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# Helping families cope with war

Waiting Spouses support group meets monthly at Redstone

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The group of women was small. But, that didn't matter.

What was important was that the women had found a place where they could get the support and resource information they need to cope with their husband's deployment.

On the first Tuesday of each month, spouses – mostly wives – of deployed Soldiers come together at noon at the Childwise building on Nike Street to talk about the challenges they are facing because of a deployment. While their children play downstairs under the supervision of a child care provider, the spouses get to know each other, talk about their family's military experiences, share information about their spouses' deployment, and lend emotional support to each other.

Started in 2002, Waiting Spouses is a support group for geographically separated families coordinated by Morale Welfare and Recreation's Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program.

At Redstone Arsenal, the Waiting Spouses group is different than support groups found at larger installations. It's a smaller, more intimate and private group – and it's open to spouses of all services, all units and all ranks.

"In Huntsville and on Redstone Arsenal, I run into people every day who have deployed relatives – husbands, wives, sons. Yet, you wouldn't know it if they didn't tell you," said Karen Scott, a licensed professional counselor at Fox Army Health Center who is the group's facilitator.

"At a larger installation, there's a real impact on the entire community when a battalion or a company is deployed. But, here, it's onesies and twosies, and the community as a whole isn't usually aware of the deployment and the family that may need help coping during the deployment."

In Huntsville, the spouses and families of regular Army Soldiers who are deployed are different, too, than at larger installations. Many have husbands who deployed from Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Hood, Texas, or another large installation and they have moved to Huntsville because they have supportive relatives here. But, while being close to family is a blessing, the move also takes these spouses and their children away from the natural support group that forms among families who are waiting and living together on an installation.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PROVIDING RESOURCES–** At a Waiting Spouses meeting, members receive not only support from each other but also assistance from Redstone Arsenal representatives who provide them with information about resources available to them. At a recent meeting, waiting spouses, seated from left, Holly Williams and Kim Coleman receive information about health services and local resources from, standing from left, Greta Sneed, a patient advocate at Fox Army Health Center; Mary Breeden of Army Community Service and Karen Scott, a licensed professional counselor at Fox and the group's facilitator.

"We are trying to provide a service to make up for these spouses not having a huge military population here or a family readiness group here," Scott said. "We want them to know they can come to us with any kind of problem and we will help them get what they need. We are a support group, but we are also a resource for things like finding an auto mechanic or a plumber. A lot of times, spouses with a deployed Soldier don't like to ask for help. But, that's what we're here for."

On a recent first Tuesday, members of Waiting Spouses — Kristy Stephens, Holly Williams and Kim Coleman — talked together about their husbands and children.

Stephens married her Soldier husband in February and is now in the first weeks of her husband's deployment from Fort Riley, Kan., to Iraq on a mission to train Iraqi soldiers. The couple now share four children among them — one who is going through advanced individual training in preparation for a deployment to Korea, and three others ages 20, 7 and 4.

Williams, who is expecting her second

baby in late December, is managing to care for herself and her 2½-year-old while her Marine husband — Cpl. James Williams — is on a seven-month deployment to Iraq.

"He'll miss the baby being born," Williams said. "But, he'll be home shortly after the birth."

Coleman's husband — Lt. Samuel Coleman of the 581st Medical Service Corps — has deployed to Baghdad, leaving Coleman to care for three children, ages 10, 4 and 1. They have moved back to their hometown of Huntsville, where both have relatives.

"I have a lot of health issues and I felt being with my family would be better than staying in Texas," Coleman said. "My husband has been in the military for 11 years. When he was stationed in Korea and Japan, we were able to go with him. So, his deployment into a dangerous part of the world is a little bit new for our family. Our 4-year-old has had trouble with the separation and I am getting counseling for her."

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## An open lane random survey

*What's your favorite Halloween memory?*

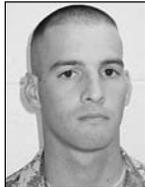
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**Jack Greer**  
AMCOM Legal Office  
"As an adult, I dressed up. My kids rolled me in toilet paper. I sat out on the front lawn in a rocking chair with a bag of candy. And when the kids came close, I stood up abruptly and started walking toward them. The real young ones were scared. The parents loved it. And the older kids were amused along with the parents. So, I was the mummy in toilet paper. That's the one that comes to mind."

**Pvt. Travis Green**  
Bravo Company  
"Just going trick-or-treating with my parents when I was young (in Danville, Ill.)."



**Pvt. Dennis Kim**  
Bravo Company  
"Following my brothers and friends around for trick-or-treating. And afterward, I ran with my friends (in Morganville, N.J.)."

**Yolande Lewis**  
Child and Youth Services  
"Taking my children trick-or-treating and then them going home and us opening up the bags and going through the candy together (in Columbia, S.C.). And we'd always go to grandmom's house first so she could see their costumes, and take pictures."



## Kudos to children's center

To the director and staff at the Child Development Center, my husband and I would like to express our admiration for the service you provided and provide for our children on Redstone Arsenal. As a former employee and mother of two children who both attend or attended there, we want to say thank you. Thank you for all the hard work, dedication and genuine love for the children.

There is no other place we would entrust our children. Especially to Ms. Vickie and Infant 2 Staff, Ms. Ida and Ms. Donna in the Toddler 2 Room, you all have been a solid foundation for Jeremiah and Olivia and have exceptionally prepared them for what is to come. Keep up the good work and good luck on your upcoming accreditation!

**Orlanda and Danielle Moore**

## Career journey an exciting ride

I am retiring on Nov. 2 and I wish to say thank you to the Redstone community for making my 34-year career a wonderful experience. Supporting co-workers and nurturing managers allowed me to experience a fulfilling career.

It's been an exciting ride for this dumb ol' country girl and many of you pulled, pushed, steered and at times carried the

wagon. I have many fond memories of the times we've shared and I cherish the friendships we've fostered. The best way I know to sum up my feelings is to steal a line from a Southern gospel song: "I wouldn't take nothing for my journey now."

I'll see you around.

**Carol Meekins**

## Volunteer harvest bears fruit

I would like to thank Maj. Gen. Jim Myles for his letter to the work force encouraging employees not only to give money to the Combined Federal Campaign but to also give of their time and energy. My organization — AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security) — took the general at his word and decided to do a little extra this year with CFC by giving our time and energy to help one of our local CFC agencies — CASA (Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound) of Madison County.

Most folks may be aware that CASA builds wheelchair ramps free of charge for anyone with a need. They also perform minor home repairs to help improve basic living conditions for the elderly and homebound of our area. What

folks probably do not know is that CASA has a Community Garden (next to the Huntsville Botanical Garden on Bob Wallace Avenue) whose main purpose is to produce fruits, herbs and vegetables to give away to the elderly and homebound. This garden is the only one of its kind in the country — one that grows food simply to give away. The majority of the clients are in their 70s with minimum income, most of them living on Social Security.

When we approached CASA and told them we wanted to help with one of their projects, they were quick to suggest that we might want to work in the garden — it needed to be cleaned up and

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## Small donations add up

Not long ago, Oprah gave everyone in her audience \$1,000 each with the stipulation that they give it away to someone in need. Later, her show had an update of what people had done with the money. Some people had turned it into huge amounts of money by getting others in the community to donate.

One person knew that most of the children at a local school needed shoes but had no money for them. They went in with a sneaker company and purchased/donated new shoes for the school.

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## Process of elimination for vehicle decals

I have a concern I'd like to express. I'm retired military and accustomed to increased force protection issues since 9/11. But, it really bothers me to see that Redstone Security allows vehicles with faded/obliterated installation decals (DD Form 2220) to enter this installation/post.

Redstone eliminated the requirement for the installation/post identifier decal; reason given was "force protection issue." The DD Form 2220 still identifies us being affiliated to the military whether we're active duty or civilian. Why not eliminate the entire decal as the Air Force did? We can save money and even eliminate being a possible terror target.

**Michael H. Smith**  
AMRDEC Engineering Directorate

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Faded and/or obliterated installation vehicle registration decals (DD Form 2220) are a concern to the Provost Marshal and Garrison Commander. Department of Army worked with the*

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## Quote of the week

'You always have to remember in your relationship with your wife: What do you want to be? Right or happy.'

— *Buck Martinez*,  
baseball broadcaster

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# Getting to know you

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**Job:** Director of Youth Services in morale welfare and recreation

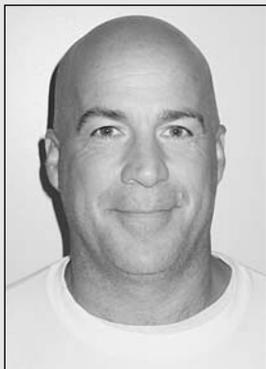
**Where do you call home?**  
 Denver, Colo.

**What do you like about your job?**  
 Working with the youth. That's the fun part.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
 I like camping and going to the beach. I like yard work. And I enjoy jogging.

**What are your goals?**  
 To offer as strong as possible Youth Services program, and get as many youth in the community involved in the program.

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



# Support for Army families receives top priority

## Signing ceremonies slated Armywide for covenant

Redstone Arsenal is joining Army installations worldwide in pledging to support Soldiers' families.

Leaders here will sign the Army Family Covenant in a ceremony at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Youth Center, building 3148. The Redstone community is invited.

Secretary of the Army Pete Geren, chief of staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston signed the covenant in a ceremony Oct. 17 at the Fort Knox (Ky.) Community Center.

## "The readiness of our all-volunteer force depends on the health of the families."

— Pete Geren  
 Secretary of the Army

Casey said similar signings will occur at each Army installation, recognizing that while Soldiers may be the strength of the nation, their strength is in their families.

"The health of our all-volunteer force, our Soldier-volunteers, our family-volunteers, depends on the health of the family," Geren said. "The readiness of our all-volunteer force depends on the health of the families. I can assure you that your Army leadership understands the important contribution each and every one of you makes. We need to make sure we step up and provide the support families need so the Army family stays healthy and ready."

The covenant represents a \$1.4 billion commitment in 2008 to improve quality of life for Army families. The Army has long had support services for family members, but services were sometimes not funded to the highest standard. The Army leadership is committed to Soldier and family readiness as the foundation of the all-volunteer force.

Army leadership is working to include a similar level in the budget for the next five years.

In the last two to three years alone, the Army has privatized and improved almost 80,000 homes on 36 installations and opened 40 new childcare centers, with another 22 on the way. The Army also recently spent \$50 million to hire new healthcare providers for Soldiers and their families, and is working with lawmakers to help Army spouses gain priority for civil service jobs. There are also now family readiness support assistants at the battalion level.

Geren noted that the Army, entering its seventh year of conflict in Afghanistan, is in its third longest war, and longest with an all-volunteer force, after the Revolution. This brings unique and unexpected stressors, he said.

Said Casey, "It was immediately clear to us that the families were the most stretched, and as a result, the most stressed, part of the force, and that what we were asking those families was a quantum different than anything I expected we would ask."

"It struck me that the best wasn't good enough. We have not, until this point, treated families as the readiness issue that they are," Casey said earlier this month when he announced the covenant during the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Casey said the Army wants to provide Soldiers and their families with a level of support commensurate with their level of service, and the covenant is in direct response to concerns from Army families. They are concerned about funding and support for family programs, physical and mental healthcare, housing, education and childcare and employment opportunities for spouses.

Here is the text of the Army Family Covenant:

"We recognize the commitment and increasing sacrifices that our families are making every day.

"We recognize the strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of their families.

"We are committed to providing Soldiers and families a quality of life that is commensurate with their service.

"We are committed to providing our families a strong, supportive environment where they can thrive.

"We are committed to building a partnership with Army families that enhances their strength and resilience.

"We are committed to improving family readiness by:

"Standardizing and funding existing family programs and services;

"Increasing accessibility and quality of healthcare;

"Improving Soldier and family housing;

"Ensuring excellence in schools, youth services and child care;

"Expanding education and employment opportunities for family members."

*Editor's note: This article is based on an Army News Service release.*

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Oct. 18:** An individual was found to be driving with a suspended license when he stopped at Gate 1 requesting a pass. He was issued two violation notices for speeding and driving with a suspended license and released. The vehicle was secured at the scene pending removal by a licensed driver.

**Oct. 21:** An individual was stopped at Gate 9 because his decal had expired. Upon inspection to obtain a pass, he was found to be in possession of a firearm. He was previously warned to not bring firearms onto the Arsenal. He was cited for criminal trespass in violation of post regulations and denied access to post.

**Oct. 24:** An unknown individual chopped three trees down in the north housing area, causing a \$900 loss to the government. Investigation continues by Police Investigations and the Game Warden.

**Oct. 25:** An individual was found to be driving with a suspended license when he stopped at Gate 9 requesting a pass. He was issued two violation notices for speeding and driving with a suspended license and released. The vehicle was secured at the scene pending removal by a licensed driver.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 19 speeding, 1 failure to obey a traffic control device, 1 reckless driving, 2 no driver's license in possession, 2 parked in a handicapped parking space, 1 parking in a no parking zone, 2 driving with a suspended license, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 criminal trespass.

# Take these steps for trick-or-treating safety

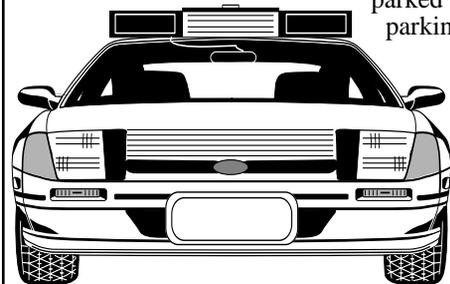
It's that time again when children enjoy dressing up and roaming the neighborhoods in search of some of their favorite candy. Halloween trick-or-treating hours on post are today from 5-8 p.m.

Here are some things you can do to help make this Halloween safer for everyone:

- Ensure pathways to your residence are well lit.
- Use clothing or a costume that allows others to see you child from a safe distance (reflective markings or tape).
- Inspect your children's candy before they eat it.
- Make sure your child walks or rides around with other children and not alone.

- Adults are required to accompany and supervise young children.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Don't cut across lawns.
- Stay on sidewalks.
- Walk, don't run.
- Make sure costumes don't drag the ground.

Drivers should go slowly all evening. The provost marshal will provide additional motor patrols, walking patrols and bicycle patrols as available. (Provost Marshal Office release)



# Admitting combat trauma no longer taboo in Army

*Health center works to combat symptoms of deployment stress*

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It was during his second deployment in Iraq when the first sergeant realized he had a problem that went way beyond depression.

A military career Soldier, he had coped with deployments to Haiti, Bosnia and Albania. During his first tour in Iraq, the first sergeant began to depend on alcohol to escape the troubles of war. He went to a doctor who diagnosed depression and put him on medication.

He returned to Fort Riley, Kan., from his first deployment, only to be redeployed to Iraq 10 months later.

"Midway through the second deployment, I knew something was really wrong," the first sergeant, who asked to remain anonymous, recalled. "I knew I had to get help or I would have killed myself. It was hard, but I went to see a counselor while I was in Iraq."

Yet, when he returned home, things didn't get better. There was a lot of drinking and gambling. He and his wife separated.

"I was always irritable," he said. "Basically, I wasn't happy if I wasn't drinking. I would spend my weekends by myself, watching TV and drinking. I would just shut everything out. I had dreams that seemed real and I was always running away from something. It seemed like they



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE— Sgt. Desmond Jackson is a medic at the Warrior Medicine and Primary Care clinics at Fox Army Health Center who has assisted in the diagnosis of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder among Soldiers returning from combat. The Warrior Medicine Clinic does post-deployment health assessments on Soldiers to determine if they are suffering from PTSD. If problems are indicated, then Soldiers are referred to counselors and psychologists in Behavioral Medicine at the health center.**

lasted for hours."

The first sergeant isn't sure what caused his problems. He thinks it was probably a combination of things related to his combat service.

"The two deployments to Iraq probably triggered it," he said. "We lost a lot of Soldiers in our unit – 26 during both deployments. We'd get mortared all the time, daily. A couple of my friends were killed. The first sergeant who I drank coffee with every morning and who had a daughter the same age as mine was killed. Physically, I was

never endangered. But, the threat was always there. You never knew where it was coming from, or who was going to be hurt or killed next."

Eventually, his military duty brought the first sergeant to Redstone Arsenal and Fox Army Health Center, where Behavioral Medicine counselors took a good look at the first sergeant's medical condition.

"When I got here (in late summer 2006), I was overmedicated," he said. "The medicine made me too laid back. During the first six months I was here,

they (Fox counselors) changed my medication and then I got off all of it."

The first sergeant suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, a condition that develops after experiencing life threatening situations involving intense fear, hopelessness or horror. During those first months at Redstone, the first sergeant had a panic attack that was so severe he was hospitalized. Now, with the help of occasional medicines to help control panic attacks and to help him sleep and counseling every two weeks, the first sergeant feels he can manage his PTSD symptoms.

Today, the first sergeant often shares his story with other Soldiers, encouraging them to get help if they need it.

"Every class of students that comes through, I tell them about what happened to me," said the first sergeant, who is assigned to the 59th Ordnance Brigade. "Thirty to 40 percent of Soldiers in the Army have PTSD. If they get help, there is a 90 percent success rate. Even so, there are 10 to 15 percent of Soldiers out there who aren't telling anyone they are having problems."

It is assumed by the Army that every Soldier who is deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan or any other combat situation returns with post combat stress, said Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center and an Iraqi war veteran.

"It's a reaction that happens to every healthy normal human being who is exposed to the horrors of war and the stress of being separated from family. The thing is for about 30 percent of

those Soldiers, combat stress becomes some varying degree of PTSD," he said.

"The vast majority of Soldiers come back healthy, stronger, better mothers and fathers, better spouses, better leaders, because they have had an internal realignment of the values of life. There is, though, a small percentage who struggle to internally reconcile their experiences."

Even those Soldiers diagnosed with PTSD are usually able to "function in most critical aspects of life," Smith said. "But, they are unable to heal and resolve the trauma of combat without medical attention, and individual or group counseling."

PTSD has recently come to the forefront of medical concerns associated with Soldiers returning from combat because of the sheer numbers of Soldiers who have served in the Global War on Terrorism.

"There has been an exposure of well over 1 million men and women to combat," Smith said. "We have had recent mandated training of leaders throughout the Army to make them aware of PTSD and the importance of its treatment."

"There are Soldiers who feel weak if they come forward for help. There are Soldiers who perceive their careers will be hurt if they get help. They've manufactured stories about what could happen to their career because they are in denial. They use those stories to keep themselves from getting the help they need. We are working very hard to bust that culture."

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# Going to chapel

## Animals receive annual blessing at chapel

*Cats, dogs and horses accompany owners*

By **DAVE MACEDONIA**  
For the Rocket

Bicentennial Chapel celebrated its annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, Oct. 6. The Blessing of the Animals has been celebrated at the chapel for more than 20 years.

Last year, more than 50 chapel patrons were in attendance when Chaplain (Maj.) George Rzasowski blessed over 42 dogs, five cats, four horses, a mule and numerous stuffed toy animals.

This year, Father Frank Muscolino was in charge of the blessing of the medals of St. Francis and a picture was given to each animal owner. The weather was great and the turnout included eight cats, 39 dogs and four horses. Susan Carr helped with the setup, photography and the distribution of food for the animals.

Oct. 4 is recognized by the Catholic Church as the Feast Day of St. Francis of

Assisi. Founder of the Franciscans, and Patron Saint of Animals, St. Francis lived in Italy from 1181 to 1226. Francis came from a wealthy Italian family. After a traumatic war experience, Francis began giving food and money to any beggar he encountered. This displeased his father greatly. Francis visited hospitals and ministered to the sick, giving away money freely. His father disinherited Francis. Francis then gathered a group of men of like mind. They agreed to take a vow of poverty and preach penance. Francis referred to all creatures as brothers, and legend has it that he preached to the animals.

In his honor a life-affirming ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals is celebrated at many Christian churches.

“The Blessing of the Animals reminds us of the sacredness of all life, and provides an opportunity to celebrate the animals who share our lives,” Debra K. Brazzel of Duke University said.

Following individual blessings, each animal was treated to packaged animal food while their owners were treated to cake and punch.



Photo by Dave Macedonia

**EQUINE DELIVERANCE—** Father Frank Muscolino conducts the annual Blessing of Animals to four Redstone Saddle Club Activity horses — Sundance, Forrest Gump, Jaeger and Silver. He is blessing them with Holy Water. Their owners rode to Bicentennial Chapel on Oct. 6 from the Saddle Club Activity by Gate 9.

# Learn about educational opportunities on post

## Education Center sets open house

The Army Continuing Education System will observe American Education Week, Nov. 12-16.

In support of this observance the Army Education Center, building 3222, is sponsoring an open house Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's Army theme is "America's responsibility: Ensuring great educational opportunities to a mobile military," which goes along with the National Education Association's theme "Great public schools: A basic right and our responsibility."

The Army Continuing Education System is a major player in the Army's efforts to prepare Soldiers for a knowledge- and capabilities-based force organized around information and information technologies. Additionally, the Army recognizes each academic institution's assistance in preparing Soldiers and sharing the goal to promote lifelong learning opportunities by providing and managing quality self-development programs and services.

The Education Center invites Team Redstone and the community to come

learn about each school's programs and services. The center's clients — including uniformed servicemembers, family members and authorized civilians — are adults 18 and over.

Representatives from approximately 30 colleges and universities located throughout the United States will be at the center to provide information on their programs. On-post colleges and universities will also be represented to discuss their program offerings.

Some of the schools attending the open house include J.F. Drake State Technical College, American Military University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Athens State University, Columbia College, Calhoun Community College, Florida Institute of Technology, Devry University, University of North Alabama, Auburn University at Montgomery, Columbia Southern University, Faulkner University, University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, University of Alabama-Huntsville, Wallace State College, Excelsior College, American Intercontinental University, Universal Technical Institute, Strayer University, Alabama A&M University, University of Phoenix, and American Intercontinental University. Light refreshments will be served. (*Education Center release*)

# Disability awareness focus of test

The Individuals With Disabilities Program Committee, under the Garrison, provided the following puzzle for National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October. Take a few minutes to try to find the disability-related words as listed underneath.

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Designed by: Deane McKay, Garrison IWD Program Committee, CPAC

accessibility	accommodation
auxiliary aids	barriers
disabilities act	discrimination
enforcement	equal opportunity
essential functions	impairments
job related	job restructuring
light duty	limitations
modification	qualified individual
reasonable	undue hardship

## Good hygiene should help prevent staph infection

# Staph

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resistant form of staph. Antibiotics don't work on it anymore. The way we've dealt with this infection in the past has caused a resistance to antibiotics in the staph organism. At some point in time, all the staph is going to be MRSA. The prevalence of this resistant organism is increasing daily."

In the 1990s, MRSA began showing up in the wider community. Based on 2005 data, CDC estimates about 94,400 patients nationwide suffer from an invasive MRSA infection every year, with the vast majority of those cases originating in health care settings.

"For the most part, hospitals are developing infection control systems and are putting them in place to prevent MRSA," Smith said. "But, at the forefront of places where you can find a breakout are school gymnasiums. People spreading this around are typically young, healthy people who may not manifest the illness."

Staph bacteria is commonly carried on the skin or in the nose of about one-third of the population. Healthy people can be silent carriers of staph, showing no signs of being sick while passing the germs on to others. MRSA is often spread by direct physical contact during sports or military training, or through indirect contact by touching objects that have been contaminated by the infected skin or by touching skin sores on a person with MRSA. The bacteria can spread through the shared use of towels, sheets,

wound dressings, clothes, workout mats and sports equipment. MRSA is not spread through the air.

Staph bacteria is usually harmless, causing only minor skin problems when entering the bodies of healthy people through cuts or wounds. But, in older adults, children and people with weakened immune systems, these ordinary staph infections can progress into MRSA.

The only way to diminish the spread of MRSA is "through strict and profound principles of hygiene," Smith said.

Those principles include: not sharing towels, razors, soap, deodorant or personal items; keeping cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage; always cleaning exercise equipment with antiseptic before and after use; using shower shoes in public showers; keeping toilets, showers and sinks clean; regularly cleaning things like telephones, light switches and other things that come into frequent contact with hands; not touching the nose, ears, mouth and eyes with hands; keeping sores that are draining pus covered with proper dressing; taking a shower daily; and washing hands with soap for 30 seconds before and after touching a sore, before eating, after exercising, and after using the bathroom.

"Everyone needs to take personal responsibility for their health and safety," Smith said. "Maintaining good personal hygiene is a must."

For more information about MRSA, call the health center's Preventive Medicine at 955-8888, ext. 1444 or ext. 1026.

## Redstone opens training facilities to Reservists

Local units preparing for possible deployment

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Local Reserve units are looking to Redstone Arsenal and its first-class training facilities to help them teach their Soldiers about the combat maneuvers, convoy operations and entry control point operations used in wartime environments.

About 70 Reserve Soldiers from the 375th Engineer Group and about 100 Reserve Soldiers from the 326th Chemical Company, both trained at the Reserve Headquarters on Patton Road just outside the Arsenal gates, will participate in training on post the weekend of Nov. 2-4.

And, local unit leaders are hoping the training they receive will help them in validation tests that will clear them for deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan.

"We are one of the new Army Reserve modular units, and that's changing the way we do business," said 1st Lt. McVay Chambers, platoon leader for the 375th.

"We are a support unit, a stand alone unit, in the 375th. All the engineer units east of the Mississippi are run by the 412th Engineer Command in Vicksburg, Miss. Right now, we are training for Operation Sand Castle that takes place in May and June in California at the National Training Center."

Reservist training must be up to par with current training practices of the regular Army. That requirement must be met by all Reservists, including those in an engineer group or a chemical company.

"The needs of the Army are changing. The Army is changing, so we are changing with it," 1st Lt. Jason Kim of the 326th Chemical Company said. "We are training Reservists of the 326th for their combat support validation tests in Pacific Warrior exercises that will be conducted in June."

Chambers and Kim, and other Reserve trainers have been



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**COMBINING EFFORTS—** Reservists with the 375th Engineer Group and the 326th Chemical Company will live, eat and train on Redstone Arsenal the first weekend in November thanks to the support of OMEMS. Making sure all is ready for training are Reserve 1st Lt. McVay Chambers, left, of the 375th, and Reserve 1st Lt. Jason Kim of the 326th.

making regular trips to Redstone Arsenal to view the training regular Army Soldiers are receiving at the Warrior Training Academy, operated by the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

"We have supported Reserve units in the past with training," Sgt. 1st Class William Ewings of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion said. "Basically, I give them the keys to my training site and they use our facilities to conduct their own training. We will help them anyway we can with their training. We have a lot of combat experience at the Warrior Training Academy that the Reservists can learn from."

It's important for Reservists to receive the same type of training as regular Army because the two types of Sol-

diers work side-by-side in wartime environments.

"Currently, in Iraq, almost every unit has a mix of Reservists and regular Army," Ewings said. "Initially, you might be able to tell the difference. But, they must be able to work together and have a seamless operation. It's important that everyone is trained on the same exact tactics."

Once they complete training in Huntsville, the Reservists of the 375th will go to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., which has built and developed Operation Sand Castle to provide a premiere training area for Reservists who need training on many technical and tactical skills in a desert environment.

"It's the only place in the continental U.S. that is identical

to conditions in Iraq or Afghanistan," Chambers said. "But, before we can go there for training, we need to train at home and go through validation tests. The Army Forces Command has 168 tasks that Soldiers need to be proficient in, such as firing a rifle, managing entry control points, how to inspect vehicles. In May and June, we will have our training validated at the National Training Center."

By next October, the Reservists for the 375th and the 326th will be trained and ready for deployment.

Chambers said his Reservists are looking forward to the combat training they will receive through the use of OMEMS' facilities.

"Redstone Arsenal opened up its doors to let us come there

and do some training," he said. "We will get some advanced individual training at OMEMS we will get simulated training in engagement tactics and we will get tactics training in things like urban operations, cordon searches, entry control points and convoy driving operations."

The Soldiers will receive training on Soldier skills in combat situations and battle skills.

"They will go through our tactics lane to learn their ground maneuvers. They will go through our convoy lane and they will learn how to man an entry control point," Ewings said. "Some of my personnel will act as insurgents or the opposing forces in simulations that we run."

Also during the weekend, the 326th Chemical Company will train on Redstone Arsenal with its biological detection unit, a suite that is placed on the back of a Humvee. The company has 21 systems.

"We can detect any kind of biological agent in the air," Kim said. "We work in mobile lab units that are evidence gatherers. When a biological agent is released in the air, we collect evidence that the agent was released so there is actual evidence for a court of law."

While most of the Reservists' training will take place near Gate 5 at the old Tin City, the chemical platoons will be dispatched to different areas throughout the Arsenal to conduct simulated chemical operations. The 375th and 326th will combine some field training exercises.

"We have a significant Reserve presence in Huntsville," Kim said. "Even though much of Redstone Arsenal is going civilian, we still have war fighters in this area that need the training capabilities offered by Redstone Arsenal."

Many local Reservists are eager to get the training that could lead them to a deployment, Kim said.

"It's just what we do," he said. "A firefighter trains to fight fires. Soldiers train to be Soldiers, and that includes training for combat. We train to be Soldiers."

# Trauma

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The first sergeant knows how difficult it is for a Soldier to go to their commander with a problem like PTSD. But, he agreed there are absolutely no repercussions for those who do.

"The stigma is not there anymore," he said. "The chain of command is encouraging Soldiers to get help."

In fact, getting help for PTSD is actually a career builder, Smith said, because "healthy adults make healthy leaders."

When Soldiers return from a deployment in a combat zone they are required to undergo two post-deployment health assessments – one upon their return and another 90 days after their return. For active duty Soldiers from Redstone Arsenal, these assessments are administered through the Warrior Medicine Clinic at Fox. For National Guard and Reservists, the assessments are administered through the Community-Based Health Care Organization on Redstone Arsenal.

"At first, problems may be associated with post combat stress. But, if those problems persist or worsen over time, then they may be the beginning stages of PTSD," Smith said.

In addition, family, friends, co-workers and commanding officers of Soldiers

returning from deployment are made aware of symptoms of PTSD. Those symptoms include isolation, depression, lethargy, anxiety, paranoia, irritability, thoughts of suicide, uncontrolled anger, insomnia, nightmares, alcohol abuse, personality changes, irresponsibility, and appearance of domestic issues and disturbances.

"This should be a common factor within leadership," Smith said regarding leadership awareness of PTSD. "At Fox, it is my job to with vigilance look hard at any Soldiers who have been deployed, and to look hard at them for weeks and months after the deployment in a caring and concerned fashion."

**S**oldiers, too, can refer themselves for care if they feel they may have symptoms of PTSD.

"If you have anything remotely connected to it, go see someone," the first sergeant said. "Past history has told us that this is not going away, it's not getting better, if you don't get the help you need. Because of PTSD, I lost a lot. I've lost my wife and daughter. This affects families more than anyone knows."

And, PTSD can affect all Soldiers, regardless of rank.

"There was a time when we didn't see first sergeants, colonels and majors coming in for services," said Karen Scott, a licensed professional counselor who has

worked in Behavioral Medicine at Fox since 1989.

"Now, we're seeing higher enlisted ranks. They're coming back from combat with issues. We are identifying them in part because of the military's initiative to have all Soldiers screened, in part because spouses and other family members and friends are recognizing symptoms and telling the Soldiers they need help, and in part because the Soldier is injured and is getting medical treatment for other problems besides PTSD."

**T**reatment makes a big difference in how a Soldier copes with PTSD and whether the Soldier can be cured from its lasting effects.

"The test to determine if you're cured is how you live your life, how you live your relationships, how you live your job," Smith said. "A Soldier is cured if they are living a balanced life and they aren't abusing anymore, they aren't abusing other people, alcohol or themselves."

Treatment can also make a big difference in a Soldier's quality of life.

"This is for the well-being of the Soldier and the well-being of their family, and for the future of their career," Scott said of counseling. "We want to help them get back on track with their lives. And, we do that by educating them, and giving them the tools to manage and recover from PTSD symptoms."

In some cases, Soldiers who think they have PTSD discover they just need a few counseling sessions to help them acclimate back to a normal life after a deployment.

"It's a big change of pace to go from

combat back to a garrison unit," Scott said. "You have to put the brakes on and get back to a slower, more steady pace. It's very hard to come back home and worry about cars breaking down, PTA meetings and work evaluations."

This is not the first time U.S. service-members have struggled with the symptoms of PTSD or another condition known as Mild Trauma Brain Injury, which occurs when the head is hit or violently shaken due from a blast or explosion. There are Vietnam and Gulf War veterans who to this day struggle with PTSD and MTBI, some of whom are homeless.

"I've seen PTSD in Soldiers for 20 some years," said Dr. David Ferguson, a psychologist at Fox Army Health Center. "We are seeing similarities between the Soldiers we're seeing today and those we saw 20 years ago. The big change has been the Army's acceptance and education about PTSD. Our goal is to help Soldiers learn to live with the psychological images of war. With treatment, the intensity of the emotional injury decreases."

Smith and the staff at Fox are driven to help Soldiers with PTSD or MTBI because they know that without help these Soldiers will continue to suffer from combat-related psychological problems, much the way other veterans of past wars have done.

"Their symptoms were never diagnosed, never treated," Smith said of older veterans suffering from PTSD. "Many have died alone, miserable and in pain. We're not going to let that happen to the Soldiers who are now returning from combat."

## ■ Support group shares resources for waiting spouses

# Families

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Besides providing support, the Waiting Spouses group also provides information on upcoming events, special discounts, Redstone Arsenal services and issues of concern. The spouses choose topics they want discussed at their meetings, and ACS's Mary Breeden works with Fox's Scott to fulfill those requests. At their recent meeting, Waiting Spouses learned about services provided through Fox Army Health Center.

"You are our tier one patients," Greta Sneed, patient advocate at Fox, told the waiting spouses. "You're pretty much our VIPs. We want to make sure to put your families first and take some of the burden off of you. You're right to have concerns and complaints. We're at Fox to give the highest degree of care to you and your families ... We are all there for you. From the clerk to the commander, we want to provide you with the service you all deserve."

**S**tephens talked about the problems she has with osteoporosis in her hips. Coleman mentioned the appointments she has had at Fox, and that she is now going to see a neurologist in Birmingham. Williams wants to make sure her new baby gets the best care.

The women also received information on MWR activities, including the Child Development Center, and dance and piano lessons offered through SKIES Unlimited; community events such as Operation Christmas Bear; and Military OneSource counseling sessions that can help them with stress and change management, and parenting skills.

But, the most important aspect of Waiting Spouses is the chance to talk and share.

"The emotional well being of these spouses is important to us," said Scott, who is, herself, living through her husband's second deployment as an Army civilian.

"We want them to have a place where they can talk about their fears and worries with other spouses who are going through the same thing. We've had some husbands who have deployed five times. Some of these wives have been through a lot. Their number one fear for these spouses is seeing a car drive up to their house and Soldiers in military uniform getting out of the car. Having a deployed husband can be paralyzing at times. You are afraid to leave the house because you might miss a phone call."

**P**roviding support, care and resources for waiting spouses not only fulfills the health center's and the Army's obligation to care for the families of deployed Soldiers, but also reflects a commitment to the welfare of the deployed Soldier.

"For deployed Soldiers, their number one worry is their family's safety and their number two worry is that their family is going to be OK," Scott said. "If we can help with those two concerns, then the deployed Soldier can focus on their work without the burden of worrying about their family."

For more information on Waiting Spouses, call Mary Breeden, ACS relocation assistance program manager, at 876-5397. The group's next meeting is noon Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the ChildWise building on Nike Street.

# Retirees get two days of firsts to appreciate

## Local mayors to urge retiree appreciation

By **ANDY ROAKE**  
For the Rocket

This year will bring several "firsts" to the annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day at Redstone Arsenal, which will be held this Friday and Saturday.

In addition to this being the first ever two-day retiree appreciation event at Redstone Arsenal in 36 years, Saturday will bring another first as Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and Madison Mayor Sandy Kirkindall will proclaim Nov. 3 as Military Retiree Appreciation Day in their respective cities.

They will join an expected 3,000 retirees participating in an event that promises to be bigger and better than in previous years.

As a special treat, the 129th Army Band from the Tennessee National Guard in Nashville will participate for the first time. They will have a 12-person combo playing military marches and traditional jazz music to entertain retirees Saturday.

In addition to briefings both days on retirement pay, health issues, and the state of Redstone Arsenal, this year the Retiree



Photo by Andy Roake

**CUFF LINK-** Pauletta Hands, left, watches as Christel Jones, licensed practical nurse at Fox Army Health Center, checks her blood pressure at the 2006 Military Retiree Appreciation Day. Several organizations, including the health center, will provide services to retirees during the upcoming 2007 Military Retiree Appreciation Days on Nov. 2-3.

Services Office is reaching out also to Reserve retirees with specific briefings Friday and Saturday by a representative of the

retirements and transitions branch of the Human Resources Command in St. Louis.

Activities on Friday occur at

the Officers and Civilians Club, while the event on Saturday occurs at the Sparkman Center.

On Friday, Morale Welfare and Recreation will conduct a fun-filled day of events for retirees. At the Officers and Civilians Club, Madison RV will hold a recreational vehicle expo from 7 a.m. to noon. Crestwood Medical Center will host a mini health fair from 7 a.m. to noon, including cholesterol and glucose screenings.

MWR will highlight benefits available to retirees with MWR facility tours from 9 a.m. to noon. Tour shuttles will begin and end in the top parking lot at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Madison RV will supply RV Expo bucks for \$3.50 (limit two per family) to allow patrons to enjoy the taste and entertainment of MWR at a discounted rate. Each patron can pick up the RV Expo bucks at the registration table at the club, along with the weekend welcome packets.

The Links at Redstone golf course and the club will offer lunch at a discount price Friday.

Speakers are scheduled throughout both days and the popular "county fair" is back, with exhibits, information booths and services for retirees

in the Sparkman Center on Saturday.

Services available to retirees on Saturday include:

The Provost Marshal Office will offer vehicle registration service for post decals. Military Identification branch will make and update identification cards.

Fox Army Health Center will provide medical screenings, such as cholesterol, bone density, blood pressure and eye screening. Retirees can order eyeglasses if they bring in a current prescription.

Legal Assistance Office attorneys will provide notary services, prepare simple wills, and draft powers-of-attorney. Call the office at 876-9005 to be included on a will signup list and to get information on additional required documents for legal services.

Retirees or family members without a vehicle sticker must enter Redstone Arsenal through Gate 9 or Gate 10 and bring their military identification card, photo identification for all passengers, vehicle registration and proof of insurance.

For more information on Retiree Appreciation Days, call the Retirement Services Office at 876-2022 or e-mail cynthia.anderson1@us.army.mil.

## Retiree Appreciation Days agenda this weekend

### Friday at the Officers and Civilians Club

- 7-9:45 a.m. "Pay as you go" Breakfast Buffet
- 7-noon Health Fair (sponsored by Crestwood Hospital)
- 7 a.m.-noon Madison RV Expo
- 8-11 a.m. Briefings plus question and answer sessions on:
  - Combat Related Special Compensation
  - Defense Finance and Accounting Service
  - Reservist Retiree Issues
- 9 a.m.-noon Bus tours of MWR facilities (departs from the club)
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch - discounted price of \$6.50
- 1-4 p.m. Briefings plus question and answer sessions:
  - Combat Related Special Compensation
  - Defense Finance and Accounting Service
  - Reservist Retiree Issues
- 4-6 p.m. Happy Hour
- 5-8 p.m. Main Dining Room will feature a Prime Rib Special, other items will be available \$2 off each meal (Friday and Saturday)
- 5-8 p.m. The Soldatenstube (German Restaurant), \$2 off per meal (Friday and Saturday)

### Other MWR Activities

- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Redstone Lanes, Special Bowling rate of \$1.25 per game
- Noon-dark Golf Course, Free golf at the "New 3" holes only
- Noon-4 p.m. Outdoor Recreation, Target Shooting or Archery
- 3-4:30 p.m. Redstone Lanes, Brooklyn's Sports Bar, Happy Hour
- 5:15-10 p.m. Challenger (building 1500), Bingo Frenzy

The Arts and Craft's Center will feature demonstrations (i.e., pen turning, framing and matting) throughout the day.

### Saturday at Bob Jones Auditorium

- An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be provided
- 7-8 a.m. Social and registration
- 7-8 a.m. Free continental breakfast provided by MWR, Commissary and Costco
- 7:30 a.m. 129th Army Band (Tenn. National Guard)
- 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Retiree Information Exhibits and Services
- 8 a.m. Administrative announcements, Retiree Appreciation Day co-chair welcome
- 8:05 a.m. Opening ceremonies
- 8:20 a.m. Welcoming address
- 8:30 a.m. Proclamation by Mayors
- 8:45 a.m. Spotlighting Your Military Benefits
- 9:25 a.m. Fox Army Health Center
- 9:45 a.m. Break -- entertainment provided by 129th Army Band (Tenn. National Guard)
- 10 a.m. Defense Finance and Accounting Service
- 10:20 a.m. Redstone Arsenal Legal Assistance Office
- 10:40 a.m. Combat Related Special Compensation
- 11:05 a.m. State of the Redstone Arsenal, BRAC Update
- 11:30 a.m. Redstone Arsenal Services Panel
- 12:15-1:15 p.m. Lunch (Sparkman Cafeteria, building 5302); visit exhibits
- Entertainment provided by 129th Army Band (Tenn. National Guard)
- 1:15-2 p.m. Department of Veteran Affairs
- 2-2:30 p.m. "Give-aways" from MWR, PX, Commissary, SATO, etc.

## Dining facility plans its biggest meal of year

More than 600 expected for Thanksgiving feast

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The troop dining facility's cooks start working on this feast two days beforehand. And the facility has a full staff there for the big day.

"It's our biggest meal of the year," food program manager Hal Weatherman said.

He's talking of course about the Thanksgiving meal, Nov. 22 when servicemembers, military retirees and guests enjoy the traditional holiday trimmings. More than 600 people are expected.

"It's our chance to show our appreciation to the Soldiers here on post," Weatherman said. "To let them know they're not forgotten during the holiday, to try to make them feel as good as we can. And this is a time for (military) retirees to come back and eat with us."

The dining facility invites retirees back three times annually – for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the Army's birthday.

All single Soldiers from the units get to enjoy the Thanksgiving feast first from 11 a.m. to noon. Soldiers with fam-

ily members will eat from noon to 1:30 p.m. And the retirees, along with their spouse and one guest, will eat from 1:30-2:30 p.m. There is no reserved seating. Also, there are no carryout orders. In the past, some people have tried to fill up backpacks, garbage bags – even children's lunch boxes. That's a no-no.

Meal rates are \$6.05 for all active duty personnel, spouses and retirees with their spouses. Cost is \$5.15 for family members only of E-4 and below. Children 6 and younger eat free. All personnel who are on meal card status or not receiving separate ration will eat free.

Traditionally, top military leaders work shifts as servers for the troops. "It's their chance to show their appreciation to the Soldiers. The trainees get a kick out of it," Weatherman said.

The dining facility is serving more than 500 troops per meal daily. Around 36,000 meals were prepared and served during October.

On Thanksgiving, the troops will have breakfast from 7-8 a.m. and dinner from 3-5:30 p.m. About 40 of the facility's 60 workers will be on duty that day.

"We love it," contract manager Dan Tyree, of K&K Food Service, said regarding the Thanksgiving feast. "We enjoy seeing the looks on the troops' faces. They can't believe there's that much going on in one place."

The feast menu includes roast turkey, baked ham, beef steamship round, Cor-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ENOUGH FOR ALL—** Holding one of the six steamship rounds at the dining facility's Thanksgiving meal 2005 are, from left, cooks JoAnn Lewis, Sarah Hardin and Pearline Smith.

nish hens, steamed asparagus, seasoned corn, green beans, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, shrimp

cocktail, a full salad bar, assorted pastries and beverages. For more information, call 876-3067 or 876-0719.

# Military family members eligible for AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief offers three scholarship programs for spouses and children of active duty, retired and deceased Soldiers.

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is for children of active duty, retired and deceased Soldiers. It offers scholarships based on financial need, academics and leadership/achievement. To be a dependent you must be under age 23, registered in DEERS and unmarried for the entire academic year.

The Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program is a need-based education assistance program designed to provide spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers, and widows of Soldiers who died either on active duty or in a retired status, and residing in the United States, with financial assistance in pursuing educational goals. The program is to assist spouses/widows in gaining the education needed for increased occupational opportunities.

In addition to the Stateside Spouse Assistance Program, AER also offers the Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program for spouses living overseas.

To be eligible for AER scholarship programs, applicants must maintain a

cumulative GPA of a 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale; be full-time undergraduate students for the entire academic year at a school accredited by the U.S. Department of Education; and be dependents of a Soldier on federal active duty, a retiree, or a deceased active or retired Soldier. All dependents must be registered in DEERS.

The 2008-09 Student Aid Report is needed for both the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program and the Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program. The process to obtain the SAR begins by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). After analyzing the data on the FAFSA, the SAR is produced and sent to the applicant. Since AER is not an education institution, it will not receive a copy of the SAR unless the applicant mails a copy to AER headquarters.

The 2008-09 applications, instructions and timelines for applying for the AER scholarship programs will be available Nov. 1 on the AER web site [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org). For more information, call Kristi Foster, Army Emergency Relief officer, at 876-5397. (*Army Emergency Relief release*)

# Fight prevails against California wildfires

CHANNEL ISLANDS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Calif. — The Santa Ana winds lost strength in Southern California Thursday, allowing military and civilian firefighters to make progress against wildfires that had blazed across seven counties.

National Guard helicopters carrying big Bambi water buckets were trying to bring under control the firestorm that had forced some 500,000 residents to flee their homes. A number were able to return home Friday morning and the Army Corps of Engineers stood ready — along

with Guard Soldiers — to provide drinking water and other relief supplies if needed.

Six Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve C-130 Hercules planes equipped with the Modular Airborne Firefighting System dropped tons of fire retardant on wildfires in San Diego County.

The aircraft conducted 18 sorties — six against the Poomacha fire and 12 sorties against the Witch fire — under operational control of U.S. Northern Command and at the request of the local incident commander. (Army News Service)

## Your dollar can do good things

### Donations

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Another found out about a local family whose father had experienced some severe health problems and couldn't work for a long time. They had many medical bills and were having trouble making ends meet and feeding their children. This person gathered donations from the town, paid off the medical bills, got a college scholarship for the oldest child, and stocked the house with groceries.

A young woman was sent to Hawaii for business and somehow found out that many families on the other islands couldn't afford the inter-island airfare to visit their children at the Children's Hospital. She spoke to an airline and, together, they were able to bring many entire families together.

One lady had been attacked (stabbed) by a man in front of her home many years before. A local organization had helped her deal with the physical and emotional trauma. She decided she wanted to help someone with a similar problem. She contacted the agency who had helped her and had them recommend a person she could help. The woman who was nominated had been shot in the face by her boyfriend. Her face was extremely disfigured and she didn't like going out because people stared. The audience member was so moved that she donated another \$1,000 of her own money to help pay for facial surgery to repair the damage. It gave her a good feeling to be able to help another and she said it helped her heal even further from her own emotional wounds.

One woman gave money to an elderly lady walking into a grocery store with some little children. The woman cried because her daughter had just been in a bad wreck and was hospitalized. She wasn't sure how she was going to feed and care for the children. She said the money was an answer to a prayer.

A mother and daughters who had attended the show together pooled their money and bought a good used car for a young mother who had to ride several buses for hours to her job every day. She was able to get to work in minutes and could spend more time with her children.

A woman fixed up a run-down apartment where a mother, her teen son and young daughter lived. She replaced a broken window, provided some furniture (so they wouldn't have to sleep on mattresses on the floor), repaired appliances and made it much more livable.

All the people who were helped felt as if their prayers had been answered. All expressed surprise that a stranger would go out of their way to help them have a better life. Every person who gave away the money told of how wonderful they felt being able to help someone. Many became close friends with the people they helped — people they didn't know existed just the day before. Everyone involved — the audience members, the people who received the money/goods, the towns and companies who donated goods/services — everyone felt that they had been blessed by the experience.

It's not likely that a celebrity will give you \$1,000. But a celebrity's intervention is not necessary. There are so many little ways that you can answer someone else's prayers. If you had a little money and you had to give it away to a charitable organization, where would you send it? Please consider giving something, even just \$1 to some of the agencies in the Combined Federal Campaign brochure. Small amounts of money can add up to large benefits when put in the right hands. You never know what good things your dollar can do!

**Lynn Moore**  
IMMC CFC financial chair

## ■ Provost marshal supports vehicle registration

### Decals

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company contracted to print and supply vehicle registration decals and ensured the proper ink is now being used in the printing process. DA regulations and Redstone Arsenal policies mandate the use of the DD Form 2220 and expiration tab to register vehicles on the installation. Because the DD Form 2220 and expiration decal are recognized at all military installations, installation identification tabs were deemed optional. Redstone Arsenal discontinued issuing the installation tab as a cost saving initiative, not a force protection initiative. Persons with a faded/obliterated DD Form 2220 may go to the Vehicle Registration Office, building 3423 on Gray Road, to re-register their vehicle and receive a new DD Form 2220. Information below addresses the Air Force's decision to discontinue using the DD Form 2220 and expiration tab.

"In March 2006, Air Force Security Forces Center introduced an initiative to discontinue use of installation vehicle registration decals (DD Form 2220). The rationale for this initiative was:

- Following 9/11, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff mandated 100 percent identification checks of all persons entering military installations; thus rendering the DD Form 2220 redundant as a security device.

- Displaying the DD Form 2220 identifies the person as a DOD affiliate and allows terrorists or criminal elements to target them.

- Presence of the DD Form 2220 tends to decrease the entry control sentry's vigilance in evaluating identification.

- Vehicles with authentic DD Form 2220s can be readily purchased from used car lots.

## ■ Community garden serves elderly and homebound

### Volunteers

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readied for spring planting. All I had to do was send out a message asking for volunteers, and immediately our employees stepped forward.

We worked with CASA volunteers David Thomas and Karen Voelkel. Karen is lovingly called the "Queen of the Garden" because she has worked as a volunteer with the CASA Garden for so many years. David and Karen worked beside us all day and directed our work. We were busy cleaning out the garden of weeds and plants that were no longer productive, tilling, laying bark between garden rows, replanting bushes, tearing down an old shed and painting a new one, moving fences, and preparing all the scarecrows for their winter hibernation.

We also harvested 248 pounds of vegetables including eggplant, peppers, cucumbers, squash, collard greens, mustard greens, turnip greens and green beans.

"The initiative was approved by the Joint Service Security Council and the Air Force set an implementation date on March 2007. The Air Force recommended, through the JSSC, that vehicle registration and DD Form 2220 use become a service prerogative, rather than a requirement. The Army has not indicated interest or non-interest in changing vehicle registration procedures. The Redstone Arsenal Provost Marshal Office supports utilizing vehicle registration and the DD Form 2220 for several reasons:

- Vehicles that have been registered on the Arsenal are considered vetted to an authorized employee and allows emergency response personnel to place emphasis on non-decaled vehicles during times of crisis or emergency. Example: When needing to evacuate a building/area. State registrations only reflect the name/address of the owner and would require emergency personnel to utilize other resources (phonebook, global address, badging system, etc.) in an attempt to locate the owner. Installation registration provides a database of all vehicles registered/authorized on the installation and contact information for the owners. Because of this, emergency personnel currently only have to access the vehicle registration database to obtain owner's name, address, organization, and phone number.

- The vehicle registration database has also been an effective tool in many other investigative cases. Examples are hit and run cases, theft cases, suspicious persons complaints, etc. Law Enforcement personnel are able develop suspects by searching the database for vehicles with known matching descriptors (make, model, color, two-door, etc.).

- Each time registration is renewed, the installation is able to verify current state registration and valid insurance coverage for each vehicle."

Our harvest gave CASA a total of over 8,900 pounds of food donated so far this year. It was wonderful to know that the vegetables that we picked that morning were delivered to families that afternoon so that they would have fresh vegetables on their dining tables that evening. I can honestly say that every muscle in my body was sore the next day, but it was all worth it.

The garden is always looking for volunteers. And if gardening is not your thing, the next big project for CASA is weatherization of people's homes in November. They put plastic on windows, cover air conditioners, repair storm doors, etc. All you have to do is call the CASA office at 533-7775 and talk with Mary Putman.

As for the G-2, I hope that we can make our day at the CASA Community Garden an annual CFC event.

**Rosie Zarzour**  
AMCOM G-2 CFC financial  
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# First group trip to Hawaii deemed big success

Recreational Travel office  
planning more excursions

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Making vacation dreams come true is an everyday thing for the Recreational Travel office. However, in September they did it on a much larger scale. Members of their very first group trip boarded a flight for Hawaii on Sept. 19.

Thirty-three travelers made the weeklong excursion to the island of Oahu. Accommodations at the Hale Koa resort were not quite what some of the travelers expected.

"I'm not sure what I expected," Janice Young, group tour patron, said. "I had never stayed there before and it was much nicer than I expected. It was a very nice hotel."

After a welcome breakfast the morning after their arrival, guests had the rest of the afternoon to themselves to explore before a luau dinner and show. In all, guests were given three days on their own over the course of the trip to pursue the activities and sights that interested them.

"We had a blast," Gail Glass, Recreational Travel officer, said. "All of them had different interests. Some took trips to the big island. I can't wait to see the pictures."

Some decided to use the time to wander the markets and lie on the beach. Others spent their time on sightseeing tours on Oahu and the other islands. Booking an excursion was easy.

"They had an office right there in the hotel to book things," Young said. "I'm sure there were other places, too, but we used what was right there since it was available to us."

Interspersed between the free days, guests enjoyed planned group trips to Pearl Harbor and the Polynesian Cultural Center. They also took a city tour of Waikiki. Many group members also elected to take a bus tour of Oahu.

"Most of the people, I think, took the island tour," Young said. "We went to a magic show and went shopping. We also, of course, went to the group things planned. It was a great job of planning. There was enough to keep us busy, but not so much that it wore you out."

While a group tour isn't for



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**ALOHA—** The first group to visit Hawaii from Redstone bids aloha to an island paradise.

everyone, Glass said it is a great way to visit a location that might otherwise be out of your price range. Traveling alone or to somewhere new can be intimidating; having all the arrangements made by a professional in the security of a group setting can eliminate a large part of the stress.

"We had a meet and greet about two weeks before we left so that everyone could get to know each other," Glass said. "We had, in this group, from a GS-4 to a

**"There is nothing like walking on the beach hand-in-hand with the Pacific Ocean tide coming in at daybreak with the one you love."**

— Harry Hobbs

colonel status and everyone was just one big happy family. There was no rank on this trip."

The trip was an opportunity for Harry Hobbs to keep a long ago promise to his wife, Erica. As newlyweds they dreamed of an island vacation, but the concerns of real life kept the idea a fantasy. When this opportunity presented itself, the Hobbs' jumped on it.

"This was a trip 25 years in the planning for us," he said. "It was the trip of our dreams. You see Elvis and Blue Hawaii and you think about what it would be like to go to this tropical paradise. There is nothing like walking on the beach hand-in-hand with the Pacific Ocean tide coming in at daybreak with the one you love."

A group trip was a new adventure for the Youngs, who are experienced travelers. As time-share aficionados, they are used to handling all of their own arrangements. They don't intend to give up their time-shares, but the group experience has them considering joining in on future trips.

"This is the first time we've ever taken a group trip. We had a really good time," Young said. "We'd take another trip with them, depending on where they're going. It was a friendly bunch of people."

Hobbs agreed.

"It's economical. It's well-run and very professional," Hobbs said. "Without a doubt we'd go on another trip with them (Recreational Travel)."

With the success of the Hawaiian trip under her belt, Glass is already working on the next group excursion. It will be a three-pronged journey into the wild beauty of Alaska on May 29.

"It will be land, sea and air," Glass said. "We'll be doing bus tours through the wilderness and rail travel with glass domed railcars so you can see everything."

It will be a 12-day, 11-night trip. After flying into Fairbanks, guests will make their way to Denali and then on to Whittier by both luxury train and bus. Once in Whittier, they will board a cruise ship for seven days.

Cost for the Alaskan trip is \$4,059 per person, based on double occupancy. This includes airfare, transportation and all hotel accommodations. The cruise portion of the trip is all inclusive, so guests are only responsible for paying for their food and shopping on the land segment. They will also enjoy upgraded cabins.

"Every room will have a balcony," Glass said. "We'll end up in Vancouver and fly home from there."

Also in the works is a two-week trip to Australia. It is still in the planning phase, but Glass said there has been a lot of interest already. Some of that interest is coming from the patrons of the Hawaii trip.

"It'll be very exciting," Glass said. "We've had a lot of people asking about it, a lot of requests."

Glass is scheduling a followup get-together for the Hawaiian trip patrons. She said they will be invited to a luau next month to share pictures and memories. For more information on group trips through the Recreational Travel office, call Glass at 876-5492.

# Embry-Riddle enters pact with SpaceTEC

## Agreement supports space work force transition

As NASA's Space Shuttle program moves toward its last mission in 2010, an agreement between Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Worldwide Campus and SpaceTEC will provide new education and training opportunities for workers who may be displaced during the space agency's transition to the new Ares family of launch vehicles.

Under the new agreement, Embry-Riddle Worldwide Campus will provide up to 24 hours of college credit for workers who obtain a SpaceTEC core certification, giving them a head-start toward an undergraduate degree or other Embry-Riddle aviation/aerospace training.

The SpaceTEC certification is designed for the aerospace technical work force and is similar in scope to the FAA's Airframe and Powerplant certification, which is required of workers who maintain and repair commercial aircraft systems. Technical workers who pass the SpaceTEC core certification exam will be eligible for the Embry-Riddle credits, regardless of their prior enrollment in a college or university.

Embry-Riddle Worldwide and SpaceTEC have agreed to recognize the SpaceTEC Certified Aerospace Technician Program as a

national certification by examination that will offer successful candidates academic credit as recommended by the American Council on Education. Participants passing the SpaceTEC core exam after April 1, 2007 are eligible to receive up to 24 college credits toward a degree. ACE recommendation is an effort to connect workplace learning with colleges by helping adults gain access to academic credit for examinations taken outside traditional degree programs.

"Many technicians at the spaceport have valuable practical experience from their work on various launch vehicle programs, but they need to upgrade or certify their skills to remain competitive," SpaceTEC executive director Frank Margiotta said. "In addition to providing an industry-recognized certification based on their experience, with Embry-Riddle we now can provide a path toward undergraduate degrees in aircraft maintenance, aviation maintenance management, technical management, or professional aeronautics to better prepare them for different jobs in the aerospace industry."

"Education and training support will be important tools in the effort to mitigate the Space Shuttle work force reductions we expect to see after 2010," said Embry-Riddle space policy analyst Edward Ellegood, who serves as the university's representative to SpaceTEC. *(Embry-Riddle release)*



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Corporate gift

Northrop Grumman contributes \$5,000 to the Army Emergency Relief fund Oct. 24 on behalf of its entire corporation. From left are Mark Tcherneshoff, electronic systems Huntsville site director; Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles; and James Henderson, senior representative for electronic systems sector.

# Warrant officer chapter wins worldwide honor

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association has been named the organization's 2007 Outstanding Chapter of the Year.

The award was presented during the association's annual meeting Oct. 15-19 in San Antonio, Texas. There are 82 chapters worldwide representing Army active, Reserve, National Guard and retired warrant officers.

"I am so proud of my chapter and honored to receive

this award," chapter president Max Bennett said. "Chapter members seldom realize awards even exist until we get them because the things we do aren't for awards — we would do them anyway."

Bennett, a retired chief warrant officer 4, also serves as the vice president of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight.

Warrant officers are commissioned military officers

who specialize in a specific job throughout their career rather than move from job to job. Almost half of all warrant officers are helicopter and airplane pilots. Most warrant officers are specialized technicians such as missile technicians, electronic technicians and ammunition technicians.

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter specializes in community service. The chapter recorded 281 volunteers giving 1,848 hours of volunteer service in 2007.



Photo by Rosie Zarzour

## Harvest helpers

Members of the AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security) did a community project Oct. 19 for the Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound, a Combined Federal Campaign agency. They helped at the CASA Community Garden, which is next to the Huntsville Botanical Garden on Bob Wallace Avenue. Among the helpers are, from left, Maggie Tribble, Mike Wilkinson and Capt. Donna Wilkins. The G-2 workers harvested 248 pounds of vegetables, which were then delivered to people in the community.

## Parking space auction benefits CFC drive

Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office held an auction Oct. 24 for three parking spaces for 30 days (Nov. 1-30). All proceeds went to the Combined Federal Campaign.

Winners and donors were as follows:

Program executive officer for missiles and space Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco's parking space, winner Terry Bradford; Col. David Rice's parking space, winner Bob Kirby; and John Beale's parking space, winner Kirby.

# Marines turn their season around

*Defending champions back from 0-2 start*

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Last year the Marines cruised to the flag football championship and finished at 14-2, but this season has been different.

The Marines won only one of their first three games entering last week's contest against 326th Chemical Company, which was 3-0.

But the defending champs were up to the challenge.

James Fulz scored two touchdowns as the Marines beat 326th Chemical 16-6 on Oct. 22 at the field off Patton Road. The

Marines improved to 2-2 with their second straight win while the Dragons fell to 3-1.

"It was perseverance," Marines coach/quarterback/linebacker Dustin Kershaw said. "We're missing a lot of people. And the students that we do have, we're just trying to get it done with them. We've had a rocky start so far. We're just trying to throw things together as we go, using athletes where we can. But it's definitely going to be a tough year for us compared to last year."

Kershaw threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Fulz at 15:38 in the first half to open the scoring. The pair connected again on a two-point conversion pass and the Marines led 8-0 at halftime.

The Dragons drove deep into the Marines territory in the sec-

ond half, but were repeatedly turned away. With about 11 minutes left, a fourth-down pass from 326th quarterback David Ali fell incomplete in the end zone and the Marines took over on downs. On a subsequent drive, Fulz returned an interception 80 yards for his second touchdown at 2:58. He again caught a two-point conversion pass from Kershaw for a 16-0 lead.

Ali put the 326th on the scoreboard with a 10-yard touchdown pass to left guard Ruben Montiel with 56 seconds left.

"They just played a little bit better than us," 326th

coach/guard Eddie Bryan said. "We just had too many mistakes on the offensive end."

By week's end, the Marines were 4-2 after beating Bravo and Charlie to extend their winning streak to four.

Remaining games in the regular season are Nov. 1, Nov. 5 and Nov. 6 at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. The postseason tournament is tentatively scheduled Nov. 8-15.

Entering this week, the Eastern Conference standings had NCO Academy (4-2), 326th Chemical Company (4-2) and Charlie Company (3-3). The Western Conference had

Marines (4-2), Headquarters & Alpha (2-4) and Bravo Company (1-5).

Here are last week's results:

- **Oct. 22** – Marines def. 326th Chemical 16-6; Headquarters & Alpha def. Bravo 30-0; and Charlie def. NCO Academy 2-0 in overtime.

- **Oct. 23** – Marines def. Bravo 50-6; NCO Academy def. 326th Chemical 20-6; and Charlie def. Headquarters & Alpha 20-12.

- **Oct. 25** – Marines def. Charlie 28-14; 326th Chemical def. Bravo 24-0; and NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha 14-12.

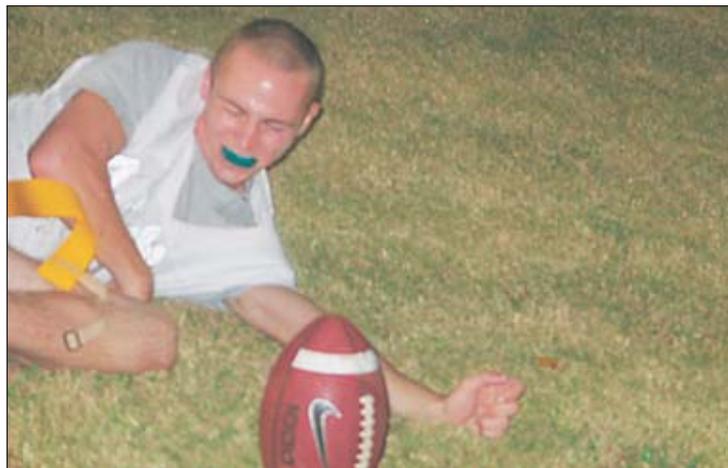


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ON THE GROUND**— 326th Chemical wide receiver Phillip Tverberg tries to catch a fourth-down pass from quarterback David Ali in the second half. But the ball falls incomplete in the end zone and the Marines take over on downs.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HIGH-FIVES**— The Marines players celebrate after beating the 326th Chemical Company 16-6 on Oct. 22.

# Louisiana State should stem Crimson Tide

LSU gets top billing over host Alabama

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Skip's Picks were 236-98 for 71 percent after eight weeks. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in college football:

LSU at Alabama — **LSU**  
Jackson State at Alabama A&M — **A&M**  
Tennessee Tech at Auburn — **Auburn**  
Vanderbilt at Florida — **Florida**  
South Carolina at Arkansas — **S.C.**  
Troy at Georgia — **Ga.**  
Florida State at Boston College — **FSU**  
Wisconsin at Ohio State — **Ohio State**  
Michigan at Michigan State — **Michigan**  
Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech — **Ga. Tech**  
Ball State at Indiana — **Indiana**  
Clemson at Duke — **Clemson**  
Iowa at Northwestern — **Iowa**  
North Carolina State at Miami — **Miami**  
Syracuse at Pittsburgh — **Syracuse**



Wake Forest at Virginia — **Wake**  
Kansas State at Iowa State — **K-State**  
Nebraska at Kansas — **Nebraska**  
Colorado State at Brigham Young — **BYU**  
East Carolina at Memphis — **Memphis**  
Grambling at Alabama State — **Grambling**  
Northwestern State at Mississippi — **Ole Miss**  
Navy at Notre Dame — **ND**  
San Jose State at Boise State — **Boise**

Texas-El Paso at Rice — **Texas-El Paso**  
Texas Tech at Baylor — **Tech**  
Army at Air Force — **Air Force**  
UCLA at Arizona — **Arizona**  
Washington at Stanford — **Wash.**  
Maryland at North Carolina — **Md.**  
La.-Lafayette at Tennessee — **UT**  
New Mexico at TCU — **New Mexico**  
Missouri at Colorado — **Mo.**  
Arizona State at Oregon — **Ore.**  
Southern Mississippi at UAB — **S. Miss.**  
Rutgers at Connecticut — **Rutgers**  
Tulsa at Tulane — **Tulsa**  
Illinois at Minnesota — **Illinois**  
Oregon State at Southern California — **USC**  
Washington State at California — **Calif.**  
Cincinnati at South Florida — **S. Fla.**  
Purdue at Penn State — **Penn State**  
Texas at Oklahoma State — **Texas**  
Texas A&M at Oklahoma — **Okla.**  
Southern Methodist at Houston — **SMU**

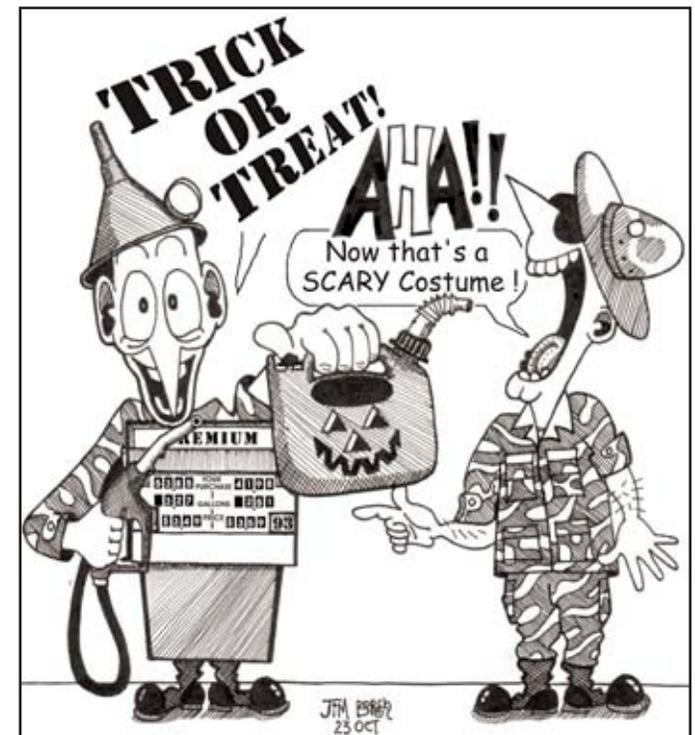
## Soldier Wins Gold in Shotgun World Cup

BELGRADE, Serbia — Two-time Olympian Pfc. Walton Glenn Eller of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit proved himself once again to be one of the best Double Trap shooters in the world Oct. 20 by winning the Gold Medal in the 2007 International Shooting Sport Federation Shotgun World Cup Final.

Eller finished the match easily in first place, winning by a four-point advantage. The 2003 World Champion finished the competition with a score of 192 targets.

China's Hu Binyuan finished in second place taking the Silver Medal with a score of 188, leaving the current number-two-ranked Double Trap shooter in the World, Håkan Dahlbom of Sweden, one target behind him with a score of 187 targets giving him the Bronze Medal. (Army News Service)

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**WINNING SHOT— Pfc. Walton Glenn Eller of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit won the Gold Medal in the 2007 ISSF Shotgun World Cup Final in Serbia.**



# Huntsville Center celebrates 40th anniversary

## Does worldwide mission for Corps of Engineers

The Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, celebrated its 40th anniversary Oct. 15. Huntsville Center, as it is commonly referred to, was established by the Army Corps of Engineers as Huntsville Division in 1967 with a single mission — to design and construct facilities for the deployment of the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense System.

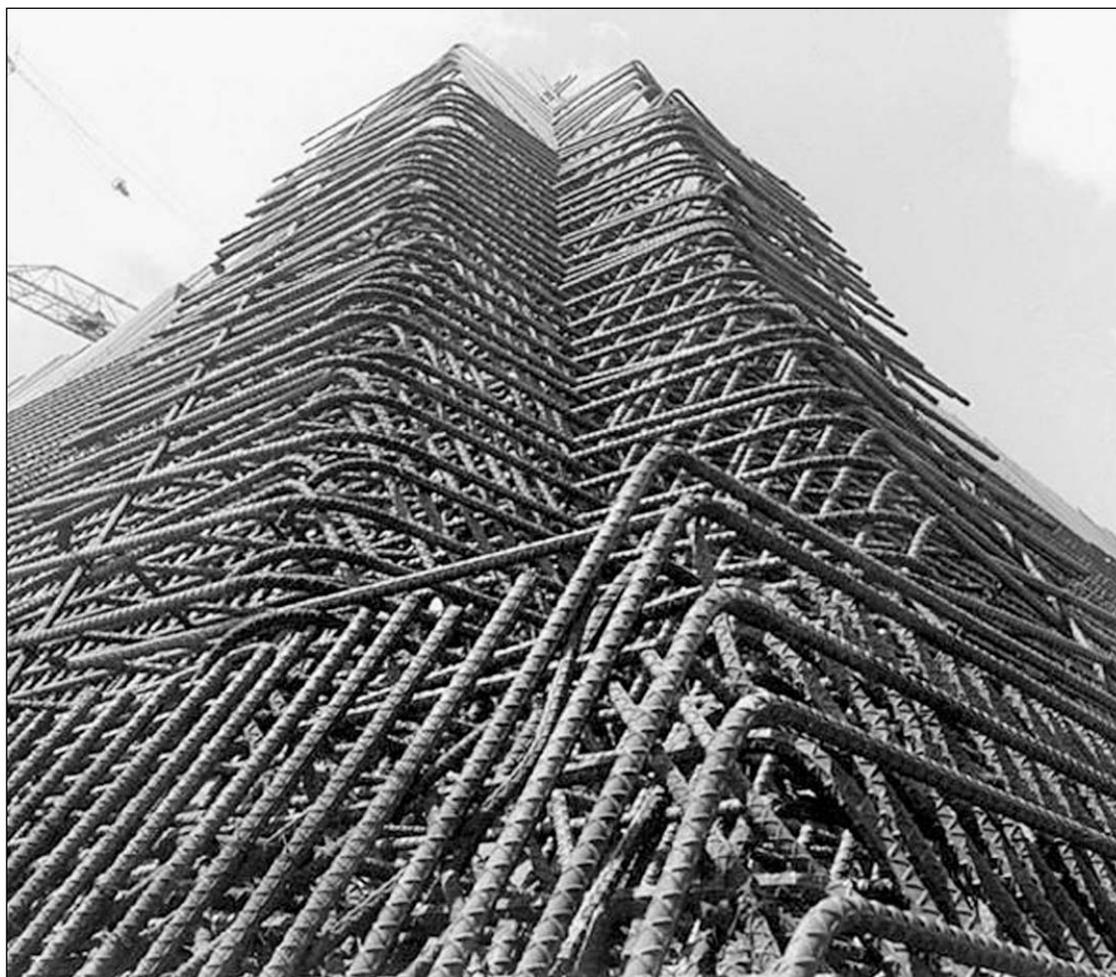
Forty years later, the center is still unique within the Corps of Engineers. While most Corps offices focus on locks, dams and other regional projects and receive funding from Congress, Huntsville Center has no geographic boundaries and performs its work worldwide on a reimbursable basis.

Huntsville Center does not replicate the work of other Corps offices. Instead, its programs either support other offices or are unique services not offered by others.

"We started with just one program and one mission, defense of the homeland, and 40 years later we are still focused on this mission using our specialized engineering and contracting capabilities," said John Matthews, Huntsville Center deputy for programs and technical management, and a Huntsville Center employee since 1977. "Forty years later, we now have numerous programs that support homeland security both here and abroad."

Huntsville Center programs have evolved from its history and experience. For example, in the 1970s, Huntsville Center was responsible for upgrading aging munitions storage facilities nationwide and installation restoration projects which eventually led to Huntsville Center's role in the cleanup of Formerly Used Defense Sites for the Army.

Huntsville's experience with the FUDS program from scratch led to Huntsville's designation as a Center of Expertise for Mil-



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**ORIGINAL WORK—** In 1971, an intricate mass of rebar formed the turret wall for the nation's first Safeguard ballistic missile defense system complex at Grand Forks, N.D. Design and construction of the Safeguard facilities was Huntsville Center's (then Huntsville Division's) original mission.

itary Munitions, where it continues to work with districts and provide guidance.

"Our ordnance removal program is a good example of how we can develop and transfer knowledge and technical expertise," Matthews said. The center will incorporate the Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste Center of Expertise, located in Omaha, Neb., with its Military Munitions CX to become the Environmental and Munitions Center of Expertise in November.

Huntsville Center's Ordnance and Explosive program includes ordnance and explosives safety, a chemical warfare material design center, a military munitions

design center, and its Coalition Munitions Clearance work in Iraq — all of which help protect the public and environment.

Huntsville Center missions often require a centralized management structure and require the integration of facilities that cross Corps geographic boundaries. They may also require commonality, standardization, multiple-site adaptation or technology transfer. For example, since 1981, the Chemical Demilitarization Program has been dealing with the nationwide mission of designing and building facilities for the destruction of America's aging chemical weapons stockpile. Its mission

continues to grow through collaborations on international biological and chemical threat reduction projects.

Homeland security has been enhanced through monitoring and security provided to installations through programs like Utility Monitoring and Control Systems, Fire Protection Life Safety, Electronic Security Systems and Access Control Points.

In addition to its monitoring and security programs, the center's Installation Support and Programs Management Directorate deals with life-cycle infrastructure management and its programs range from facility planning and military construction programming for Army

Transformation to utilities procurement, barracks and office furniture, and facilities deconstruction/demolition. Renewal, replacement and operations and maintenance are also provided to facilities.

"What began as procurement of medical furniture and equipment has become a multimillion dollar program and includes the Medical Center of Expertise," Matthews said. "The Medical Center of Expertise recently helped Baltimore District with a project at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., by developing the design-build request for proposal for the project and supporting the execution effort with technical support during solicitation. Also, our Integrated Modular Medical Support Systems program purchased furniture for the facility."

Huntsville Center has several CXs, with some being mandatory and the others being Directories of Expertise. "Our Installation Support DX covers more than 12 programs, and like many of our programs, services other government agencies outside DoD," Matthews said.

Huntsville Center is also a Center of Standardization for 16 facility types ranging from physical fitness centers and medical facilities to ranges and training lands. The goal of this kind of standardization is speeding up MILCON Transformation efforts.

"A recent example of Huntsville Center's standardization efforts is the new \$19 million Paul R. Smith Fitness Center at Fort Benning, Ga., which was one of the first and largest, built using the physical fitness center criteria," Matthews said. "We were established to assist customers with challenges and specialized projects, and we have been successful for 40 years because we have consistently provided quality products and service while maintaining a diverse workload around the globe." (Huntsville Center release)

# Recycling facilities eyed for military range debris

Engineer team studies concept

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For the past five years, a team has been exploring the feasibility of building range residue recycling facilities on Native American lands in Alaska, Hawaii and the continental United States.

The Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, is partnering with Bering Sea Eccotech and Science Applications International Corporation to conduct a Centralized Range Residue Recycling Facility feasibility study.

"The phase one portion of the study is winding down," Maureen Lawrence, the CR3F project manager, said. "If we get the funding from Congress to continue, we will move into phase two.

"The next step is to present this concept to the commanders at the active military installations who may benefit from these recycling facilities," Lawrence said. "Then we would need to develop memoranda of understanding between the installations and the tribes that will be operating the facilities."

## Removal of munitions

Range residue recycling is the destruction or removal and proper disposition of military munitions (unexploded ordnance and munitions debris) and other range-related debris (target debris, military munitions packaging and crating material) to maintain or enhance operational range safety or prevent the accumulation of such material from impairing or preventing operational range use.

"This project presents a great opportunity to provide economic growth that may improve the lives and livelihoods in Indian Country, Alaska Native communities and on Hawaiian Homelands," said Elary Gromoff Jr., executive vice president, BSE. "This is a unique opportunity for BSE to work with other Native Americans and Native Hawaiians to improve the environment, support American military readiness and provide economic opportunities."

Following an exhaustive screening process, the potential sites have been narrowed down to two in Alaska, two in Hawaii and four in the lower 48 states.

## Visit with tribes

The team screened 562 groups recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and selected 14 tribes they believed were most capable of supporting a CR3F business: two in Alaska, two in Hawaii and 10 in the continental United States.

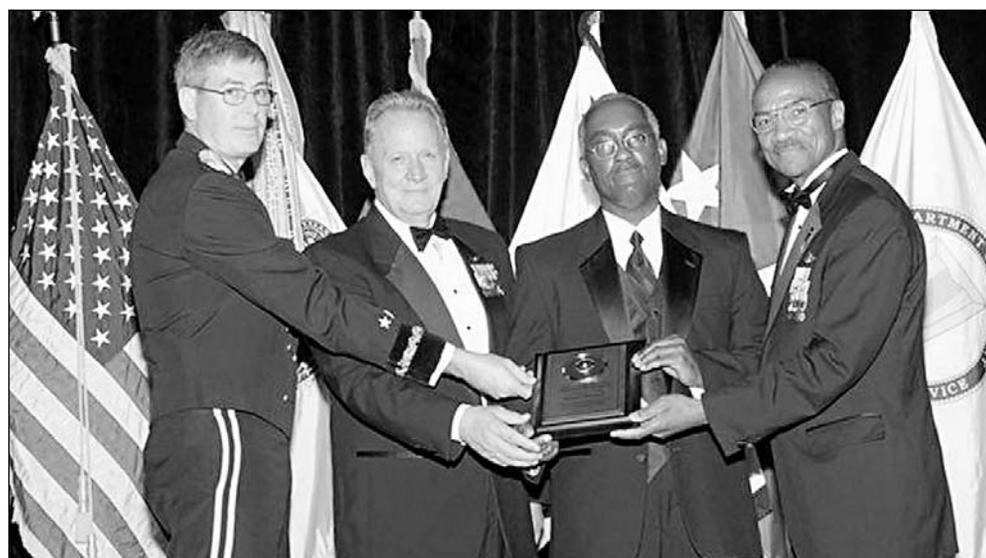
"Each of the tribes selected received a letter from the Huntsville Center commander, followed by a site visit with tribal leaders to discuss the possible partnership," Arnecia Bradley, the technical manager for the study, said. "We ended up with the two groups in Alaska, two in Hawaii and four in the continental United States.

"We also provided status briefings to congressional representatives on Capitol Hill," Bradley said. "We used feedback from the tribes and members of Congress to address issues and make final determinations."

The selected groups or sites include Eklutna and Nenana, Alaska; Barbers Point and Hilo, Hawaii; the Mississippi Band of the Choctaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, Ore., and the Pueblo of Laguna and Navajo Nation in New Mexico. These sites were selected based on a strict process that looked at land availability, tribe size, location, business infrastructure, work force skill level and size, and proximity to mills.

"For each of the sites, we developed a detailed business plan and a project management plan/action plan that included design and buildings plans along with permits; agreements, procedures and approvals; and operation and maintenance manuals," said Frank Pickering, the assistant vice president, Engineering and Infrastructure, SAIC.

"If we get the funds to proceed into phase two, we will be working to complete range residue inventories, preparing a product recycle plan and assess any DoD certifications required," Lawrence said. "A 'pilot' facility is being considered as a test bed for this project in an effort to ensure success for facilities of this nature. Though this project is not the normal Formerly Used Defense Site type work supported by the Ordnance and Explosives Design Center, we plan to accept this challenge and provide the best service we possibly can."



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## Logistician of year

Michael Hartwell, associate director for program management support in the Integrated Materiel Management Center, has been named the 2007 Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year. The award was presented at the Army Acquisition Corps annual awards ceremony Oct. 7 in Arlington, Va. From left are Lt. Gen. N. Ross Thompson, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology; Wimpy Pybus, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for integrated logistics support; Hartwell, the honoree; and Claude Bolton, assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology.

## 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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**Sports & Recreation**

**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.

**Bowling benefit**

The University of Alabama-Huntsville chapter of the Student Alabama Education Association will hold a Bowlathon at 6:30



Courtesy photo

**Space history**

The International Military Student Office took two students on a field studies program trip Oct. 20 to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Staff Sgt. Leonidas Andrianos, left, from Greece and 1st Lt. Ahmed Belal from Egypt see the Apollo 16 capsule during their visit.

p.m. Friday at Redstone Lanes. Bring a school supply or donation to help local school children in need. All are welcome.

**Basketball league**

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.

**Youth deer hunt**

A youth deer hunt will be held Nov. 10 from 4:30 a.m. until sundown at Outdoor Recreation for Redstone community youth ages 10-15. For more information, call 876-HUNT.

**Ten-Miler ceremony**

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and Col. John Olshefski will honor members of Redstone's Army-Ten-Miler team in an award ceremony Nov. 26 at 10 a.m. in the AMCOM command suite lobby on the fifth floor of building 5300. The team won the government agency category at the 23rd annual race Oct. 7 in Washington, D.C.

**Golf scramble**

A Golf Scramble and Chili Cookoff will be held Saturday at the Links at Redstone. The tournament starts at 8 a.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Call 883-7977 for more information.

**Turkey shoot**

A turkey shoot will be held 10:30 a.m. Nov. 10 at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$3 per shot. For more information, call 876-0901 or 876-4868.

**Boating safety**

A Boating Safety Rally will be held at the Gander Mountain store on North Memorial Parkway on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel will conduct Boating Safety orientations in the Gander Lodge throughout the day as well as hand out safety literature and answer questions on boating safety, water sports and events. A vessel Safety Check Station will be set up in the parking lot to provide courtesy safety checks on boats and equipment. This is a free service offered by the Auxiliary that will inform boat owners and operators if their vessels satisfy all federal, state and local boating safety requirements. For more information, visit [www.gandermountain.com](http://www.gandermountain.com).

**Conferences & Meetings**

**Bible studies**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invites you to study God's word each Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Free child watch is available. For more information, call Erica Hobbs 325-3152 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404.

**Civil War round table**

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. southeast. Sid Lyons, a longtime Civil War collector, will speak on "Civil War Photography." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. Call 858-6191 for more information.

**Officers association**

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Certified financial planner Todd Carden and Carol Wallace, of the Elder Law Firm of Connie Glass and Carol Wallace, will be the guest speakers. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burtram 325-1938.

**Catholic women**

Military Council of Catholic Women will meet Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the meeting room of Bicentennial Chapel. Any woman with a military ID is eligible to join MCCW. The meeting and refreshments begin at 9:30, followed by optional Holy Hour at 11 and Mass at noon. For more information, call Chris Johnson 701-6490 or Phyllis Gibat 842-2175. Please let Gibat know today if you need child care.

**Logistics society**

The Society of Logistics will hold its monthly luncheon Nov. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The speaker is Rick Turner, director of Test Measurement and Diagnostics Equipment Activity. For reservations call Jane Reeves 544-7991 or Dave Welch 837-5282, ext. 1706.

**Computer users**

The Huntsville PC User Group's Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet at 9:15 a.m. Nov. 10 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Kevin Wangbickler, the past HPCUG president, will demonstrate Movie Maker for combining video, still pictures and music. Movie Maker is a free program from Microsoft. At 10:45, Kathleen Staggs, the library media specialist for Grissom High, will demonstrate the Huntsville Education System's web pages for two-way communications between parents, teachers and students. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

**Crimson Tide speaker**

Joe Kines of University of Alabama athletics will speak Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Austin High School's Auditorium. This event, sponsored by the Austin High

School Athletic Booster Club, is free of charge and open to everyone. The school's address is 1625 Danville Road in southwest Decatur. For more information, call Heath Holdbrooks 318-3024.

**University women**

American Association of University Women will hold a free public lecture Nov. 6 at the Bevill Center, UAH, 550 Sparkman Drive. The scheduled speaker is Betty Austin, director of the athletics department at Alabama A&M University. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., with the dinner (\$18) at 6 and the program at 7. Seats are available for non-diners. For more information, call Lois 880-8643.

**Honoring veterans**

Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center, will speak about patriotism, the military and his experience in Iraq at the Nov. 6 meeting of the Columbia/New Century Technology High School PTSA. The meeting will be in the Columbia High School auditorium beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will honor veterans of the armed forces. The public is invited.

**Resource managers**

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Nov. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. The speakers will be Beth Jackson from the National Children's Advocacy Center and Amy George from the Melissa George Neonatal Memorial Fund. For ticket information, call Marlene Clemons 313-2378 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

**Emergency technology**

The Tennessee Valley Emerging Technology Conference will be held March 26-28 at the Richard C. Shelby Center for Missile Intelligence Auditorium. For more information, visit the conference web site <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/ETC08/>.

**Miscellaneous**

**Reserve unit openings**

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

**Civilian deployment**

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

**Surplus sales**

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

**Thrift shop**

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

**Computer classes**

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

**Chapel services**

Weekly services at Bicentennial Chapel, on Goss Road, include: Weekdays (except Friday) - noon Catholic Mass. Saturday — 5 p.m. Catholic Mass. Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, 10:45 a.m. CCD, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, 11 a.m. Protestant Worship Service. Many Bible studies are throughout the week. For information call 876-2409.

**Motorcycle safety**

To permanently register a motorcycle on any DoD installation, the Defense Department requires all motorcyclists to 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](mailto:93hdstc@bellsouth.net).

**Green to gold**

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

**Lateral entry**

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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**Dollar tree**

**Minnie Jones, human resources specialist in the Civilian Personnel Office, says she looks like a dollar tree after her co-workers pinned dollar bills to her clothes the day before her 60th birthday Oct. 26. Tiffany Tiller and Robin Stone got this started for her birthday. "I think it's great," Jones says. "It's a lot of humor in it."**

**Retiree appreciation days**

New Combat-Related Special Compensation programs will be discussed during the Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Days on Friday and Saturday. Col. John Sackett from CRSC will hold briefings at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club on Friday; and at 10:40 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium on Saturday. Additional briefings and special events for military retirees and their families will be held at various locations across Redstone on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call the Retiree Services Office 876-2022.

**Commissary's appreciation**

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

**Butler High reunion**

Butler High School class of 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 [bellecambro@yahoo.com](mailto:bellecambro@yahoo.com) or call 509-6014 with your latest information and your preference on the dates.

**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.

**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.

**Toast of city**

Turner Universal 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. The 2008 Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame laureates will be announced. All proceeds from The 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 today. For more information, call the local GEICO Insurance office 837-0551.

**Operation Stand Down**

This weekend, 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 [bsjennings@bellsouth.net](mailto:bsjennings@bellsouth.net), Jane Dow 508-0042, Valerie Coffey 885-7387 or Doug Dietz at 509-4579.

**Fox Army health center**

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Nov. 12 in observance of Veterans Day. On Nov. 13, the Primary Care Clinic will be open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for scheduled appointments. All other clinics and the Pharmacy will be closed all day. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day, at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox doesn't have an emergency room. Dial 911 in the event of an emergency.

**Logistics awards**

The 2007 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award Luncheon/Ceremony

is Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The two awards to be presented are the Management/Executive Award to GS-13s and above (or military equivalents) and the Professional/Technical Award to GS-13s and below (or military equivalents). Tickets cost \$15. For tickets call Kathy White 876-1757, Marveline Readus 313-1588, Faye Yates 876-1824, Jan Huys 313-1504, Vanessa Adair 313-1475, Debbie White 313-4165, Linda Cosgray 313-4004 or Katie Clark 876-1093.

### Garden plots

Garden plot owners on Redstone Arsenal should ensure their plots are cleared and clean by Dec. 15 to prepare for winterization procedures. Requests will be sent to Directorate of Public Works to bush hog and plow plots for winter no earlier than Dec. 15. For more information, call Stephanie Stone 830-9175.

### Stepping stones

The Post Library and the OCWC Garden Club are teaming up to teach you how to make a stepping stone. Class members will make and decorate one to use as a border around the Butterfly Garden at the library and one to take home. The class is open to anyone who can use Morale Welfare and Recreation facilities. This is a class for all ages, but children from 6 to 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Class will be offered Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Post Library, building 3323 on Redeye Road. The class will last about two hours, depending on the number of students. Cost is \$7. Your pre-payment at the library will be your reservation for the class. For more information, call 876-4741.

### Book sale

A Civil War book sale will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Library Auditorium. There will be books and videos about the Civil War at this sale which is sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table. The sale is to benefit Civil War Battlefield Preservation and the Heritage Room Archives of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. For more information, call 858-6191.

### Tax center volunteers

The Redstone Tax Assistance Center needs volunteers interested in learning tax law at an IRS certification class and then helping servicemembers, retirees and their family members complete their 2007 tax returns. The training and certification will be held Jan. 14-23. The training is required, but flexible for those who can volunteer. The Tax Center will be open for business from Jan. 24 through April 15. Volunteers are asked to work at least one four-hour shift each week "This is a highly rewarding volunteer opportunity that not only provides a tremendous service to Redstone community, but will give you an in-depth understanding of the tax system and the ability to prepare your own tax return free of charge," a prepared release said. To volunteer or for more information, call Rachael Yeoman 876-9007.

### Women veterans

A group of women veterans from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, National Guard, Coast Guard and Reserves are joining ranks to march in the Veterans Day parade on Nov. 12 in downtown Huntsville. The group will meet at 10 a.m.

in Lot K at Clinton Avenue. A map of the parade route can be found at <http://www.waff.com>. To sign up or for more information, e-mail [cbsscott76@yahoo.com](mailto:cbsscott76@yahoo.com).

### Instructor job

There is a job opening for a procurement analyst (instructor, GS-1102-12, at the Army Logistics Management College with duty location in Huntsville. Annual salary is \$63,958 to \$83,741. Closing date is Friday for vacancy announcement SCAQ07303071. If interested call Joe East, director of ALMC-Huntsville Campus and chairman of the systems acquisition department, 864-1825.

### Instructor of year

The Instructor of the Year awards ceremony luncheon, for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and 59th Ordnance Brigade, is Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets are \$10. Call Sgt. 1st Class James 842-9771.

### Warrant officer recruitment

U.S. Army Warrant Officer Recruiting briefings will be held Nov. 5-6 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Education Center, building 3222, room 10.

### Operation shoe box

Bicentennial Chapel is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child (Operation Shoe Box) again this year. To participate bring your filled, separately wrapped (top and bottom) shoe box to Bicentennial Chapel by Nov. 11. Items that should not be included are guns, military items, toy soldiers, liquid items and chocolate. For more information, call Dorothy May 842-8391.

### Chapel festival

Bicentennial Chapel will hold its annual Fall Festival today from 6-8 p.m. There will be games, puppeteers and food.

### Native American heritage

November is designated as National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. Team Redstone is sponsoring essay and static display contests in support of American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month. This year's local theme is "Honoring Warriors: Past and Present." For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon 876-8648.

### CFC weekend

All federal employees, postal workers and military personnel will be able to shop at Costco (North Huntsville location only) on Nov. 17 and 18. You will receive all the benefits that regular members receive during this period. You will be required to show the pink copy of your Combined Federal Campaign pledge card receipt to gain access to Costco. Don't delay — make your CFC pledge today to take advantage of this free weekend of shopping at Costco. Give today, change tomorrow. For more information, call the CFC Office 876-9143.

# Rocket Announcements



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## Distinguished grad

**1st Lt. Mohamed El-Nagger from Egypt is the Distinguished Graduate for the 94H course held from March 12 until Oct. 18.**

### Red Cross blood drives

American Red Cross blood drives in November include the following: Nov. 1, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at building 5400. Nov. 8, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at building 4488. Nov. 9, from 7-noon, at Corps of Engineers. Nov. 15, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Sparkman Center. Nov. 16, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at NASA building 4316. Nov. 30, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Missile Defense Agency at 106 Wynn Drive.

### PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours for the observance of Veterans Day, Nov. 12: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Concessions — GNC, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Enterprise, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Cellular Service, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Barber Shop/Mall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and all other concessions will be closed. Furniture Store, closed. One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tire Store, closed. Burger King, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Military Clothing, closed. Barber Shop, building 3479, closed. Food Court — Anthony's, closed; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Robin Hood, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Churches, closed; and American Eatery, closed.

### Community ballet

Community Ballet Association presents the fifth annual Military Night featuring its production of "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. This event is free for all active duty military, National Guard, Reserves, retired military and their families. The only requirement is that military personnel or a family member has a valid military ID. A military or dependent military ID admits the entire family. For more information, call 539-0961.



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## Sweet sale

Members of the Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office hold a bake sale Oct. 24 for the Combined Federal Campaign. The volunteers include, from left, Donna McCool, K.C. Bertling, Jeanne Gibbs and Freda Smith, who works for the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency.

# ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
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**THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT [WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL](http://WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL)**

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SCBK07310107	Logistics Mgmt Spec	1-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X												
SCBK07266243	General Engr	2-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X			X	X				
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SCBK07305940	Industrial Engr	2-Nov-07	SMDC	GS-0896	13	13	76,056 - 98,876			X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07316625	Trng Instructor (Electronics)	2-Nov-07	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	53,362 - 69,373	X	X	X					X	X				
SCBK07274611	Medical Officer (Psychiatry)	2-Nov-07	MEDDAC	GS-0602	14	14	97,574 - 121,307			X	X		X		X	X				
SCBK07230152	Trng Spec	2-Nov-07	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X	X					X					
SCBK07315101	Supv Trng Instructor	2-Nov-07	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X					X	X				
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SCBK07200804	Supv Accountant	5-Nov-07	Corp of Engrs- Hsv	YC-0510	2	2	63,958 - 122,678	X												
SCBK07299804	Budget Analyst	5-Nov-07	Corp of Engrs- Hsv	YA-0560	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X												
SCBK07346528	CBRNE Oper Spec	5-Nov-07	GARRISON	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148			X	X		X		X	X				
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SCBK07348115	Aerospace Engr	7-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876		X		X	X		X	X					
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SCBK07354247	Medical Supp Assistant (OA)	7-Nov-07	MEDDAC	GS-0679	5	5	29,108 - 37,839	X												
SCBK07321927	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X												
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SCBK07321608	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X												
SCBK07364453	Mgmt Analyst	8-Nov-07	GARRISON	GS-0343	12	12	63,658 - 83,148	X												
SCBK07368821	Telecomm Spec	9-Nov-07	SMDC	GS-0391	11	11	53,362 - 69,373	X									X		X	
SCBK07171020	Equip Spec (Gen)	13-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	63,958 - 83,148				X				X					X
SCBK07339682	Operations Research Analyst	16-Nov-07	SMDC	GS-1515	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X												
SCBK07295798	Supv General Engr	16-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07295798D	Supv General Engr	16-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	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	X	X	X
SCBK07266161	Equip Spec (Gen)	21-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	56,301 - 83,148				X				X					X
SCBK07266185	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	66,951 - 98,876				X				X					X
SCBK07354390	Mechanical Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X
SCBK07354390D	Mechanical Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07363314	Lead Comp Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434		X	X			X		X	X				X
SCBK07363314D	Lead Comp Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07282335	Equip Spec (Aircraft)	26-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	56,301 - 83,148				X				X					X

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WTST07304718	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	1-Nov-07	TSMO	GG-2210	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST07047558R	Aerospace Engr	1-Nov-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
SCBK07321273D	Industrial Engr	2-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0896	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07348115D	Aerospace Engr	7-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07347979D	Electronics Engr	8-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	2	2	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07295798D	Supv General Engr	16-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07341275D	Aerospace Engr	20-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	103,111 - 145,400	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07354390D	Mechanical Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07363314D	Lead Comp Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	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.

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