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Getting back to basics on security

Mandatory training set week of Oct. 15

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With any government agency, security awareness is part of the everyday routine.

It can become so routine, in fact, that security measures can become lackadaisical.

At Redstone Arsenal, the Security and Intelligence Directorate (G-2) wants to make sure that doesn't happen. So, for all employees at AMCOM, PEO Aviation and PEO Missiles and Space, it's back to Security 101.

"Every October is Security Awareness Month in the Army," said Flo Boswell, operations officer of the Security and Intelligence Directorate.

"During this month, it's mandatory per our regulations that every employee of the Army goes through security training. The theme for this year's training is Security 101. It's about getting back to basics. We hope this training will teach and remind employees of the simple, everyday security practices they need to follow."

At the Aviation and Missile Command, that training will be offered Monday through Thursday, Oct. 15-18 in Bob Jones Auditorium from 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Oct. 15 sessions are reserved for AMCOM employees. The Oct. 16 sessions are for employees of Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space. The Oct. 17 sessions are for employees of Program Executive Office for Aviation. Make-up day and Integrated Materiel Management Center sessions are on Oct. 18. The hearing impaired should plan to attend either the 1 p.m. session Oct. 17 or the 9 a.m. session Oct. 18.

The training will include the basics of security awareness and a presentation on "Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army" from the 902nd



Photo by Kari Hawkins

READY FOR SECURITY WEEK— Security and Intelligence employee Lora Hardman helps Flo Boswell, operations officer for the Security and Intelligence Directorate, post a sign promoting Security Awareness Week. Mandatory security awareness training for all AMCOM, PEO Aviation and PEO Missiles and Space employees will be offered the week of Oct. 15-19.

Military Intelligence Group on Redstone Arsenal.

Although the program does involve an overview of security basics, Boswell said it will be well worth the time of all employees, no matter how familiar they are with security issues.

"We want to make this an interesting program," she said.

"It's not just a check-the-box training. We will be providing useful information in an entertaining and humorous way. We want employees to be aware of the basics of security and be educated about the things they should be doing during their workday to ensure security on Redstone Arsenal."

Brian Miller, branch chief of the Defense Security Service Academy, and FBI domain coordinator Gary Hardman will be the program's featured speakers. The academy, located in Linthicum, Md., is part of the Security Education, Training and Awareness Program overseen by the Defense Security Service, which provides security services to the Department of Defense. The academy provides security education and training to DoD security program professionals and develops security awareness products for government use.

"Brian Miller is a wonderful speaker who can talk about any topic within security," Boswell said. "He knows what it takes to teach security professionals. And, he knows how to present the serious subject of security in a way that is fun, interesting and humorous. He will talk to employees about things they should already know. We want to actually remind employees of what they first learned when they came on board here."

Miller will cover topics like password protection, reporting security violations, document control, necessity of reporting foreign travel, and how to handle classified information, foreign visitors and everyday work situations without committing a security violation.

"We're really taking it back to the basic level," said Miller, who has been a speaker at previous security awareness programs at Redstone Arsenal.

"We want to raise the security awareness level as a whole for Arsenal personnel so that they can assist the security officials on Redstone Arsenal. There is a very good core of security officials at Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville as a whole. They have an active role in ensuring the work force is aware of security issues."

Miller said all his presentations on security come back to one focus – the war fighter.

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An open lane random survey

What do you think of the Combined Federal Campaign?

By SKIP VAUGHN

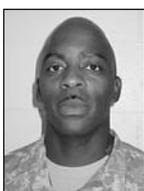
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Curtis Fultz
59th Ordnance Brigade S-4 (Supply)
"I think it's a good organization. It helps people that really need help, and people in need of assistance."

Sgt. 1st Class Chelsie Stokes
Charlie Company

"It's a good organization, a good program. It helps a lot of people. It's really good for especially young Soldiers who are just learning about giving to charities."



Pvt. Brittany Garcia
Charlie Company
"I think it's a good thing because in the military you're more stable, so you have a chance to give back to people that have cancer or things like that. We're already going to be taken care of, and there are people that don't have anything or don't have the luxuries."

Gaylene Wilson
Morale Welfare and Recreation
"I think it's a great opportunity to give to a deserving organization that you support or that is near and dear to you."



In touch with food service

At the Sparkman Center Cafeteria, why do the food service workers not wear gloves while they are working? Isn't it an OSHA standard for food service workers to wear gloves? I started working here in May and haven't seen anyone wearing gloves yet.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Sparkman Cafeteria management provided the following response. "Environmental health, which does the health inspections at the Sparkman Cafeteria, does not want us to wear gloves. There are two main reasons. One is that it gives a false sense of hands being clean when gloves are worn. The gloves are only as clean as a

person's hands as they touch all the same things that your hands would touch. Studies find that personnel with gloves do not change them as often as they should and therefore actually are not as sanitary as ungloved personnel that use good hand-washing procedures. The real key is to wash hands often and thoroughly. The second reason is that latex gloves which are commonly used can be highly allergic to a small percentage of customers."

Commentary in memory of Darin Kruse

Lou Gehrig's disease didn't claim his spirit

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Now I realize how Lou Gehrig's teammates must have felt.

Darin Kruse was a member of Redstone's running team for the annual Army Ten-Miler in 2002-03. He didn't go with us to the Washington, D.C. race in 2002 because his father-in-law died. But he made the trip in October 2003 and ran a respectable 1:09:22.

In April 2004, Darin was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, which is a fatal neuromuscular ailment characterized by progressive muscle weakness resulting in paralysis.

He fought the disease with the same intensity he had previously summoned as an accomplished triathlete and distance runner. He served as an ALS board member; and he participated in the annual Walk to D'Feet ALS.

He worked as long as he was physically able as an engineer at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. But his career ended on medical disability in September 2005.

When I visited his home in September 2006, he talked through a computer attached to his wheelchair, where he was confined. His voice messages were conveyed by the computerized commu-

nication system which was donated by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He selected a message by moving his head. He could type words a letter at a time, and then hit a button and the computerized voice spoke for him.

That is what Lou Gehrig's disease did to Darin Kruse.

I remembered when he was six-minute miler, the indefatigable jogger who slowed his pace enough to run with me — just him and me one weekend morning at Redstone Arsenal. It was a sunny day. I can't remember what we talked about. Just that it was one of the most enjoyable runs I've ever had in my life.

Darin participated in this year's Walk to D'Feet ALS on Sept. 22 at Alabama A&M University's Louis Crews Stadium.

The next day, he died at age 42.

Survivors include his wife, Rachel, and their daughters, Monica and Michelle; his parents, Chester and Ruth Kruse of Pemberville, Ohio; and sisters, Cynthia Kruse of Indialantic, Fla., and Nancy Kruse-Schultz of Pemberville.

So, I can imagine how Lou Gehrig's New York Yankees teammates felt that day at Yankee Stadium when Gehrig delivered his famous farewell speech.

Maybe Gehrig was right. Maybe, he was the luckiest

man on the face of the earth, because he was on his way to a better place. Maybe he's still hitting home runs up there.

And maybe Darin's getting ready to run again, and the sun is shining.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AT HOME— In September 2006, Darin Kruse and his wife, Rachel, are together at their home in southeast Huntsville. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, took his life on Sept. 23, 2007.

Quote of the week

'In charity there is no excess.'

— Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Lexington, Tenn.

What do you like about your job?

Getting to meet people, getting to meet the public. Getting to interact with Soldiers, helping them to find merchandise that they need. I've been here five years.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love walking. I love reading. Just sitting around, playing cards – just leisure. I watch a lot of television.

What are your goals?

To become a part of management, possibly part owner of the company. I'm working on paying for my home, so I'd just like to be a homeowner.

What's your favorite type of music?
Rhythm and blues

Program ensures continued operations in emergencies

Command planners share ideas for preparedness

President Bush proclaimed September as National Preparedness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness on the importance of emergency preparedness and to also encourage all Americans to better prepare their homes and communities for emergencies.

The AMCOM G-3 Current Operations Directorate hosted the Army Materiel Command's Enterprise Continuity of Operations Program Conference on Sept. 11-14 at the Sparkman Center. The conference drew more than 50 attendees from throughout AMC.

The headquarters AMC-sponsored workshop was conducted to initiate the AMC command-wide Enterprise COOP Program. Headquarters AMC provided overarching command policy and guidance through a series of interactive program objective reviews and staff panel discussions.

Aviation and Missile Command provided an overview of two local automated support systems that could have a wider application for AMC overall when implemented across the command COOP Program. The Redstone COOP Information Management System and Production and Maintenance Module, both of which are being developed by AMCOM G-6/G-3 COOP Offices, were discussed in length and are being considered the standard for future use and application at other AMC subordinate organizations.

Headquarters AMC staff discussions covered a wide spectrum of policy issues from

emergency relocation facilities, personnel accountability, and finally to exercise and training. Additionally, each visiting command provided a status of their current COOP Program.

"This conference has provided an excellent workshop for our COOP planners and an open forum for the command to share ideas and accomplishments," Col. Thomas Small, chief, G-3 Plans and Operations at headquarters AMC, said.

The mission of the AMC Enterprise COOP Program is to maintain AMC-wide continuity of operations, assuring uninterrupted support to the war fighter, and continued delivery/execution of all critical specified and implied mission essential functions during emergency events affecting normal operations at Army Materiel Command organizations and facilities.

The intent is to ensure that all AMC organizations retain the capability to perform their mission essential functions in face of all types of hazardous threats. Effective COOP plans that are developed, tested, exercised and executed using a tried and true methodology will result in successful mitigation of the impacts on command business operations.

The AMCOM G-3 reminds employees to prepare themselves and their families for emergencies by taking simple steps such as organizing an emergency supply kit, making a personal preparedness plan, becoming informed about different threats, and getting involved in preparing their community. A government web site can assist employees with developing their personal family emergency at <http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/familyemergencyplan.pdf>. (AMCOM COOP Office release)

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Sept. 20: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after being stopped on Patton Road for no license plate. He was issued two violation notices and released.

Sept. 22: An individual was observed destroying a piece of government property by an officer on patrol. When the officer attempted to stop him, he fled on foot. After a short pursuit, he was arrested by the officer. He was intoxicated and resisted arrest. After he was processed, he was placed into the cell. He was later released to his unit. Investigation continues by the Investigations Section.

Sept. 23: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a

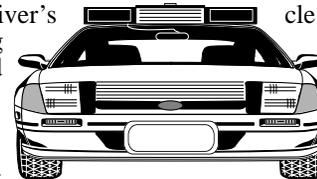
canceled driver's license at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Sept. 26: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with suspended license at Gate 8 when he requested directions to Drake Avenue. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Sept. 26: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after stopping at Gate 9 and asking for directions. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 8 speeding, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 no driver's license, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired driver's license, 4 driving with a suspended/canceled license.



Parking permits expire at the end of October

All Official Vehicle Parking Permits will expire on Oct. 31. New permits should be obtained before the expiration date.

To obtain the new permits send an e-mail to Bobby Noles of the Garrison at bobby.noles@redstone.army.mil. The

request should contain the number of permits requested, point of contact and phone number, and the building number of the person using the permit.

The request can be faxed to 955-8137 or mailed to IMSE-RED-PWB, building 4488 room A-316. (Garrison release)



Photo by Dave Macedonia

Blessing of animals

Bicentennial Chapel will celebrate its annual Blessing of the Animals this Saturday at 2 p.m. The Blessing of the Animals has been celebrated at the chapel for more than 20 years. Last year more than 50 chapel patrons attended. Chaplain (Maj.) George Rzasowski blessed 42 dogs, five cats, four horses and one mule and numerous stuffed toy animals. This year Chaplain (Maj.) Ray Kopec, the new priest, will lead the blessing.

Training minds for Army mission ahead



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

ARMED FOR FUTURE— From left, education services specialist Charles Williams, counselor Vanessa Flowers, and education services officer Laura Peck gather to admire the new diploma of Capt. Rob Dewberry, commander of Headquarters & Headquarters Company Garrison.

Education Center expands horizons

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Soldiers spend a lot of time training their bodies. They push themselves to the limit, preparing for the mission ahead. The Education Center wants to make sure that Soldiers train their minds as well.

“Soldiers have the best opportunities available to them now to complete an education,” Charles Williams, education services specialist, said. “Soldiers need to come to the Education Center, find out what we have to offer and then take advantage of it.”

Williams himself is a former Soldier and product of the Army Education System. He used

tuition assistance in the early 1990s to get his degree. After 22 years in the green suit, Williams retired. When it came time to start a new career, he knew exactly what he wanted to do.

“For those 22 years I was trained to take care of Soldiers. It was something I did well,” he said. “Army education afforded me the opportunity to continue to do that from a different angle. Now when I say I’m taking care of the highly motivated American fighting Soldier, I am helping them to prepare for life after the military as well as reach their military goals. It will help them get promoted and develop professionally.”

Williams arrived at Redstone from the Education Center at Fort Lee, Va., a month ago. Since his arrival, he has been impressed with the level of service coming from the Redstone team.

“I’m a part of a good team here,” he said. “This is a solidly built program. It’s a family environment.”

Treating Soldiers like family sometimes means a little tough love.

“Every now and then family has to give you a good swift kick, or a gentle nudge, in the right place to get you moving,” Williams said.

Capt. Rob Dewberry, commander of Headquarters & Headquarters Company Garrison, admits that he needed some of that prodding. Because it had been more than 10 years since his last college experience, he was reluctant to return to school.

“I used the GI Bill to pay for my undergraduate degree from the University of North Alabama,” Dewberry said. “As you get older you think that you

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Boy Scout fired up about teaching firearms safety

Class for children uses air rifles

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A Boy Scout Eagle Project is turning into an event that will be both educational and fun for children on Redstone Arsenal who are interested in learning about firearms.

Junior Olympic Rifle Shooting competitor Carl Rideout, a Boy Scout with Troop 96, and his competitive shooting coach Dan Fox will conduct a Firearms Safety and Air Rifle Shooting Class on Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. The class is free and open to children ages 8 to 17.

The class is sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation's Child and Youth Services Sports and Fitness Program.

"This class is designed mostly to teach the youth at Redstone Arsenal about gun safety in general," Rideout said. "But, it's also an opportunity for them to shoot an air rifle, and to introduce them to a new hobby or sport."

Rideout, a 17-year-old Madison County High School senior, has been honing his skills with his air rifle and .22 long rifle for about eight years under Fox's direction. He started competing about a year ago, and competed at the Junior Olympics Rifle Shooting Competition and the Small-Bore Junior Olympics Competition this past summer in South Carolina.

"The top three at the Junior Olympics are invited to be on the Junior Olympic Development Team," he said. "For air rifle, you have to get a near perfect score. I'm about 40 points shy of that."

Rideout hopes to continue competitive rifle shooting when he attends the University of Alabama-

Huntsville and then possibly compete on the Olympic level.

Air rifles are different from hunting rifles, he said, because they are designed purely for precision and extreme accuracy.

"You can adjust the butt piece, the cheek piece and the trigger to your body shape and preferences," Rideout said. "I have an ounce pull on the trigger."

And, while rifles shoot bullets, air rifles shoot lead pellets.

Rideout and his coach practice small-bore shooting at a range near Guntersville Dam while air rifle practice is in the gym at Whitesburg Baptist Church.

"We always get funny looks when we walk into the church with our air rifles," Rideout said.

The Firearms Safety and Air Rifle Shooting class will include a 30-minute safety lecture and then a 30-minute shooting session in the gym. There will be eight shooting stations and participants will be given 20 shots.

"It will take them about 30 minutes to shoot a string of shots," Rideout said. "When they are done with the shooting session, we will collect their targets and the shooters can take the targets home with them."

The shooting range will be managed by adult leaders and youth members of Boy Scout Troop 96 while Rideout and Fox will teach the safety course. The safety course will be offered every 30 minutes.

"This was originally my coach's idea," Rideout said. "But, I thought it would be a good way to do something for children who are from military families. It's a way to give back to them. And, it is a good Eagle Scout project because it benefits the community."

The class is open to all children whose parents have access to Redstone Arsenal. Children can register for the Firearms Safety and Air Rifle Shooting Class at the Youth Center or by calling 313-3699.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SAFETY FIRST— Boy Scout Carl Rideout of Troop 96 will be teaching children about firearms safety Oct. 13 at the Youth Center. The free class also includes the opportunity to shoot an air rifle. Rideout, who has competed in rifle shooting at the Junior Olympics, is teaching the class as an Eagle Scout project. It is open to all children whose parents have access to Redstone Arsenal.

Communications worker earns recognition



Tami Schiel

*Employee of Quarter
at Tobyhanna depot*

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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — A Communications Systems Directorate employee has earned the Tobyhanna Army Depot Employee of the Quarter Award for the third quarter of the 2007 fiscal year.

Tami Schiel, program support assistant in the director's office, earned the award for performance above and beyond her assigned duties. Co-workers commended her ability to carry out a variety of tasks, unrelated to her job, whenever and wherever needed.

In addition to Schiel's typical administrative responsibilities as program support assistant, she also performs duties as the organization's training coordinator and awards program administrator.

"Tami is one of the depot's best and brightest," CS director Richard Woodworth said. "She's diligent in her work ethic and can always be counted on to get the job done in stressful situations. She's certainly a valuable member of the communications team."

Answers provided to retirement concerns

The following questions and answers originally appeared in the NARFE Magazine and are reprinted with permission from the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association.

Question: I will soon be 65. Do I need Medicare Part B since I have Blue Cross/Blue Shield FEHBP coverage?

Answer: If you have Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage and Medicare Part A and Part B, Blue Cross/Blue Shield will waive any co-payments, deductibles or coinsurance you may be subject to. That means that you will have an excellent coverage, and your only cost will generally be amounts you are paying for prescription drugs, where there is no change.

The disadvantage to taking Medicare Part B is the cost of \$93.50 per month, over \$1,100 per year (based on an individual's income of under \$80,000 or a married couple's income of under \$160,000). If you are in good health and remain that way, you may not spend that amount per year. (Effective Jan. 1, 2007, the government started determining the Medicare Part B premiums based on a person's income. Those in a higher income range will pay more for the same coverage.)

If you do not take Part B at age 65, you can elect to take the coverage from January 1 to March 31 each year, with coverage effective July 1. For each 12 months you do

not have the coverage there is a 10 percent penalty. You could wait several years and pay a 20 percent penalty, but if you wait five or six years, the cost may be too high.

This is essentially a judgment call. If you think you presently or in the future will have significant out-of-pocket costs for medical care, you may want Part B. If your health is good and remains good, you may pay less without the Part B premiums.

Question: I want to leave my wife a minimum survivor annuity of \$12 per year or \$1 per month. This would entitle her to health benefits. Her annuity would not cover her health benefits premium. How does the Office of Personnel Management bill for the premium? Is it monthly, bimonthly or quarterly? Does she get a bill? How does this work?

Answer: If the survivor is entitled to continued FEHBP coverage and the annuity is insufficient to cover the premium, the survivor can contact OPM to make arrangements to pay the monthly health benefits premium directly to the government. The way it is handled currently is that OPM transfers the health benefits enrollment to the National Finance Center, which then contacts the survivor with monthly payment options. The survivor enrollee can pay the premium by check every month or have the premiums automatically debited from her bank account every month.

■ Security training program to refresh employees on basics

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"Every single thing that is done at the Arsenal in some way, shape or form will make a difference to the war fighter," he said. "Everything relates back to the war fighter and the success of our military."

Miller, who retired as a master sergeant, speaks from the heart whenever he talks about security. He has two sons-in-law who are active military – one in the Marines and the other in the Navy. Both have served in Iraq, with the Marine recently returning from his third tour in the war zone. Both are now stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"Everything goes back to them," Miller said. "I was 20 years active duty in the Army. But, I tell you, those two have really made a difference in the national security of our country. What I want to do is make sure they and all our military are safe, and that safety begins with the security awareness of DoD civilians, military members, contractors and consultants."

Security awareness is an essential element of all the job descriptions on Redstone Arsenal.

"Employees often don't realize that they jeopardize their clearance and their job situation when they commit a security violation," Boswell said.

"They may not realize that their carelessness can have serious consequences to our nation's security. The things employees work with every day are so commonplace to them that they don't realize how valuable that information could be to those who might want to steal it. But, a careless lack of security can jeopardize this post, an employee's personal security and national security."

Following the presentations, there will be time for participants to ask security questions.

"Some people may be too embarrassed to ask questions about simple security issues because they have been working here so long," Boswell said. "That's why we are doing this program – so we can address the basics for all employees. If anyone has questions they want to make sure get answered during the program, they can send them to me before Security Awareness Week or they can ask them after the training."

To send questions to Boswell, contact her at flo.e.boswell@us.army.mil or call 842-0042.

Homeless veterans invited to weekend event

Operation Stand Down
Nov. 2-4 at stadium

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It's a problem that most don't want to talk about — or even think about.

The idea that veterans who served their country during war could now very well be sleeping on the streets of Huntsville or any U.S. city is, quite simply, disturbing.

But, it's a fact.

And now there is a group of Huntsville volunteers who are working to end homelessness among local veterans by providing them with a weekend of free food, shelter, clothing, medical care, counseling, entertainment and community resources.

It's known as Operation Stand Down and it's coming to Huntsville's Joe Davis Stadium the weekend of Nov. 2-4.

A national movement started in San Diego in 1988, Operation Stand Down is now being held in cities throughout the nation as a way to connect homeless veterans to the services and resources they need to get back on their feet. Stand Downs give veterans the opportunity to rest and recover from the day-to-day stresses and dangers of living on the streets while addressing their individual problems and showing them how to rebuild their lives.

Operation Stand Down-Huntsville is being organized by local veteran Darrell Delaine, and a growing group of volunteers and community and government agencies, including the Veterans Administration Hospital of Birmingham and the City of Huntsville.

"When I first got involved with Operation Stand Down my thinking was that most homeless veterans were from the Vietnam era," said Delaine, a former sergeant.

"There are some Vietnam veterans who are homeless. But, there are also veterans from Desert Storm and Iraq who are homeless and their numbers continue to grow as more veterans return from deployments. My goal is to catch those who have slipped through the crack and



Photo by Kari Hawkins

STANDING DOWN VETERAN HOMELESSNESS— Members of Operation Stand Down-Huntsville are coordinating a weekend event at Joe Davis Stadium to help homeless veterans obtain VA benefits and the community services they need to rebuild their lives. The new organization includes, from left, Jason Feemster, chairman Darrell Delaine, city council member Bill Kling and co-chairman Doug Dietz, and many other volunteers and organizations committed to providing a safe, restful, enjoyable and informative weekend for homeless veterans on Nov. 2-4.

help them get their lives going in the right direction."

Delaine has been to several Operation Stand Down events in Nashville, often joined by his coworkers at Siemens, who are members of the veterans committee of the United Auto Workers Local 1413. They have witnessed the positive effect this type of event has on homeless veterans, and they made a commitment earlier this year to bring Operation Stand Down to Huntsville.

"There's got to be something we can do for these homeless veterans who were gung ho about their service and who are now suffering from things like post traumatic stress disorder," Delaine said.

"Many of these veterans won't say anything about their problems. They won't reach out for help. So, we want to reach

out to them. If we can get them to come in and see what kinds of services we can give them, then we've made a difference. At the very least, we want to say 'thanks' for serving in combat and let them know their community cares about them. If they will let us help them beyond that, then that's even better."

According to the Interfaith Mission Service First Stop there were 670 homeless people in Madison County in a homeless census conducted Jan. 31, 2006. Of those, 36 percent were veterans. With the information he has received from local homeless shelters, Delaine estimates there are 400 to 450 homeless veterans in Madison, Morgan and Limestone counties. Of those, Operation Stand Down-Huntsville hopes to welcome a minimum of 50 homeless veterans to their event.

The original Stand Down for homeless veterans was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment. Stand Down gave battle-weary Soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being.

Today's Operation Stand Down events are recognized as the most valuable outreach tool to help the nation's homeless veterans. The VA estimates that nearly 200,000 veterans are homeless on any given night and nearly 400,000 experience

homelessness over the course of a year. Since 1988, it's estimated that more than 100,000 homeless veterans have received assistance at Stand Downs. National leadership for the events is provided by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. The Veterans Administration as well as local community and resource organizations join together to make the events a one-stop shop for veteran services.

"We have a vested interest in helping homeless veterans obtain the services they need," said Jeff Hester, director of public affairs at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Birmingham.

"It is a big effort on our part to connect with these veterans. We want to provide them with physicals, flu shots and the medical care they need. We want to get them in the VA system so we can assist them."

Hester has been involved with Operation Stand Down-Birmingham since its first event in 2000, which was spearheaded by Miss America Heather Whetstone of Alabama, whose platform was helping homeless veterans.

"We had 900 homeless at that first event," Hester said. "At our last event in February, there were 600. But, in Birmingham we try to include all homeless at these events because there is no way to tell who is a veteran until you get them in the system."

"Many homeless will come to the event in Huntsville. When they do come to these events, it is best to assist them in the ways they want assistance. They can be hard to help sometimes because a lot don't want any more help than what they get on the day they are at Operation Stand Down."

In Huntsville, Operation Stand Down will be held at Joe Davis Stadium, where there are facilities that can easily be converted into sleeping quarters, medical areas, dining facilities, community resource areas and social areas. Once they are checked in, veterans will shower and receive clean clothing and haircuts.

"We will have an orientation where we will thank them for their service," said Operation Stand Down-Huntsville volunteer and veteran Valerie Coffey.

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“We will be doing a lot of things during the weekend to help these homeless veterans regain a sense of dignity and pride. We want them to know that we recognize and appreciate their service to this country.”

The homeless veterans will spend the weekend getting to know community representatives, getting physical checkups, socializing and eating, learning about community resources, receiving counseling, and being entertained by local musical groups, and videos of old war movies and westerns. Each homeless veteran will be a member of a group or in a buddy system, so that they can meet each other, reconnect with old friends and make new friends.

“This is an opportunity for homeless veterans to come in off the street and have a relaxing weekend,” Coffey said. “The longer we can keep them at this event the more opportunity there is to impact their lives in a positive way.”

While the weekend is meant to be fun and relaxing, it will also be informative.

“We will provide them with information about different services available to them,” Coffey said. “There are so many services available to them that aren’t available to the regular homeless person. At this event, we will have information on everything a homeless veteran needs – medical services, counseling, rehabilitation services, vocational training, medical screenings and more.”

The VA Hospital in Birmingham will provide doctors, nurses, counselors and chaplains for the event while the VA in Montgomery will oversee veteran processing. The City of Huntsville is donating the facility along with police and emergency personnel for the event. Native Pride Securities and the Alabama State Defense Force will also assist with security needs.

In addition, several community organizations will provide services – Calhoun Community College will be offering free haircuts, Huntsville Hospital will provide bedding, state Rep. Mike Ball and a few local bands will provide musical entertainment, The Rock/Manna House is providing three meals, Domino’s Pizza is providing two meals, Apple Lane Farms is providing one meal and Pepsi is providing drinks for the weekend. The North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, the Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, Still Serving Veterans, the NCO Academy and Fox Army Health Center are among the growing list of supporters of Operation Stand Down-Huntsville.

“The two things we need more than anything else for this event are donations of money and food, and volunteers,” Coffey said.

Word about Operation Stand Down-Huntsville is being spread among the

homeless veteran community by IMS First Stop, the Downtown Rescue Mission, Breaking Free, and the Salvation Army in both Huntsville and Decatur. Transportation to Operation Stand Down-Huntsville from these sites is being arranged.

Organizers for Operation Stand Down-Huntsville have three minimum goals for the event: to make sure each homeless veteran has a copy of their DD214 form, which gives them access to veteran benefits; to have them sign up for health care and to have them get a physical checkup, said event co-chairman Doug Dietz, a retired Marine and a veteran of Vietnam and the first Gulf War.

Beyond that, however, the volunteers hope to have a lasting impact on the lives of homeless veterans. They hope to partner successful veterans as mentors of the homeless, and have plans for additional Operation Stand Down-Huntsville events.

“The goal of the weekend is to incorporate them back into the community,” Coffey said. “It is an opportunity for us to start working with them. This one weekend won’t get them off the streets permanently. But, it is a step toward helping them get off the streets. With every homeless veteran we help, that’s one less homeless person on the streets.”

Homeless veterans not only face a complex set of factors which affect all homeless people – a shortage of affordable housing, difficulty in obtaining livable income and access to health care – but they also live with lingering effects of post traumatic stress disorder and substance abuse, compounded by a lack of family and social support networks.

Helping these homeless veterans is something all communities should make a top priority, Delaine said.

“They’ve served us,” he said. “So why not serve them? Or, at least show them we appreciate them, and that we want to care for them and help them? A lot of people turn their back on the homeless. They see them as a growing pain or something to be ignored. But, we want to help homeless veterans adjust back into life. We want the community to work together to catch these veterans and help get their lives back together.”

Editor’s note: Volunteers and donations of money and supplies are still needed to make Operation Stand Down-Huntsville a reality for homeless veterans. If you would like to assist in either area, contact Sandra Childress at bsjenings@bellsouth.net; Jane Dow at 508-0042 or jane.dow@knology.net; Valerie Coffey at 885-7387 or vc Coffey2@csc.com; Doug Dietz at 509-4579 or enrgunny@msn.com; or Darrell Delaine at dldelaine@knology.net. Donations can be made to the Operation Stand Down-Huntsville account at Wachovia Bank. For more information on Operation Stand Down, check out the web site of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans at <http://www.nchv.org/standdown.cfm>.

Simulation facility rolls into former bowling center

Renovated building reopens for business

By MERV BROKKE
AMRDEC Public Affairs

When he was 16 years old and a member of his high school's Junior ROTC, Albertville native James Head sat with his fellow cadets in the Redstone Bowling Center, building 3707, and ate lunch as part of their day at Redstone. Little did he know that he would one day be responsible for renovating the building and managing its operations as a simulation and modeling venue.

With the words, "JIMSIM you are officially open," Gregory Tackett, director of the System Simulation and Development Directorate, cut the ribbon to the Joint Interagency Multinational Simulation Facility during a ceremony Sept. 25. This was a moment of celebration after envisioning the future of modeling and simulation, much planning and teamwork, securing \$1 million in funding, and about 12 months of construction.

"The old bowling center was a perfect fit with what SSDD needs — huge, wide-open space, with no pillars or columns and able to be reconfigurable," said Head, special projects lead for SSDD, who graduated from Auburn University in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. "Different groups of people will be able to converge on the facility and make it into what they need each time."

The directorate was outgrowing its footprint in the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's building 5400 and needed an additional facility to support its customers and provide them with state-of-the-art simulation and modeling capabilities and services.

"We had more work than floor space," Head said. "So, when building 3707 became available over a year ago, Greg Tackett had the vision and Russ Rawson and Laurie Frazier did much of



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ON CUTTING EDGE— Opening the Joint Interagency Multinational Simulation Facility are, from left, facilities engineer Russ Rawson, system simulation and development director Gregory Tackett and special projects lead James Head.

the planning and initial work. I got involved about four months ago."

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony Rawson, SSDD facilities engineer, praised his team for their efforts over the past year.

"I want to thank Tony Sims who was responsible for the design of the facility," Rawson said. "Steve Caldwell and Gary Jackson are the Boeing engineers who helped get the design going. Roger Brown spent a lot of time on CADD machines getting the drawings done and revising floor plans and everything. And the COR (contracting officer's representative) Greg Calvert, whom I owe a ton of thanks for everything he's done including getting the grass cut for the ceremony."

Tackett thanked the project team for its hard work and dedication and also thanked the team that coordinated the ribbon-cutting ceremony. He also spoke of his challenge to the JIMSIM team to fill the facility with paying customers and how, with the JIMSIM not yet a minute old, the team was meeting his challenge.

"We have our first paying customer who is already moving into it," Tackett said. "The THAAD ISTS work is going in as soon as we get out of their way and let them move in over the next couple of days."

Head spoke of the construction challenges on the JIMSIM project resulting from the bowling center being vacant and in disrepair since it closed for business in May 2005. Overall, much had to be done to what was once a recreation center to transform it into the modern facility it is today.

In addition to the repairs made to the roof there were problems with the siding, plumbing and heating, ventilating and air conditioning.

"Almost everything needed to be upgraded to meet our current and future customers' needs," Head said.

"It is my job to communicate successful solutions to the customer, to take their requirements and other information, understand these and then translate it all into something that meets their needs," he said.

Head compared his facility to the music industry. "I see the JIMSIM as a

recording studio for others to use, a studio that provides state-of-the-art equipment and support so that people can come here to run their simulations," he said.

Thirty people will work at the JIMSIM, but during a simulation exercise the facility could expand by 75 to 100 people. So in addition to the simulation space the JIMSIM also provides conference rooms, offices and viewing areas for those who are observing the simulation and not participating in ongoing exercises.

"The possibilities for the JIMSIM are wide open," Head said. "It is up to me to judiciously pick and choose what work to bring into the facility — work that will be successful and meaningful for the customer. People can bring in man-in-the-loop, Tactical Operations Center, computers, even a cockpit simulator could be positioned in the area. If I do my job right it won't be so much that we bring in one or two large exercises every year but we will have a constant rotation of exercises."

The opening day of the JIMSIM was also time to say farewell to a member of the SSDD team, Alex Jolly, Hardware-in-the-Loop Branch chief, who served on Redstone for 37 years as both a contractor and government employee. Jolly's retirement ceremony at the newly opened JIMSIM facility was tied to Head in a special way and meant a great deal to him.

"Right out of college, Auburn University in 1987, Alex was my first team lead for 15 minutes before he took over as the HWIL chief," Head said. "So it is an honor for me to be the facility manager where he retired."

Sweet home Alabama almost like Trinidad

International student likes U.S. hospitality

A military student from Trinidad & Tobago says he was reminded of home during his stay at Redstone.

Sgt. Fitzgerald Lawrence attended the ammunition basic NCO course from June 29 through Sept. 25. While here he was assigned to Headquarters & Alpha Company and took field studies tours conducted by the International Mil-



Sgt. Fitzgerald Lawrence

itary Student Office.

"I think the U.S. is a wonderful place, especially Alabama because it reminds me of Trinidad minus the beaches," Lawrence said. "This country is filled with opportunities especially for education and military training for which I am grateful."

It was his first visit to the U.S.; and he said he hopes to return.

"Almost everyone I came into contact with during my stay here were wonderful and polite," he said. "The hospitality was 100 percent."



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Commandants list

Maj. Woo-Young Namgung from Korea graduates Sept. 27 from the Army Acquisition Basic Course. Joe East, director of the Huntsville Campus, Army Logistics Management College, presents the graduation certificate to Namgung and congratulates him on making the Commandants List.

Training center opens to aid wounded warriors

Huntsville engineers assist in development

By JENNIFER WALSH
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WASHINGTON — Sgt. 1st Class Jacque Keeslar, a double amputee wounded in Iraq, cut the ribbon Sept. 13 on the \$10 million Military Advanced Training Center at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"This center is an evolution in how we treat and honor those that have been injured in service to our country," Gen. Richard Cody, Army vice chief of staff, said as he addressed hundreds of spectators during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The center was built to provide advanced training and centralized rehabilitation to Wounded Warriors with limb loss and functional limb loss.

"It offers a high level of Soldier care that is

otherwise unavailable," said Elihu Hirsch, Baltimore District project manager. "This is absolutely cutting-edge."

The Corps' Baltimore District, and Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, partnered with Turner Construction Company from Arlington, Va., and Health Facilities Planning Agency headquartered in Falls Church, Va. They began building the MATC in November 2006 using a design-build method. This allowed construction to begin before the designs were completed.

"Huntsville Center had a key roll in the development of the design-build RFP (request for proposals) for the project and supported the execution effort with technical support during solicitation, design and construction," Larry Delaney, chief of the Medical Facilities Mandatory Center of Expertise and Standardization, said. "Outstanding project."

Huntsville Center, through its Medical Furniture program, also purchased furniture for the new facility.



Photo by Jennifer Walsh

LOOKING UP— Sgt. 1st Class Jacque Keeslar, a double amputee injured last year in Iraq, prepares to climb a rock-climbing wall at the new Military Advanced Training Center Sept. 12 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

■ Soldiers invited to take advantage of education programs

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don't want to get back in a classroom, even if we all need to."

After discussing his options several times with counselor Vanessa Flowers, she decided he had waffled enough.

"He came in several times talking about this degree," Flowers said. "I finally had to take him by the hand and walk him across the street (to Columbia College)."

Dewberry said that without that kind of support, his degree would not have happened.

"Without a doubt, I don't think I would have ever gone back to school without folks like Vanessa who really took the time to make sure that I did it. I would say that they treated me special, but they treat everyone this way," he said.

Dewberry completed the master's of business administration program at Columbia College in July. It took him 24 months. It would have been sooner, but he had a three-month deployment in the middle of that time.

"I went to Afghanistan," he said. "Due to the nature of my deployment, I wasn't able to take classes online. Some people are able to keep up their class work online. I was right at the beginning of a semester, so I had to drop classes."

Because he was attending classes through the Army education system, his deployment did not set him back in his studies, nor did his grade point average take a hit.

"If duty takes them away from their educational efforts then they can get a waiver because their leaving is due to their military duties," Williams explained. "They don't have to pay for that course, nor will it be counted against their grade point average. They get a WM – a withdrawal for military reasons."

Using the education center and the colleges that it works with gives Soldiers more flexibility in their schedule, Williams said. It also allows them to continue their education seamlessly should they go to another post.

"The schools that operate on base or within the area are really military-friendly," Williams said. "They understand the plight of the Soldier. These schools work with the military student."

Dewberry had such a positive experience, he is considering going on to pursue a doctorate sometime in the future. He feels he has not only achieved personal

success through the program, but that it is also helping him set a better example for the Soldiers under his command.

"As a commander you are out in front of your troops. They look to you for leadership," Dewberry said. "You can't tell them to go out and take advantage of the education center to get a degree if you're not doing it yourself. I wanted to lead by example, showing them that if I can take the time to go and do this, so can they."

He believes in giving credit where it is due.

"I can't put into words the amount of support, dedication and friendship that the entire education center showed me, Miss Vanessa Flowers in particular," Dewberry said. "She really cares about the Soldier. She really cares about education. She really cares about the people here at Redstone. I don't think we could ask for anyone better than the team that we have."

In addition to expressing his thanks to Flowers for her help, he presented her with a small token of gratitude from the Army on Sept. 20.

"On behalf of the Garrison commander (Col. John Olshefski), myself and the Soldiers of Redstone, we are extremely grateful. This is a small token of appreciation from the Army," Dewberry told a surprised Flowers as he gave her an engraved pen and pencil set.

In addition to the seven colleges and universities available on post and the "e Army U" program, Williams said most of the other local schools have a cooperative understanding with the education center.

"We have a large variety of programs to offer. We have the schools who occupy space here on the Arsenal. Then we have schools in the general area," Williams said. "We have distance learning programs where the school could be in Maryland, Kentucky or wherever. Those students take classes over the Internet."

Soldiers interested in taking advantage of the educational opportunities available to them should begin by talking with an education counselor. The counselors are happy to see walk-ins or call 876-3465.

"The people here at the Education Center, and Columbia College, make sure that you know you are welcome," Dewberry said. "It's a great learning environment. I'm just another Soldier that was fortunate enough to benefit from their help."

Area high school students venture into engineering

Corps of Engineers leads mock munitions search

By CHRIS GARDNER

Army Engineering and Support Center

Students from across North Alabama pretended they were in the Army Corps of Engineers Sept. 26 on Redstone Arsenal.

The Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville hosted more than 200 11th-grade students from the Tennessee Valley as part of the seventh annual Adventures in Engineering Day.

The event gives area 11th-grade students interested in pursuing careers in science and engineering the chance to interact with engineering agencies throughout Huntsville.

When students got off the buses at the Huntsville Center stop, they were met by engineers with high-tech metal detectors called schondstedts, which they used to simulate searching for buried military munitions, just like Huntsville Center employees do at formerly used defense sites across the country.

Tommy Hunt, Geographic Information Systems team leader; Bob Selfridge, chief geophysicist with the Geotechnical Branch; and Amos "Mo" Bryant, a Department of Army intern with the Engineering Directorate, led students as they searched for buried "munitions," which were actually timber spikes.

"The kids seemed to really enjoy getting to use the schondstedts and searching for the buried spikes," Hunt said. "I don't think a lot of the students knew about this kind of work before today. It's always fun to show kids different career opportunities that they may have never known were out there."

Along with the search, the students learned about what they need to do as they finish high school and go on to college in order to enter certain technical career fields.

"We want to show them interesting career options that are out there, but we also want to make sure they know what kind of effort they need to put in to be able to pursue those careers," Hunt said.

Other participants included the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army

Forces Strategic Command, Aviation and Missile Command, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Marshall Space

Flight Center, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, the University of Alabama-Huntsville and Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama.



Photo by Chris Gardner

METAL DETECTOR— Tommy Hunt, right, of the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville shows two Catholic High School juniors how to use a high-tech metal detector called a schondstedt. The Corps of Engineers uses schondstedts in work searching for buried munitions at formerly used defense sites across the country.

Missiles and space program has new deputy

Cornelius joins office from research center

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When opportunity knocks, you have to answer. Steve Cornelius got a tap a few weeks ago. He is taking over as deputy director for the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

It is a big move for a man who had spent his entire career in the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

"It's a great opportunity to keep learning and growing," he said. "I'm very grateful to (Brig.) Gen. (Genaro) Delarocco for this opportunity."

Cornelius came to Redstone with the ink on his undergraduate degree still wet.

"I graduated on a Saturday and started work on Monday morning," he said

laughing. "I didn't have a big break between school and work."

He started out in the Structures Directorate of AMRDEC, which progressed into Propulsion and Structures over the years. Along the way he served as acting director for a year and finished out his time there as the deputy director of Propulsion and Structures.

After 21 years in the AMRDEC, it was time for a change. He is excited about learning the other side of the business in the PEO.

"A lot of the major customers for AMRDEC are in this building," he said. "It's a chance to gain more knowledge. I want to understand how it operates and what we can do to make AMRDEC better."

While leaving an organization you know inside and out might be daunting, Cornelius feels he's up to the challenge.

"I'm an outsider coming into an organization that's been around for a long time. My challenge is understanding exactly what the big issues are. I can see some of them from the outside, but until you get into an organization you don't really understand exactly what the nuances are," Cornelius said. "I'll be in the learning process for the next few months. There is a lot going on here that I need to be familiar with. The first few weeks will be extremely hectic. I'll be learning what they do and them learning me. I think it's going to go very smoothly from what I've seen so far."

In addition to his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Alabama, Cornelius also has master's degree from the University of Alabama-Huntsville. He also has a master's of business administration from Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management.

He and his wife, Amy, have two children. Their son, Hudson, is a sophomore at Huntsville High School. Their daughter, Molly Kathryn, is a fourth-grader at Jones Valley Elementary. His family occupies most of his free time.

"My kids are involved in a lot of activities. I enjoy watching them," he said.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

ARRIVAL TIME— Steve Cornelius, deputy director at Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, reviews travel plans with Kathy Konopaski, executive assistant.

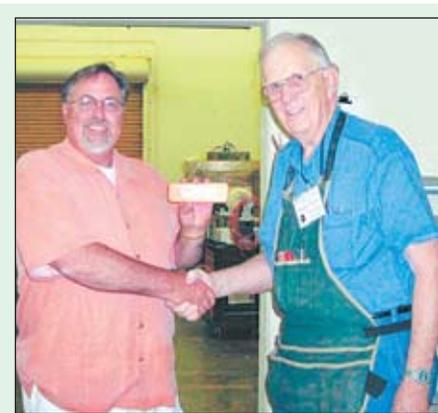
"My daughter is a cheerleader and my son runs cross country. I spend a lot of time with them."

Cornelius does find time to bicycle with a group on post, and indulge in the occasional artistic pursuit. About four years ago, Cornelius took up painting. Once he's settled in his new office, look for a few of his paintings on the walls.

"I paint watercolors. I'm a hack, but I like to do it," he said. "I paint landscapes and all kinds of things. I decided it was something I needed to learn, so I just kind of picked it up."

Right now, however, Cornelius is all business. He's already going after his first challenge – getting to know who and what he's working with.

"I think my first challenge is to get to know the people I'm working with, both the staff here and in the program offices, and try to understand what their issues are. I want to see what I can do to help them first," he said. "The missile business is changing. I want to make sure that the products we're working in the center help these program managers and the missile business in general."



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Pen project

Project coordinator Boyce Allen, right, presents a matching Deer Antler Pen/Pencil set to Earl Hudson, general manager of Bill Heard Chevrolet, Huntsville. This is in appreciation of Hudson's support for the MWR Freedom Pen Project.

Replaced lighting reduces energy use, saves money

Engineering center manages program

By DEBRA VALINE

Army Engineering and Support Center

One program that helps Army garrisons meet mandated energy campaign goals is the Energy Savings Performance Contracting Program managed by the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville.

The Army Energy Campaign's goals for 2030 are: eliminate energy waste in existing facilities; increase energy efficiency in new construction and renovations; reduce dependence on fossil fuels; conserve water resources; and improve energy security.

"ESPCs help garrisons meet their mandated energy goals," said Paul Volkman, the Installation Management Command's Energy and Utilities Program manager. "I would say that it will be extremely difficult for the Army to obtain the federally mandated goals of Executive Order 13423 to reduce energy 3 percent per year, or 30 percent by 2016 under the current funding situation without maximizing the use of alternative financing, such as ESPCs.

"ESPCs are a great tool for obtaining the necessary financing to immediately undertake needed energy efficiency improvements to facilities; and can have the additional benefits of reducing operations and maintenance costs, improving the employee's working environment and enhancing productivity," Volkman said.

Saving energy at Army garrisons and helping the Army meet energy goals can be as simple as replacing outdated light fixtures with newer energy efficient fixtures.

At Letterkenny Army Depot near Chambersburg, Pa., a 2004 ESPC project replaced lighting and ballasts in a number of buildings to include the cafeteria, post exchange, warehouses where they refurbish equipment, and some storage and office facilities.

The initial \$815,553 investment by the contractor, NORESKO Inc., out of California, has yielded an annual savings of \$104,546 and 5,918 BTUs per year.

Under ESPCs, contractors provide the financing and perform energy-related infrastructure improvements, and the government repays the contractors from the resultant cost savings over a period of 10 to 25 years. From 1998 to date, Huntsville Center has awarded ESPC contracts that have resulted in \$420 million in contractor-financed infrastructure improvements on Army garrisons and a total projected cost savings to the government of \$100 million.

"The lighting fixtures at Letterkenny were 10-20 years old and they used a lot more energy than the newer technology," said Amber Martin, a Huntsville Center



Photo by Don Bitner

LET THERE BE LIGHT— Frank Reimsfelder, an electrician in the Utilities Branch, Directorate of Public Works at Letterkenny Army Depot near Chambersburg, Pa., replaces light bulbs in one of the new fixtures installed using the Energy Savings Performance Contracting Program.

project manager. "Technology has changed a lot in that period of time."

There were many different types of fixtures, Martin said. One of the good things about the project is that a lot of the replacement fixtures were made the same, making it easier to maintain, replace light bulbs, etc. Each building requires a different type of lighting and that determined the type of fixture, she said.

"Replacing light fixtures is a big part of ESPC," Martin said. "You can put them in and it doesn't take a lot of time to install. The payment period to the contractor can be 10-15 years. For example, I spend \$1,000 a month on my energy bill for my building. The contractor renovates, and he can save me \$300 a month on the energy bill. If it takes me 10-15 years to pay him back, I am paying for it with savings, so it's not increasing my operations budget."

Letterkenny provided the money to start the project, and according to Jim Coccagna, the chief of the Engineering and Planning Division with Letterkenny's Directorate of Public Works, it was money well spent.

"When you look at the annual savings and look at our ESPC payment to the contractor, we are looking at a net savings of about \$9,000 a year," Coccagna said. "Our payment to the contractor is \$96,000 a year, but our energy savings are \$105,000. It doesn't look like much, but with the cost of energy today, it gives us a positive cash flow."

"The challenge we faced during the project was that the fixtures were being replaced in mission facilities where lighting was essential," Coccagna said. "We had lighting requirements that could not be compromised. Through careful selection and placement of the fixtures, we were able to keep the same amount of light and still save money."

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Calibration sets return to unit at Fort Campbell

Team effort redeploys systems for Soldiers

By VERGE MATTHEWS and LARRY BRIGHT
For the Rocket

When the Soldiers of deployed units return from extended deployments, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, the top priority for the unit commander is to ensure that his or her unit and equipment is reconstituted or “reset,” so the unit is prepared for the next deployment.

Calibration Sets is just one of the numerous systems that are reset at Redstone Arsenal by the AMCOM Missile Reset Office. CALSETS is a system that ensures the accuracy, readiness and safety of Army weapon systems through a worldwide system of mobile and fixed calibration laboratories. It provides the Army the distinctive ability to test, adjust, synchronize, repair and verify accuracy using highly precise measurements across the physical/dimensional, radiological, electrical, electronic and electro-optical parameters. CALSETS are geographically dispersed throughout many continental U.S. and overseas locations.

The CALSETS are reset by a team comprised of members from the Integrated Materiel Management Center’s Automated Maintenance Directorate, APM-CALSETS, USATA, AMRDEC Engineering Support Division, Prototype Integration Facility, and the following contractors: AEPCO, LogiCore Corp, SAIC, Dynetics, Joint Venture Yulista and SES (JVYS), Consumer Fuels, and Action Technologies.

“This is a combined effort when it comes to supporting Soldiers that are utilizing this system to provide calibration and repair support to the various Army weapon systems,” James Hatchett, director of Automated Maintenance Directorate, said.

On Sept. 13, the Reset team converged at the 548th Maintenance Company at Fort Campbell, Ky., to officially hand off the completed CALSETS to company commander Capt. Michael Kern.

Said Kern, “I am happy to have the CALSETS back, especially due to the high demand for TMDE (test maintenance and diagnostic equipment) support within the 101st Airborne Division.”

During the handoff ceremony, Steve Lingar, product director for TMDE, along with other representatives from his office was present to witness the reset completion of the 18th CALSETS since April 2005.

“The systems (CALSETS) are reset to original manufacturers’ standards/specifications or higher,” Russ Fleming, APM-CALSETS, said. “It’s the least that we can do for the Soldiers.”

The team handles every aspect of the reset including transporting the CALSETS equipment from the home site to Redstone for reset. The reset process begins long before the unit returns from deployment by Automated Maintenance Directorate personnel communicating with the deployed CALSETS NCO-in-charge, to identify specific needs and issues prior to their return.

Jay Ragan, JVYS project lead and a recently-retired Soldier, expressed his feelings about the Fort Campbell ceremony.

“This handoff is an emotional moment for me, because anytime that I can do something for Soldiers whom I still feel connected to, is truly an honor,” Ragan said.

Each reset of CALSETS is different and the scope of work actually depends on what the CALSETS team encounters during their deployment.

“We have had everything from bullet holes in shelters to systems being dropped on their belly box in the desert,” said Larry Bright, reset lead, LogiCore Corp. “We have everything that we need to repair just about anything. After all, the CALSETS system was built in Huntsville.”

Bright served as a first sergeant of the same troops using the CALSETS equipment during the time he spent in the Army before retiring.

Lt. Col. John Shanklin of PEO Missiles and Space, product director for systems sustainment management, said “The success of this team is really related to all of the hard work and dedication of the team members.”

The CALSETS Reset team has reset 18 systems since 2005.

Leo Manning, chief of AMD Field Support Division, said “some of these CALSETS have been through the program more than once, due to the many deployments since OIF/OEF.”

The most recent systems to be completed belonged to the 548th Maintenance Company of Fort Campbell. Since Fort Campbell is the closest location from Redstone Arsenal of a CALSET returning from a deployment, it provided members of the Reset team an opportunity to conduct a low-cost in progress review while officially returning it to the unit commander.

Automated Maintenance Directorate coordinates all field support and Reset activities while providing integrated logistics support for several assigned systems such as Electro-Optics Test Facility, Base Shop Test Facility, Flexible Engine Diagnostic Stand, Maintenance Support Device, Electronic Repair Shelter and the TMDE Modernization Program.

Editor’s note: Verge Matthews is the CALSETS sustainment/reset project leader at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. Larry Bright is CALSETS assistant project leader.



Photo by Larry Bright

INSIDE INFORMATION— Discussing sustainment and support issues inside the CALSETS shelter are, from left, Capt. Michael Kern, commander of the 548th Maintenance Company at Fort Campbell; Lt. Col. James Sjoval, commander of the 101st Sustainment Brigade; Sgt. 1st Class Troy Miller, CALSETS NCO-in-charge at the 548th; and Lt. Col. John Shanklin, product director for sustainment management in the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

Players rally for Combined Federal Campaign

Urged to give today to change tomorrow

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The players are in place. The kickoff has been made. Now it's up to the team to pursue its goal.

The annual Combined Federal Campaign is Oct. 8 through Dec. 7 with a \$1.9 million goal. A kickoff celebration/agency fair tailgate party was held Sept. 25 at the NASA picnic area.

"Let's get on with it," urged campaign chairman Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, the commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal. "And let's get fired up!"

In line with the event's football flavor, the keynote speaker was Ralph Malone, president and chief executive officer of Triana Industries, who played in the National Football League from 1986-89. Malone, 43, graduated from Bob Jones High School in 1982 and finished playing at Georgia Tech in 1986. He played for the NFL's Cleveland Browns from 1986-87 and was on the practice roster for the then-Los Angeles Raiders and the Miami Dolphins from 1986-89.

"How and what you give today sets the course for tomorrow," Malone said. "Another way of stating it: We ultimately reap what we sow."

Patti Kurth of Logistics Support Activity submitted this year's campaign theme, "Give Today, Change Tomorrow."

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.

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

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.

"We thank you so very much for your support of this year's campaign," campaign coordinator Donna Johnson said during the kickoff.

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



KICKOFF EVENT— Campaign chairman Maj. Gen. Jim Myles sits next to keynote speaker Ralph Malone during the 2007 CFC kickoff celebration/agency fair tailgate party.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
CAMPAIGN CHEER— Calling themselves the "CFC Ensemble," Marie O'Boyle of Security Assistance Management Directorate and Susan Gustafson of the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works dance to the music of "Ain't No Stopping Us Now" at the kickoff's conclusion.



Photo by Dick Ruhlman/LOGSA
SLOGAN WINNER— Patti Kurth of Logistics Support Activity is recognized for submitting the winning CFC slogan, "Give Today, Change Tomorrow." Campaign chairman Maj. Gen. Jim Myles presents her a certificate during the kickoff.



Photo by Debra Valine
NEW FRIEND— Elaine Cameron of the AMCOM Acquisition Center meets Clare and Jean Gamble of Therapy Partners during the kickoff for the Combined Federal Campaign. Therapy Partners was one of the agency fair participants Sept. 25 at the NASA picnic area.

Running toward a cure for breast cancer

*Survivor has team
for fund-raiser 5K*

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Donna Johnson's world stopped spinning for a few moments when her doctor gave her the news all women fear. She had a lump in her breast that after testing turned out to be breast cancer. She was 28.

"There was no history of it in my family at all," Johnson, coordinator of the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign, said. "I just went in for my usual yearly checkup. The doctor felt the lump."

The next two months were a battle for her life. She underwent six weeks of radiation and ended up sacrificing one of her breasts to the disease that affects 1 in every 8 women. It was a fight she knew she had to win.

"If it took losing a breast so that I could live then it was worth it," she said. "I couldn't bear the idea of not seeing my babies grow up. I just had to anchor myself in my faith in God and trust the medical advice of my doctor. I stayed focused I had to live. I had children who needed me."

As if the fear of losing her life wasn't enough, Johnson and her family were stationed in Germany at the time. She was thousands of miles away from her family and seeking serious medical care in a strange country from doctors she did not know.

"It made it hard, not being close to my family for their support," she said. "I was diagnosed in the military facility there, but I had to go to a German hospital for my radiation. They were just so nice and friendly there."

She credits her faith and the support of her husband with helping her get through one of the most trying times in her life.

"I just had my husband and my church family," Johnson said. "They got me through it."

Twenty years later, Johnson is trying to give her support to the women still fighting. She began participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life several years ago. Last year she participated in the Liz Hurley Ribbon Run 5K, named for the local TV newswoman and cancer survivor, for the first time. She knew it would not be the last.

"It was such a beautiful event. The support that I had from people was so touching," she said. "Last year I had 65 team members sign up. I called them the Redstone Roadrunners."

This year she hopes to put together



Courtesy photo

RIBBONS OF HOPE— Diane Lanier, Liz Hurley, Donna Johnson and Susan Goodman are breast cancer survivors participating in the fourth annual Liz Hurley Ribbon Run on Oct. 20 in Huntsville.

another team from Redstone to participate in the men's and women's 5K runs and the survivor's walk. She wants to increase the team to 100 members.

"I had 65 last year. I thought 100 seemed like a nice round number," she said. "I just knew I wanted to do more. I wanted to exceed what I did last year. I've set my goal higher."

Joining the team is easy, she said. Each team has its own page set up through the event's web site. Those wishing to participate can sign up there, pay the \$10 registration fee and get all the necessary information. Every team member will receive a T-shirt as well. Johnson said people shouldn't let the idea of running, or a schedule conflict, stop them from joining. Those who wish to join will still be helping even if they never leave home.

"Those who can't actually participate can still support us in spirit," she said. "They can sign up, pay the registration fee and still get their T-shirt."

On Oct. 20, the men's run will be at 8 a.m. and the women will follow at 9. The 5K course will start at the corner of Lowe Avenue and Adams Street and go through the downtown area, including the Old Town Historic District and Twickenham. It will end at Huntsville Middle School, where the survivor's walk will be held at 10.

Johnson feels a personal need to do all she can to help in the search for a cure for breast cancer. Although she survived her own cancer, many women will not. According to the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund, approximately 40,460 women will die from breast cancer this year alone. Johnson wants to make sure that her

daughters are not added to that number some day.

"I have two daughters. They could be diagnosed with breast cancer some day. Everything I can do now to help further research and possibly find a cure could possibly be saving my own daughters' lives," she said. "Join the fight and help save lives."

Money raised through the Ribbon Run will go to the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund which helps provide equipment and ongoing education to the Huntsville Hospital Breast Center and staff.

For more information on the Redstone Roadrunners team or to join, call Johnson at 876-9143 or visit www.lizhurleyribbonrun.org/mypage/366.

Walking is key to da Vinci Code for good health

Take that step toward fitness

By RICK STOCK
Health promotion educator

Medicine is defined as the restoration and maintenance of health and the prevention, cure and alleviation of disease. Exercise is a form of medicine since it can decrease the risk of and also control certain diseases such as hypertension, obesity, osteoporosis, coronary heart disease and Type II diabetes.

Dr. Bernadine Healy recently wrote in US News & World Report that researchers have discovered that more than 140 exercise-related genes are awakened and stimulated by physical activity. "We're Born to Walk" is the title of the

article by Healy and I would add to her title, "with a pedometer."

Leonardo da Vinci is credited with designing the first pedometer in the 15th century; Thomas Jefferson is credited with bringing it to the United States from France in the 1700s. A pedometer is an inexpensive, low-tech device that can give you immediate formative feedback on your activity level by counting steps walked or distance traveled. Recognizing the need for physical activity and exercise, in 2002 the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports pushed for the routine use of the pedometer in attaining the recommended goal of walking 10,000 steps a day.

The average person's stride length is approximately 2.5 feet (30 inches) long. That means it takes just over 2,000 steps to walk 1 mile; 10,000 steps is close to 5

miles. A sedentary person may only average 1,000-3,000 steps per day. A reasonable goal for most people is to increase average daily steps each week by 500 per day until you can average 10,000 steps per day. A half-hour brisk walk counts for about 3,000-4,000 steps, for most adults the threshold that starts signaling those health promoting genes to start pumping.

As a form of exercise, walking is as good as jogging and easier on the joints and immune system when compared to some rigorous exercise routines. The fundamental health benefits of exercise walking are many. A brisk walk can burn up to 100 calories per mile or 300 calories per hour. Metabolically it helps control weight, blood sugar and cholesterol levels. Physical exercise significantly reduces the risk of developing diabetes for those at risk.

See your health care provider and get a prescription for good health — walking, because "We're Born to Walk With a Pedometer."

With autumn in the air there is no better time to hit the hills, mountains and trails that abound in the Huntsville area.

Look for future articles on Nordic Walking or ExerStriding, Tabata Interval training and Fartlek training to help you begin or alter your exercise programming.

Preventive Medicine at Fox Army Health Center is available to assist Soldiers, family members and civilian employees in striving for wellness with sessions on tobacco cessation, weight management, diabetes prevention and management and exercise planning.

Editor's note: Rick Stock is a certified coach in healthy behaviors at Preventive Medicine. For more information call 955-8888, ext. 1443.

Smokers urged to quit habit for at least a day

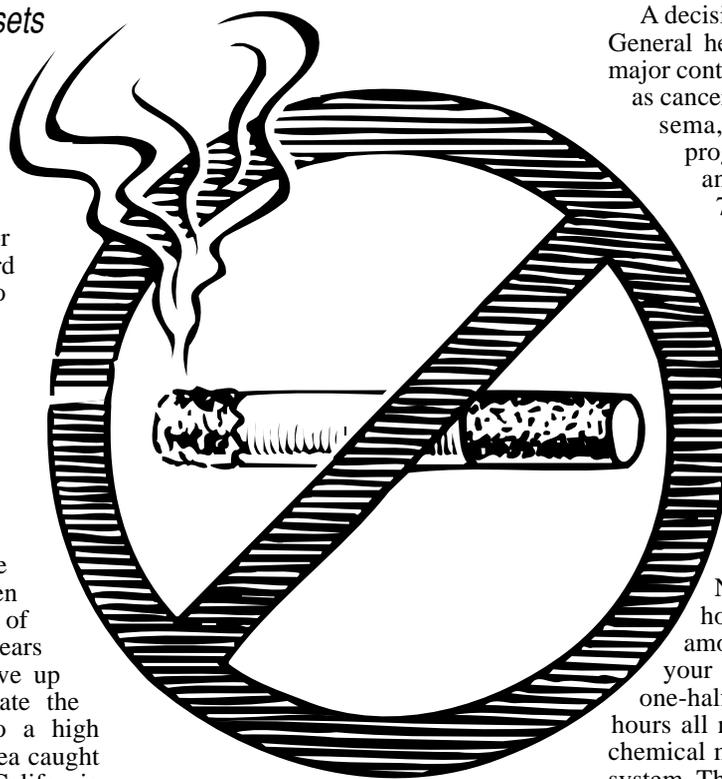
American Cancer Society sets Great American Smokeout

Every year smokers across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout by smoking less or quitting for the day on the third Thursday of November. It is also a day of reflection for those who have quit and stayed quit and have reaped the healthy rewards.

The idea for the great American Smokeout grew out of a 1974 event, Lynn R. Smith, editor of a newspaper in Minnesota, spearheaded the state's first D-Day or Don't Smoke Day. The idea may have been inspired by Arthur P. Mullaney of Randolph, Mass., who three years earlier had asked people to give up cigarettes for a day and donate the money saved on cigarettes to a high school scholarship fund. The idea caught on, and on Nov. 18, 1976, the California division of the American Cancer Society successfully prompted nearly 1 million smokers to quit for the day. That California event marked the first Smokeout and the society took it nationwide in 1977.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States responsible for 20 percent of all deaths. Tobacco kills more Americans yearly than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, car accidents, fire and AIDS combined. Smoking is the chief avoidable cause of death in our society.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Manage-



ment supports and encourages agency authorized programs aimed at health promotion and disease prevention including smoking cessation programs. In 2003, OPM initiated "HealthierFeds" (www.opm.gov/healthierfeds) as part of the broader presidential initiative, "HealthierUS." One of the chief aims of the initiative is to encourage federal employees to make healthier lifestyle choices, including the cessation of tobacco use. Evidence indicates, according to the CDC, that tobacco cessation may also contribute to improved organizational performance and productivity.

A decision in 1989 by the Comptroller General held that because smoking is a major contributing cause of illnesses such as cancer, coronary disease and emphysema, agency smoking cessation programs are preventive in nature and authorized under 5 USC 7901(c)(4). Under 7901, federal agencies are authorized to establish health programs within available appropriations to promote and maintain physical and mental fitness of employees.

When you put down that tobacco product on Nov. 15, your heart rate will drop within 20 minutes and within 12 hours the carbon monoxide level in your blood will drop to normal. Nicotine's half life is two hours. Unless replenished, the amount of nicotine remaining in your bloodstream will be cut by one-half every two hours. Within 72 hours all nicotine and 90 percent of the chemical metabolites will be out of your system. There are more than 4,000 harmful ingredients in a cigarette other than tobacco.

So just for the day put down your cigarettes, snuff, pipe or cigars.

It is estimated that 70 percent of tobacco users wish to quit.

Prior to Nov. 15, put down all of the cons of using and make a list of reasons to be tobacco free. Seek out a co-worker for personal encouragement and to be with you during the day. Change your smoking connections for the day. Bring your gym bag or walking shoes and a pedometer. Fill the four MWR gyms or Redstone fitness trails. Synergize your work team by helping smokers make it successfully through the day.

Research shows that your chances of success more than double if you talk to a trained smoking cessation facilitator/coach, involve yourself in a group smoking cessation program and utilize a nicotine replacement product or medication.

Preventive Medicine Health Promotion at Fox Army Health Center will conduct continuous lunch-hour sessions — for five weeks and an orientation — starting in January 2008. For more information on this process call Jacqueline Rice at 955-8888, ext. 1026.

Rick Stock, health promotion educator at preventive medicine, can be reached at 955-8888, ext. 1443. (Fox Army Health Center release)

■ Energy savings program helps garrisons reach goals

Energy

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"We are helping meet the mandated energy savings by not spending more money to pay for energy," Martin said. "The presidential mandate was to save the

Army energy. It didn't have anything to do with saving money. ESPC saves energy without adding any additional cost to the government. Some energy projects can save energy but they will increase your operating budget. This program found the smart balance between doing the right thing energy-wise while not increasing the cost to the government."

Marines keep Commander's Cup sports trophy

Hard work pays off throughout year

By SKIP VAUGHN

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It's official. The Marines are the troop sports champions for the second consecutive year.

The Marine Detachment won the 2007 Commander's Cup trophy by compiling the most points in the seasonal events. Throughout the year, units compete in softball, flag football, volleyball, basketball, the 5K run and golf.

In the fiscal year's last event, the 5K run held Sept. 22 at Tin City, the Marines finished second to Charlie Company. Bravo was third in the 3.1-mile race followed by Headquarters & Alpha in fourth and the NCO Academy fifth.

The final Commander's Cup standings had the Marines first with 379.8 points, Bravo second

with 320.9 and the NCO Academy third with 309.1. Charlie was fourth with 279.1 followed by Headquarters & Alpha (273.9), HHC 59th (204) and 326th Chemical (168.5).

"I think it's really good," the Marines' Matthew Fitch said of the repeat championship. "We worked really hard. We stay late in practice. And all of our hard work, it paid off."

Fitch played flag football and was assistant coach/player for the basketball team. Marines all-around athletes included Dustin Kershaw, Sean Newsom and Chris McNally.

"I think it's expected," McNally said of the championship. "I think we set the standard (last year). This year we just went on a roll and maintained that standard for another year."

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski is to present the Commander's Cup to the Marines in a ceremony at 6 p.m. Nov. 7 at Pagano Gym.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WINNING LINE— The Marines, lining up on offense in October 2006, went on to win the flag football championship which contributed to their fiscal 2007 Commander's Cup title.

Redstone team ready for Army Ten-Miler

Runners represent Arsenal in annual race in Washington

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One of the newest members of Redstone's 10-miler team may be its fastest ever.

David Riddle, an aerospace engineer in the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, is on the 16-member team that will represent Redstone in the 23rd annual Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 7 near the Pentagon. He ran for Auburn University from 2000-05 and for Bob Jones High School from 1996 to 2000.

Races he has won this year include a half-marathon in Auburn, the Rocket Run 10-Miler on March 17 in Mooresville (with a 53:29 finish), the Twilight Run 5K on July 21 at University of Alabama-Huntsville, and both the 10K and 5K Monte Sano races Sept. 1.

"I hope I can get under 53 minutes (at the Army Ten-Miler)," said Riddle, who works in the Systems Simulation and Development Directorate. "It depends a lot on weather and the course. I think that's a realistic, good goal for me."

Riddle celebrated his 26th birthday on

Sept. 25. The Madison native resides in Huntsville.

"I feel honored to be asked to be on this team," he said. "I think it's a great group of guys. We're going to have lots of fun. And I just want to do my best to represent the Arsenal to the best of my abilities and help the team."

The other four first-year members of the team include Col. Tom Newman, 1st Sgt. Jacob Endres, Jason Gilliam and Capt. Paul Laracy.

"I'm excited about it," said Newman, 50, from Philadelphia, Pa., chief of staff for the Aviation and Missile Command. "It's good to be in a running team again after all these years. Good training, helped me improve, fun to be around other people that run."

Gilliam, 30, is a mechanical engineer at AMRDEC.

"I'm just proud to represent Redstone," Gilliam said. "Being my first year, I just hope to run well for the team."

Other members of the team include coach Harry Hobbs, a retired chief warrant officer 5; assistant coaches Alexander Steel, Gregory Knight and Skip Vaughn; Brett Addington, Randy McFarland, Maj. Morris Bodrick, Tim Vinson, Nathan Graham, and Steve Solomon.

The team will compete as two eight-member entries in the government agency division.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LOOKING AHEAD— Some of Redstone's 10-miler team members include from left, seated, Tim Vinson, Alexander Steel, Brett Addington, Nathan Graham; and standing, 1st Sgt. Jacob Endres, Capt. Paul Laracy, David Riddle, Col. Tom Newman, Jason Gilliam and Randy McFarland.

Louisiana State to dine on Gators in Bayou

LSU favored over Florida

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

Florida at LSU — **LSU**
Georgia at Tennessee — **Georgia**
Vanderbilt at Auburn — **Auburn**
Houston at Alabama — **Bama**
Alabama A&M at Southern — **A&M**
Rice at Southern Mississippi — **SM**
Kentucky at South Carolina — **Ky.**
Utah at Louisville — **Louisville**
Bowling Green at Boston College — **BC**
Okla. State at Texas A&M — **A&M**
TCU at Wyoming — **TCU**
Iowa at Penn State — **Penn State**
N.C. State at Florida State — **FSU**
Oklahoma at Texas — **Oklahoma**
South Florida at Florida Atlantic — **SF**
Alabama State at Jackson State — **Bama State**
San Diego State at Colorado State — **CS**
Virginia Tech at Clemson — **Clemson**
Cincinnati at Rutgers — **Rutgers**
Iowa State at Texas Tech — **TT**
Stanford at Southern California — **USC**
Tulane at Army — **Tulane**
Chattanooga at Arkansas — **Ark.**
Troy at Florida International — **Troy**
Virginia at Middle Tennessee — **Va.**



UCF at East Carolina — **EC**
Notre Dame at UCLA — **UCLA**
Ohio State at Purdue — **OS**
UNLV at Air Force — **Air Force**
Tulsa at Texas-El Paso — **Tulsa**
Nebraska at Missouri — **Mo.**
Arizona at Oregon State — **OS**
Ariz. State at Wash. State — **ASU**
Colorado at Baylor — **Colo.**
Eastern Michigan at Michigan — **Mich.**
Georgia Tech at Maryland — **Tech**
Kansas at Kansas State — **KS**
Louisiana Tech at Mississippi — **Miss.**
Miami at North Carolina — **Miami**
Minnesota at Indiana — **Minn.**
Northwestern at Mich. State — **MS**
UAB at Miss. State — **Miss. State**
Wake Forest at Duke — **Wake**
Wisconsin at Illinois — **Wis.**
West Virginia at Syracuse — **W.Va.**
Utah State at Hawaii — **Hawaii**
New Mexico State at Boise State — **Boise**

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

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 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/half marathon

The Huntsville Track Club and Semper Fi Community Task Force are sponsoring the Heroes' 5K and Half-Marathon on Nov. 10 at Hillwood Baptist Church in Huntsville. The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m. and the 5K at 8:20 at Hillwood Baptist Church, 300 Kohler Road, located just off South Memorial Parkway. "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." For more information, e-mail Dick Franklin at dickfranklin@knology.net.

Ribbon Run team

"Will you join the fight and help save lives?" Donna Johnson asked in a prepared release. "Join the Redstone Roadrunners Team." She is organizing a team for the fourth annual Liz Hurley Ribbon Run, a benefit 5K run/survivors' walk

Oct. 20 in Huntsville. "My goal is to get 100 team members signed up for this event from Redstone Arsenal," Johnson said. "This event will feature a male and female 5K run and a survivors' walk on Oct. 20." Registration cost for team membership is \$10. Even if you cannot actually participate, you can support the team "in the spirit" and still register as a team member. Johnson can be reached at 876-9143. For more information or to sign up, visit her web page at www.lizhurleyribbonrun.org/mypage/366.

Skate-a-thon

Joyce Hampton's "Rollerskating for the Cure" is Oct. 22 from 5-9 p.m. at the Roller Time Skating Rink, 707 Arcadia Circle. Proceeds from this skate-a-thon will benefit the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund. For more information call Hampton, a breast cancer survivor, 653-7456.

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.

Boater safety

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights from Oct. 11 to Nov. 21 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive. Classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621 or cellular 527-4475.

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.

Hunter orientation

Join Outdoor Recreation Oct. 16, Nov. 6 and Nov. 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.

Youth basketball

Registration is under way for the Vigilance Sports Fall Basketball Camp for boys and girls in grades 3-9. The camp is Oct. 8-11 from 8 a.m. to noon at Madison Academy. Registration costs \$75 for a single camper, \$125 for two campers; and the cost includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, call coach Kerry Johnson 527-2388. Register at <http://www.vigilancesports.com/>.

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.

Archery tournament

Join Outdoor Recreation for a 3D Archery Tournament on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation Archery Range. Compound and recurve/longbow are welcome. Prizes will be awarded. Cost is \$10 to pre-register or \$15 Saturday. For more information, call 876-0901 or 876-4868.

Twilight golf

Twilight golf is going on now at the Links at Redstone. Starting at 2 p.m. daily, pay \$20 and get all you can play before dark. For more information, call 883-7977.



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.

Air defenders

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association invites all active and retired ADA officers, members and friends to attend its annual Saint Barbara's Day Awards Dinner and Dance Oct. 27 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The guest speaker is Brig. Gen. John Seward, deputy commander for operations, Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with a pay-as-you-go bar. Dinner is served at 7:15. Cost is \$30 per person for members and their guests or \$60 per couple, and for non-members \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. Payment must be received by close of business Oct. 15. Call Janett Beasley 837-5282, ext. 1524. For more information, call Mike Howell 830-3912, Rob Jassey 861-6456 or Dick Pendleton 964-5401.

Computer users

The Huntsville PC User Group's Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet at 9:15 a.m. Oct. 13 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Ron Schmitz, the HPCUG president, will talk about how to go wireless with a home network and demonstrate the setup features of several wireless routers. At 10:45, retired scientist Andy Karabinos will continue the discussion from the October meeting on conducting research on the Internet. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St., north entrance. Jimmy Pemberton will speak on "The Capture of Georgia Mill Workers and the

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Charges of Treason During Sherman's Atlanta Campaign of 1864." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. Call 858-6191 for more information.

Microsoft users

A new SharePoint users' group for Microsoft Office SharePoint Server, Windows SharePoint Services will meet Oct. 24 from 9-11 a.m. at Huntsville Botanical Garden, Boeing Education Room. Scheduled speaker is Dave Franklin of B2B Technologies. To register, go to www.mossmosis.com/huntsville. You can also call 603-4432 for more information.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. Scheduled speaker will be Dr. Richard Amos, AMCOM deputy to the commander. For ticket information, call Marlene Clemons 313-2378 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Admin professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will celebrate Boss' Month at its monthly meeting Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The luncheon speaker is Janice Isbell and the topic is "Promoting Professional Excellence — Can You Hear Me Now?" RSVP for you and your boss to Jackie Kenner 876-8131 by Oct. 12. For more information, call president Amanda Medley 313-4970 or membership chair-man Elise McWilliams 876-4515.

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.

Engineer society

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will meet today at the UAH Von Braun Research Hall, M-50 conference room. Social starts at 11 a.m., with lunch from 11:30-1. Retired Maj. Gen. John Holly, president of Analytical Services, is to speak on "Space and Missile Defense." Cost is \$10 for box lunch. For reservations e-mail jjdenson@reiszeng.

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.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Announcements

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:30. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The shop will be open this Saturday from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

Donations from shop

The Thrift Shop is accepting written requests for donations through Oct. 15. It can only accept requests from charitable organizations that have a federal tax exemption number. Include your number and reason for your request, and mail or deliver it to: Thrift Shop Attn: Mary McCarthy, welfare chairperson, building 3209, Hercules Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

Computer classes

Self-paced computer classes are offered at Army Community Service to assist military spouses in learning or enhancing their computer skills. Classes are available in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Publisher and Windows XP. All classes are free and are offered Monday through Friday anytime between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Certificates will be given after successful completion. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

Chapel services

Weekly services at Bicentennial Chapel, on Goss Road, include: Weekdays (except Friday) - noon Catholic Mass. Saturday — 5 p.m. Catholic Mass. Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, 10:45 a.m. CCD, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, 11

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

Motorcycle safety

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

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.

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

Retiree Appreciation Day is a two-day event this year Nov. 2-3. The Nov. 2 events will occur at the Officers and Civilians Club from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special MWR activities will be held at various locations across Redstone. Nov. 3 events occur at the Sparkman Complex with a free breakfast at 7 a.m. in the Sparkman Cafeteria and a formal opening ceremony at 8 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium and events until 2:30 p.m. For more information, call the Retiree Services Office 876-2022.

Commissary's appreciation

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.

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.

SMDC anniversary

The Space and Missile Defense Command 50th anniversary celebration event is today 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 ASDMA, NDIA, ADAA and the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call Sigma Services 533-6986. Register online at <http://conferencesbysigma.com/50years>.

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. The drawing for the MWR prize will held at a later date.

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. 29 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. Saturday's 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 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 today 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.

Pancake breakfast

Get breakfast and a song with the Southern Splendor Chorus on Saturday 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.

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 Thursday 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.

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.

Jazz concerts

The Watters Brothers Quintet, featuring trombonist Harry Watters and trumpeter Ken Watters, will present two concerts at UAH Roberts Recital Hall on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday 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.

Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested

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in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School. If you are a college graduate with a four-year college degree or higher from an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the Active Army and the Army Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Cyrus Russ 539-6511.

Pilots wanted

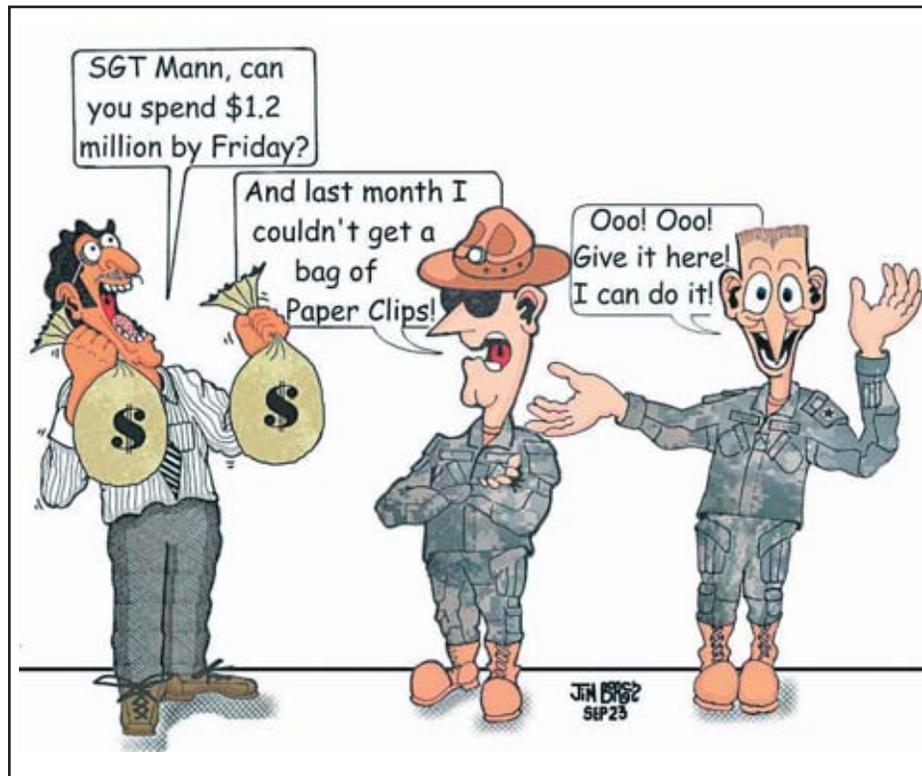
The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking qualified applicants to apply for Warrant Officer Flight Training School. Applicants must have a high school diploma and be from age 18-33. Age waivers will be considered. Experience in flight training or related disciplines are encouraged, but not a requirement. Applicants will be required to take the Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test and score 90 or higher. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Cyrus Russ 539-6511.

Reserve cadets

Join the Army Reserve and enroll in your college ROTC program simultaneously through the Simultaneous Membership Program. Earn anywhere from \$470 to \$1,400 a month as a SMP cadet. As a member of the Army Reserve SMP Cadet Program, you are non-deployable, you have an opportunity to pursue the degree of your choice and you can assure yourself of a future as a commissioned officer in the Active Army or the Army Reserve. For more information, call your local Army Reserve recruiter 922-1422.

Dog fair

Huntsville Obedience Training Club's annual Dog Fair is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Monte Sano State Park. This event, which supports the American Kennel Club's annual Responsible Dog Ownership program, is free to the public. (Monte Sano does charge a nominal park entry fee.)



River fest

The Integrated Materiel Management Center will hold its Fall River Fest at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreational Area on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. All IMMC employees, to include retirees and matrixed personnel, are invited. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children and include hamburger or hot dog, chips, drinks and ice cream. Attendees should bring lawn chairs, blankets, boom boxes, radios and mosquito repellent. There will be karaoke, softball, horseshoes and other events. For more information call Jan Pickard 842-6625, Tony Caldwell 876-2877 or Kim Lund 842-2468.

Mental health awareness

The Mental Health Center of Madison County and the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Huntsville are sponsoring a Candle Light Vigil on Oct. 8 as part of Mental Illness Awareness Week. The community is invited to the Mental Health Center's campus at 5:30 p.m. for the vigil. Former executive director of NAMI Huntsville, Rosemary McMahan, will speak on "Building Community, Taking Action." McMahan is a minister at Big Cove Presbyterian Church. "Mental illness shows no prejudice, directly touching one in every five Americans from children to older adults impacting their families and friends," a prepared release said.

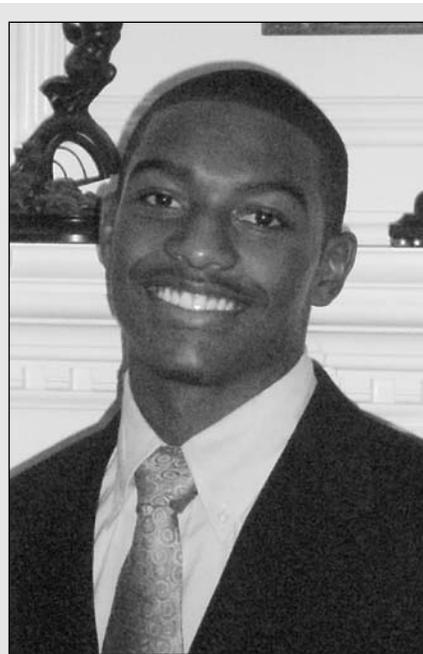
Cutest baby contest

The Integrated Materiel Management Center is holding a Cutest Baby Contest for the Combined Federal Campaign. Deadline for entries is Oct. 19. Entries will be available through Samantha Smith 313-1553 and in front of the Sparkman Cafeteria on Oct. 9 and Oct. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The following rules will apply: The photo must be no larger than 5-by-7. The photo may be black and white or color. Nominated baby should be the only person visible in photo, if possible. Close-up shots are recommended. Entry fee is \$20, payable by cash or check (made out to CFC). No charge cards or debit cards. You may have more than one photo per child, but each will require an entry fee. Each vote will cost \$1, payable by cash or

check (made out to CFC). You may vote as many times as you wish for as many children as you wish, but each vote will be \$1. Groups may pool their money and vote for their favorite. Deadline for voting is Nov. 1. Voting locations and dates will be in front of the Sparkman Cafeteria on Oct. 23, 25, 30 and Nov. 1 from 10:30-12:30, or through Smith. For more information, contact Smith at 313-1553 or samanatha.smith@us.army.mil.

Job opening

The Army Logistics Management College announces a job vacancy for a supervisor-



Courtesy photo

Happy homecoming

Christopher Dickerson was selected to represent the Columbia High School Junior Homecoming Court. He has maintained a 4.0 and participates in football, basketball and track. He is the son of Henry Dickerson Sr. of OMEMS and Janet Dickerson of PEO Aviation.

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Missouri scholarship

The North Alabama MSM-UMR Alumni Section announces its annual section scholarship to prospective students who intend to enroll at the University of Missouri-Rolla. This annual \$1,000 renewable scholarship is contingent on the student maintaining a 2.75 grade point average. Any prospective UMR student desiring to apply for this scholarship and who meets the UMR qualifications for admission should contact either the UMR Office of Admissions, 106 Parker Hall, 1870 Miner Circle, Rolla, MO 65409, phone 1-800-522-0938 (toll free) or 573-341-4166 (direct), e-mail admissions@umr.edu or Cathy Tipton at crowell@umr.edu. Prospective students can learn more about UMR at www.umr.edu.

AMRDEC day

The Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Organizational Day is Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area (rain date Oct. 25). Lunch tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 per child. For more information, call Steve Smith 842-9192.

Veterinary clinic

Dr. John Proctor and the staff of Veterinary Clinic will celebrate the grand opening of its new facility Friday from 8:15-11:15 a.m. at building 3583 Shillelagh Circle. Public is invited to the open house. For more information, call 876-2441.

Project office dining

Col. Edward Mullin, project manager for Cruise Missile Defense Systems, invites all former CMDS/SHORAD employees to the annual CMDS Dining Out on Nov. 9 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost is \$35 per person. For more information, call Bonnie Coleman 876-4927.

Unmanned systems

The Unmanned Systems Initiative is hold-

ing a Technology Forum through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at 4092 Memorial Parkway. For information call Paul DiNardo 313-5216 or Chris Burns 519-6682.

PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 8: Main Store 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; All Concessions closed; Furniture Store closed; One-Stop Goss Road 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tire Store closed; Burger King 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Military Clothing closed; Barber Shop, building 3479, closed; Food Court - Anthony's closed; Cinnabon closed; Baskin Robins 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Robin Hood 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Churchs closed; and American Eatery closed.

Women's event

"Awaken Your Heart," an event for women of all ages, is Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Cove United Methodist Church in Hampton Cove. Registration is \$30, which includes a box lunch. For more information, call Marlina Martin 519-3585 or Megan James 533-0771.

Technology day

Barco Federal is having a Technology Day on Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Huntsville Marriott, in the Atlantis and Discovery ballrooms. "This is an educational session for you to learn about their company and their capabilities," a prepared release said. For information call Dee Campobasso 527-6438.

Gospel talent show

Hope Community Church will hold a "Gospel Talent Search for Youth" on Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. at Sparkman Homes Boys and Girls Club. Ages 21 and under are invited to try for cash prizes and door prizes. To enter call Pastor Ava Farr 631-6050.

Flying activity

The Flying Activity Open House is Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. There will be mini flying lessons with a certified flight instructor for \$30 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. There will also be aviation videos, simulators, static displays and free food and drinks. For more information, call 880-9495.

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| SCBK07266185 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 21-Nov-07 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 13 | 13 | 66,951 - 98,876 | | | | X | | | | X | | X | | |
| SCBK07282335 | Equip Spec (Aircraft) | 26-Nov-07 | IMMC | GS-1670 | 12 | 12 | 56,301 - 83,148 | | | | X | | | | X | | X | | |

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| SCBK07243685D | General Engr | 4-Oct-07 | SMDC | GS-0801 | 13 | 13 | 66,951 - 87,039 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| SCBK07245761D | International Prgm Mgmt Spec | 4-Oct-07 | AMCOM, SAMD | GS-0301 | 12 | 12 | 63,958 - 83,148 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| SCBK07295844D | Electrical Engr | 4-Oct-07 | AMRDEC | DB-0850 | 3 | 3 | 63,958 - 98,876 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| SCBK07288188D1 | Electronics Engr | 5-Oct-07 | AMRDEC | DB-0855 | 2 | 3 | 29,108 - 98,876 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| SCBK07230819D | Supv Prgm Mngr | 11-Oct-07 | Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL | YC-0340 | 3 | 3 | 104,826 - 136,273 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| SCBK07149022D | Supv Prgm Analyst | 12-Oct-07 | Acq Supp Ctr | YA-0343 | 3 | 3 | 75,879 - 127,031 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| SCBK07231987D | General Engr | 12-Oct-07 | AMRDEC | DB-0801 | 3 | 3 | 63,958 - 98,876 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| SCBK07280696D | Electronics Engr | 19-Oct-07 | AMRDEC | DB-0855 | 4 | 4 | 89,875 - 137,434 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| SCBK07288188D | Electronics Engr | 19-Oct-07 | AMRDEC | DB-0855 | 2 | 3 | 29,108 - 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 |

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- A** - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
- B** - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
- C** - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
- D** - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
- E** - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
- F** - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)
- H** - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
- I** - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
- R** - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
- T** - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- V** - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
- U** - All U.S. citizens

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