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Parade of events saluting veterans

Holiday weekend activities
include 5K Run, dinner

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This year's Veterans Day activities in Huntsville involve more than the 11th day of November. They involve an entire weekend.

With Veterans Day falling on a Sunday, organizers planned the city's parade for 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, which is this year's official federal holiday. And, the annual Veterans Day dinner was planned for Saturday, Nov. 10.

But, that left no activities to honor veterans on Sunday, Nov. 11 – the traditional Veterans Day date, which goes back to 1919 when President Woodrow Wilson declared Nov. 11 Armistice Day in honor of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 when major hostilities of World War I formally ended. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution inviting all states to honor veterans on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

So, an event – a free afternoon concert by the U.S. Air Force Academy Band – was scheduled for Nov. 11 for veterans, their families and the community as a whole.

Add to the mix a military appreciation night at the University of Alabama-Huntsville hockey game on Friday, Nov. 9; an event to unveil the rendering of the city's new veterans memorial, also on Friday; the first-ever Heroes Weekend honoring wounded warriors; and other activities, and before anyone realized it Veterans Day had turned into Huntsville's first-ever Veterans Weekend.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

MARCHING TROOPS— Soldiers from Redstone Arsenal carry the flags at the beginning of the 2006 Veterans Day Parade in downtown Huntsville. This year's parade is scheduled for 11 a.m. Nov. 12. The parade is one of several activities planned to honor local veterans during the weekend of Nov. 9-12.

"This event has just exploded on us," said retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, who has served as the chairman of the Veterans Day Committee for nine years.

"It's not just a day. It's a weekend, a

weekend not only to celebrate and support the service given, but also the service of those serving now. We are encouraging all veterans to wear their medals, their service caps, their T-shirts to show others they have served. We are encouraging all veterans to salute their flag in public, and especially at the parade. They set the tone, they set the example for the children so that when they grow up they will have the proper respect for their flag and country."

Wearing military decorations on Veterans Day is a new tradition begun last year as part of a national program called "Veterans Pride Initiative" to encourage the 24 million living Americans who have served in the armed forces to wear the medals that bring them honor when in public.

Drolet was president of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army when, nine years ago, the Veterans Day Parade seemed destined to be forgotten. Its small group of organizers was

Veterans' sacrifice to be honored at dinner

Military Hall of Heroes
inductees announced

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Among the veterans who will be honored during Huntsville's Veterans Day activities will be the 2007 inductees into the Madison County Military Hall of Heroes and the Purple Heart recipients whose names have been added to the rolls at the Madison County Courthouse and the Veter-

ans Memorial Museum.

These veterans will be recognized at the Veterans Day Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Von Braun Center.

At the dinner, Tom Gentilcore, president of the Madison County Military Heritage Commission will be joined by various local military leaders to honor seven veterans during the 32nd induction of the Madison County Military Hall of Heroes. Joining Gentilcore will be Don Powers, commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of

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An open lane random survey

What's your Veterans Day message?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Steven Froniabarger
AMCOM Acquisition Center



"We have a lot to be thankful to our veterans for because we wouldn't live the lifestyle that we live without them putting themselves at risk for our freedoms."

Janice Jones
AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate
"For the troops to just come back safely from Iraq and Afghanistan. And that we honor all of the veterans."



Capt. Peter Schmitt
AMCOM Command Group



"In a culture that idolizes self-gratification and frivolity, Veterans Day is a refreshing opportunity to honor those who support/protect the American Dream."

Holly Hagler
Sparkman Management Office

"Thank you for putting your life on the line for me."



Getting to know you

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Job: Programmer 4, Logistics Support Activity

Where do you call home?
Cullman County, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

You never know what to expect. And the people I work with.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spend most of my time either at church or making music. Mostly it's just me and a guitar or soundtrack. I just like to play and sing whenever I get the chance.

What are your goals?

Retirement (laugh). Just to see my grandkids grow up. I've got five grandkids. The youngest is 2, the oldest is 9.

What's your favorite type of music?

Country



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Quote of the week

'Through their commitment to freedom, America's veterans have lifted millions of lives and made our country and the world more secure. They have demonstrated to us that freedom is the mightiest force on Earth. We resolve that their sacrifices will always be remembered by a grateful nation.'

— President Bush
Veterans Day proclamation, Oct 31, 2006

Letter to the Editor

Home sought for Soldier's keepsake

We lost Sgt. David Alex Stephens (known as "Alex" to all of us) April 12 as the result of injuries from a roadside bomb near Miri, Afghanistan. He'd be age 29 Nov. 9th. He leaves behind a wife, Megan, and their new baby girl, Sienna, in Spring Lake, N.C. Alex was able to briefly see his daughter before he deployed last spring.

Alex was our Franklin County, Tenn., neighbor boy, a bit older than my kids. I remember him as a freckled-faced lanky animated boy, full of antics as the baby to his two older sisters. He was always cutting up and you couldn't keep from laughing around him.

Alex was a 2002 graduate of UT-Chatanooga, gaining a bachelor's in abnormal psychology. Alex joined the Army in March 2005, the 82nd Airborne in February 2006. He was with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team in Afghanistan when he was killed.

Alex had been selected for Officer Candidate School, but turned it down to train as a medic. The loss of his mother, Ginger Stephens (sudden heart attack, Alex was with her) made him resolved to serve in a way that helped people.

To me, that is the major impression of Alex — that he wanted to help people, whether trying to tease a laugh out of them, studying mental health in college, or serving as a medic in the Army. He had strong roots in his family.

Alex's dad, David Stephens, is settling up a few matters while dealing with the loss of his only son. He would like to find a new home for a handgun that had been passed to Alex by his grandfather years ago.

David would like to list for sale this Smith & Wesson .44-caliber Magnum handgun, with Class B engraving, case and six boxes ammo included, for \$700. The phone number is (931) 461-5397.

We would all hope the gun could go to a home that would honor its history and the memory of Sgt. Alex Stephens.

Cheryl Schur



Sgt. Alex Stephens

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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Oct. 25: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license when he stopped and asked for a pass at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

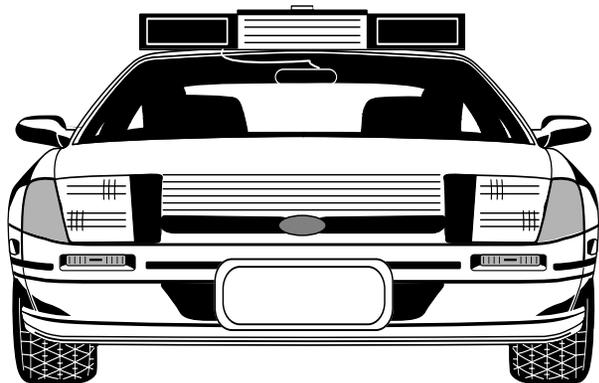
Oct. 26: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Oct. 29: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol

and trespassing at Gate 9. He was administered a series of field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was arrested and transported to the police station, where he was administered a breath test. He failed the breath test and was placed in the detention cell. He was later issued a summons and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 14 speeding, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 no driver's license, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving under the influence, 1 expired driver's license, 2 driving with a suspended license.



THAAD missile passes intercept test near Hawaii

The Terminal High Altitude Area Defense element of the Ballistic Missile Defense System successfully completed a test Oct. 27, resulting in the intercept of a ballistic missile target at the Pacific Missile Range Facility off the island of Kauai in Hawaii.

Preliminary indications are that planned flight test objectives were achieved. The intercept involved the exo-atmospheric (outside earth's atmosphere) "hit to kill" destruction of a unitary (non-separating) target representing a Scud-type ballistic missile launched from a mobile platform positioned off Kauai in the Pacific Ocean. The interceptor was launched from the THAAD launch complex at the Pacific Missile Range Facility.

This was the 31st successful "hit to kill" intercept in 39 tests since 2001 by ground and sea-based interceptors against short, medium and long-range ballistic missile targets.

The primary objective of this test was to demonstrate integrated operations of the system, including radar, launcher, fire control equipment and procedures, and the interceptor to detect, track and destroy the target missile using only the force of a direct collision between the interceptor and the target missile — hit to kill technology. Other objectives included demonstrating performance of an interceptor that had been "hot conditioned," or heated to a certain temperature before launching; and demonstrating the ability of the interceptor to perform correctly in the "endgame," or final seconds before target intercept. The ability of Soldiers to conduct launcher, fire control and radar operations was also observed.

This was the fourth successful intercept for the current THAAD program in four tests and the third test of the THAAD system at Pacific Missile Range Facility. The first test at the Pacific Missile Range Facility was a successful high-endoatmospheric (just inside earth's atmosphere) intercept of a Scud-type unitary target in January. The second test this past April, also a success, involved the intercept of a

"mid endo-atmospheric" (inside earth's atmosphere) unitary target representing a Scud-type ballistic missile.

Soldiers of the 6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, operated all THAAD equipment during all tests, conducting operations of the launcher, fire control and communications and radar. Their interaction with the complete THAAD system provided valuable test and operations experience for the Soldiers, and contributed to the operational realism of the tests.

THAAD is the first weapon system with both endo-atmospheric and exo-atmospheric capability developed specifically to defend against short, medium and intermediate range ballistic missiles. The THAAD system will provide high-altitude missile defense over a larger area than the complementary Patriot system, and, like the Patriot, intercepts a ballistic missile target in the "terminal" phase of flight — the final minute or so when the hostile missile falls toward the earth at the end of its flight. Patriot and THAAD, as well as the long-range Ground-based Midcourse Defense and the sea-based Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, all use "hit to kill" technology.

The Ballistic Missile Defense System now in development and testing will be capable of providing a layered, integrated defense for the U.S. homeland, its deployed forces, allies and friends against ballistic missiles of all ranges, in all phases of flight — boost, midcourse and terminal. The higher-altitude and theater-wide protection offered by THAAD provides more protection of larger areas than lower-tier systems like Patriot alone. THAAD can be transported by air to wherever it is needed worldwide, and consists of radar, fire control unit, missile launchers, and interceptor missiles.

The THAAD program is managed by the Missile Defense Agency in Washington, D.C., and executed by the THAAD Project Office in Huntsville. Lockheed Martin Corporation is the prime contractor. (Missile Defense Agency release)

School marks 40 years of training in Toftoy Hall

Maj. Gen. Toftoy's legacy continues in the building

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Since 1967 some 50,000 Soldiers have been trained in basic electronics in a building dedicated in memory of "Mr. Missile."

A ceremony Friday celebrated 40 years of basic electronics training in Toftoy Hall, a building named after Maj. Gen. Holger N. Toftoy. Three members of the Toftoy family – his daughter, Doris Williams, 74, of Huntsville, and her two sons, Ken, 50, and Dan, 40 – were among the attendees.

"His legacy lives on in this building," said Col. Thomas Keegan, commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. Keegan himself was trained there in 1984.

Ray Patrick, division chief for missile systems electronics training, conducted the ceremony which included videos of the building's history and the future use of Army space power. Military occupational specialty training continues in Toftoy Hall on nine different courses with 22 instructors including Army civilian, military and contractor. Courses vary from nine days until 30 weeks, depending on the specialty.

Among the civilians is cur-

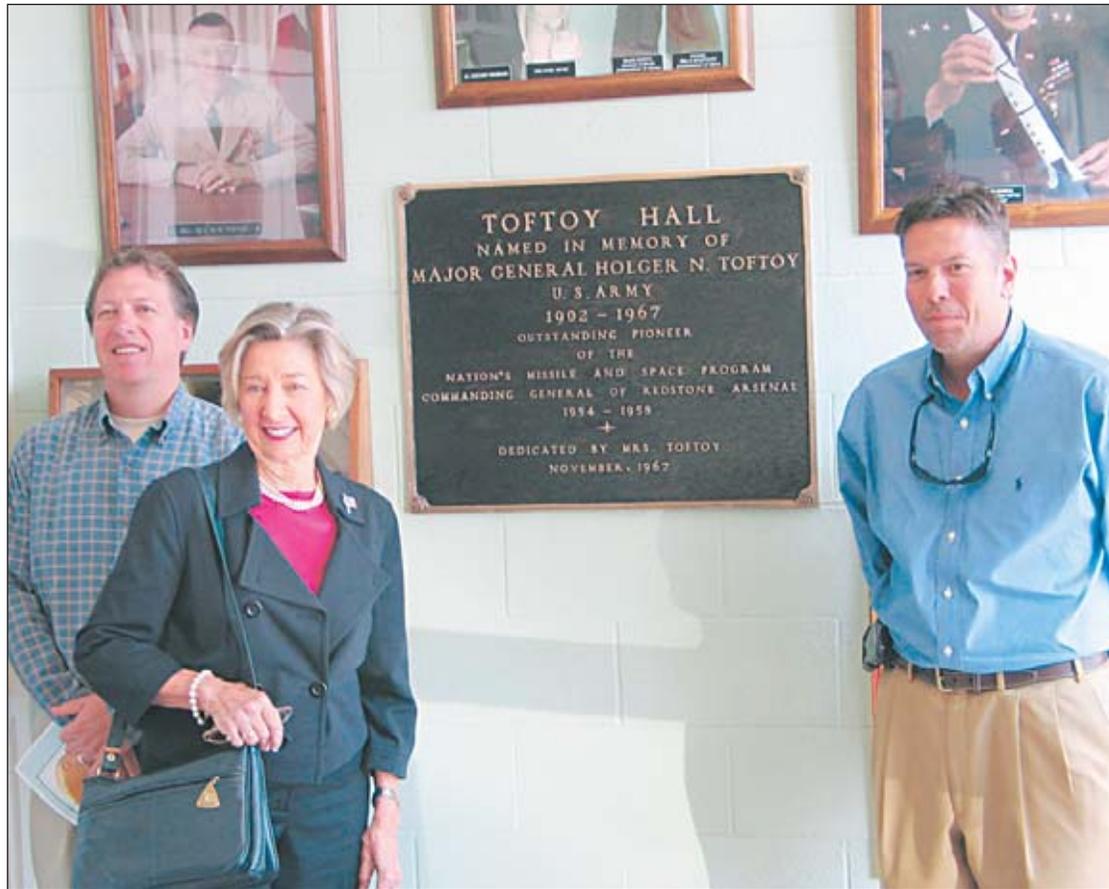


Photo by Skip Vaughn

HONORED GUESTS— Three members of the Maj. Gen. Holger N. Toftoy family – his daughter, Doris Williams, and her two sons, Ken, left, and Dan – attend the 40th anniversary ceremony at Toftoy Hall.

riculum officer Bob Boris, who arrived at the school in 1970 as a Soldier. "A lot of people that I know in this community came through this building, Toftoy Hall, and not only in this community, all over the world," Boris said.

Williams and her sons

posed for photographs after the event and cut a 40th anniversary cake.

"It was absolutely a wonderful experience to be here," Williams said. "And I was just very honored to have been a part of this and to see the history. And all that this school

has accomplished means so much. And General Toftoy would be so proud to see this. The film on the future (of Army space power) was amazing and very encouraging. And I'd like to say: Go Army!

"The motto of the school – 'In pursuit of excellence' – is

a perfect example of General Toftoy. I mean he was always in pursuit of excellence, whatever he was doing. And I loved seeing that (motto). For them to carry it on is great."

Toftoy arrived at Redstone Arsenal in 1952 as director of the Ordnance Missile Laboratories, which was responsible for planning, technical control and supervision of what had become the nationwide Army guided missile and rocket development program. Within two years, Redstone had become recognized as one of the Army's most important technical centers, and Toftoy, first as a brigadier general, then as major general in command of Redstone Arsenal, had laid the foundation of today's huge complex. During the period of his command, 1952 to August 1958, Redstone became responsible for the research and development, procurement and production, storage, maintenance and issue of the entire Army family of missiles and rockets.

In March 1958, Toftoy became deputy commanding general of the Army Ordnance Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal. He remained at Redstone until July 1958, when he was named the commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. In 1960 Toftoy retired from the Army because of ill health. He died in April 1967 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Tips provided on required and recurring training

Questions and answers given on taking courses for credit

Confused about the new Required & Recurring Training feature in the Training Information Program? Here are some frequently asked questions and answers. For more information about the R&R feature, contact your organization's training coordinator or visit "What's New?" at <https://tip.redstone.army.mil> to view the R&R Training Memorandum of Instruction.

Question: What are the new terminologies used in TIP for the Required & Recurring Training process?

Answer: Required & Recurring Training is any training directed by a higher command that is required and occurs on recurring cycle for all employees be it civilian, military and/or contractor regardless of the employees type or organization affiliation. Special Training is training that is required but specific to an organization or employee's sub or skill set. Examples of special trainings are Government Travel Card Holder Training and NSPS 101. A poster is a person within a command that is responsible for posting R&R trainings to employee lists. Posters do not announce the training; they ensure that the course is built in TIP and the correct proponent information is entered. A proponent is a person responsible for serving as the local point of contact for an R&R or Special Training. Proponents are normally responsible for one or more of the following: announcing the training, recording attendance and forwarding attendance data to a higher command.

Question: To access the R&R menu within TIP, does everyone (civilian, military and contractor work forces) have to log in?

Answer: Yes. Everyone has to log into TIP to view and self-certify their R&R and Special Trainings. Ensure that your profile is current or if new to TIP, create a profile for future use.

Question: How do I know what R&R Trainings are required for me to take? How do I receive credit after completing an R&R Training?

Answer: Once you have logged into TIP, with your Common Access Card you may click on "View R&R Training (Mandatory Training)." If you have been identified by a proponent, you will see the course(s) listed that you are required to take. Upon completing the course, for instructor-led courses, select the date you attended the training and submit. For

online courses, select the box next to the course title you completed and enter your completion date. Your entries may now be viewed on your Individual Development Plan.

Question: I entered the wrong completion date in TIP for an R&R and/or Special Training. How may I correct that?

Answer: Contact your organization's training coordinator.

Question: I was TDY during an instructor led course. How will I learn of makeup courses and their date, time and location?

Answer: You may wait for an e-mail from TIP instructing you of the makeup session's date, time and location or contact the specific R&R training proponent with questions.

Question: How long will R & R Training stay on my personal list?

Answer: The training remains on your list until after you have completed and self-certified your completion date or 30 days after the training suspense date.

Question: I am a matrixed employee, what am I supposed to do to receive the R&R e-mail notifications directed to the organization I am matrixed to?

Answer: Update your profile by checking the matrix check box and then selecting the matrixed organization and approving officials.

Question: My supervisor wants me to send a reminder e-mail to everyone in our office to remind them about the upcoming R&R Training. Should I do that?

Answer: No. Reminder e-mails are individually sent by TIP to employees that have not completed their requirements. There is absolutely no need to remind the entire office when they all may not need to be notified. This is a cultural change from the past, but this new process must be given the opportunity to work. With your assistance, it will.

Question: I am a supervisor, how may I identify if the employees I supervise have completed their R&R training?

Answer: Supervisors may pull reports from TIP displaying the employees under their supervision who have or have not completed an R&R Training. Training coordinators as well as proponents may also pull reports displaying who has and has not completed R&R Trainings.

Question: I am a proponent for R&R Training, how do I announce R&R Training?

Answer: First, be sure that your training meets the definition for R&R Training.

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Retiring assistant inspectors keep their options open

*AMCOM IG Office
says goodbye to pair*

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This was a big event for a small office.

The AMCOM Inspector General Office held a retirement reception Oct. 30 for Gary Bell and Ed Goad, two of its 10 civilians. The 12 members include two Soldiers.

“So this is almost a 20 percent turnover,” quipped Lt. Col. Scott Bodine, the inspector general for the Aviation and Missile Command.

Bell and Goad both served as assistant IGs. Bell retired with 28 years service while Goad had more than 25 years.

“And what do I plan to do afterward? Wherever the Lord leads, and that’s exciting,” Bell said. “I’m very excited. We’ve been very blessed and we will continue to be.

“I have no idea what I’ll be doing but I’m very excited about it.”

Likewise, Goad has his options open. What does he plan to do after retirement? “Whatever I want to, I hope,” Goad replied.

Both received the Commander’s Award for Civilian Service during the reception at building 111.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

IT’S BEEN GREAT— Gary Bell, left, and Ed Goad share congratulations during their retirement reception at the AMCOM Inspector General Office.

Alaska tour ready to set sail

You're invited to travel with the MWR Leisure Travel department to Alaska for a 12 day and 11 night excursion by air, land and sea.

This is a four-night land tour and seven-night cruise. The group departs on May 29, flying into Fairbanks, Alaska.

Based on double occupancy in a balcony stateroom, this excursion costs \$4,059 per person. The seven days at

sea are all inclusive; however, the four-day land portion does not include meals.

A \$500 per person deposit is due by Dec. 5, with the remaining balance due at monthly intervals. There are a limited number of spaces available.

The Redstone Leisure Travel Office is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday in building 3711, at the corner of Patton and Aerobee Road. For more information, call 876-5492.

Hackers prey on trusted sites to lure victims

Cybercriminals are lurking in dark corners on some of the most trusted web sites, exploiting them to target unsuspecting users.

That's the word from Symantec's latest Internet Security Threat Report. In the first half of this year, Symantec found attackers increasingly targeting victims by exploiting vulnerabilities in trusted environments, such as popular financial, social networking, and career recruitment web sites.

That news worries experts because once a trusted site has been compromised, criminals can use it as a base for distributing malicious code to users visiting that site.

Recently, hackers attacked the web site for the U.S. Consulate in Russia, planting malicious code that would infect visitors. And several weeks before that, hackers stole more than a million pieces of information on people using two online job sites that ran a fraudulent ad infected with a Trojan horse.

Infecting trusted sites is a boon to hackers and identity thieves because it lets them lie in

wait for victims, rather than actively seeking out targets, security researchers note. Social networking sites are considered particularly valuable to attackers because they provide access to a large number of people, many of whom trust the site and its security.

These web sites can also expose a great deal of confidential user information that can then be used in attempts to conduct identity theft, online fraud, or to provide access to other sites from which attackers can deploy further attacks.

The threat report also noted that cybercriminals are continuing to become more professional — even commercializing their efforts. They're taking a business approach to the development, distribution and use of malicious code. Many hackers are taking this trend to the next level by making cybercrime their actual profession, and they are employing business-like practices to successfully accomplish this goal. (*National Security Institute Inc.*)

■ How to use the new automated training feature

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If it does, contact the poster for your command/organization for assistance. A list of the posters by command follows. If your command is not listed, call the TIP Helpdesk at 876-6297. The posters include: AMCOM LCMC — Cheryl Wise at cheryl.a.wise@us.army.mil; AMRDEC — Kim Jean at kim.jean@us.army.mil; Garrison — Jacquelyn Williams at jacquelyn.williams@us.army.mil; PEO Missiles and Space — Cindy Parmer at cindy.parmar@us.army.mil; and Redstone CPAC — Jerrel McCollum at jerrel.mccollum@us.army.mil.

Question: I am the proponent for a Special Training, how do I get my course in TIP to announce?

Answer: You must first contact the TIP helpdesk and request that your Special Training be placed in TIP as a Special Training. To avoid confusion, allow the TIP helpdesk personnel to assist you in titling your course. Use the agreed upon course title in your announcement to the work force. Next, draft your own announcement and send it to the proper distribution lists in the global address list or in your contacts. Before sending, please view the TIP, "What's New" menu for preferred examples of "How to Announce Special Trainings."

Question: I was instructed to go to TIP and self-certify that I completed a Special Training. Where do I do that?

Answer: Upon logging into TIP, with your CAC, select "Post Special Training to IDP." Locate the course you completed in the drop-down menu and enter your completion date, then submit. Your course completion will be posted to your IDP.

Question: It sounds like TIP can do a lot of great things. Where can I go to receive additional TIP training?

Answer: The following TIP trainings are available or will be announced soon: TIP for training coordinators — Nov. 13 and Nov. 15 from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.; TIP for supervisors — Courses will be offered in early fiscal 2008; and TIP for employees — Courses will be offered in early FY '08. (Note: For supervisors, a module about the system has been added to the New Supervisor Course which is managed by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.)

Question: Where do I go to get help with TIP?

Answer: There is a TIP User's Manual on the TIP web site. Secondly, contact your organization's training coordinator. When all else fails, you may contact the TIP Helpdesk at 876-6297 or tiphelpdesk@conus.army.mil.

Editor's note: This article was provided by the TIP Helpdesk.

■ Holiday weekend loaded with events honoring veterans

Veterans

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dwindling and interest seemed to be ebbing. That's when AUSA and WAFF-48 stepped in to take on the parade. The parade and the events around the parade have grown ever since.

"The community has become more and more involved in this event over the years," said Drolet, who is now state president of AUSA. "It's exciting to see the growth and see the community come together for its veterans. This event represents the true values of this community. It's great to see the feeling of patriotism and pride this community has for the country and the military."

The theme for this year's Veterans Day activities is "We Honor Those Who Serve."

The first Veterans Day event for the weekend of Nov. 9-12 is the unveiling of the rendering for a new Veterans Memorial Monument in Veterans Park in downtown Huntsville. The unveiling will take place at 2 p.m. Friday in the park, which is located near I-565, and is bordered by Monroe, Washington and Jefferson streets.

"It's just going to be a phenomenal event," Drolet said. "It will set the tone for the whole weekend. This is a memorial we can all be proud of. It will include the words courage, sacrifice and duty. It will have a waterfall, statues, lighting and tablets from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. We need veterans to support this to make it happen."

The activities will continue with Military Appreciation Night sponsored by AUSA at the University of Alabama-Huntsville hockey game in the Von Braun Center arena beginning at 5:35 p.m. Friday. Soldiers and their families can attend the hockey game for free.

As part of the Veterans Day activities, the Semper Fi Community Task Force (SFCTF) will host a Heroes Weekend event for nearly 20 wounded Marines. Veterans are invited to honor these wounded warriors at a reception on Friday night at the Huntsville Depot Roundhouse beginning at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, the Heroes' Half-Marathon and 5K Run will be hosted by SFCTF and the Huntsville Track Club, and sponsored by Lockheed Martin, Hillwood Baptist Church, Fleet Feet Sports, Buffalo Rock Company, Huntsville Police Department, HEMSI and City of Huntsville Parks and Recreation Services.

At 7:45 a.m., there will be a brief ceremony at the race start at Hillwood Baptist Church, located in Huntsville on Kohler Road just south of the Memorial Parkway and Mountain Gap Road intersection. Then

the Heroes Half-Marathon will begin at 8 a.m. and the 5K Run will begin at 8:20.

"We are encouraging veterans and the community to go to the run," Drolet said. "They don't have to run. But, they can be part of the celebration to kick off the event and cheer on the runners, and then celebrate when the runners finish the race."

The wounded Marines will be recognized at the event and will participate in the 5K run, said Heroes Weekend chairman Bob Marshall. There are already nearly 400 runners entered in the 5K run. For entry information, check out the Huntsville Track Club web site at www.HuntsvilleTrackClub.org or contact Dick Franklin at 881-0331 or dickfranklin@knology.net.

On Saturday evening, the Veterans Day Reception and Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. The event will include the presentation of three awards by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition — the President's Special Veteran of the Year Award, Military Family of the Year Award and Lifetime Achievement Award. It will also include the 2007 induction of veterans into the Madison County Military Hall of Heroes, the announcement of Purple Heart recipients whose names have been added to the rolls at the Madison County Courthouse and the Veterans Memorial Museum, and a presentation on the Veterans Memorial Monument.

Dinner sponsors are AUSA, City of Huntsville, City of Madison, Madison County Commission, National Defense Industrial Association, North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, Air, Space & Missile Defense Association, and 40 local corporations. Corporate tickets at the platinum and gold sponsor levels can be purchased by calling Linda Crutcher at 722-4260 or Dave Carney at 217-6311 or visiting the AUSA web site at www.ausaredstone.org.

Other events on Saturday include the 232nd Marine Corps Birthday Ball at the Von Braun Center. The ball is sponsored by the local Marine Reserves Battery K, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines, 4th Marine Division. The ball is a formal affair that begins at 6 p.m., and will include dancing and recognition of Marine Corps achievements through its history. Tickets are \$40 each and can be reserved by calling 213-9683, ext.106.

On Sunday, the U.S. Air Force Academy Band will perform at the Von Braun Center at 2 p.m. Free tickets to the event can be obtained from the Von Braun Center, The Huntsville Times and WHNT-TV.

On Monday, the AUSA Veterans Day Breakfast at the Von Braun Center will honor veterans. The breakfast is by invitation only.



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UNVEILED— The first Veterans Day event for the weekend of Nov. 9-12 is the unveiling of this rendering for a new Veterans Memorial Monument in Veterans Park in downtown Huntsville. The unveiling will take place at 2 p.m. Friday in the park, which is located near I-565, and is bordered by Monroe, Washington and Jefferson streets.

The firing of a Revolutionary War cannon and a color guard presentation by the 19th Alabama will begin the Veterans Day Parade on Monday at 11 a.m. in downtown Huntsville. The two-mile route will begin on Clinton Street near the Von Braun Center. It will turn right onto Monroe Street, pass in front of the Von Braun Center, turn left onto Williams Street and continue along Big Spring International Park and through downtown, turn left onto Lincoln Street and continue around downtown, and then follow Monroe Street to the end of the route.

More than 100 entries are expected. Those entries include six bands, with Alabama A&M's Marching Maroon and White Band setting the pace. Marching in the parade will be more than 1,000 Soldiers from Redstone Arsenal, local National Guard and Reserve units and JROTC programs along with such popular entries as the Cahaba Shriners, American Red Cross, American Legion, and a host of entries from Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, JROTC groups, motorcycle and car clubs, churches, fire departments, horse riding clubs and military organizations. There will also be military equipment in the parade, including a Bradley, Tow-Mounted Humvee and an Avenger.

The parade's grand marshal will be Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command, accompanied by his wife, Kathy. They will ride in the parade on a M151A2 from the Veterans Museum. The reviewing officer will be Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

"I am humbled by the invitation and consider it an honor to represent the men and women in uniform by participating in

the Veterans Day activities," Campbell said. "As we celebrate the holiday we should also remember that more than 157,000 Soldiers are deployed in harm's way in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Veterans from Tut Fann Veterans Home and Redstone Village, the Huntsville Concert Band, the Military Wall of Honor and various military exhibits will be part of the activities at the Veterans Park along Monroe Street during the parade.

Veterans Day activities will end on Tuesday, Nov. 13, with a Veteran Career Fair sponsored by Still Serving Veterans at the Embassy Suites from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The career fair is open to veterans, their family members and the public. For event details, call 883-7139 or e-mail Kirsten@still-serving-veterans.org. The Still Serving Veterans web site is www.still-serving-veterans.org.

Recognizing veterans — whether with parades, dinners, races or career fairs — is important to a nation that enjoys the freedoms made possible by their sacrifices.

"We are able to enjoy the blessings of liberty because of the sacrifices of Soldiers who fought throughout our nation's history: at Lexington, at Normandy, at Heartbreak Ridge, in the Ia Drang Valley and in the streets of Baghdad," Campbell said.

"(Former NBC news anchor) Tom Brokaw coined the phrase 'the greatest generation' to describe the incredible contributions made by the veterans of World War II. Sadly, each day approximately 1,025 WWII veterans pass away, according to the Veterans Administration. It's important that we keep their memory alive by commemorating their service and the service of the more than 23 million living veterans."

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the Space and Missile Defense Command; Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal; Maj. Gen. A.C. Blalock, adjutant general of the Alabama National Guard; retired Col. Mike Howell, president of the Association of the U.S. Army; and retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, state president of AUSA.

The inductees are:

- **Col. Anthony Stahelski** – Recipient of the Silver Star, Bronze Star for Heroism (WWII), Bronze Star with Valor and Purple Heart. Stahelski's military career included service during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He received the Bronze Star Medal for Heroism for his actions against enemy forces on March 18, 1945 while serving in Germany. His attack against 300 enemy soldiers with direct fire inflicted numerous casualties and forced the remaining enemy to surrender or retreat in complete disorder. While serving in Korea in 1950, Stahelski was awarded the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in Action by safely evacuating his surrounded men, and thereby saving the lives of 156 officers and men. Also in 1950, Stahelski led his men against a superior enemy force near Kwakson, Korea, causing the enemy to suffer heavy losses. For his actions in that battle, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor. He received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action on Dec. 24, 1964, while serving in the Republic of Vietnam. After retirement from military service, Stahelski moved to Huntsville in 1972. He died in September at age 89.

- **Col. William A. Brinkley** – Recipient of the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Brinkley was awarded the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in Action and the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received

in action on May 27, 1969, while serving in the Republic of Vietnam. When enemy forces attacked his unit, he assumed command of the task force and attacked the enemy positions. Although wounded by a direct hit on his armored vehicle, he continued to press the attack by manning his turret machine gun until the enemy fled the battlefield. Brinkley retired from military service in 1991 and worked as a research analyst for Huntsville area defense contractors. During his latter years, Brinkley was a resident of the Tut Fann State Veterans Home, where he helped other residents complete necessary Veterans Affairs forms and documents. Brinkley died Sept. 14.

- **Lt. Col. Eric Deets** – Recipient of the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Deets was awarded the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in Action and the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action on Oct. 5, 1968, while serving in the Republic of Vietnam. On that date, he led the defense of his position against a numerically superior enemy force. His actions inflicted substantial losses upon the opposing enemy force. Deets is retired from the military and lives in Huntsville.

- **Col. Michael Kehoe** – Recipient of the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart. Kehoe distinguished himself on May 13, 1968, when his unit came under heavy enemy fire during an operation in the Republic of Vietnam. Despite being severely wounded, and due to his courageous actions, his men rallied to conduct a frontal assault that completely overwhelmed the enemy. Kehoe is retired from the Army and currently serves as a veterans service officer with the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs in the Madison County branch office.

- **Air Force Lt. Col. Thomas Allman** – Recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism. On Dec. 28, 1972, while serving as the co-pilot of a B-52 aircraft, Allman was involved in a bombardment of enemy forces near Hanoi, North

Vietnam. By his superb airmanship, he was able to avoid multiple enemy surface to air missiles, which saved his aircraft and crew. After retiring from the Air Force, Allman worked for Computer Sciences Corp. in Huntsville.

- **Maj. Paul E. Freeman** – Recipient of the Bronze Star with Valor. On Nov. 12 and 13, 1966, this retired Infantry officer distinguished himself against a battalion size force of North Vietnamese Regulars who were attacking his forward support base. With complete disregard for his own safety, Freeman exposed himself to intense enemy fire on numerous occasions in order to help organize the defense of the base. At the risk of his own life, he ensured the safety of others. Freeman is 100 percent disabled due to exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam. After his military retirement, Freeman owned a real estate company in Huntsville through the 1990s. He is an active member of Whitesburg Baptist Church.

- **Sgt. 1st Class Billie Gaines** – Recipient of the Bronze Star with Valor. On June 24, 1970, Gaines was serving in the Republic of Vietnam as a crewmember with the 191st Aviation Company. On that date, he distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action against enemy forces at a landing strip near Rach Soi, Republic of Vietnam. First, he established a defensive fighting position and engaged the enemy. He then ran through a hail of gunfire to render first aid to an aircrew that had been shot down at the other end of the airfield. After retiring, Gaines moved to Huntsville in 1986.

In addition, retired Lt. Col. Jeff Wishik, a highly decorated officer who served two tours in Vietnam, and who is a Purple Heart recipient and a 2002 Madison County Hall of Heroes inductee, will recognize 24 honorees whose names have been added to the Purple Heart roll displayed at the Madison County Courthouse and the Veterans Memorial Museum. The addition of these names brings the number of Purple Heart recipients from Madison County to 304.

Among those honorees will be Pvt. Jonathan Millican and Marine Lance Cpl. Adam Eugene Loggins, who both made the ultimate sacrifice for America while serving in Iraq. Millican will be represented by his father, Mitchell Millican; and Loggins will be represented by his father and mother, Huntsville Fire Chief Danny and Becky Loggins.

The other 22 honorees are:

- **World War II** — Marine Gordon L. Cottrell and Army Frank W. Smoot

- **Korea** — Marine Sgt. John Morash
- **Vietnam** — Col. William A. Brinkley, Lt. Col. Eric Deets, Marine Cpl. Joseph Ferrante, Marine Ernest Jones, Col. Michael Kehoe, Spc. Elmer Letcher Jr., Sgt. Windell Naylor, Pvt. Douglas Wayne Nayman, Spc. George Ross Jr., Col. Anthony Stahelski, Sgt. Ronald Swain, Spc. Kenneth Trickey, Sgt. 1st Class Frank L. Wilson and 1st Sgt. Ralph Wyke

- **Iraq** — National Guard Sgt. Joseph Gibson, National Guard Sgt. Hubble Hainline, National Guard Spc. Jessica Newey, Marine Lance Cpl. Zeth Morgan Tays and Navy Corpsman Michael Vigo.

Halloween brings out heavenly costumes



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ANGEL— Volonda Reedus of the AMCOM Acquisition Center adjusts her halo after entering the Sparkman Center. She won the women's costume contest at the acquisition center's Halloween fund-raiser Oct. 31 for the Combined Federal Campaign.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SHE KNOWS FUTURE— "I'm a fortuneteller today," says Kitty Williams, supervisory human resources specialist at Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

STORYBOOK— Demetres "Raggedy Ann" McKinstry and Francesca "Dr. Seuss" Edwards participate in the AMCOM Acquisition Center's walk/run Halloween fund-raiser for the Combined Federal Campaign.



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LITTLE DEVILS— From left are Jennifer Nicolas, Sheryl Chandler, Tina Johnson and Donna Arculis. They are BAE employees supporting NAMEADMSA.



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HEAR YE— Charlie Urban of AMCOM Acquisition Center University says he's a "Buck-an-ear."



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Big boost

From left, Cpl. Jupert Vries, Warrant Officer Johannes Lucas and Sgt. Maj. Ronald Wijnen, all from the Netherlands, see an Atlas rocket at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. The International Military Student Office visited the space museum Oct. 26 with 12 students from the Netherlands.

Army honors children of fallen heroes



Photo by Staff Sgt. Angel Thompson

GOLD MEDAL— Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and Donna Engeman present Nicole Engeman with the Gold Medal of Remembrance in honor of her father, Chief Warrant Officer 4 John W. Engeman, who gave his life in Iraq. Engeman's son, 1st Lt. Patrick Engeman, received the same medal in a simultaneous ceremony in Baghdad.

Family members receive tribute after loved ones killed in war

By **ELIZABETH LORGE**
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WASHINGTON — The Army honored the children of fallen-hero Chief Warrant Officer 4 John W. Engeman on Oct. 29, in a ceremony split between the Pentagon and Baghdad that was a time of tears, laughter and above all, pride.

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. presented the Gold Medal of Remembrance to Engeman's daughter Nicole Engeman at the Pentagon while at the same time via video teleconference Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, commander of Multinational Corps-Iraq, presented the medal to 1st Lt. Patrick Engeman, a platoon leader with the 10th Mountain Division, in Baghdad.

Sponsored by the White House Commission on Remembrance, the Gold Medal of Remembrance was created in 2006 to honor children who have lost a mother or father during operations in Iraq or Afghanistan. According to Carmella LaSpada, the commission's director, the medal is the first of its kind to recognize children for their sacrifices in war.

"We're a nation of symbols," she said. "We came up with something they could have the rest of their lives, and every time that they would hold this and see this, they would know that there is a grateful nation who recognizes the sacrifices of their fathers."

Casey said the first remembrance ceremony he attended on Memorial Day was "heart wrenching." The service chiefs were supposed to present the medals and leave, but he said they couldn't do that. They ended up going forward and embracing the children, who ranged from a few months old to their 20s.

Having lost his own father in Vietnam, Casey said he was especially sympathetic

to the sacrifices of these families, but he urged them to remember the important work their loved ones completed in Iraq and Afghanistan, against an enemy who wants to destroy the American way of life. He said that without men and women like Engeman, who worked on a transition team training Iraqi security forces, security in Iraq would not be possible.

Engeman was serving as part of an embedded special transition team to train and advise Iraqi security forces while assigned to the 1/312th Battalion, 30th Enhanced Separate Brigade. He was killed May 14, 2006, when his vehicle hit a roadside bomb.

"I think it says a lot about his dad that Patrick chose to be in the Army too," Odierno said. "I think that says a lot about his leadership. I appreciate the great job he's done since he's been here as a platoon leader carrying on the tradition. We're very proud of him over here and I know he's living up to his dad's expectations."

Wearing a gold star pin and carrying her husband's hat, Donna Engeman, Engeman's wife of over 23 years, said her husband commissioned her son in the proudest moment in both of their lives, and that although sending him to the place his father died was difficult, she was proud of both of their commitment and duty.

The ceremony, she added, was comforting and important in the process of moving forward.

"I think this is a great thing and I am so pleased and so happy, grateful, to the Army for doing this for us," she said. "One of the things that you worry about as a widow, is, 'I'm going to lose my Army family.' John was in the military for 28 years. In a sense, we have no other family. And the thought of losing that was so frightening. The dynamics of the relationship have changed a little bit, but things like this, remind me that my Army family is still here, and I'm grateful for that."



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Recruiting visit

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol members Homero Jasso, left, and Fernandez Francis participate in a recruiting fair Oct. 18 at Army Community Service. A team will accept resumes and interview for Border Patrol positions Nov. 14 from 1-3 p.m. at ACS, building 3338 on Redeye Road. For more information, call 876-5397.

Whoooo! Jones just started clearing this morning!



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Salute to Our Military promises feast of fun

Fifth annual event set for Recreation Center

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Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful. On Nov. 18, Morale Welfare and Recreation will take time to show its gratitude to active duty military at Redstone with food and fun at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center.

The fifth annual Salute to Our Military event is open to all active duty Soldiers, Marines, National Guard and Reservists in the area. This event stemmed from the wave of patriotism and gratitude that swept the surrounding community in the wake of 9/11 and the Global War on Terror.

"So many people were doing tributes to the Soldiers. I thought then, who better to do a tribute for than our Soldiers? We just worked it out to try to get all the troops involved and the command," event coordinator Gail Glass said. "Andrea (Mattox) started working on sponsorships. We had an overwhelming response. It has built from that."

"We really get a wonderful response."

— Gail Glass
event coordinator

The evening is slated to begin at 4 p.m. in building 3711, located just back from the intersection of Patton Road and Aerobee Road. It kicks off with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, ham, casseroles, veggies and desserts. The food is being donated and prepared by volunteers and sponsors such as the Officer and Civilian Women's Club and the Association of the U.S. Army. Corporate sponsors from the local community like Bill Heard Chevrolet, Redstone Federal Credit Union and Knology have also chipped in to show their thanks for the job the military does.

"We really get a wonderful response," Glass said. "Every year it grows."

After dinner, attendees will have a bevy of entertainment options at their disposal. Blockbuster video is donating new releases on DVD. Movie rooms will be set up in side rooms at the recreation center.

"We have widescreen TV, Playstation 2s and I just ordered the Xbox 360," Glass said.

A billiards tournament replete with trophies is on the schedule. For those craving a little more high-tech action, Glass has a tournament with the hottest new game up her sleeve.

"I don't know much about it, but I understand HALO is the game to play," she said. "We've got new flat screen TVs coming in for this. It should be a lot of fun."

Games require snacks. Throughout

the evening, Papa John's pizza will have piping hot pies on hand free of charge as servicemembers work up an appetite.

"They can eat and eat until they can't eat anymore," Mattox, commercial sponsorship coordinator, said laughing.

No one will be going home empty handed, Glass said. The Redstone commissary will provide goody bags to take home. Glass has also been stockpiling items she thinks will go over big with the military.

"We have all kinds of little gadgets and things. Some are silly," she said. "Everybody goes away with something."

Door prizes will be given out all evening.

"We use the money donated to us to purchase items like a Playstation 3, Xbox, DVD players, TVs and things along those lines," Glass said. "We have drawings all afternoon. We'll have small prizes and big prizes. The PX has been wonderful every year about giving us \$10 and \$20 gift certificates to give away."

Organizers are still looking for volunteers to help with service and cleanup at the event. Civic and church groups are encouraged to participate. For more information, call Glass at 876-5492.

"The whole event is for Soldiers to come and relax," Mattox said. "Come get away from the pressures of training."



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Motocross injury

Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Phillip Sherwood, a program integrator for the System Simulation and Development Directorate, was seriously injured while competing in a Motocross event Oct. 20 at the Pleasant Hill Motocross Track in Decatur. On Nov. 1, he was released from Huntsville Hospital NICU, after recuperating from two surgeries, and has moved to the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, where he will participate in a specialized rehabilitation program.

Dining facility plans its biggest meal of year

More than 600 expected for Thanksgiving feast

Servicemembers, military retirees and guests are invited to the traditional Thanksgiving meal at the troop dining facility Nov. 22.

All single Soldiers from the units get to enjoy the Thanksgiving feast first from 11 a.m. to noon. Soldiers with family 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. Spouses and their immediate family members of deployed Soldiers are also authorized to eat at the facility. They will pay the appropriate meal rate depending on the rank of their sponsor, the deployed servicemember.

"It's our biggest meal of the year," food program manager Hal Weatherman said. 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 feast menu includes roast turkey, baked ham, beef steamship round, Cornish 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.

Research center enters pacts with universities

Educational partnerships to help in marketing

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The ink had not yet begun to dry on the Educational Partnership Agreements when students and faculty members of two local universities converged on the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center to start work on their marketing research projects.

Athens State University and the University of Alabama-Huntsville recently

signed agreements with the AMRDEC that will lead to the marketing of AMRDEC intellectual property while providing the universities with case studies to be used in their business and technology marketing programs. Both agreements are for five years.

"The universities were selected due to the Technology Management curriculum that the schools provide," said Cindy Wallace, deputy, Office of Research & Technology Applications in the Advanced Science & Technology Directorate. "Each university has their own teaching mechanism for students, so this was a great opportunity to involve the future market analyst.

"The end result of the agreement, students will have the opportunity to work in a 'real life' situation with researchers who developed the technology and the Army will gain by receiving the results from the marketing analysis to evaluate. If any other university would like, the door is open to them as well."

The marketing of intellectual property is one of the major functions of the AMRDEC's Office of Research & Technology Applications in the Advanced Science & Technology Directorate.

"The partnering activities are helping AMRDEC to achieve its mission while at the same time assisting students and faculty develop the skills in science and math that are critical to Defense science and engineering," Wallace said.

In preparation for their marketing studies, students from Athens State University and the University of Alabama-Huntsville visited with AMRDEC engineers at Redstone Arsenal to learn more about the technologies and have continued their projects in earnest and look forward to completing their marketing studies.

"Mr. Ledwin Mercury, an AMRDEC engineer, gave a short training session on one of the technologies that the students were presented," Wallace said. "Since that training session, students have already contacted the laboratory engineers to gather further information on their assigned intellectual property project. At the end of the semester, the students will present their outcome on mar-

keting the technologies to the university. The universities professor will give the laboratory a summary of student's results from the project. Once the laboratory receives the results, they will in turn evaluate the outcome."

Under the Educational Partnership Agreement, some of the intellectual property given to the students to research are in the National Technical Information System areas of Navigation, Guidance and Control; Aeronautics & Aerodynamics; Combustion, Engineering and Propellants; Communication; Computers, Control and Information Theory, Detection & Countermeasures.

"We expect great things from these partnerships. The students and faculty are

eager to make this work and there is a great potential for this technology to be used in other government and non-government agencies and private industry," Wallace said.

"Marketing technology can be tough when you know very little about the product. So to close the gap on marketing, the laboratory hopes to highlight the students' awareness of the different types of markets, the size of markets, the capability of the products, and how to access the technology in the existing and future markets. Ultimately, by learning these skills, the students will be better prepared to market technology to industry with a greater confidence and outlook."



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HANDS ON— Athens State University professor Dr. Wayne McCain, left, meets with Ledwin Mercury, an engineer with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center to get a hands-on look at some of the technologies that he will use in his classroom to teach students how to market technology. This joint effort was the result of an Educational Partnership Agreement recently signed by Athens State University and the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

UAH research on display for public view

University's first expo set Nov. 13 on campus

Did you know the University of Alabama-Huntsville operates a research facility on Redstone Arsenal that is a quarter-of-a-mile long and has a device that propels objects at 10 times the speed of sound? The university's Aerophysics Research Center provides research on hypervelocity physics, measuring the impact for armor and air defense targets as well as meteoroid impacts.

Did you know UAH biotechnology researchers are collaborating with the University of Wales in Great Britain and the World Health Organization to find ways to control the spread of malaria by controlling the mosquitoes that spread the disease?

Did you know a UAH professor is one of the leading experts on global climate change and was among the authors of a United Nations report that was cited for a Nobel Peace prize this year?

Did you know UAH is the only university in America that has the capability to test propulsion concepts using liquid oxygen and liquid methane, and the university's Propulsion Research Center

has a combustion instability tool of which there is only one in the United States and three in the world?

These projects and scores of other research endeavors can be seen at the first UAH Research Expo — "Solutions through knowledge."

The expo is scheduled Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shelby Center for Science and Technology on the UAH campus. The public is invited to this free event.

"Our research and scholarship is really quite remarkable for a university of our size and age," said Ron Greenwood, vice president of research for UAH. "Our faculty and students are using the knowledge they have gained on campus to confront and solve some of the great challenges and mysteries not just for our planet, but for the universe as well.

"The scope of research that our faculty and students are engaged in is quite exciting, and we want to share these compelling developments with the community."

Researchers will be on hand during the day to provide details of their research from the five colleges, School of Graduate Studies and 17 research centers. (UAH release)

Redstone site for bomb technician memorial dinner



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HONORING NOBLE ACTIONS— Jeff Fuller, chairman of the Bomb Technician Memorial Foundation, stands near the statue of a bomb technician that is part of the Public Safety Bomb Technician Memorial located at the FBI's Hazardous Devices School on Redstone Arsenal. A dinner and auction Dec. 12 will raise funds for the upkeep of the memorial and the military Explosive Ordnance Disposal Memorial at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and for scholarships for family members of the fallen bomb technicians.

O'Club adds event to holiday calendar

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The Officers and Civilians Club has added a new event to its annual holiday party calendar that will honor the sacrifices made by the nation's bomb technicians and their families.

The fifth annual Auction and Dinner to raise funds for the Public Safety Bomb Technician Memorial on Redstone Arsenal and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Memorial at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., will be held at the club Dec. 12, beginning with a social at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:45. About 300 people from across the nation who are associated with explosive ordnance disposal are expected to attend.

"We brought this event on to Redstone Arsenal because we thought it was appropriate since the memorial is now on Redstone Arsenal," said organizer Mil White, referring to the dedication of the Bomb Technician Memorial on the grounds of the FBI's Hazardous Devices School on April 16,

2007. "In the past, we've had this event at various hotels in Huntsville. But, the officers club is the ideal place for our event."

Funds raised from the dinner and auction will be used to maintain the two memorials, and to provide educational scholarships to the families of bomb technicians who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

During the dinner, there will be a short program followed by the auction.

"We will be auctioning a lot of EOD-related items and police items," White said. "There will also be sports items. We'll auction off things like a large screen TV and cell phones with minutes. We've also got an EOD quilt of the memorials that will be auctioned."

The dinner and auction is organized annually by members of the Bomb Technician Memorial Foundation. Last year's event raised \$9,000. Organizers would like to surpass that by 25 percent this year.

"The upkeep of the memorials can get expensive," said Jeff Fuller, chairman of the foundation. "We have special projects to beautify the walkways that we want to do and other things that will keep the memory of these fallen bomb technicians alive."

While the memorial at Eglin honors military bomb technicians who have died in the line of duty, the memorial at Redstone Arsenal honors the public safety and law enforcement officials who have lost their lives due to an ordnance explosion. It currently includes 13 names of public safety bomb technicians who died in the line of duty between 1909 and Sept. 11, 2001.

"This all comes from the heart," Fuller said. "The memorials help us to keep alive the sacrifices these bomb technicians have made to protect the lives of civilians."

The Bomb Technician Memorial was made possible by countless donations from police officers, state troopers and the general public.

"It all started at a Bomb Squad Commanders' Conference when we took up money for doughnuts one day and we had more money than we needed," Fuller said. "We asked what we should do with the extra money, and it became the first donation for the memorial fund."

In 2004, the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board, which represents 450 accredited bomb squads in the U.S. and serves about 2,500 certified

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Teams get new start with postseason

Flag football tournament scheduled Nov. 8-15

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The flag football playoffs can't arrive soon enough for some teams.

Teams that struggled in the season can make amends in the postseason tournament Nov. 8-15 at the field off Patton Road. All six of the league's teams will participate in the double-elimination competition.

The season concluded with games Nov. 5-6.

"It should be an exciting postseason," Eddie Bryan, 326th Chemical Company coach/offensive guard/linebacker, said. "Everybody will be 0-0. I'm really looking for Bravo Company being the underdogs. I'm really looking for Bravo Company to surprise everybody."

Bravo Company coach Jarvis Payton hopes to see that happen. The Bulldogs (0-8) fell 18-0 to Charlie Company (5-3) on Oct. 29.

"We've just got to practice hard and make sound and timely decisions," said Payton, who has been out because of injury but plans play in the postseason. "We're making a lot of mistakes that can be cor-

rected with practice. And we've just got to keep a positive attitude."

The 326th Chemical Company (5-3) beat Headquarters & Alpha (3-5) 12-6 on Oct. 29.

"Basically it was determination on defense," Bryan said. "And we had everybody back from injuries and we got our starting quarterback Johnnie Walker back from TDY."

Walker threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to guard Gregory Miller midway into the first half. The Dragons led 6-0 at halftime. With the score tied 6-all, Walker threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Jonathan Wilder in the closing minutes.

Entering this week, the Eastern Conference standings had NCO Academy (6-2), 326th Chemical Company (5-3) and Charlie Company (5-3). The Western Conference had Marines (5-3), Headquarters & Alpha (3-5) and Bravo Company (0-8). (Note: Charlie beat Bravo 28-8 on Oct. 18 in a score that was erroneously reported two weeks ago.)

Here are last week's results:

• **Oct. 29** – 326th Chemical def. Headquarters & Alpha 12-6; NCO Academy def. Marines 24-8; and Charlie def. Bravo 18-0.

• **Nov. 1** – NCO Academy def. Charlie 20-16; Headquarters & Alpha def. Bravo 17-0; and Marines def. 326th Chemical 28-14.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BULLDOGS READY— Members of the Bravo Company team include, from left in front row, wide receiver Kyle Logan, offensive/defensive lineman Gerald Scott, center David Johnston and offensive lineman/linebacker Dustin Simanteris. In the backfield are running back Keith Lee, left, and quarterback/safety Michael Kambestad.

Alabama, Auburn tapped for conference wins

Bama over Miss. State,
Auburn over Georgia

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Skip's Picks were 261-116 for 69 percent after nine weeks. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in college football:

Auburn at Georgia – **Auburn**
Alabama at Mississippi State – **Bama**
Florida at South Carolina – **Florida**
Alabama A&M at Alcorn State – **A&M**
Louisville at West Virginia – **W.Va.**
TCU at Brigham Young – **BYU**
Rutgers at Army – **Rutgers**
Indiana at Northwestern – **Ind.**
Michigan at Wisconsin – **Mich.**
Michigan State at Purdue – **Purdue**
Minnesota at Iowa – **Iowa**
Penn State at Temple – **PSU**
South Florida at Syracuse – **S. Fla.**



Wake Forest at Clemson – **Clemson**
Arkansas at Tennessee – **Tenn.**
Air Force at Notre Dame – **AFA**
Boise State at Utah State – **Boise**
Colorado State at New Mexico – **N.M.**
Houston at Tulsa – **Houston**
Rice at Southern Methodist – **Rice**
Arizona State at UCLA – **ASU**
Connecticut at Cincinnati – **Conn.**
Florida State at Virginia Tech – **FSU**

Illinois at Ohio State – **OSU**
Texas Tech at Texas – **Texas**
Wyoming at Utah – **Utah**
Navy at North Texas – **Navy**
East Carolina at Marshall – **E. Carolina**
Memphis at Southern Mississippi – **S. Miss.**
Troy at Western Kentucky – **Troy**
Texas-El Paso at Tulane – **UTEP**
Louisiana Tech at LSU – **LSU**
Southern California at California – **USC**
Washington at Oregon State – **OSU**
Fresno State at Hawaii – **Hawaii**
Baylor at Oklahoma – **Okla.**
Boston College at Maryland – **BC**
Colorado at Iowa State – **Colo.**
Georgia Tech at Duke – **Tech**
Kansas at Oklahoma State – **Kan.**
Kansas State at Nebraska – **KSU**
Kentucky at Vanderbilt – **Ky.**
North Carolina at N.C. State – **UNC**
Stanford at Washington State – **WSU**
Texas A&M at Missouri – **Mo.**
Virginia at Miami – **Miami**



Courtesy graphic

Stars launch logo

The Huntsville Stars professional baseball team has unveiled this new primary club logo with a space theme, featuring an animated rocket with flame. Team colors will remain red, white and blue. The new logo, the first for the Stars since the club's inaugural season in 1985, was designed in association with Robert Lutrick, senior designer at Vector Suite Studios in Madison. Variations of the logo will appear on Stars team jerseys, caps, apparel and other novelty items.

American space program launched 50 years ago

Army got mission in 1957 to prepare Jupiter C satellite

By DAN O'BOYLE and MIKE BAKER
For the Rocket

In terms of "cornerstones of success," nothing rivals the events here at the Arsenal, more than 50 years ago tomorrow. For it was on Nov. 8, 1957 that Arsenal leaders got the mission to put America's first satellite into earth orbit.

In background, while working at Fort Bliss, Texas, the von Braun team successfully launched a bumper missile which traveled upward at a speed of 5,000 mph to a height of 250 miles, making the Army the first to send an object outside the earth's atmosphere. After this success, the von Braun team concentrated on studies for orbiting an earth satellite.

In 1954, Dr. Wernher von Braun proposed that the Army's Redstone ballistic missile be used to orbit an earth satellite. His proposal attracted some early interest and support. A proposed Army-Navy undertaking, which became known as Project Orbiter, contemplated the use of the Redstone with solid fuel, upper stages

as a satellite launcher. However, President Eisenhower's administration decided in 1955 to proceed with a concept offered by the Air Force and Naval laboratories known as Vanguard.

This program advocated the use of radically new components to produce an instrumented satellite vehicle. Since it was ruled out of the satellite project, the Army at Redstone shifted its orbiter designs and hardware into a program for testing re-entry nose cones using a modified Redstone designated the Jupiter C.

The first flight of the Jupiter, Sept. 29, 1956, was successful, achieving a velocity that would have enabled its fourth stage to be put into orbit. Despite this success, the Army's requests to have the Jupiter C re-entry vehicle serve as a backup to Vanguard were continuously rebuffed. Maj. Gen. John Bruce Medaris summed it up best: "in various languages our fingers were slapped, and we were told to mind our own business, that Vanguard was going to take care of the satellite problem."

Meanwhile, the Army at Redstone scored another first when the nose cone of one of its Jupiter Cs was recovered intact from an Aug. 8, 1957 flight test. This was the first time that a man-made object had

been retrieved from outer space and proved the suitability of the nose cone's ablative-type heat protection. It also carried the first missile mail ever delivered over intermediate range ballistic missile distance. In a Nov. 7, 1957 televised address, President Eisenhower announced that Army scientists and engineers had successfully solved the problem of ballistic missile reentry.

A month before this address, events happened that stunned the world and shattered the American dream of scientific and technological superiority. The Army at Redstone was about to face and meet a challenge that would not only restore U.S. prestige but also would serve as a catalyst for the extraordinary growth and tradition of excellence that have become a hallmark of both the Redstone and Huntsville communities.

On Oct. 4, 1957, Neil McElroy, the secretary of defense-elect, was visiting Redstone Arsenal when the news came that the Soviets had launched Sputnik 1, the first man-made object to orbit the earth. The story goes that von Braun asked to be given the green light and that the Army could launch a satellite in 60 days. His boss, Medaris, asked for a little longer, 90 days.

About a month later, on Nov. 3, 1957, the Soviet Union announced the launching of a second satellite (Sputnik II) into



Army photo

ARMY HEROES— Maj. Gen. John Bruce Medaris and Dr. Wernher von Braun were catapulted into the national and international spotlight, following the Russian launch of the Sputnik satellite.

orbit. Amid mounting public pressure to respond to this Soviet challenge, the Army was given the go ahead on Nov. 8, 1957, to prepare a Jupiter C to launch a U.S. satellite.

Event to benefit bomb technician memorial

Memorial

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bomb technicians, formed the Bomb Technician Memorial Foundation to formally raise funds and develop plans for the memorial.

A total of \$150,000 was raised by passing the hat at various gatherings of law enforcement officials. Some large donations were also accepted, including a \$50,000 donation from Med-Eng, a company that supplies bomb technician tools and bomb suites. Other contributors to the memorial include IABTI International and Regionals, Remotec, Allen-Vanguard, Golden Engineering, Technocrats Inc., Criminalistics, NABCO, ARMAG, Explosives Service International, iRobot, Resource Service Professionals, Marine Corps League, Heritage Disposal & Storage, and several bomb squads, police departments, state trooper organizations and individuals. The memorial cost more than \$200,000 to build.

Redstone Arsenal was the ideal location for the Bomb Technician Memorial, making it the only memorial located on the Arsenal.

"Having the memorial on Redstone

Arsenal is appropriate because everyone who is going to be a bomb technician must come to the school on the Arsenal," Fuller said. "The Hazardous Devices School was the logical place for the memorial because all civilian bomb technicians go through an initial six weeks training course at the school. And, then they return every three years for recertification. That makes Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal a second home to all of our country's bomb techs."

But, the memorial reaches well beyond the gates at the Arsenal to serve as a reminder of the sacrifices of public safety bomb technicians throughout the U.S.

"This memorial is a combined effort of law enforcement officials throughout the nation," Fuller said. "It represents the desire of law enforcement to never forget those bomb technicians who have given their lives."

Tickets to the event are \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling Mil White at 489-7797. To learn more about the memorials, check out the Bomb Technician Memorial web site at <http://www.btmf.org> or the EOD Memorial web site at <http://www.eodmemorial.org>. Or visit the The National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board at <http://www.nbscab.org>.

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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 Saturday 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.

Hockey night

Garrison Operations has free tickets for the University of Alabama-Huntsville vs. Bemidji State hockey game Friday at 5:35 p.m. at the Von Braun Center on "Military Appreciation Night." For tickets, visit building 3206 on Little John Drive. Call Sgt. Ken Speegle 842-2625 or 842-7091.

Youth deer hunt

A youth deer hunt will be held Saturday 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.

Twilight golf

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

Turkey shoot

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



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 Thursday 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 buf-



Courtesy photo

Just like home

Maj. Ghassan Twal, left, and Lt. Col. Qasem Bashayreh, both of Jordan, visit the Ave Maria Grotto in Cullman with the International Military Student Office. They attended the Radar Repairer Course at Redstone from Aug. 6 through Oct. 26.

fet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. Call 858-6191 for more information.

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. Saturday 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.



Courtesy photo

Banner day

1st Lt. Ahmed Belal from Egypt and Staff Sgt. Leonidas Andrianos from Greece graduate from Ammunition basic NCO course Oct. 30.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Thursday 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.

Admin professionals

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be working at your desk and have to worry about incoming rounds? Debra Ramirez of CPOC has been in that situation. She will tell of her experience in Iraq at the Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals monthly meeting Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call president Amanda Medley 313-4970 or membership chair Elise McWilliams 876-4515.

Women engineers

The Society of Women Engineers North Alabama Section will hold its monthly meeting Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the West End Grille, 6610 Old Madison Pike. Luther Kramer, a licensed professional counselor, is to speak on Managing Work and Career. For more information, call C. Purifoy 651-1075.

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Communications/electronics
Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will have a luncheon Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, Research Park. Scheduled speaker is Alan Goldstajn, associate director of Air Force-Army program integration at the Space and Missile Defense Command. Registration starts at 11, lunch at 11:30 and the meeting at noon. Cost is \$25. For more information, call Sandra Pape 542-4334 or Chris Downing 327-6356.

Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Scheduled speaker is Chris Alexander of Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. For information call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

Engineer society

The Society of American Military Engineers will have a business update Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Speakers include the Corps of Engineers commander from Huntsville Center Col. Larry McCallister, presenters from Savannah District and Mobile District, Corps of Engineers, and the City of Huntsville engineering director Tom Cunningham. For reservations and more information, call Amber Martin 895-1834.

Small business forum

The Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville will hold the eighth annual Small Business Forum Dec. 14 in Huntsville. The Huntsville Center's acquisition strategy will be presented and

project/program managers will be available to discuss Huntsville Center opportunities that include electronic security, ordnance and explosives, installation support and utility monitoring and control. The session at UAH's University Center Exhibit Hall will go from 8 a.m. to noon. To register online, visit www.hnd.usace.army.mil.

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 for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

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

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

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

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

Origami Christmas

Residents of Whitesburg Gardens Health Care Center's Red Hat Group make Origami trees and stars, and Christmas cards for Soldiers serving in Iraq. Linda Harris, at left, and Dolores Rollins made several of the Origami trees on a recent afternoon while decorated World War II veteran James Jones gave them encouragement. Merrill Meadows, the health care center's activity director, said the center's residents are sending the decorations and cards "so Soldiers can have a colorful Christmas. We know there aren't any Christmas trees in Iraq." In a letter addressed to the Soldiers, the residents said they sent the holiday package to Soldiers "to brighten up your holiday since you won't be able to come home for Christmas ... We hope you accept this package as a token of our appreciation for all that you do." The decorations and cards will be sent to Soldiers by Army Community Service.

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

Green to gold

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

Lateral entry

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

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,

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@bell-south.net.



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 Friday 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 Thursday 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 Hargan at the JANA office 533-4661.

Commissary holiday

The Commissary will be closed for Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 12 and will reopen Tuesday.

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 Thursday 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.

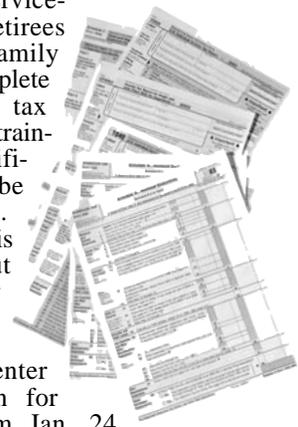
Garden plots

Garden plot owners on Redstone Arsenal should ensure their plots are cleared and clean by Dec. 15 to prepare for winteriza-

tion. 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.

Tax center volunteers

The Redstone Tax Assistance Center needs volunteers interested in learning tax law at an IRS certification class and then helping service-members, retirees and their family members complete their 2007 tax returns. The training and certification will be held Jan. 7-23. 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.

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.

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.

Native American heritage

American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month is celebrated in November. In recognition of this month, there will be a commemorative and educational program conducted by Team Redstone on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. at the Path to Nature-Wildlife Trail and Wetland Education Center on Honeysuckle Road located across from the Rustic Lodge. There will be story telling, cultural music, dancing, artifacts, children activities, and food sampling. Demonstrations of flint-knapping, spear throwing and camp fire building will also be held. Shuttle service will be provided to the program location. The shuttle service will begin at 8:30 a.m. with hourly service at the following locations: buildings 111, 3424, 4200, 4203, 4488, 4545, 4600, 5220 and 5302. The last shuttle service from the program location will be 1:30 p.m.

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.

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.

Shopping trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a Shopping Trip to Cool Springs and Opry Mills Shopping Malls on Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving. The bus will depart Kroger's parking lot on Drake Avenue and South Memorial Parkway at 8 a.m. Friday morning, Nov. 23 and stop at the Cools Springs Mall. At 1:30 p.m., any of those shoppers that would like to go to Opry Mills can board the bus and go to the next mall. At 5 p.m. the group will leave Opry Mills and return to Cool Springs to pick up the remaining passengers and return to Huntsville. A \$20 deposit is required for each seat reserved on the bus. Cash is preferred, but checks will also be accepted. All deposits must be received by Nov. 16. Call Flo Boswell 842-0042.

Career fair

In conjunction with the events of "Heroes Weekend" (Veterans Day), Still Serving Veterans will hold a Career Fair on Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the new Embassy Suites Hotel and Spa in downtown Huntsville. This event is open to the public. Information on this event has been sent to regional colleges/universities and VA offices as well as all Wounded Warrior Transition Units in the United States. Information is also posted on the State of Alabama Job Fairs web site and the national military transition (ACAP) web site. "Please help support our veterans by creating meaningful employment opportunities and adopting preferential hiring policies for veterans with disabilities," a prepared release said. "There are still a few spaces available for Tennessee Valley businesses interested in hiring veterans." For more information, call Still Serving Veterans 883-7139.

Fellowship ball

Church of the Firstborn Christian Center will hold its annual Black-Tie Holiday Fellowship Ball on Nov. 30 from 6:30-11 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 401 Williams Ave. downtown (phone 533-1400). Cost is \$50 for couples, \$20 singles and \$10 children. For more information, call minister Leria Wilkerson 722-0572 or Derrick or Lisa Whittington 858-0615 or 503-2945.

Parade invitation

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Huntsville on Nov. 12. Membership in the association is open to all Parachute and Glider qualified individuals. Anyone who

