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Helping military-connected children

Area counselors learn
to deal with changes

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From an educator's perspective, being raised in a military family can offer several advantages – traveling to and living in different parts of the world, having experiences in various cultures with an array of diverse people, and coming from a family that lives the values of duty, honor, service, respect and discipline.

That kind of environment is ripe for learning, especially on a global scale, educators say.

But, being raised in a military family also has a slippery downside that includes being uprooted often, having to say goodbye to good friends and support networks, enduring deployments of one or both parents, and dealing with fear, insecurity and uncertainty.

It's this downside that local counselors hope to help military children – and the children of deployed or traveling DoD civilians – cope with and live through successfully.

More than 40 counselors from throughout North Alabama met last week to discuss how they can better serve the military child at the first-ever Transition Counselor Training Institute offered on Redstone Arsenal. The training, offered through the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC), covered subjects including military culture and smooth transitions, current transition practices, deployment and separation, and basics about the military.

"This training is kind of overdue," said Dewayne Baldwin, director of Youth Education Support Services for Child and Youth Services.

"The Huntsville area has been supporting the military child for years. So, we at Child and Youth Services want to do



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WORKING WITH TRANSITION— Susan Heiligman, at right, talks with school counselors, from left, Tracie Speer of Columbia High School and Dale Simeon of the Seldon Annex and Westlawn Middle School about the characteristics of military children and how transitions can affect them on many different levels. Heiligman is a trainer with the Military Child Education Coalition, which brought the Transition Counselor Training Institute to Redstone Arsenal for the first time. The institute was sponsored by Child and Youth Services, and Army Community Service.

everything we can to support our schools as they help military children with transitions, deployments and other issues. Teachers in North Alabama educate our military children. We have a duty to educate them on how to help our children."

Baldwin said Child and Youth Services along with Army Community Service partnered together to bring the Transition Counselor Training Institute to Redstone Arsenal because of the growing number of local children who are experiencing transitions and deployments caused by the military.

"The issue is just getting greater and greater," he said. "Besides military families from this area, our counselors and teachers are also working with

children of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers and even DoD civilians who are being mobilized in one way or another.

"Whether it's a mobilization for a week or 60 days or a year, the family is still left behind and that's hard. One of the places where you can see how a military child is affected is in school, and that's why teachers and counselors are so important to helping these children cope with their circumstance."

The goal of the training, said Susan Heiligman, an MCEC trainer, is to "provide awareness of the issues and challenges of the military child. We want to show them how to address the needs of military children. We especially want to train counselors on how to better serve the

military child so that they have ease in transition."

While Heiligman is a retired educator who grew up as a military child, her co-trainer, Carol Campbell, has raised two children through her husband's military career. Campbell first participated in an MCEC training in 1999 while she and her family lived in Hawaii, where her husband worked in the Pacific Command. Now, with two grown children and living at Fort Myer while her husband — Lt. Gen. Jim Campbell — works at the Pentagon, Campbell volunteers with MCEC.

"This program is great because understanding the issues of transition does not only benefit

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An open lane random survey

What makes a good friend?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Fred Hadley
AMCOM G-8 (Resource Management)



"Loyalty. If they say they'll be there for you, regardless of the situation they'll be there to help you out. A true friend will stick closer than a brother in times of trouble."

Jennifer West
Aluttiq Global Solutions

"Somebody who's honest, who's there for you. Someone who's just a genuine person. And someone who's fun to be with and easy to talk to."



Pfc. Marshall Prater
Bravo Company

"Being a real person – not pretending to be somebody you're not — because sooner or later, it'll come out."

Pvt. Benjamin Tichner
Bravo Company

"Loyalty. You're my friend on good days, you're my friend on bad days. Someone who's going to square me up and let me know when I'm doing wrong."



Quote of the week

'We are advertised by our loving friends.'

— William Shakespeare

Letter to the Editor

No excuse for domestic abuse

There is no excuse for domestic abuse. This has always been the Army's policy. In this community, we hold people accountable. We expect everyone to be vigilant about all forms of domestic abuse.

The Army is fully committed to assuring that victims of domestic abuse are protected through a combination of reporting options and multiple sources of support and intervention. The key to effective prevention is a commitment from command and all members of the community to assist in this effort.

In the Redstone community, the Army Family Advocacy Program is charged with this prevention mission. On the intervention side, our team of Law Enforcement, Victim Advocate, Family Advocacy Program Manager, Behavioral Medicine professionals and the Fox Army Health Center staff stand ready to serve the needs of victims and their families.

To report domestic abuse, contact the Redstone police at 876-2222. To learn about prevention and services, contact the Family Advocacy Program at Army Community Service, 876-5397.

Victims of domestic abuse can discuss the options of restricted and unrestricted reporting of an incident with the Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, Colleen Nicholson, during duty hours at 876-5397 or after duty hours at 508-6613.

To reinforce our commitment, I hereby declare October 2007 to be Domestic Abuse Prevention Month at Redstone Arsenal. Remember: Army Strong is Family Strong. There is no excuse for domestic abuse.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles
AMCOM and Redstone commander

Contracting specialist in Iraq

When I envisioned coming to Iraq to work, I had no idea that it would be so humbling. I have been afforded the opportunity to work in the International Zone in downtown Baghdad, FOB Speicher in Tikrit and finally here at Camp Liberty near Baghdad's International Airport.

Each location was unique and operated a little different. But the one thing that each



See Specialist on page 3 **Kimberly Pugh**

Pointing out knife sales

There is a sign at the gates to Redstone that say that knives with blades longer than three inches are prohibited. However, the PX has several knives for sale that have blades longer than three inches. My question is: Why is the PX allowed

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Call for women veterans

I am a woman veteran, and I'd like to get a flight of women vets to march with me in the Veterans Day parade on Nov. 12 to acknowledge women's military service. If you'd like to participate, please e-mail me at cbscott76@yahoo.com with your name and telephone number.

Some of you may be thinking, "Why should we have a flight of women vets?" Well, in many ways, women are not that different from men who wore a military uniform. I believe both sexes love our country, and are grateful for the privilege we had to serve and contribute to a greater good. We probably also shared some of the same struggles, such as leaving people we cared about when we moved, working with difficult people, and overcoming resource constraints. But, as women, we are different.

As a woman, I "battled" to fit in with a male-dominated organization that required toughness. In the mid-1980s, that was accomplished by not letting them see you sweat, using foul language, and running over anyone who got in the way of the mission. But after wearing BDUs and combat boots for such a long time, I just didn't "feel like a woman" sometimes. So to make myself feel better, I broke a regulation and wore bright-colored instead of required white undergarments under my BDUs (scandalous, I know —but I was fairly young at the time and a bit rebellious). I also "fought" to develop upper body strength to pass the "guy" push-up test and wear the extra weight of the flak vest and chemical warfare gear — which was almost 30 pounds.

And, I "declared my own personal war" against some common misperceptions.

I am only one woman veteran. And in the big scheme of things, I am no one — and I am everyone. I'm your wife, your daughter, your sister, your aunt, your cousin, your neighbor, your friend. To other women vets — I'm your sister in arms, and I'm honored to have served with you. Won't you come march with me?

Cathy Scott
logistician/organizational change agent

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Quito, Ecuador

What do you like about your job?

I like working with electronics. And I like a job that can challenge me.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to read and write. I like to hang out with my friends here. I like to go shopping.

What are your goals?

I want to make it to first sergeant and retire from the Army. And have a family.

What's your favorite type of music?

Alternative rock

■ Soldiers give selfless sacrifice in Iraq

Specialist

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base shared was the presence of selfless sacrifice. The selfless sacrifice that I speak of is that of the American Soldier; young men and women standing in my stead without complaining so that I can continue to enjoy the freedoms that the greatest country in the world has to offer – the United States of America.

Countless days Soldiers go out of the wire with “battle rattle” in temperatures exceeding 120 degrees and then to see them return dusty and worn and yet they can find something to laugh about. They gather in the gyms and support each other during physical training,

they fill the church on Sunday and share their burdens with each other, and then they find time to team up again to play on the basketball courts and baseball fields.

I have never been so proud to be an American and blessed by God that he helped me through this experience. I want to thank the coalition forces for the sacrifice they and their families have made during this war and godspeed home. As I depart, I also want to bid farewell to the talented men and women serving with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Kimberly Pugh
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■ AAFES flexible with items it offers for sale

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to sell items that are prohibited to have on Redstone?

Randy Harris
retired master sergeant

Editor's note: The Post Exchange provided the following response. “Thank you for your letter in reference to AAFES selling knives longer than three inches. You are correct there are signs which state blades

longer than three inches are prohibited, however they are permitted when necessary in the performance of an individual's duty or while an individual is hunting, or fishing.

“In short, this regulation does not compel us to discontinue selling long-blade knives, since they are permitted for hunting and fishing. We are not completely inflexible, however, if sufficient concerns are raised, concerning our policy on the sale of knives. AAFES will consider requests not to sell certain items, but we will not honor such requests without sufficient justification.”

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

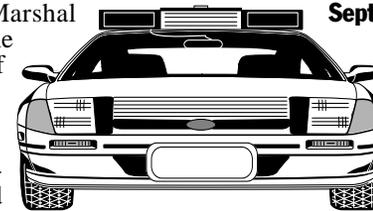
The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

Sept. 27: A servicemember was arrested by Redstone Police and turned over to Huntsville Police Department for a disorderly conduct warrant.

Sept. 28: An individual reported that her purse was stolen. And during the course of completing the paperwork, it was discovered that a warrant for her arrest existed from Limestone County Sheriff's Office. She was arrested and then turned over to the Sheriff's Office.

Sept. 28: An individual stopped at Gate 10 for a pass and was not in possession of a driver's license. A check through NCIC revealed that there were seven outstanding warrants from Florence Police Department. The subject was arrested by Redstone Police and later released to Florence Police Department.

Sept. 28: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after stopping at Gate 8 for directions. He was issued a violation notice and released.



Sept. 29: An individual was observed taking a hard drive for an X-Box and placing it into a bag with other merchandise which they had already paid for and then leaving the Exchange. The subject was stopped and processed for shoplifting. Investigation continues by the juvenile probation officer.

Oct. 1: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after stopping at Gate 10 for directions. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Oct. 2: An individual stopped at a gate for an ID check, when he was found to be in possession of marijuana. He was processed, issued a summons and released. The marijuana was confiscated. Investigation continues by the Investigation section.

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

Violation notices issued: 9 speeding, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 driving with a suspended/canceled/revoked driver's license, 1 following too close, 1 failure to yield right of way.

Clinical advice on mammograms

Tricare covers routine mammograms as diagnostic and preventive health care measures for women. One baseline mammogram at age 39 for “normal-risk” beneficiaries (at age 35 for those beneficiaries identified as “high-risk”) is covered under Tricare. After the baseline mammogram, one screening mammogram every 12 months is covered.

Tricare Prime beneficiaries may schedule and obtain a mammogram from any Tricare “network” provider without a referral from their Primary Care Manager and without pre-authorization from Humana Military Healthcare Services. Tricare Prime beneficiaries may opt to be

seen by a provider outside of the Tricare network, but doing so will incur additional costs (deductibles and co-pays).

Tricare Standard and Tricare Extra beneficiaries may schedule and obtain a mammogram from any Tricare “authorized” provider without a referral from their Primary Care Manager and without pre-authorization from Humana Military Healthcare Services.

Although not required, Tricare beneficiaries are encouraged to make an appointment with their Primary Care Manager to discuss the clinical significance and need for this procedure. (Fox Army Health Center release)

Helping hands

Smiles abound on Special Olympics day at stadium



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GAMES UNDER WAY— The Special Olympic flame burns during the annual track and field competition at Milton Frank Stadium.

Track and field competition benefits from volunteers

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Pvt. Daniel Berry of Charlie Company looked on proudly as his Special Olympian stood on the top step of the awards platform.

Berry served as a volunteer escort for Devin Love during the annual Special Olympics track and field competition Oct. 2 at Milton Frank Stadium. He was among about 200 volunteers from Charlie Company.

Love, 19, of the Huntsville Center for Technology, had just won the 50-meter dash. He previously finished fourth in the running long jump.

“He told me he was fast and he got first place,” Berry said.

There were plenty of winners on this sunny day at the stadium and they weren’t necessarily the ones who finished first.

“I just came out to have a good time,”



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOING TO COMPETE— Pvt. Michael Richards of Charlie Company pushes Special Olympian Patrick Crutcher to Crutcher’s event in the stadium parking lot.

Pvt. Michael Richards of Charlie Company said. “I’m loving it. Anything to help

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out the community and get my man Patrick here out and about. He's going to do the softball toss and 25 meter push."

Richards was pushing Patrick Crutcher, 20, in a wheelchair to Crutcher's event in the stadium parking lot.

Some 325 athletes and 650 volunteers participated, according to volunteer coordinator Gloria Bink.

The volunteers included 50 people

from the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comp-trollers. The chapter was also responsible for bringing another 25 volunteers from four other organizations and contributed \$300 to the Special Olympics.

"This is just part of our community outreach to the Huntsville community," chapter president Bob Nichols, chief of the acquisition branch in the program and budget division in AMCOM G-8 (Resource Management), said. "It's our way of giving something to the community."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FIRST PLACE— Devin Love wins the 50-meter dash during the Special Olympics track and field.



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

Eagle's wings

Col. Michael Steves, Close Combat Weapon Systems project manager, receives the eagles of his new rank from Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space. With 22 years of service, the new colonel has served previously in Medium Extended Air Defense System, Acquisition and Policy Staff, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Patriot/PAC-3, and Sentinel assignments.

Counselors

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the military child, but all children experiencing transition,” Campbell said. “Awareness of the effect transitions have on children is way up. It’s important that we learn to understand the emotions that come with a transition.”

Campbell recalls turning to school counselors for advice for her oldest child, who had difficulty dealing with the transitions of military family life.

“As a parent, you muddle through it, and you turn to the professionals and pray they can help you through it,” she said.

Though most schools are equipped with programs to help transitioning students ease into a new school environment, many don’t have programs for students who are leaving a school environment.

Campbell told the counselors of one teacher in Washington state who started a tradition by finding a rock on the playground and then having her elementary-age children sit in a circle, pass the rock around, and press a happy thought or memory into the rock as they each held it. The thought or memory was said out loud during the ceremony and then the rock was given to the departing child.

“This was this teacher’s way of letting her student know that they would be remembered. Each time that child looked at the rock, he could think ‘Someone remembers me,’” Campbell said.

“You all have ways of reaching out to new students. But, it’s as hard to leave as it is to go to a new place. Schools do a super job at welcoming. They don’t always work as hard to send a child off to a new school.”

An English teacher at a high school has her students write a poem to a leaving student so that when the student leaves they take with them a collection of poems from their former classmates.

“Celebrate the child that is inbound or leaving,” Heiligman told the counselors.

“One counselor told me that as he was helping a leaving student with their paperwork, the student said ‘I just hope somebody knows this is my last day.’ After she left him, the counselor had a balloon bouquet sent to the student.

“As educators, we are concerned by the instructional and academic side of a transition, but, students are concerned with the emotional side. Who they sit by at lunch is a little more important than if they make an A in history.”

– Susan Heiligman,
Military Child Education
Coalition trainer

Later that day, when he saw her in the cafeteria, she was brimming with happiness and carrying her balloon bouquet. That counselor became her hero for that day.”

Several counselors at the training talked about things their schools do for new incoming students. At Riverton Middle School, students in the Junior Beta Club decorate bags and fill them with school supplies for new students. They also take new students to lunch in the cafeteria so they don’t have to eat alone on their first day.

“As educators, we are concerned by the instructional and academic side of a transition,” Heiligman said. “But, students are concerned with the emotional side. Who they sit by at lunch is a little more important than if they make an A in history.”

At Sparkman High School, new students are put in peer classes of up to 25 new students. These classes become a mini-family through the students’ career at Sparkman.

At Huntsville Middle School, two students in every homeroom class are assigned to make new students feel welcomed while Liberty Middle School uses a podcast program that lets students learn about the school using their iPod. At New Hope School new students are invited to Lunch Bunch, where they are free to discuss issues important to them as new teenage students coming into a small school environment.

Several of the high school counselors complained about the stringent graduation

requirements in Alabama. Often a high school student transferring from out-of-state must back track or double up on classes so they have all the required courses for graduation.

“I’ve had seniors who have only two science and two math credits come to our school and they need four of each to graduate,” said Trace Speer, counselor at Columbia High School. “I’ve had incoming junior or senior students who have had to go back and take things like ninth-grade World History. A lot of times, they have to go to night school to catch up so they can graduate on time.”

If counseling offices can make the document side of a transition seamless, then they have more time to concentrate on helping a new student on an emotional and social level, Heiligman said. Even with the graduation requirement issues, she said counselors in the Huntsville area are doing a good job at managing all aspects of transitions for students.

“It’s real encouraging to see that schools here in Huntsville are ready to adapt and change to meet the needs of students,” she said.

“It’s real evident that counseling officers are getting better at handling documents, and that’s very important because it affects how incoming and outgoing students feel about their transition. If you can standardize the paperwork, then you can concentrate on the emotional and social sides of a move.”

Editor’s note: For more information on the Military Child Education Coalition, visit their web site at www.militarychild.org.

SMDC well-wishers come out in force

Anniversary celebration for command's 50th year

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Describing the history of ballistic missile defense as “a half century of accomplishments that have truly shaped our world for the better,” one of the nation’s top military civilians told an audience of nearly 1,100 that he was honored to be part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration for the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Norman Augustine, a nationally recognized author who is also a former undersecretary of the Army and a past recipient of the National Medal of Technology by the president of the U.S., the Joint Chiefs of Staff Distinguished Public Service Award and the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal (five times), interspersed recollections of the early years of ballistic missile defense with humorous anecdotes about scientists and engineers, the failures and successes of missile programs, and ongoing BRAC moves to Huntsville.

“Moving to Huntsville is a marvelous thing considering this

wonderful community,” Augustine said, adding jokingly: “Soon there will be no government facilities except in Huntsville.”

Augustine’s comments were made during SMDC’s anniversary dinner at the Von Braun Center’s North Hall on Oct. 3, which attracted nearly 1,100 attendees representing Huntsville civic and community groups, businesses and corporations, and the military. The dinner was sponsored by the Air, Space and Missile Defense Association, Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association, Air Defense Artillery Association, Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce and more than 60 corporate sponsors. It was the largest dinner audience ever served at the Von Braun Center.

Augustine shared the podium with Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of SMDC and the Army Forces Strategic Command; master of ceremonies retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, and performing artist Lee Greenwood, whose rendition of “God Bless the U.S.A.” is always popular with military and patriotic audiences. Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer led the anniversary toast to SMDC.

Campbell told the audience that Army leaders who he works



Photo by Kari Hawkins

REMEMBERING LEGACY— Norman Augustine, former undersecretary of the Army and a past recipient of the National Medal of Technology by the President of the U.S., the Joint Chiefs of Staff Distinguished Public Service Award and the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal, tells the audience at the SMDC 50th Anniversary Celebration that he appreciates the “extraordinarily, dedicated people” who have been part of the history of ballistic missile defense in the U.S.

with at other installations across the nation are envious of the community support the military has from the Huntsville community, saying “no where else will 1,066 people come out to wish you a happy anniversary.”

He thanked the commanders

and leaders who came before him at SMDC and whose accomplishments are still today contributing to the organization, saying “thank you very much for setting us up for the success in this command” in supporting the “quintessential war fighter.”

“We’ve been built upon the shoulders of some great people who had the vision of technology development, space and missile defense,” Campbell said.

Reminiscing about the cultural, social and technological advances of 1957 – SMDC’s birth year – and beyond, including Sputnik, “Leave it to Beaver” and “Perry Mason,” the Frisbee, Elvis Presley, the Civil Rights Act, John F. Kennedy receiving a Pulitzer Prize, the remote control, cell phones, iPods and blackberries, Campbell said there have been advances in all areas that no one could have ever imagined back in the late 1950s. Through all those years, the Army has successfully faced the challenge of providing the U.S. with space and missile defense capabilities.

Today, with ballistic defense systems in place, SMDC is looking toward future technologies to defend the U.S. and its allies, including the incorporation of a space system element in every unit of the Army by 2010.

Since 2003, SMDC has had a “permanent presence in the Middle East, helping find the adversaries and our friendlies when they are down,” Campbell said.

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"Our Soldiers join the 157,000 Soldiers who are in harm's way."

SMDC is also working in partnership with such organizations as the Missile Defense Agency and international allies to further the use of space in the development of future ballistic missile defense systems.

"Fifty years of history, 50 years of accomplishments ... We've come a long way with incredible accomplishments by incredible people," Campbell said.

For Augustine, those 50 years began with a film showing the test firing of a Nike Zeus.

Describing the launch in humorous recollections, Augustine became serious when he told his audience "integrating a ballistic missile is one of the most technologically challenged missions I've ever seen. Ballistic missile defense is like hitting a bullet with a bullet when the bullets are moving five miles every second and you have to choose which bullet to hit. When the task is to defend American cities, the wrong decision is unacceptable."

Throughout the years of ballistic missile defense development, Augustine said the American public has had more confidence in the program than the scientists and engineers themselves.

"In all the surveys done, two-thirds of the American public have always believed

we were well defended against ballistic missiles," he said. "Over the years, Americans have come to take our technical prowess for granted."

Augustine took the anniversary audience through the early years of ballistic missile defense development, mentioning the V-2 Rocket; Thumper, Plato and Wizard programs; Cuban missile crisis, Nike X system; incorporation of Sprint and Zeus to create the Spartan system; Soviet Union arms agreement; China's explosion of its first atomic bomb; Sentinel system; SAFEGUARD system; Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, end of the Cold War and Star Wars technology. He finished with the modern era of ballistic missile technology.

SMDC and the nation's ballistic missile defense systems are a "testimony to the leadership and dedication of participants. Despite the steady steam of contract awards and cancellations, of speed ups and slow downs, of redirection after redirection, morale has always remained very high," Augustine said.

From the history of SMDC, Augustine said there are many lessons to be learned, including the need to take prudent and controlled risks to overcome obstacles on the way to success; the importance of providing resources for programs, particularly when they involve doing things not done before by anyone else; the importance of not being daunted by failures; and the need to appreciate the "extraordinarily, dedicated people" who remain committed to the success of ballistic missile defense.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

DISCUSSING SMDC— Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander, speaks about SMDC with Dr. Patricia Sander, executive director of the Missile Defense Agency, and retired Lt. Gen. Larry Dodgen, former commander of SMDC and AMCOM, prior to the SMDC 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Von Braun Center's North Hall.

Veterans museum provides moving history

Several vehicles in local facility restored to running condition

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The M3 Stuart Light Tank, one of the most recent restoration projects at the Veterans Memorial Museum, has a small engraved plaque that reads, "The difference between men and boys are the expense and size of their toys."

Although Randy Withrow, the museum's director, laughs about the plaque — he explained its placement was a joke by one of the museum's volunteers — the look in his eyes as he walks through the museum is akin to that of a boy surrounded by his favorite possessions.

His passion for honoring veterans and their history is contagious. Just seeing so many large, historical military vehicles housed within the confines of the museum stirs the emotions and sparks the imagination. Not only have the vehicles been restored by museum volunteers, but several are in running condition.

"Our goal is to get them operational so people can see it as it was. It's sort of like moving history," he said.

Once the M3 Stuart Light Tank is up and running, he believes it will be the only one restored and running in the world. It's distinctive because it was one of the first 100 made, so it has rivets instead of being welded.

"The Army upgraded it, or fixed it after combat reports from North Africa, because when the tank was hit the rivets flew apart, causing shrapnel, wounding the tank crews. So they started welding them and used these for training. Then eventually these were used as targets, so there weren't many left after that," he said.

Another recent acquisition is a



Photo by Beth Skarupa

RESTORATION REVIEW— Randy Withrow, left, director of the Veterans Memorial Museum, and Bob McCoy, volunteer, discuss how local Boy Scouts helped restore this Iraqi missile launcher. The Panhard launcher was captured during Desert Storm and is on display outside the museum.

M901A3 Improved TOW Vehicle from Red River Army Depot, Texas. It's important to the museum because the TOW was developed and managed here by the Aviation and Missile Command. It's on display next to the Cobra attack helicopter.

Withrow's excitement about the museum's recent acquisitions goes much deeper than mere interest in the military. He explained that the museum tries to support anything that champions veterans.

"I firmly believe there wouldn't be a country if we didn't have veterans. We're not involved in politics ... we can't be. We're here to support our troops," he said. "People say, 'You sound like a preacher' when they hear me talk about the museum

and I say, 'I am, because I'm on a mission.'"

His mission, and that of the museum and its volunteers, is to honor all U.S. armed forces veterans who have served this country. All eras of veterans are represented in displays from the Revolution to Iraqi Freedom, with an emphasis on World War II.

"We focus on World War II veterans because we're losing 1,000-1,500 per day," he said. "We're a participant in the World War II Veterans History Project, through the Library of Congress. We do the (video) interviews, make copies, and send them in. We've done several hundred of those."

The museum hosts tour groups, reunions, Boy Scouts, and the North Alabama Chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Society, as well as some OMEMS training and the Madison County High Schools Social Science Fair, supports Retiree Day at Redstone Arsenal and provides speakers for area schools.

Honor Flight is another program that the museum actively supports. The sole purpose of this program is to fly veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their sacrifices. The museum has hosted orientations for the WWII veterans making the flight and provides coordination for the wheelchair support — including serving as a collection point — and "ground support" at the departures and returns.

Although the museum has been open since Veterans Day 2001, many area residents are still unaware it exists. Withrow attributes this to a lack of funding for advertising, since the museum is set up as a nonprofit organization and entirely run by volunteers. The museum does participate in the Combined Federal Campaign, which traditionally has been one of the museum's biggest contributors.

The museum may gain visibility soon, since Alabama Public Television recently spent a week filming at the museum. Watch for part of what was filmed to be aired on APT this Veterans Day. The museum will provide several vehicles for Huntsville's Veterans Day parade this year, as well as host an open house after the parade. All veterans, their families, relatives and friends are invited.

The museum off Airport Road is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Labor Day through Memorial Day, with expanded hours in the summer. Other hours may be scheduled for veteran or school groups by appointment. The museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. For more information, call 883-3737 or visit www.memorialmuseum.org.

Charlie Company builds bond with community

Soldiers give their weekend to Habitat for Humanity

By 2nd Lt. SUSANA ASH
For the Rocket

Charlie Company commander Capt. Andrew Thompson and 1st Sgt. Kenneth Tincknell conduct polls each month to see what their Soldiers would be interested in doing in the community. For September, the Soldiers voted to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

The Charlie Company members assisted Sept. 29 in "Building Blitz 2007" which entailed the construction of five houses off Winchester Road in northwest Huntsville.

For Pvt. Rachel Beasley, volunteering for this effort was personal.

"Habitat for Humanity helped my mother get her first home and I thought it would be an excellent opportunity to give something back," she said. "I take

pride in being able to selflessly assist others who are in need."

The Soldiers gave up some of their personal time to participate.

"I thought that it would be good to show the community that Soldiers do care about the community," Pfc. Zachary Scoville said. "It was also an excellent opportunity to use skills learned as a civilian outside of the military."

The Soldiers who volunteered varied in skill levels. Some were beginners while others had previous experience in building.

"I've always enjoyed building things in general and truly enjoy volunteering and helping out the community in whatever way possible," Pvt. Benjamin Pastore said. "Especially in this particularly difficult time with the war still going on, it's always good to be able to give back to the public who supports us by creating a stronger bond between the military and the civilian population."

Soldiers were spread out among the

five houses, and worked on various projects. Some landscaped while others installed siding, and some placed shingles on a shed.

"It was something to do that would benefit others, while at the same time it allowed me to acquire new skills and sharpen others that I have not had the opportunity to use since joining the Army," Spc. Bernard Phillips said. "It also helps build communal feelings between the military and the local community."

The Charlie Company Soldiers planned on volunteering again during the Columbus Day weekend.

"It's a great program," Thompson said. "It was very much a great success for the Soldiers to be able to interact among the community. It was a good opportunity to see the Soldiers give back to the community."

Editor's note: 2nd Lt. Susana Ash is executive officer for Charlie Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.



Courtesy photo

CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORT— Pvt. Kristofer Hughes of Charlie Company helps construct a home Sept. 29 in Huntsville.

Units add 29 Soldiers in September

The Garrison provided the following in-processing list for September. In some cases, Soldiers were already here but transferred to other units at Redstone:

- Col. Nathan Buchheit, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center; Col. Jesse Barber, Ground-based Missile Defense; Col. Richard Allan Evans, Aviation and Missile Command; Capt. Jason Knapp, Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School; Capt. Allen J. Hughes, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Capt. Jeremiah Dinardo, Wt. Co. A Warriors Redstone; Chief Warrant Officer 4 John Wiederecht, AMCOM; Lt. Col. Stuart Rogers, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; Lt. Col. Erik Simonson, PEO Missiles and Space;

- Lt. Col. James Barnett, Space and Missile Defense Command; Maj. Talmadge Sheppard, PEO Avi-

ation; Maj. Jonathan Slater, PEO Missiles and Space; Maj. Leonard Newman, PEO STRI Orlando; Maj. Patrick Badar, PEO Soldier Redstone; Maj. Robert Hearon, PEO Missiles and Space; Maj. Joseph Scanlin, Aviation Support; Maj. Jeffrey Johnson, SMDC; Sgt. 1st Class Irma Holland, Logistics Support Activity; Sgt. 1st Class Efrain Arroyorosado, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; Sgt. 1st Class Mary Turkiewicz, LOGSA;

- Sgt. 1st Class Roderick Raymond, LOGSA; Sgt. 1st Class David Beier, NCO Academy; Sgt. Jarkayzio Frank, NCO Academy; Sgt. Timothy Hardeman, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Robert Kennedy, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. David Miron, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Brian Gebhart, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Forease Collins, HHC 59th; and Staff Sgt. Javier Cardoza, Headquarters & Alpha Company.

LOGSA's Rowe ready to retire to his ranch

After 40 years of service, Philip Rowe of Logistics Support Activity says it's time to retire.

Rowe's four decades with the government included 21 years as a Soldier. In his military career he completed two tours in Korea, three combat tours in Vietnam and two tours in Germany along with many stateside assignments.

He retired from the Army in 1987, graduating from both Cameron University and the University of Oklahoma's Extension Branch, Lawton, Okla.

Rowe entered federal service as an Army intern graduating from the College of Logistics and Engineering at Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas, in 1989.

He has enjoyed a long career with assignments at Red River Army Depot and the Communications-Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J., before joining LOGSA in 1992.

In 1998, he accepted a position with the Combat Equipment Group Europe, the Netherlands where he served as the chief

contracting representative officer for the Army's contract with NL POMS until December 2001 when he returned to LOGSA.

Rowe has served in positions as both secondary and major item manager, senior warehousing supervisor, cataloging and logistics management specialist. He leaves his position at LOGSA where he was a working member of the Class IX Requirements and Determination Team, the functional point of contact for both the Automatic Return Items Program and Standard Army Retail Supply System. He was also a working member of the Supply Depot Operations/Secondary Destination Transportation Operations Team.

His wife, Mary, is also a LOGSA employee. They have two children — Jeff, who is in the Navy assigned in Italy, and Lori, a homemaker — and four grandchildren.

After retiring, Rowe plans to enjoy his life with his family on their Double "R" ranch in East Limestone. (LOGSA release)

Redstone salutes Hispanic American heritage



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PROUD OF HERITAGE— Pvt. Blanche Carroll of Charlie Company points out one of the famous Hispanic people featured in the unit's static display to Charlie Company's Pvt. Helen Rosario, who is Hispanic. The display featured pictures of Soldiers in the company who are Hispanic as well as pictures and information on famous people of Hispanic decent. It competed for static display honors at the Hispanic American Heritage Month Program on Oct. 3 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Program brings tribute in words and music

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Martin Sheen and Cameron Diaz are well-known actors.

Julio Iglesias and his son, Enrique, and Jennifer Lopez are famous for their music.

Ellen Ochoa is an astronaut who invented optical analysis systems.

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson has been considered a candidate for president in 2008.

Marine Brig. Gen. Michael Aguilar, who has nearly 4,000 hours of accident free flying hours in a H-1, UH-1E Huey and AH-1J Cobra, took the first Marine unit into Saudi when Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990.

And, they are all Hispanic.

Ethnic observance days in the Army are meant for one thing – remembering the different cultures that call the U.S. home.

So, on Oct. 3, members of Team Redstone came together in Bob Jones Auditorium to remember the contributions of Hispanics. October is Hispanic American Heritage Month.

The Hispanic American Heritage Month Program included music by the Latin Rhythms Band, ethnic foods and dance, static displays and a cake cutting ceremony. The event's guest speakers were Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, and Yolando Maldonado-Echevarria, deputy for Outreach and Special Emphasis Program for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights Office.

"This is about who makes up the United States of America," Myles said of the Hispanic cultural program.

Mentioning his childhood growing up in Tennessee, Myles recalled how the nation separated itself down racial and



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BEATING OUT RHYTHM— Eddie Vidot of the Latin Rhythms Band performs during the Hispanic American Heritage Month Program.

cultural lines. He remembered the separate public bathroom facilities for blacks and whites, and other aspects of living in a segregated society.

Every time citizens recognize and appreciate the different cultures in the U.S. they "drive a nail in the coffin" of segregation, bigotry, hate and racism, he said.

"Those who forget, will repeat it," Myles told an audience of about 100 who attended the Hispanic cultural program. "Ethnic observance days are about remembering who makes up the fabric of America. And, it's all of us."

Myles said the power of the U.S. lies in its cultural diversity, tolerance and celebrations.

"It's about the fact that we are a country about laws and values. We care about each other. We have integrity," he said. "We empower everyone in the United States of America to be all they can be ... Everyone has the opportunity to walk through the front door."

Disability employment awareness focus of month

“Workers with Disabilities: Talent for a Winning Team” is the theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October.

On July 26, the United States celebrated the 17th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, tribute is paid to the accomplishments of the men and women with disabilities whose work helps keep America's economy strong. And Team Redstone managers and supervisors underscore their commitment ensuring equal employment opportunity for all employees.

Over the past six years, strides have been made to ensure opportunities for individuals with disabilities who are willing and able to work. Access to jobs was expanded in 1990 when President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law, which has served as a foundation for strengthening the nation's work force and advancing innovation and American leadership in a global marketplace.

In 2001, the president announced the New Freedom Initiative to build on the progress of the ADA and more fully integrate men and women with disabilities

into all aspects of life. The New Freedom Initiative has helped expand access to technology, training and education for citizens/employees with disabilities. Today, those who have a disability and seek employment are better able to compete for jobs. By visiting <https://www.disabilityinfo.gov/>, individuals and employers can learn more about the government's disability-related programs and receive information and resources for their enhancement.

To recognize the contributions of Americans with disabilities and to encourage all citizens to ensure equal opportunity in the work force, Congress, by joint

resolution approved as amended (36 U.S.C. 121), has designated October of each year as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

“Without Pity: A Film About Abilities,” an HBO documentary celebrating the efforts of people with disabilities to live full and productive lives, will be shown Oct. 23 at 11 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. This is sponsored by the Garrison IWD Committee.

For more information call Clarenza Clark, IWD program manager, at 313-2825 or Natalie Taylor, IWD committee member, at 876-5397. (Garrison release)

■ Ceremony honors nation's Hispanic residents

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Hispanic people living in the U.S. have been able to take advantage of opportunities the nation has to offer, Maldonado-Echevarria said.

But, until 1978, the federal government didn't have a way to define the growing Spanish-speaking population that called the U.S. home, she said.

As a whole, Spanish-speaking people couldn't be called Spanish because they aren't all from Spain. They couldn't be called Mexican or Latino because they could come from any of the world's 20 Spanish speaking countries. A person from the Philippines doesn't want to be thought of as Spanish because they aren't from Spain and a person from Spain doesn't want to be thought of as a Latino because they aren't from Latin America.

“As Americans, were all very proud of which state we come from, even if we say we are ‘Americans’ when we are asked what country we come from,” Maldonado-Echevarria said. “Hispanics also have an issue of

pride in our culture, and what we believe and where we come from.”

In 1970, only 5 percent of the U.S. population was reported to be from Spanish-speaking countries. But, the growing population of Spanish-speaking immigrants made it necessary for the federal government to determine a way to define these residents on the 1980 census.

“The issue was the federal government needed a name to define these people,” Maldonado-Echevarria said. “The word ‘Hispanic’ is an invention, it is a word developed by the federal government to categorize this major population.”

With the word “Hispanic,” the federal government had a way to describe immigrants from the world's 20 Spanish-speaking countries.

“In all, we are a very proud people,” Maldonado-Echevarria said. “We are 20 countries represented in this one word – ‘Hispanic.’”

Maldonado-Echevarria went on to explain to the audience several different aspects of the Hispanic cul-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CUTTING CAKE— Sgt. Maj. Jose Garcia-Aponte joins Yolanda Maldonado-Echevarria of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights Office for a cake cutting ceremony in honor of Hispanic American Heritage Month.

ture, including the custom of a child taking both their father's and mother's surnames and the custom of women rather than men owning land.

Also at the observance, the following winners of the Hispanic essay writing contests were announced: first place, Norberto Soto Fuentes of SMDC and second place, William Moses of MDA. The winners of the Hispanic static displays were: first, NCO Academy; second, Headquarters & Alpha Company; and third, Charlie Company.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

River fest

Enjoying the Integrated Materiel Management Center's Fall River Fest are, from left, Lynda Brown, Mike Davis, Jimmy Lee, Angela Patterson and Monica Bingham. The event Thursday drew nearly 700 to the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area.

Item managers value requests from war fighters

Supply operations division adapts to support troops

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The war effort brings new challenges every day for the members of Team Redstone. Offices and organizations within the Integrated Materiel Management Center are adapting to meet the changing needs of Soldiers.

The Army expects certain parts of aviation, missile and ground support systems to need replacement. Those parts are kept stocked and ready so that downtime is kept at a minimum. However, battle damage and the unpredictable conditions of war can cause damage to parts that aren't normally affected. How do Soldiers get the parts that are not normally stocked so they can carry on with the mission at hand? It was a difficult task, said J.T. Artis, senior supply systems analyst with the Systems Management Division.

"When those requests were coming into the system they were rejecting," Artis said. "There was no match to the part number cross reference file because the item sometimes had not been provisioned."

Just because these parts aren't always high-tech doesn't make them any less crucial. A busted bracket can keep a helicopter on the ground just as well as a computer component. The Supply Operations Division knew they needed to address the problem quickly. Rather than trying to devise a new system, which can take weeks or months to design and implement, they decided to expand and modify what was already working for high priority requests the Army does stock.

"We saw this as a priority. We all worked together until we got it working like we wanted," Louise Ystueta, supply operations division chief, said. "We already had this e-mail box. We didn't



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

TEAM EFFORT— From left Tiffany Johnson, David Mcree, Richetta Wilkerson, Nadine Manderson, J.T. Artis and Louise Ystueta discuss the requisition process for non-stocked items.

want to reinvent what we already had. But a mailbox wasn't enough. We needed a process behind it. It took everyone working together to make this process work."

The process is fairly simple. Soldiers send their request in from the field in the same manner they would for a stocked item, but using the high priority e-mail address. It goes to a general supply specialist like Tiffany Johnson, who reacts when it hits the inbox.

"As soon as I get them I send them on," Johnson said.

Parts aren't always kind enough to break during normal business hours. When a request comes into the high priority box, someone will come in to make sure it goes on to the next step of processing, Ystueta said.

"There is always someone in that office who knows this is their responsibility. When a request comes in, they stop what they are doing," Ystueta said. "They

come in on Saturday and Sunday. When they do, they check the high priority box."

At the next step, which missile or weapon system the item is associated with is identified so the request will go to the appropriate system coordinator. It is given a pseudo management control number devised for items without a number of their own. This keeps the computer from kicking the request out before a real MCN can be determined.

Now that the request has been sorted and labeled it will go to an item manager in one of the hardware directorates who will set about locating the part. The time from when a request is received in the priority e-mail box until it reaches the item manager is kept as small as possible.

"It's just a few minutes," Richetta Wilkerson, general supply specialist, said.

Simply finding a part is not enough. They want to find the part that will reach the Soldier who needs it as quickly as

possible. While going directly to the manufacturer can be the easiest way to locate one, it is not always the fastest way to actually get one.

"If necessary we go to the original equipment manufacturer," David Mcree, item manager, said.

They try first to find one that the Army may already have, either on another aircraft or system or perhaps sitting on a shelf in a depot or service hangar. Sending a part they already have from one place to another takes significantly less time than going through the process of buying or building one through an outside company. Regardless, Mcree said they try to have the item located within 24 hours.

"We look for the shortest lead time to get the Soldier the part," Mcree said.

There are several benefits to having a concrete process in place for items outside the usual replacements. First, it gives Soldiers a way to check on their request easily to see where it is in the process. It also gives the Supply Operations Division a way to keep them organized.

"Before, these requests were coming in by phone, fax and mail," Nadine Manderson, general supply specialist, said. "They were getting lost."

There is another benefit. Because these requested items are worked within the existing system, the Army can keep an accurate count of what is being asked for and how often. When a part that is not normally stocked is asked for repeatedly, the Army will make sure that it then becomes a stocked item. It is a way to stay up-to-date on what is really needed.

"When we get three demands within a six-month period that item becomes recommended for stockage," Artis said.

It all boils down to doing what is best for the war fighter, Wilkerson said. In the six months this process has been up and running the feedback from the field has been great, as has the response.

"We've done over a thousand requests," Wilkerson said.

Better picture relayed from eyes in sky

Remote video receiver fielded for unmanned aircraft systems

By KIM HENRY
For the Rocket

The Army fielded its 200th One-System Remote Video Terminal to Iraq and Afghanistan in September. Soldiers using an OSRVT can display the sensor feed from any of the Army's Unmanned Aircraft Systems and gain an unprecedented, instantaneous common view of the battlefield.

The OSRVT is a leap in capability from other UAS video receivers because it displays not only video, but also "metadata" that tell Soldiers exactly where the UAS is, which is essential for tactical combat decisions. In addition, the OSRVT constantly scans through its operational range for other UASs and displays them on a map of the area, allowing Soldiers to instantly switch to a UAS with a better



Photo by Tarah Hollingsworth

FULL PICTURE— A Soldier uses a stylus to navigate imagery of a city in Northern Iraq on the One-System Remote Video Terminal.

view of a target.

"It is the only UAS video receiver that has metadata to improve situational awareness," said Lt. Col. Jennifer Jensen, Common Systems Integration acting product manager. "You know where you

are in relation to the unmanned aircraft, so you know how far and what direction you would need to go to reach the area of interest."

In this time where Joint UAS cooperation is critical, the OSRVT is unique in enhancing situational awareness, commonality and interoperability. The OSRVT provides the Soldier with not only near-real-time sensor information from Army UASs, such as Raven, Shadow, Hunter, Warrior A, Micro Air Vehicle, and the new Sky Warrior, but also the video and data of other services' manned and unmanned platforms including the Marine Corps' Pioneer and Air Force's Predator and Lightning Pods.

"Everyone, regardless of the platform, receives the same information at the same time, leading to true interoperability, the Army's key goal," said Lt. Col. Adam Hinsdale, chief, UAS Division, Department of the Army Aviation Directorate. "The OSRVT is a vital component of

Manned/Unmanned teaming, allowing all elements, air and ground, to view the same synchronized area of interest simultaneously for coordinated engagement, with either kinetic or non-kinetic effects."

"The OSRVT is soon to be one of the Army's premier programs of record," said Col. Don Hazelwood, Army UAS project manager.

The Program Executive Office for Aviation fielded the first of 1,000 OSRVTs in February, and the system will soon be common throughout the modular force. Laptop units are in use by ground combat teams, while 12 command and control Black Hawk helicopters are already equipped with this system. OSRVTs have been integrated into 28 Strykers headed to Iraq, and the system will be in Apache cockpits by next summer.

"It is the link that brings it all together to the end user, the Soldier," said Tim Owings, Army UAS deputy project manager.

Project office earns defense logistics award

Close combat weapon systems sets standard for acquisition

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

If you are Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville or Alabama coach Nick Saban, on any given fall Saturday you have one goal in mind: meet performance objectives.

It's the same if you are an Army project manager. Your game plan is the same, plus the fact that America's sons and daughters are your team members.

Based on that premise, the Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office recently met its goal, receiving the coveted Secretary of Defense, Performance Based Logistics award for the Sub-System category.

"When it comes to our PM's motto: 'One Shot, One Kill,' our Improved Target Acquisition System team has set the standard," project manager Col. Mike Steves said. "They are totally committed to assur-

ing that our war fighters have what they need, where they need it and when they need it. This award testifies to that high level of meeting performance objectives."

Out of 21 contenders, PM CCWS ITAS won one of three awards. Statistically, the ITAS team represented 5 percent of the competitors vying for the honor and emerging victorious over 86 percent of those competing.

More to the point, if you want to know about meeting performance objectives you could have asked Uday and Qusay Hussein on July 23, 2003, but they would not have been able to answer because they were on the wrong end of 10 TOW missiles fired from ITAS-equipped Humvees.

Quite simply, PBL buys performance; performance that meets war fighter needs in a measurable metric, with a single point of accountability. For ITAS, that means that Raytheon in McKinney, Texas, works in partnership with the PM to achieve and maintain a 90-percent Operational Readiness rate. That integrated PBL partnership

has been so successful that OR rates come in consistently at 99-plus percent.

For Raytheon Network-Centric Systems, hitting that top mark results in incentives that reward overall life-cycle management; operational readiness equals profit. And the war fighter benefit is that the best resources and material as well as the support strategies that meet performance objectives, are all delivered in a transparent, business as usual manner complete with unit-located Field Service Representatives.

Worthy of note is the fact that ITAS was the first Army effort in the PBL arena for lifetime Contractor Logistics Support. That innovative solution — based on best-value, business case analysis — has resulted in cost savings coupled with responsive, effective flexibility for rapidly-deploying light infantry units, in a reduced logistical footprint.

"As it stands right now, we've fielded roughly half of the Army's 48 infantry brigades with ITAS," deputy product direc-

tor Larry Ingerson said. "We will complete all fielding by the end of fiscal 2012."

The project office is vigilant about making sure that the system can be upgraded if needed.

"We've already implemented a new battery and a new fire control system," Ingerson said. "And we are now implementing Far Target Location capabilities. The ITAS will be in the hands of war fighters for the next 20-25 years."

ITAS has also taken on a new role in the current operations.

"One of the interesting things is that ITAS was developed as a missile shooter, but when we go to the current conflict, it is being used much more as a surveillance tool," Ingerson said. "Soldiers use ITAS information for situational awareness to engage the enemy, maybe in a different way, small arms and indirect fire support for example.

That's something that we did not think of 12-15 years ago. But, because ITAS can see so well, we always get that feedback."

New site offers recreation for larger vehicles

Accommodations just for big RVs

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Recreational vehicles aren't just for camping anymore. People are using them as an alternative to hotels. Some of the larger models are virtual rolling resorts. Because of their size, they need different accommodations than smaller campers. Outdoor Recreation has opened a new site specifically tailored to larger RVs.

"I told my wife that some of these are bigger and nicer than our first home," Tom Pyburn, Outdoor Recreation business manager, said. "These people aren't really campers, they are travelers."

It opened to the public at the beginning of summer. The new site is located in the heart of Morale Welfare and Recreation's facilities just off Vincent Road. Its location puts users within minutes of the Post Exchange and Commissary, the Links at Redstone, Redstone Lanes, and both Pagano Gym and the Redstone Fitness Center.

"It's right in the middle of everything," Pyburn said.

The area was originally part of the housing area, but when the old units were



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

PLENTY OF ROOM— The new outdoor recreation recreational vehicle site accommodates larger RVs, keeping users close to all Redstone has to offer.

removed, MWR found a way to make use of the space. They built 14 individual RV spaces for larger vehicles that didn't fit well at the Easter Posey recreational area. Half of the spaces are drive-through designed with the other half as back-in spaces. Larger RVs also have different needs than their smaller counterparts.

"These are huge pads. They are 65 feet by 24 feet," Bill Moreland, Outdoor Recreation manager, said. "They have 30/50 amp service, which they require. It's more than a regular camper. There's

sewer hookup and water."

Each site has its own picnic table. A bath house was also constructed at the site, allowing patrons to have bathroom facilities and hot showers outside of their rolling home. Not only is the bath house itself handicap accessible, a wheelchair accessible RV slot is positioned close to the bath house with a paved sidewalk stretched between the two.

Much like the other campsite, it is easy to reserve a space at the new site. Patrons are asked to make reservations in advance so they are ensured a space. They can be made via phone with a credit card. This also means that the patron doesn't have to go out of their way to visit Outdoor Recreation's Sportsman Road office if they don't want to.

"We also have a payment drop box at the bath house if they come in later in the evening," Moreland said.

An expansion of the new site is

planned for 2008, adding approximately 20 more spaces. The addition is expected to cost significantly less than the \$850,000 it took to construct the first phase. That is because the costliest portion of the build, the utility infrastructure, was built as part of that initial construction. Meeting the higher demand for such facilities is a growing priority for outdoor recreational services on military installations.

"People are asking for them," Pyburn said.

The cost and convenience of using Redstone's facilities coupled with their customer service is one of the reasons Outdoor Recreation has been named the best across the entire Army.

"We found out last week," Pyburn said. "We usually win our region, but this time we won Armywide. We are very proud of that."

Cost for use of the new site is slightly higher than that of the Easter Posey facility, due to size and utility costs for the larger vehicles. It is \$20 per night, year-round. However, those staying an entire week will receive one night free, making their cost \$120 instead of \$140.

"You don't have to be a MWR member to use our sites," Pyburn said. "They are available to everyone with access to Redstone."

With the beginning of fall, the site should look postcard perfect within a few weeks. Regardless of the season, Pyburn said patrons can always expect a scenic view.

"It's right in the shadow of Weeden Mountain," he said.

For more information or to place a reservation, call 876-4868 or 876-6854. Outdoor Recreation is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Redesigned aviation product destined for Iraq

Modular system results from Redstone effort

The Army Airborne Command and Control System Product Office along with its partner the Prototype Integration Facility and their support team from Joint Venture Yulista and SES-I have completed the redesign and manufacture of the A2C2S.

The A2C2S team is deploying to Iraq to deliver the latest model to the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade supporting the command and control requirements of the Multi-National Forces-Iraq and Multi-National Corps-Iraq headquarters.

Product manager Lt. Col. Chip Carter is leading the team as they deploy to Iraq to train unit operators and maintainers on the improvements made to the system.

These two A2C2S systems are the fifth and sixth to be reset to the new modular configuration. In addition, an installation team from JVYS is deploying to Iraq to complete the updated airframe modifications on two other A2C2S systems already in Iraq. The team plans to be deployed

for the month of October.

Integrated into a modified UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter, the A2C2S is a mobile battle command platform that enables commanders to maintain situational awareness and communicate with their forces while moving across the operational environment.

The first of the new modular A2C2S was delivered to the 3rd Infantry Division in May followed by the 1st Infantry Division in July. Both units have already deployed to Iraq with their A2C2S. These latest two aircraft and two more being modified in theater will be delivered to the 12th CAB. The next two units scheduled to receive the A2C2S are the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., and the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, later this year.

Carter said he realized that in order to provide the capability being requested by the war fighters the already fielded A2C2S would have to be redesigned.

The redesign effort began in January and was completed with delivery to the 3rd Infantry Division. This latest model of the



Courtesy photo

READY TO DEPLOY— Members of the A2C2S team include, from left, Karl Ebert, Jim Bennett, Tim Schaefer, product manager Lt. Col. Chip Carter and Dan Cutshall.

A2C2S provides a capability that is modular, weighs just over half as much as its predecessor, and increases its war fighting capabilities.

This new modular A2C2S provides the commander with a robust suite of equipment

enabling communications using Combat Net Radios such as SINCGARS and UHF TACSAT and tactical data exchanges using INMARSAT and Blue-Force Tracking-Aviation.

One of the most significant capability improvements is the

addition of the PM Unmanned Aircraft Systems-One System Remote Video Terminal which allows the reception of UAV full motion video and telemetry data on board the A2C2S. The first unit to employ the OSRVT on board the A2C2S is the 25th Infantry Division already serving in Iraq. The OSRVT capability has already proven itself in combat operations. Another capability just added to the A2C2S is the Land Mobile Radio which allows the A2C2S to interoperate seamlessly with civilian agencies when supporting Homeland Defense operations.

The modular A2C2S is the result of long hours on the part of many individuals and agencies across Redstone Arsenal. Carter said he would like to thank everyone involved for their dedication and sacrifice in making the new modular A2C2S a reality.

“If it weren’t for the tireless efforts of professionals from our office, the PIF, JVYS, AED, PM UH and RTTC we would never have been able to bring this vital capability to the war fighter,” he said. (A2C2S Product Office release)

Testing your security awareness

AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security) provided the following puzzle for Security Awareness Month in October. Take a few minutes to try to locate the hidden security-related words as listed underneath.

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CLASSIFICATION	CONFIDENTIAL	COVERSHEET
DATA	FOUO	INVESTIGATION
NEEDTOKNOW	PASSWORD	SECRET
SECURECOMMS	SECURITYGUARD	SENSITIVE
STAMP	TOPSECRET	UNCLASSIFIED

RC Colas, moon pies fulfill leader's wager

Helicopter contract ahead of schedule

By LISA STANGLE
 For the Rocket

In mid-July, senior leadership from Boeing and the AMCOM Command Group established high expectations for the receipt, evaluation, negotiation and definitization of a contract for 20 wartime replacement Apache aircraft by Aug. 31.

At the initial meeting Dr. Richard Amos, deputy AMCOM commander, half-heartedly accepted a wager from Scott Wilson of the Apache team of a “RC Cola and a moon pie” that it wouldn’t be possible to accomplish this effort in such a compressed time frame.

The Apache team accomplished the definitization of the \$103 million effort ahead of schedule. True to his word, Amos delivered on



Photo by Chuck Crowley

PIES THE LIMIT— From left are Sharon Zirbel, Apache Airframe Division chief at the AMCOM Acquisition Center; James Bailey, Apache contract specialist; Dr. Richard Amos, deputy AMCOM commander; Lisa Stangle, director of Apache Directorate; Jeff Fowler, Apache contracting officer; and Letoria Mayberry, Acquisition Center intern.

his promise and visited the team in building 5681 with an armload of RCs and moon pies.

Editor's note: Lisa Stangle is director of the Apache Directorate in the AMCOM Acquisition Center.

Burket and Newsom get All-Marine softball experience

Represented their service at armed forces tourney

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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Two members of the Marine softball team had an extended season this year.

Lee Burket and Sean Newsom both went on to play for the All-Marine team which competed for the armed forces title. The All-Marine team finished second to All-Army in the Armed Forces Men's Softball Championship tournament Sept. 12-14 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

"I've played softball my entire career in the Marine Corps. Being able to make the All-Marine team was kind of the pinnacle for me," said Burket, who tried out for the first time in 16 years. "It was a great experience. The competition was good, the camaraderie was even better. So it was just an overall awesome experience for me."

Burket has played at various levels — unit, regional and now All-Marine. He had been invited to try out four or five times, but didn't because of unit or family reasons.

He made the team as a pitcher and outfielder while Newsom was picked for first base and outfield. Both had played for the Marine Detachment team which finished as post runner-up to the National Guard on June 25.

They traveled to Albany, Ga., on Aug. 16 to join the Marine Corps Logistics Base team. After two days practice with their Albany teammates, they went to the East Coast regional tournament Aug. 20-24 in Cherry Point, N.C. Albany won the gold medal; and Burket and Newsom were selected to try out for the All-Marine team.

The tryouts started on Aug. 27 and lasted two weeks at Cherry Point. Bur-

ket and Newsom made the All-Marine team and traveled to Eglin Air Force Base for the armed forces tournament.

The All-Marine team finished 6-3 and second to the All-Army, which claimed its first armed forces men's softball title since 2003 and sixth overall. The All-Army team went 7-2 followed by the Marines, the Air Force (5-4) and Navy (1-8).

After returning home, Newsom had elbow surgery on his right throwing arm. Burket has been having back problems, but plans to play for the Marines in unit-level flag football. The flag football season starts Oct. 15.

"I'm probably going to get out there and see if we can defend our championship," Burket said. "We won it last year."



Photo by Skip Vaughn
COUNT ON IT— Marines slugger Sean Newsom returns to the dugout after his two-run homer against Bravo Company during the 2007 season.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
WINDING UP— Lee Burket of the Marines hits his third two-run homer for team Redstone during the 2006 all-star game against NASA. He was also the winning pitcher.

Alabama, Auburn favored this weekend

*Bama over Ole Miss;
Auburn over Arkansas*

By SKIP VAUGHN

Rocket editor

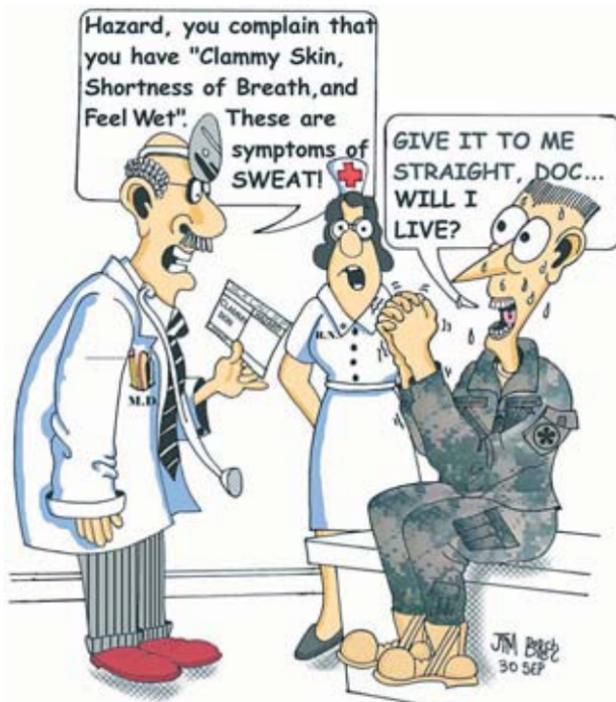
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Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week in college football:

Auburn at Arkansas — **Auburn**
Alabama at Mississippi — **Bama**
Georgia at Vanderbilt — **Georgia**
Tennessee at Mississippi State — **Tenn**
Navy at Pittsburgh — **Navy**
Florida State at Wake Forest — **FSU**
Georgia Tech at Miami — **Miami**
Purdue at Michigan — **Michigan**
Virginia Tech at Duke — **Tech**
Illinois at Iowa — **Iowa**
Oklahoma State at Nebraska — **Neb.**
Texas at Iowa State — **Texas**
Army at Central Michigan — **Army**
Arizona at Southern California — **USC**
Boston College at Notre Dame — **BC**
LSU at Kentucky — **LSU**



South Carolina at North Carolina — **South**
Texas A&M at Texas Tech — **A&M**
Washington State at Oregon — **Oregon**
Wisconsin at Penn State — **PS**
Air Force at Colorado State — **AF**
Missouri at Oklahoma — **Okla.**
Indiana at Michigan State — **MS**
Louisville at Cincinnati — **Louisville**
Oregon State at California — **Cal**
Colorado at Kansas State — **KS**
Brigham Young at UNLV — **BYU**
Washington at Arizona State — **Wash.**





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.

5K with veterans

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.

NASA 5K

The NASA MSFC Running Club is sponsoring the NASA Health and Fitness 5K on Oct. 31 at 9 a.m. at the NASA Wellness Center, building 4315. The 5K is open to anyone with access to Redstone Arsenal. Registration is \$5. Race day registration is from 8-8:45 a.m. For a registration form and more information, call Ryan Decker 544-0368 or e-mail rkilmartindecker@hotmail.com.

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.

Firearms safety

A Firearms Safety and Air Rifle Shooting Class for children ages 8 to 17 will be offered Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center. The class is free, and will include information on firearms safety and the opportunity to shoot an air rifle. The training is being coordinated by Troop 96 Boy Scout and Junior Olympic Rifle Shooting competitor Carl Rideout, and adult and youth members of Troop 96. The class is sponsored by Child and Youth Services' Sports and Fitness Program. 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.

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.

Bass tournament

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

Golf fund-raiser

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

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.



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. Saturday 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 Thursday 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 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 Comptrollers, 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 Friday. For more information, call president Amanda Medley 313-4970 or membership chairman Elise McWilliams 876-4515.

Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. This membership recruiting meeting begins at 10 a.m. with a luncheon at 11. For reservations call Theresa Scholz

882-2406 today.

Parent council

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. in the Redstone Room of the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 (phone 876-7952). Parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance — five points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. “Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Child and Youth Services facilities and to voice your ideas, opinions or concerns,” a prepared release said.

Security professionals

Can you adequately explain the threat to you, your company and its classified contracts? The next NCMS Mid-south Chapter Security luncheon should help you answer these questions and more. The luncheon is Oct. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Huntsville Airport Sheraton. Eric Wallace from the 902nd Military Intelligence Group will speak on “Protecting your Information.” Lunch is \$15. To register, d-mail Jeff.bennett@westwindcorp.com.

Project institute

The Project Management Institute North Alabama Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Oct. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Marty Kress, director of National Space Science and Technology Center, is the scheduled speaker. The cost is \$20 for PMI members, \$25 for non-members. RSVP by 5 p.m. Oct. 15 at www.acteva.com/go/pmi-nac/.

Communication society

The Society for Technical Communication, Huntsville-North Alabama chapter will hold its annual Membership Social on Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the UAH University Center, room 126. Rick ShROUT, director of career services at University of Alabama-Huntsville, is to speak

on “Pre-Employment Testing.” Cost is free to students with ID and to STC members; others pay \$10. For reservations, e-mail Cindi Brasher at brasher@cuh.uah.edu.

Women accountants

The American Society of Women Accountants will meet Oct. 16 at the Redstone Federal Credit Union, Ed Tech Building, 220 Wynn Drive. The program is an update on base realignment and closure. Scheduled speakers are Joe Ritch, chairman of the BRAC Committee; and Rick Davis, director of economic development for Cummings Research Park. The Alabama Youth Ballet is to perform. Cost is \$16.50 members, \$17.50 non-members and \$10 full-time undergraduate students. For reservations call 830-0377 or e-mail royerfe@juno.com.

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.

Weapon system forum

The fifth AIAA Biennial National Forum on Weapon System Effectiveness is Oct. 16-18 at Samples Auditorium in

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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.



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

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

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:30. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

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 competi-

tive 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 Saturday 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

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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 reunions

Butler High School class of 1972, 35-year reunion is 7 p.m. Saturday 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. Butler High School class of 1983 is planning its 25-year reunion. Tentative dates are next May 23-24 or Aug 29-30. If you are a member of the Class of '83, e-mail belle-cambbron@yahoo.com or call 509-6014 with your latest information and your preference on the dates.

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 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.

Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested 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.

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. Closeup 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

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\$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 samantha.smith@us.army.mil.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

Prayer breakfast

The next LCMC Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast is Oct. 18 at 7:30 a.m. in the Sparkman Center, building 5300, conference room 5140. No food or drink will be served, but you may bring your own. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Richard Doty 313-1537 or Sharon Board 876-0194.

Financial classes

Learn how to build a better budget and find cash you didn't even know you were spending. Join Army Community Service for "Financial Matters — Building a Better Budget" on Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 876-5397.

Jewelry sale

The Post Restaurant Fund is holding a \$5 Jewelry Sale on Oct. 16-17 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sparkman Cafeteria. Redstone badges are required to enter the Sparkman Center. For more information, call 876-8741.

Blood drives

American Red Cross blood drives this

month include the following: Oct. 12 from 7 a.m. to noon at Corps of Engineers and 7-noon at building 5681. Oct. 18 from 7-noon at building 6363 and 7-12:30 at SMDC building 5220. Oct. 19 from 8-1:30 at NASA building 4316 and 7-12:30 at 4545. Oct. 26 from 7:30-12:30 at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive.

Breast cancer awareness

Marshall Space Flight Center will observe National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October with activities involving speakers, music, a vendor fair and an honorary "Pink Ribbon" walk. On Thursday, the center will host the fourth annual Marshall Breast Cancer Awareness Program in building 4200. The program will begin at 10:45 a.m. in Morris Auditorium, with music by guitarist and Marshall environmental technician Shane Adkins. The featured speaker is Dr. John Waples of the Comprehensive Cancer Institute in Huntsville. For more information, call Inge Kuberg 544-5678.

Toast of city

Turner University and Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama Inc. invite you to "The Toast of Huntsville" on Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Early Works Museum. This event features wine, martini and beer tastings, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, music, auctions and a networking venue. All proceeds from The

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Courtesy photo

Alabama legend

Three students from Jordan took a field studies program trip, sponsored by the International Military Student Office, on Oct. 3 to the Golden Flake Plant in Birmingham and the Jesse Owens Memorial Park and Museum in Oakville. From left are Warrant Officer Ibrahim Abu Qazan, Lt. Col. Qasem Bashayreh and Maj. Ghassan Twal at the bronze statue of Jesse Owens located at the Jesse Owens Memorial Park and Museum.

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Toast of Huntsville will benefit JANA programs which will reach more than 15,000 area students this school year. Tickets are \$50 for regular admission and \$100 for the VIP package. Corporate rates are available as well. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Nancy Haragan at the JANA office 533-4661.

Military service awards

The GEICO Military Service Awards Program has begun its 12th year. The program honors one enlisted member from each of the five military services, and one enlisted member from the Guard/Reserves component, for outstanding service to his or her military or civilian community. Nominations are due by Oct. 31. For more information, call the local GEICO Insurance office 837-0551.

Operation Stand Down

On the weekend of Nov. 2-4, Operation Stand Down-Huntsville will coordinate an event at Joe Davis Stadium to help homeless veterans obtain VA benefits and the community services they need to rebuild their lives. At the event, homeless veterans will be able to get a medical physical, register for VA benefits, enjoy free food, clothing and shelter, and obtain counseling. The VA hospitals in Birmingham and Montgomery are involved with the event and several local organizations and businesses are assisting. But, 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 508-0042 Valerie Coffey 885-7387 or Doug Dietz at 509-4579.

Security training

October is Security Awareness Month. Mandatory security training for all AMCOM, PEO Aviation, and PEO Missile and Space employees will be conducted the week of Oct. 15-19 in Bob Jones Auditorium at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily. The Oct. 15 sessions are reserved for AMCOM employees. The Oct. 16 sessions are for employees of PEO Missiles and Space. The Oct. 17 sessions are for employees of PEO Aviation. The IMMC and makeup day sessions are 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. Speakers for this event are Brian Miller, branch chief of the Defense Security Service Academy, and FBI domain coordinator Gary Hardman. The 902nd Military Intelligence Group will give a presentation on "Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army." For more information, contact Flo Boswell at flo.e.boswell@us.army.mil or call 842-0042.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?										
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V

THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL

SCBK07238832	Acquisition Mgmt Spec	10-Oct-07	MAT CMD LOG SPT ACTY	GS-0301	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X				X	X	X	X				
SCBK07269996	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Oct-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X						X					X
SCBK07149022	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
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	X
SCBK07231987	General Engr	12-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		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	X
SCBK07278924	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Oct-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X											
SCBK07278938	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Oct-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X											
NEAL07099772	Prgm Analyst	12-Oct-07	AMDCCS	GS-0343	13	13	76,056 - 98,876						X		X	X				X
SCBK07283781	Aerospace Engr	15-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	29,108 - 98,876		X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X
SCBK07283781D	Aerospace Engr	15-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	29,108 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07283781D1	Aerospace Engr	15-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	29,108 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07254221	Industrial Property Mgmt Spec	15-Oct-07	IMMC	GS-1103	12	12	63,417 - 82,446						X		X					X
SCBK07285268	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Oct-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X											
SCBK07231983	General Engr	15-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		X		X	X	X		X	X				X
SCBK07231983D	General Engr	15-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07307082	Supply Tech	17-Oct-07	MEDDAC	GS-2005	6	6	32,446 - 42,180		X											
SCBK07280696	Electronics Engr	19-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		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	X
SCBK07288188	Electronics Engr	19-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	2	3	29,108 - 98,876		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	X
SCBK07267168	Operations Research Analyst	19-Oct-07	AMCOM, G3 (Oper)	GS-1515	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X							X				X
SCBK07267168D	Operations Research Analyst	19-Oct-07	AMCOM, G3 (Oper)	GS-1515	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07250493	General Engr	22-Oct-07	GARRISON	GS-0801	13	13	76,056 - 98,876			X			X		X	X				X
SCBK07245244	Materials Engr	26-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		X		X	X	X		X	X				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	X
SCBK07282115	Inspector	26-Oct-07	AMCOM, Ofc of Inspector General	YA-1801	2	2	53,362 - 98,876		X						X					X
SCBK07282070	Inspector	26-Oct-07	AMCOM, Ofc of Inspector General	YA-1801	2	2	53,362 - 98,876		X						X					X
WTST07047558R	Aerospace Engr	29-Oct-07	TSMO	GG-0861	7	9	41,262 - 62,116	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07266243	General Engr	2-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X
SCBK07266243D	General Engr	2-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07171020	Equip Spec (Gen)	13-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	63,958 - 83,148						X		X					X
SCBK07258783OC	Contract Spec	19-Nov-07	ACQ CTR	GS-1102	13	13	76,056 - 98,876			X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
SCBK07258778OC	Contract Spec	19-Nov-07	ACQ CTR	GS-1102	12	12	62,751 - 81,572			X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
SCBK07266161	Equip Spec (Gen)	21-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	56,301 - 83,148						X							X
SCBK07266185	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	66,951 - 98,876						X							X
SCBK07282335	Equip Spec (Aircraft)	26-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	56,301 - 83,148						X							X

THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOB.SPM.GOV

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	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	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	X
SCBK07283781D	Aerospace Engr	15-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	29,108 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07283781D1	Aerospace Engr	15-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	29,108 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07231983D	General Engr	15-Oct-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	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	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	X
SCBK07267168D	Operations Research Analyst	19-Oct-07	AMCOM, G3 (Oper)	GS-1515	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X
WTST07047558R	Aerospace Engr	29-Oct-07	TSMO	GG-0861	7	9	41,262 - 62,116	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07266243D	General Engr	2-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

- 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

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for **Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647**, for more information.