the 5K run Saturday, 22 Sept. at Tin City," sports director Gaylene Wilson said. "And it'll be their last chance for Commander's Cup points."

The Marines won last year's Commander's Cup and are favored to retain the trophy.

"Being the smallest unit on the base here, I know it means a lot to our CO (commanding officer Maj. Tim Collins) and it means a lot to us winning it back to back," Dustin Kershaw of the Marines said. "And as long as I'm here we plan on keeping it."

Kershaw played for the Marines in softball, flag

football, volleyball and basketball. Their other all-around athletes include Sean Newsom and Chris McNally.

The fiscal 2007 Commander's Cup ceremony is 6 p.m. Nov. 7 at Pagano Gym. Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski is to present the sports trophy.

Here are the points' standings entering Saturday's 5K: Marines (332.9), Bravo (277.1), NCO Academy (272.1), Headquarters & Alpha (233.2), Charlie (229.1), HHC 59th (204) and 326th Chemical (168.5).



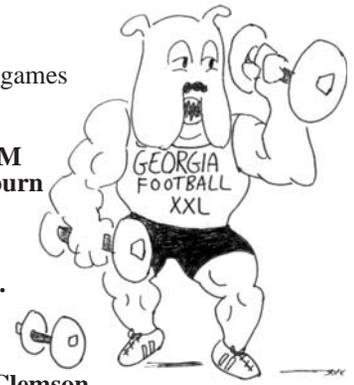
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**LAST YEAR'S PRIZE—** Members of the Marine Detachment celebrate last year with their fiscal 2006 Commander's Cup. They're favored again this year.

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Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week in college football:

- Georgia at Alabama — **Georgia**
- Alabama A&M at Grambling — **A&M**
- New Mexico State at Auburn — **Auburn**
- South Carolina at LSU — **LSU**
- Florida at Mississippi — **Florida**
- Kentucky at Arkansas — **Ark.**
- Arkansas State at Tennessee — **Tenn.**
- Texas A&M at Miami — **Miami**
- Oklahoma at Tulsa — **Okla.**
- Illinois at Indiana — **Indiana**
- Clemson at North Carolina State — **Clemson**
- East Carolina at West Virginia — **W.Va.**
- Georgia Tech at Virginia — **Ga. Tech**
- North Carolina at South Florida — **SF**
- Syracuse at Louisville — **Louisville**
- Army at Boston College — **BC**
- Duke at Navy — **Navy**
- Illinois State at Missouri — **Mo.**
- Air Force at Brigham Young — **BYU**
- Maryland at Wake Forest — **Wake**
- Michigan State at Notre Dame — **ND**
- Northwestern at Ohio State — **OS**
- Penn State at Michigan — **Penn State**
- Texas Tech at Oklahoma State — **TT**
- Colorado State at Houston — **Houston**
- Arizona at California — **Calif.**
- Connecticut at Pittsburgh — **Pitt**
- Gardner-Webb at Mississippi State — **MS**
- Iowa State at Toledo — **Iowa State**
- Rice at Texas — **Texas**
- Marshall at Cincinnati — **Marshall**
- Alcorn State at Alabama State — **Bama State**
- Iowa at Wisconsin — **Iowa**
- Washington State at Southern Calif. — **USC**
- Southern Methodist at TCU — **TCU**
- Purdue at Minnesota — **Purdue**
- Texas Southern at Texas-El Paso — **El Paso**
- Oregon at Stanford — **Oregon**
- Oregon State at Arizona State — **ASU**
- Washington at UCLA — **UCLA**



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## Sports & Recreation

### School House 5K

The School House Run 5K and 1-mile fun run is Saturday 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.

### Hockey bus trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a hockey bus trip to Nashville to watch the St. Louis Blues take on the Nashville Predators on Nov. 17. The bus will depart the Kroger parking lot, Drake Avenue and South Memorial Parkway, at 3:30 p.m. that Saturday and will return immediately after the game. The game starts at 7 p.m. This year the two ticket pricing options are \$90 and \$45. Each ticket package includes either a premium lower bowl or sideline balcony game ticket, transportation, and snacks and beverages on the bus. This trip is open to all Team Redstone members and their families. However, children must be chaperoned. If you are interested in attending this game, you must put your name on the priority list by e-mailing your contact and ticket request information to Robert Olson at robert.j.olson@us.army.mil. Payment in full must be received by Oct. 26. Space is limited so get on the priority list today.

### Heroes' 5K

The Huntsville Track Club and Semper Fi Community Task Force are sponsoring the Heroes' 5K on Nov. 10 at Hillwood Baptist Church in Huntsville. The Heroes' 5-kilometer (3.1 mile) starts at 8 a.m. at Hillwood Baptist Church, 300 Kohler Road, located just off South Memorial Parkway at the intersection of Mountain Gap Road. "Come out and support veterans recovering from combat injuries sustained in Iraq and Afghanistan by participating in the 5K run," a prepared release said. "Show Alabama's support for wounded veterans of all the armed services, as we proudly

recognize these brave young Americans to whom we owe so much, by running at their side in the Heroes' 5K." The \$9 registration fee for the 5K includes a T-shirt for the first 200 registrants. For more information, call 881-0331.

### Youth basketball

Registration is under way through Nov. 5 for the CYS Basketball League for ages 5-17. Practices begin in mid-November and games begin in January and run through February. Registration is \$50 per child and includes a uniform. A \$10 late fee applies if registering after Nov. 5. The child's CYS Registration and sports physical must be current. For more information, call 313-3699.

### 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 Saturday 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.

### Tennis club

The MARS Tennis Club will have an open house Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the tennis courts on Gemini Road. The Marshall Athletic Recreation Social tennis club was founded by Henry Rupp in the late 1960s. Membership is open to all NASA employees (civil servant, retired civil servant and contractor), DoD/Redstone (civil servant and contractor) and their families. Over the years the club has ranged from 80 to 140 members, all levels of playing ability. Basic membership (\$25 per year single, \$30 per family) includes access to the lighted courts, on-court ball machine, and monthly weekend tournaments (prorated

beginning in July). League membership (\$15 per singles or doubles team) includes round robin play and end-of-season tournament. For more information call president Ronda Moyers 544-6809, vice president Linda Brewster 544-0169 or secretary/treasurer Amy Hemken 544-7097.

### Hunter orientation

Join Outdoor Recreation 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.

### Boating class

America's Boating Class will be held Oct. 4, 11 and 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Huntsville Public Library, Meeting Room C. The optional book is \$20. To register call Debbie Miller 617-0869. This free class, offered by the Huntsville Power Squadron, meets requirements for vessel authorization by the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

### Engineers golf

The Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers, 2007 Golf tournament, in memory of Fred Binner, is Oct. 4 at Sunset Landing Golf Course near the Huntsville International Airport. All proceeds benefit the Post Scholarship Fund. Cost for is \$55 per person, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and awards. Businesses may sponsor a hole for \$350 or elect a Team Sponsor package for \$500 which also pays for a four-person team. Entries are due Thursday. Call Phil Loftis 217-1786 or e-mail philip.loftis@parsons.com.

### Bass tournament

The AAAA Fall 2007 Bass Tournament will be held Oct. 13 at Jackson County Park in Scottsboro. For more information and registration, call Bob Vlasics 881-4144, Chuck Ogle 883-7974, Matt Boenker 313-9117 or Tom Geoffroy 876-5359.

### 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.



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

### Parent council

The Child & Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. in the Redstone Room at the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 (phone 876-7952). All parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance - five points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. "Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Child & Youth Services facilities and to voice your ideas, opinions or concerns," a prepared release said.

### Human resource group

"Celebrating the Art of Serving People at Work" is the theme for the North Alabama chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management as it celebrates its 30th anniversary. There will be a reception honoring all the past presidents and national honors received by the professional group Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m. at Huntsville Museum of Art, 300 Church St. Members may bring guests. For more information, call Elaine Plank 539-1982.

### Industry briefing

The 2007 Advance Planning Briefing for Industry will be held Thursday 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.

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## Fleet Reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For information call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

## Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will hold a chapter program meeting Thursday at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the Loft (old Regimental room). Attendees may use the buffet line for lunch. The discussion topic is "The Glass Ceiling for Federally Employed Women at Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville — How Far Have Women Progressed." For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.

## Engineer society

Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers will hold its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost of the buffet lunch is \$10. For reservations call Amber Martin 895-1834.

## Logistics engineers

SOLE Tennessee Valley Chapter will hold a luncheon Sept. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost is \$14 for non-members and \$13 for members. Speakers are chapter chairman Kurt Weidental and district director Norm Myers. For reservations call Jane Reeves 544-7991 or Dave Welch 837-5282, ext. 1706.

## Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Huntsville City Council member Sandra Moon is the guest speaker. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast this Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burtram 325-1938.

## Staff appreciation luncheon

The Parent Advisory Council is sponsor-

ing a staff appreciation luncheon for the School Age Services and Youth Center staff members on Sept. 26 at 12:30 p.m. "Parents, let us take this opportunity to show how much we appreciate each staff member's hard work and dedication in providing outstanding care to our children," a prepared release said. Signup sheets for food and other items are to be posted soon at SAS and the Youth Center. You may drop off your donated items at either SAS or the Youth Center in the morning or bring it to the center before lunch time Sept. 26.

## Old crows

The Association of Old Crows will meet Sept. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 111 Washington St. Guest speaker is Dr. Mark Swinson, chief scientist for the Space and Missile Defense Command. The lunch will cost \$11 at the door. RSVP by Sept. 24 by e-mail to clemons@crows.org.

## Luncheon meeting

Project Management Institute will have a luncheon meeting Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 non-members. N. Edward Birchfield Jr. is to speak on "Career Development of a Project Manager." For information, e-mail communications@northalabamapmi.org.

## 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.

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## 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 [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 AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to [www.gsaauctions.gov](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. 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.

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Protestant Worship Service. Many Bible studies are throughout the week. For information call 876-2409.

### Motorcycle safety

To permanently register a motorcycle on any DoD installation, the Defense Department requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. The one-day course is offered free to anyone authorized access to Redstone. For information call Keith Coates of Garrison Safety Office 876-3383. The instructor is Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

### Green to gold

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

### Lateral entry

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

### 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 B.S.J. Absolute last day for CWFC advanced three-day pass sales is Sept. 26. Three-day passes will not be sold at the B.S.J. 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).

### 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.

### 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.

### Retiree appreciation day

The Commissary will celebrate Retiree

Appreciation Day on Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open to all ID cardholders, this event will include games, giveaways, door prizes and sale items. You must be present to win.

### Bridge construction

The Toftoy Thruway bridge over Martin Road is closed in order to replace the bridge deck. Construction is expected to take four to five months. Motorists can detour around the bridge by exiting onto Martin Road via the Toftoy Thruway ramps. Detour routes should be clearly marked. Martin Road will remain open during the project; however, an occasional detour may be necessary during certain construction procedures.

### Butler High reunion

Butler High School class of 1972, 35-year reunion is 7 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Elks Lodge on Franklin Street. Previous and post classes welcome. Cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Food, fun, beverages and fellowship included. You need to pay in advance so they can order food. For more information, call Greg Welch 508-4644 (cell) or e-mail [greg.welch1@conus.army.mil](mailto:greg.welch1@conus.army.mil).

### SMDC anniversary

The Space and Missile Defense Command 50th anniversary celebration event is Oct. 3 at the Von Braun Center North Hall. Social begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. Guest speaker is Norman Augustine, retired chairman and chief executive officer for Lockheed Martin Corporation. Cost is \$30 for individual seating or \$750 for a sponsorship table of eight. This event is sponsored by ASMDA, NDIA, ADAA and the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call Sigma Services 533-6986. Register online at <http://conferencesbysigma.com/50years>.

### Walk fund-raiser

Walk to D'Feet ALS, the signature fund-raiser of the ALS Association, is Saturday at 9 a.m. at Louis Crews Stadium on the

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campus of Alabama A&M University. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, often called Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a fatal neuromuscular disease that attacks nerve cells and eventually results in total paralysis. There is no known cause or cure. Hundreds of people participate in this benefit event as walkers, donors, organizers and spectators. There is no cost to attend nor to participate in the walk. For more information, call 519-9030.

### Name that lounge

Do you work on Redstone Arsenal? Are you retired from Redstone Arsenal? Here's your chance to leave a legacy. An icon of the Officers and Civilians Club is getting a facelift and you get to give it a new name to go with its new look. Rename the Big Spring Lounge at the Officers and Civilians Club, and win dinner for four and \$50 in MWR bucks. Submit your suggestion to rename the Big Spring Lounge at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com). The drawing for the MWR prize will held at a later date.

### Plastic modelers

The Huntsville Plastic Modelers' Society will hold its 31st annual model contest Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Jaycees Community Building, 2180 Airport Road. Hundreds of detailed models of ships, cars, aircraft and armor will be on display, free for viewing by the public. Model builders are invited to bring their work and enter in the competition. For more information, call 880-2288.

### Ballroom dance class

Registration is under way through Oct. 16 for Intermediate Ballroom Dance Classes at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. This six-week course is taught by Mary Jo Blunt and Vince Guarin. Classes are

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Thursdays, Oct. 18 through Nov. 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. The cost is \$66 per couple. Participants must have prior dance experience. Call 876-4531.

### Science festival

Sally Ride Science Festivals bring together hundreds of girls in grades 5 through 8 for a festive day of science and socializing. Parents and teachers are welcome, too. The Oct. 6 event at the University of Alabama-Huntsville includes the opportunity to meet and listen to astronaut Jan Davis. The festival will take place at the UAH Fitness Center. The day begins at 11 a.m. with check-in and the street fair, and ends at 4:15 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch, and all festival activities and materials. Advance registration is required. Teachers, parents and students can register and learn more about the festivals by visiting [www.SallyRide-Festivals.com](http://www.SallyRide-Festivals.com) or by calling 800-561-5161. Northrop Grumman Foundation is a national sponsor for Sally Ride Science Festivals.

### Hispanic heritage program

The Hispanic American Heritage Month Program is Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. The keynote speaker is Yolanda Maldonado-Echevarria, deputy for equal employment opportunity and civil rights, outreach and special emphasis programs, Washington, D.C. There will be ethnic music; and after the program, there will be a food tasting of various ethnic dishes. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon 876-8648 or Jackie Williams 876-9259. Hispanic American Heritage Month is Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

### Job opening

Apply by Friday for a position vacancy as administrative support assistant, GS-0303-7. The annual salary is \$36,057 to \$46,874. Duty station is Huntsville for the Army Logistics Management College, Acquisition Management Department, Fort Lee, Va. Vacancy announcement number is SCAQ07216736. For more information call Joe East, director of ALMC's Huntsville Campus and chairman of the Department of Systems Acquisition, 864-1825.

### Battalion commander

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 24 will have a change of command ceremony at 8:45 a.m. Saturday at battalion headquarters, 2724 Patton Road, Huntsville. Commander (O-5) Ron Gruzsky will succeed Commander (O-5) Frederick Mucke as the commanding officer of NMCB 24.

### Pancake breakfast

Get breakfast and a song with the Southern Splendor Chorus on Oct. 6 from 8-10:30 a.m. at the Applebee's in Athens on Highway 72 and Exit 351. "Enjoy pancakes while listening to some great a capella music," a prepared release said.

### Logistics training

The Logistics Proponency Office, Fort Eustis, Va., is coming to Redstone Arsenal on Sept. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Bob Jones Auditorium. Roberta Hermann and Sandra Haskins, of the Logistics Proponency Office, will provide an overview to Team Redstone workers on training opportunities. The target audience is civilians/supervisors in Career Programs 13-Supply, 17-Maintenance, and 24-Transportation & Distribution. Activity career program managers are encouraged to attend. From 12-1 p.m., graduated interns are invited to lunch-and-learn with Hermann and Haskins in the Sparkman Cafeteria. To reserve a seat, call Betty Lee, of IMMC Training Office, 876-5044. One-on-one career guidance will be available from 1-4 p.m. at building 5304, third floor, room 4366. For more information call Jerrel McCollum, Redstone CPAC, 313-1595 or Lee 876-5044.

### Young Marines

Young Marines of North Alabama will hold Boot Camp beginning Oct. 1. Parents orientation is Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, 3506 South Memorial Parkway. Recruits will complete an intensive course of training in citizenship, drug abuse prevention, close order drill and physical fitness. The program is open to boys and girls ages 8-17. For more information, call James Newell 682-4835.

### Health center holiday

Fox Army Health Center will be closed on Monday, Oct. 8 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. Tuesday, Oct. 9 the Primary Care Clinic will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. for scheduled appointments. All other clinics and services will be closed the entire day for a training holiday. The health center is closed on Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays. 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.

### Employment briefing

A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct a Federal Employment Briefing on Oct. 4 from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. The information provided will help participants to understand the federal application process. Topics will include recruitment sources, Resumix procedures, candidate evaluation and the referral process. This session is open to all military ID card holders. Call ACS 876-5397 to reserve a seat.

### Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on Oct. 2 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338, Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

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### Latin dance

Sabor Latino invites everyone to the Hispanic Heritage Dance at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave., on Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Everyone is invited. There is a \$10 cover charge. For reservations call Yvonne 783-5756 or DJ Ed 651-9626.

### Fire safety expo

American Red Cross Madison-Marshall County Branch will present a Home Fire Safety and Prevention Expo on Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Madison Square Mall. There will be door prizes and live entertainment. The purpose of the expo is to provide information to help eliminate home fires in Alabama.

### Federal jobs workshop

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will sponsor a Community Federal Employment Workshop on Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church, 2115 Winchester Road. "Come join us for some networking and insightful information on how to get a federal job if you have never worked for the federal government before," a prepared release said. "If you are looking for a temporary job or a permanent career path, this workshop is for you!" This event is free to the public. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.

### Jazz concerts

The Watters Brothers Quintet, featuring trombonist Harry Watters and trumpeter Ken Watters, will present two concerts at UAH Roberts Recital Hall on Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. The UAH Jazz Band, directed by Dr. Don Bowyer, will also be featured. Proceeds will benefit The Harry H. Watters Memorial Scholarship Fund for Excellence in Jazz. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at AB Stephens, The Bandwagon, The Fretshop and UAH Music Department. For more information, call 824-6436.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	( FROM - TO )	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																			
SCBK07157659	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	19-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-2210	12	12	63,958 - 83,148			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07157659D	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	19-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-2210	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07184782	Lead IT Spec (INFOSEC/Network)	19-Sep-07	MAT CMD LOG SPT ACTY	GS-2210	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X											
SCBK07169395	Secretary (OA)	19-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YB-0318	1	1	18,891 - 42,180	X											
SCBK070206391R	Chemist	19-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-1320	2	2	44,104 - 98,876					X		X	X				
SCBK070206391D	Chemist	19-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-1320	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07236946	Prgm Analyst	20-Sep-07	IMMC	GS-0343	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07200042	Sys Mgmt Analyst	20-Sep-07	AMCOM, G8(Resource Mgmt)	GS-0501	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07239143	Police Ofcr	20-Sep-07	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	36,057 - 46,874					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	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	X
SCBK07230538	Prgm Analyst	21-Sep-07	AMRDEC	GS-0343	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X											
SCBK07176146	Supv Civil Engr;Supv Elect Engr;Supv Mech Engr	24-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YF-0810;0850;0830	2	2	89,875 - 122,678	X											
SCBK07200609	Mgmt & Prgm Analyst	24-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DE-0343	4	4	76,056 - 116,835	X											
SCBK07233436	General Engr	24-Sep-07	MAT CMD LOG SPT ACTY	GS-0801	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07233436D	General Engr	24-Sep-07	MAT CMD LOG SPT ACTY	GS-0801	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07205447	Mgmt & Prgm Analyst	24-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-0343	12	12	63,958 - 83,148					X							
SCBK07232992	Prgm Supp Spec	24-Sep-07	AMCOM, Security Assistance Mgmt Dir	GS-0301	5	9	28,559 - 56,258	X	X										
SCBK07245992	Contract Spec	24-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DE-1102	3	3	48,570 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07265098	Secretary (OA)	25-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-0318	7	7	36,057 - 46,874	X											
SCBK07233999	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Sep-07	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	63,958 - 122,678	X											
SCBK07239019	Computer Engr	25-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-0854	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07173490	Environmental Engr	26-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0819	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X											
SCBK07256952	Aerospace Engr	26-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07256952D	Aerospace Engr	26-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07240355	Aerospace Engr	26-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07240355D	Aerospace Engr	26-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07231966	Mgmt & Tech Spec	27-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DE-0301	2	2	29,108 - 57,334	X											
SCBK07231768	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	27-Sep-07	GARRISON	GS-2210	11	11	55,429 - 72,060	X											
SCBK07250845	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Sep-07	IMMC	YC-0346	3	3	89,875 - 137,434			X									
SCBK07203924	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Sep-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X							X				X
SCBK07205531D	Procurement Analyst	28-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07205464D	Contract Spec	28-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07196671	Lead General Engr	29-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 134,434	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				
SCBK07176486	Computer Engr	1-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07176486D	Computer Engr	1-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07259034	Mgmt Analyst	1-Oct-07	GARRISON	GS-0343	12	12	63,658 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07198985	Operations Research Analyst	3-Oct-07	AMCOM, G3 (Oper)	GS-1515	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X							X				X
SCBK07198985D	Operations Research Analyst	3-Oct-07	AMCOM, G3 (Oper)	GS-1515	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07245244	Materials Engr	26-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X		X	X	X		X	X				
SCBK07245244D	Materials Engr	26-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07171020	Equip Spec (Gen)	13-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	63,958 - 83,148			X					X				X
<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV</b>																			
SCBK070206391D	Chemist	19-Sep-07	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-1320	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	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	X
SCBK07233436D	General Engr	24-Sep-07	MAT CMD LOG SPT ACTY	GS-0801	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07234113D	Aerospace Engr	26-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	2	73,377 - 113,438	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07256952D	Aerospace Engr	26-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07240355D	Aerospace Engr	26-Sep-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07205531D	Procurement Analyst	28-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07205464D	Contract Spec	28-Sep-07	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07176486D	Computer Engr	1-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07198985D	Operations Research Analyst	3-Oct-07	AMCOM, G3 (Oper)	GS-1515	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07245244D	Materials Engr	26-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	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 - 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>																			
<b>C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).</b>																			
<b>D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)</b>																			
<b>E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)</b>																			
<b>F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)</b>																			
<b>H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)</b>																			
<b>I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)</b>																			
<b>R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)</b>																			
<b>T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)</b>																			
<b>V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).</b>																			
<b>U - All U.S. citizens</b>																			
<b>NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.</b>																			
<b>NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at <a href="http://www.redstonemwr.com">www.redstonemwr.com</a> or you may telephone 876-7772.</b>																			
<b>Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit <a href="http://www.amccareers.com">www.amccareers.com</a> or <a href="http://www.cpol.army.mil">www.cpol.army.mil</a>, search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: <a href="#">NEAEJ04710482</a> &amp; <a href="#">NEAE04756647</a>, for more information.</b>																			