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Making commitment to Army families

Post leaders sign family covenant

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The Army wants family members of Soldiers to know just how important they are.

That's why leaders throughout the Army have signed a covenant affirming their commitment to families. Redstone officials and members of the local community gathered Nov. 5 for a signing ceremony at the Youth Center.

Deployed Soldiers shouldn't have to worry about the welfare of their families back in the states, said Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski.

"Our job here is to ensure those families at home are being taken care of," he said.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, joined him in signing the covenant. The other signers were AMCOM and post Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. William Cole.

"It's more than a piece of paper," Myles said. "It's our commitment."

They were joined at the front table by military family members.

"It's a great thing," Master Sgt. Terrence Blackwell, of the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center, said of the ceremony. He was accompanied by his 2-year-old daughter, Jordyn.

"Anytime you've got the Army giving back to the families, it's a great thing — considering the family's giving all to the Army," Blackwell said.

Other attendees included Madison resident Ginny Taylor, wife of Master Sgt. Alexander Taylor. She was accompanied by their sons, Nathaniel, 11, Weston, 3, and Levi, 1. They also have a foster child, a 3-month-old girl.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

JUST PASSING THROUGH— Weston Taylor, 3-year-old son of Master Sgt. Alexander and Ginny Taylor, walks past during the Army Family Covenant signing Nov. 5. Joined by other family members during the ceremony are, seated from left, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. William Cole, AMCOM and post Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates, Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski and AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles.

"It's a nice ceremony," said Ginny Taylor, whose husband is on a transition team in Afghanistan. "And I like what they're doing for waiting spouses and hope they just keep on improving it."

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

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

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

The covenant represents a \$1.4 billion commitment in 2008 to improve quality of life for Army families. The Army has long had support services for family members, but services

were sometimes not funded to the highest standard. The Army leadership is committed to Soldier and family readiness as the foundation of the all-volunteer force.

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

In the last two to three years alone, the Army has privatized and improved almost 80,000 homes on 36 installations and opened 40 new childcare centers, with another 22 on the way. The Army also recently spent \$50 million to hire new health-care providers for Soldiers and their families, and is working

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An open lane random survey

What can make your day a great day?

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Sgt. Maj. Randall Williams
SMDC/ARSTRAT G-3 (Operations)



"Hearing good news about any employee or worker or Soldier in this organization – about them getting promoted, getting married. Anything that's positive makes my day."

Monica Westbrook
Phoenix Services employee,
SMDC/ARSTRAT G-1 (Personnel)



"Just waking up in the morning, knowing that I'm blessed, coming to work to interact with a great group of people here at G-1."



Carolyn Warren
SMDC/ARSTRAT G-8
(Resource Management)
"Being able to get up and come to work every day, having good health and good employees to work with, good co-workers."

Jack Miller
SMDC/ARSTRAT CIO/G-6
(Information Management)
"Spending time with my kids – daughters Alanna, 17, Staci, 14 and Savannah, 10 – and my wife, Tami. Family's number one."



Letters to the Editor

You may need help someday

Have you seen the commercial with the man portraying 'Risk'? At night, when no one is around, Risk is starting fires, releasing floods, breaking valuables, destroying everything people have worked years to achieve. It's a cute commercial and maybe makes us smile as the character goes about having a great time wreaking havoc. But ... what if you renamed 'Risk' and called him 'Disaster'? What if you brought him into your home, your workplace, your family? Would it be funny then?

Almost every day this time of year the news shows local families who've lost everything in a fire.

Folks in California are suffering with the horrendous wildfires. Mudslide season can't be far behind.

The southern and eastern coasts are experiencing Hurricane Noel.

Texas has been plagued with floods.

Every year, counties around (and including) ours experience tornado or other storm damage.

Recently, a local home magazine featured a Gunterville couple who had built their dream home on the lake. They had ordered all the furniture and just before it was delivered, the home burned to the ground.

Disasters don't wait until you've paid all the bills or packed up and moved the family and all the valuables into a

safe location. They don't care if a family member is in the hospital. They don't take into consideration that 'it's not a good time right now' and come back later. They hit when you least expect it — at night when you're asleep, when you're at work, at school, at church.

Who helps these families, these individuals, people just like you with money, food, clothing, shelter, emotional support when they have lost everything? We can't always physically be there to help others in need. But, Combined Federal Campaign charities can. Look through your brochure and find an organization that helps others during the many disasters we can experience. Consider giving them a donation. It doesn't have to be a large one. They appreciate every dollar you give.

Of course, 'Risk' and 'Disaster' are not human. They don't sit around a table and laugh about how they can make your life miserable. They don't have the ability to plan, to schedule, to make a decision to hit you at the worst time possible. But, when they do hit, it is always the worst time possible. Plan ahead. Think about helping a CFC organization that will be there when you need them. Because ... you might.

Lynn Moore
IMMC CFC
financial chairperson

Reminder on Soldier mail call

It's that time of the year again when people want to show their support for the troops by sending letters and packages. Just a reminder that the Department of Defense decided they would not accept packages or letters addressed to "Any Soldier" for safety concerns. An e-mail saying Walter Reed wants packages and letters for Wounded Soldiers was false. Click on the following web link to see their response: <http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/Lists/WRNews/Disp-Form.aspx?Id=24&>.

It is nice that people want to help, but there are several local agencies that would accept donations that directly impact Soldiers and families such as Still Serving Veterans, Army Emergency Relief, USO, Toys for Tots, etc.

Before you forward any chain e-mails looking for support for troops, check it out by going to the organization's web site or snopes.com. There is no point in asking people to waste their time and money on packages that will either be destroyed or returned.

Mary Breeden
Relocation assistance program manager,
Army Community Service

Thanks for supporting hunters

Outdoor Recreation would like to take the opportunity to thank the Redstone community for supporting our annual Youth Deer Hunt. Thanks go to the Officer and Civilian Women's Club for their generous donation of \$500 which allowed Outdoor Recreation to purchase six ground blinds for the youth as well as for use with our handicapped hunters. Thank you also to Papa John's Pizza for providing pizza to go with all the venison that we grilled. A huge Army Hoo-ah goes out to all our wonderful volunteers who generously donate their time and knowledge to our program. Without these fine men and women teaching archery, shotgun safety, maintaining ranges, manning range areas and helping with the daily operations of our programs, Redstone would not be the outstanding place to live, work and play which it is known for throughout the Army.

More than 20 young people were able to experience the beauty of spending quality time learning about conservation of our natural resources and ethical hunting practices while spending time with family and new friends.

If anyone in the Redstone community would like to learn more about Outdoor Recreation and our many programs, we will be holding our last Hunter Safety Orientation on Nov. 20 at 4:30 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 on Aerobee Road. Outdoor Recreation is truly "For All Your Life."

Tom Pyburn
Outdoor Recreation

Quote of the week

'A great secret of success is to go through life as a man who never gets used up.'

— Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
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What do you like about your job?

I like having the opportunity to interact with a lot of different people. And in public affairs, there's always something new and exciting happening and it's not the same thing every day. There's always something new.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I'm a fourth-degree black belt in karate, so I enjoy working out and going to competitions. And I love playing golf and spending time with my family and friends.

What are your goals?

I'm going to school at Athens State University (pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science), so I'm looking forward to that. And in my career I want to continue to learn new things and grow and take on new responsibilities. And personally, just work toward becoming a better overall person every day.

What's your favorite type of music?

Country music



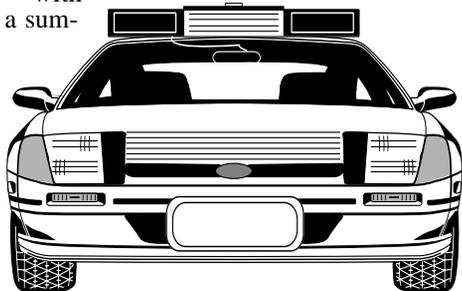
Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Nov. 2: An individual was being loud and using abusive language at the Regions Bank. Patrols responded and detained her, where she was asked to leave the bank for being disorderly. She was issued a violation notice and released.

Nov. 3: Store detectives in the Post Exchange observed an individual select a necklace and go to the fitting rooms. When she exited the fitting rooms, she no longer had the necklace. She was then stopped as she tried to leave; and the police were called. A search revealed the necklace was around her neck. She was charged with shoplifting and issued a summons to court.

Nov. 7: A vehicle stopped at Gate 9, and the driver smelled of an alcoholic beverage. A series of field sobriety tests were conducted and he failed. He was arrested and



transported to the police station. He failed the breathalyzer (.09 percent) and was placed into the detention cell. During the course of the paperwork, it was discovered that he was driving with a suspended driver's license. He was later released after being issued two citations for court.

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

Violation notices issued: 14 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 failure to yield, 3 improper backing.

Thanksgiving comes early at project office

Precision Fires has annual feast

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This project office family gathered last week for its Thanksgiving meal.

Members of the Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, in building 5250, held their annual Thanksgiving luncheon Nov. 7. The office has 234 civilians, including contractors, plus six military.

"It's a chance for us to bring our folks together," event coordinator Daniel Sapach said, "not only to enjoy the season but also give thanks for what we have and also for those people out there that are using our systems."

Sapach is the executive officer at the project office. Col. David Rice is the project manager.

"It was a potluck (meal) and each division coordinated bringing something," K.C. Bertling, the colonel's executive assistant, said. "All kinds of food – it's just amazing."



Photo by Skip Vaughn
GOOD EATING— Daniel Sapach, left, coordinated the annual Thanksgiving luncheon Nov. 7 at the Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office.

Family members say they appreciate Army's support

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with lawmakers to help Army spouses gain priority for civil service jobs. There are also now family readiness support assistants at the battalion level.

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

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

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

Casey said the Army wants to provide Soldiers and their families with a level of support commensurate with their level of service, and the covenant is in direct response to concerns from Army families. They are concerned about funding

and support for family programs, physical and mental healthcare, housing, education and child-care and employment opportunities for spouses.

Here is the text of the Army Family Covenant:

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

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

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

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

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

"We are committed to improving family readiness by:

"Standardizing and funding existing family programs and services;

"Increasing accessibility and quality of healthcare;

"Improving Soldier and family housing;

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

"Expanding education and employment opportunities for family members."

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Ordnance brigade commander stays on the go

Col. Keegan takes first steps in school's move to Fort Lee

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Col. Tom Keegan knows he is facing a challenge.

While Redstone Arsenal welcomes the arrival of several military organizations due to changes put into effect by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, Keegan is taking the first steps in the lengthy process of moving the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School from Redstone Arsenal to Fort Lee, Va.

But, as a long-time Ordnance officer, Keegan is undaunted by challenge. And, he knows the transition, once made, will be good for the Army.

"The organizations that are moving here are similar in nature in terms of what Redstone Arsenal does for the Army," said the new commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and OMEMS.

"I think a lot of good dialogue and exchange will happen much better because all these similar organizations will be right here. It's good for the Arsenal and I think it's good for the Army."

During his two-year tenure at Redstone Arsenal, Keegan's number one priority is the same as the commanders who have come before him — to ensure the graduation of top-class Ordnance Soldiers. But, his job responsibilities also carry a second priority — to ensure a smooth transition of the brigade and OMEMS to Fort Lee by the end of 2011.

"I want to make sure I hand off to the person that follows me a total complete plan for the move," Keegan said. "All the next person should have to do is execute the plan. By the time 2009 comes around, too many irreversible decisions will have been made concerning the move. The



Photo by Kari Hawkins

READY FOR A CHALLENGE— As the new commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, Col. Tom Keegan is focused on two priorities — continuing to graduate top-notch Ordnance Soldiers and preparing his organization for its move to Fort Lee, Va. Keegan's 23-year military career has provided him with many challenges, and he's ready for the challenge presented by the move to Fort Lee in 2011.

work I do now will affect the success of the move."

Keegan wants to develop a detailed course-by-course movement plan that outlines when and how each course will make the move from Redstone Arsenal to Fort Lee.

At Redstone Arsenal, Keegan has quickly stepped into the boots of a commander of both young Soldiers and the experienced staff of OMEMS.

"I love the culture, work ethic and environment of the Army," he said. "It's that environment of being with professional noncommissioned officers, Soldiers and officers that gets me going every

day. I don't think I could find the same job satisfaction anywhere else.

"In my job here, I'm fortunate to get to be with Soldiers. I get to train Soldiers and shape them, and be part of the early formulation of what their Army experience is all about."

As the commander of OMEMS, Keegan oversees the technical training Soldiers receive in munitions, missiles, electronics, radar and explosive ordnance. OMEMS has about 760 military and civilian personnel who conduct and support 86 courses of instruction that train more than 6,000 Soldiers annually. As the commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, Kee-

gan's leadership goes beyond the technical aspect of advanced individual training courses.

"Here is where these young Soldiers have to experience Army values and buy into these as good values to have," he said. "Here is where we make Soldiers who completely embrace everything that the Army is from the warrior ethos to the Army values to how the Army takes care of its own and its families. We need to help these young men and women understand and own what the Army stands for before they leave here."

The 59th Ordnance Brigade includes about 600 Soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion stationed at Redstone Arsenal, Soldiers at the three training detachments at Eglin Air Force, Fla.; Fort Bliss, Texas; or Fort Sill, Okla., and the Soldiers stationed at the 73rd Ordnance Battalion at Fort Gordon, Ga. Soldiers are assigned to one of the battalions for anywhere from one to 52 weeks, depending on the length of a course.

"In the Army structure, the brigades own the school while the battalions focus on the Soldiering process," Keegan said. "The brigade kind of serves as a check and balance to make sure that neither the technical training nor the Soldier training gets too far out of balance. A brigade headquarters is predominantly a resource headquarters. Here, I resource the school, money, equipment, facilities and people."

For Keegan, his assignment to Redstone Arsenal brought his 23-year career in the Army full circle. He first reported for active duty at Redstone Arsenal in 1984.

"The Ordnance Corps has two training locations at Aberdeen Proving Ground (Md.) and Redstone Arsenal," Keegan said. "I came here for my Officer Basic Course."

But, Redstone Arsenal wasn't unfamiliar to Keegan at the time.

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“My undergraduate degree (from California State Polytechnic University) was in aerospace engineering,” he said. “I studied the history of rockets and aerospace progression over the years, which included the work done at Redstone Arsenal. And, one of my professors in college had worked at Redstone.”

The Army was a natural fit for Keegan. His father served as an Army infantryman for 30 years, serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. As a young boy, Keegan got to know the Soldiers who made up the Japanese American regiment that his father commanded in WWII.

“They were very tight knit,” Keegan said. “They continued to see each other annually all the way up into the 1990s. My dad’s experiences in WWII had a greater impact on him than anything he experienced in Korea and Vietnam.”

Keegan and his two older brothers grew up knowing they would serve in the military. One brother joined the Army and the other the Coast Guard.

“Joining the Army was kind of something I always figured I’d do,” Keegan said. “My dad taught me that Soldiers are wonderful people to be around. They have an ethic. Soldiers carry themselves a different way. We have a mutual respect for each other and for our country. I grew up around Soldiers. I’ve spent my whole life with Soldiers. The main reason I joined the Army was to continue the culture I grew up in.”

Keegan went to college on an ROTC scholarship. He served in Germany as a platoon leader, and in the maintenance office and on the battalion staff, providing support to the 1st Armored Division during the Cold War. His next assignment as the company commander of the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., got Keegan involved in testing the Army’s new equipment.

“We were the test division,” he said. “We tested dune buggies, motorcycles and all kinds of interesting equipment.”

After a short stint as a research and development officer in the Army’s Acquisition Corps, Keegan went back to the Ordnance Corps, where he was assigned to the Office of Military Cooperation in Cairo, Egypt.

“I worked in the embassy for 27 months administering the foreign military sales projects that we have with the government of Egypt,” Keegan said. “The job involved everything from the training we provided to the support we provided for different U.S. systems they had purchased. I was involved with the M1A1 Tank manufacturing plant in Egypt. My work was predominantly with air defense programs, which spanned working with the Army and Navy.”

Keegan described it as a “very fulfilling job.” That trend continued with his next assignment, during which he deployed to Bosnia from Fort Polk, La., with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in 1997-98. He was a squadron executive officer serving as part of the NATO Peace Keeping Force.

“Most of what was going on at that time was dealing with riots and protests and peaceful attempts to influence the voting process,” Keegan said. “NATO was trying to conduct legitimate elections. We did a lot of election support operations.”

After a stint as a command and general staff instructor at the Training and Doctrine Command, Keegan completed advanced individual training for command in 2005. He served as a battalion commander before assuming his current position in July, and moving his wife Sarah and their three children – John, 15, Carole, 12, and Sarah, 2 — to Redstone Arsenal.

“I’ve just enjoyed every assignment I’ve had,” Keegan said. “I really enjoy being with Soldiers and training Soldiers.”

When he’s not working with Soldiers, Keegan is planning and strategizing for the move to Fort Lee.

“We will be one of the last major pieces of BRAC to move,” he said. “The most significant criteria for us to move is having the facilities established at Fort Lee.”

In July there was a groundbreaking for the Sustainment Center for Excellence at Fort Lee that will house OMEMS. While BRAC representatives at Fort Lee work on building OMEMS’ new facilities, Keegan is concentrating his efforts at Redstone Arsenal on the people of OMEMS.

“My priorities for BRAC are to take care of the civilian work force that we have right now,” he said. “This move will potentially have a significant impact on the lives of these people. I want them all to come to Fort Lee.”

Recently, 98 percent of OMEMS civilian work force responded to a survey concerning the move. For those who are planning to make the move, Keegan wants to make sure everything is in place for them to have a smooth transition to Fort Lee. For those who won’t make the move, Keegan will help them find another job at Redstone Arsenal so the Army doesn’t lose their expertise. For those who are undecided, Keegan plans to put together incentive packages that will make the move worthwhile for them.

“There are two priorities for BRAC – one is helping the civilians decide whether to move and then providing them with the resources to either make the move successfully or find another job, and two is developing a detailed movement plan that will make the move easy and smooth,” Keegan said. “And, I’m working on both of those priorities.”

Health center expanding services for veterans

Agreement reached with VA hospital

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There are two main entities that deal with the health of area Soldiers, both past and present – Fox Army Health Center and Veterans Health Administration in Birmingham. The two are embarking on a new endeavor to bridge the distance between them, both geographical and mental.

Currently, veterans must frequently travel to Birmingham for healthcare services, even if they live only a few miles from Redstone. Besides simply being inconvenient, the distance may also discourage them from seeking the medical attention they need. Sending former Soldiers south for services that can be provided here just didn't make sense to Fox commander Col. Mark Smith.

He knew that another installation had developed a partnership with its local VA to offer some joint services at the installation location. He thought it was worth checking into for Redstone.

"At Fort Rucker, they have had an optometrist from the VA working inside their facility for years," Smith said. "We began talking (to the VA hospital in Birmingham), and their civilian head down there has the same charge, the same cultural drift has hit him. And so we want to see what we can do."

The agreement under negotiation is for Fox to provide space, equipment and support services for VA funded doctors at the Army health center. It sounds simple enough, but there are a few technical kinks to work out, Smith said.

The first expanded service to get under way will be audiology. Fox already has one hearing test booth and another will be added shortly. Col. Robert Bowman, deputy commander of nursing, said.

"When we were talking with the VA this summer about possible areas, audiology popped up," he said. "They've identified about 750 VA beneficiaries in North Alabama that would be able to get care here instead of driving to Birmingham. It's a first step."

An office is being remodeled in the preventative medicine clinic to prepare for the audiologist that the VA is hiring. Bowman



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?— Col. Robert Bowman has a quick word with Fox Army Health Center commander Col. Mark Smith, seated in the hearing booth. Audiology service is expanding under an agreement with the VA in Birmingham.

expects that he or she will be in place at Fox by the beginning of 2008.

"I think it will be before the end of this year, but the hiring action is on their end," he said. "They said about four to six weeks."

The new audiologist will be seeing both VA patients and Fox customers. Not only is it a new service for veterans, it also takes the level of care available to Fox patients to another level.

hoping that joint ventures such as this will help to bridge that distance.

"Most of the veterans in this country did not have a career in the military and reach retirement eligibility," Smith said. "Some retirees feel there are not enough resources to go around. Many think that because the veterans didn't serve 20 years that they are different and should get less of a benefit than the retirees do. I disagree with that sentiment if and where it exists. Regardless, we're proceeding with incredible sensitivity to the feelings of people here."

They also hope that joint services will help change those attitudes among veterans and retirees.

"The retirees have served their lifetime or 20 or more years. Some of the veterans we're going to see, their entire lifetime has been affected by the few years that they served," Bowman said.

While he doesn't expect everyone to be happy about the joint venture initially, he believes the quality and availability of services will speak for itself. The addition of veterans' services will not detract from the care of retirees or active duty members. In fact, it will open up new possibilities for services that might not have existed otherwise.

Audiology is only the first step, Bowman said. In the future, they hope to continue expansion of the partnership into other areas. Other areas being looked at for possible partnership include physical exams and psychiatric services.

"Ultimately, many of us would like to see active duty and veterans healthcare resources under the same roof," Smith said. "By then not only will the cultural gap have closed but also the information technology barrier and funding. That's the dream."

Smith said the willingness of government agencies to work together in new ways for the benefit of Soldiers is definitely one positive side effect of the war effort.

"We realize that these two cultures (veterans and retirees) must come together," Smith said. "One of the obvious things that has come up is why don't the Army, Navy, Air Force and VA talk to each other more effectively? We're trying to close that gap right now. From the very top, our leaders have said we're going to close this gap. It filters down. As an Army health center commander, nobody told me to do this but it is clear that the space is there for us to explore."

"It's probably been years since we've had one (an audiologist). We'll have a resource shared so that we can add to the healthcare that we are able to provide to our beneficiaries," Bowman said. "It's a win-win situation."

Smith understands that the differences between Army health centers and VA facilities are more than distance or computer systems, they are also present in the minds and attitudes of retirees and veterans. He is

Help celebrate Nurse Practitioners Week

By Col. ROBERT BOWMAN

Fox Army Health Center

The role of the nurse practitioner is showcased during the week of Nov. 11-17, as NPs across the country celebrate more than four decades of practice and research during National Nurse Practitioners Week. Nationally, this distinguished group of healthcare professionals number approximately 120,000 strong with an additional 6,000 NP students graduating each year.

Nurse practitioners provide high-quality, cost-effective healthcare. NP practice offers a unique combination of nursing and healthcare service to patients in a wide variety of medical and community settings. Focusing not only on diagnosing and managing acute and chronic illnesses, nurse practitioners integrate health promotion, disease prevention, counseling and patient education to help patients understand their complete health picture.

Fox Army Health Center has two active duty and two civilian NPs on staff. Currently, one active duty NP is deployed. All of the health center's nurse practitioners provide valuable services to our beneficiaries and staff on a daily basis. In a population that is aging, with baby boomers becoming seniors in growing numbers over the next 10 years, having access to healthcare providers will become even more important.

Recognize the nurse practitioners at Fox Army Health Center and thank them for their valuable service to the organization and country.

Editor's note: Col. Robert Bowman, a family nurse practitioner, is the deputy commander for nursing at Fox Army Health Center.



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ON THE JOB— From left are Rhonda Lambert, a certified registered nurse practitioner and chief of occupational medicine at Fox Army Health Center; Cynthia Cooke, a nurse practitioner in Primary Care Clinic 1; and Col. Robert Bowman, deputy commander for nursing.



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Smokeout support

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski signs a proclamation for the Great American Smokeout, Nov. 15, encouraging all tobacco users in the Redstone family to quit smoking for the day. Since 1977 millions of smokers/tobacco users have participated in the American Cancer Society's smokeout, a day on which they give up cigarettes, cigars and smokeless tobacco for 24 hours in the hope they may quit for good.

Logistics community names most valuable players

Ernest A. Young 2007 awards presented during luncheon

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Glen Oliver was surprised. Artro Whitman was nostalgic.

They reacted to winning the Ernest A. Young 2007 Logistics Achievement Award in a luncheon Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club. Oliver won in the professional/technical category while Whitman was the management/executive winner.

"It means a great deal," said Oliver, a logistics assistance representative in AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center fire support. "I didn't even expect to get nominated, but I did and I won it. I consider it doing my job, that's all I did."

Oliver was stationed in Korea to support the 2nd Infantry Division, and now works at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"It means a lot," said Whitman, director of Materiel and Supply Chain Management Directorate in AMCOM IMMC.

"I equate it to the most valuable player trophy in logistics. It's from someone you admire and you respect. Early in my career, Mr. Young made an impact on me, just in his management style and his coaching. It means something to me."

The awards were presented by Young, who retired in 1998 as the deputy to the commanding general at the Aviation and Missile Command. He was the first recipient in 1991.

IMMC executive director Ronnie Chronister served as master of ceremonies for the 17th annual event which drew more than 160 people.

"This is a big day for the logistics community," Chronister said. "It's a day we get to come together and recognize some folks for what they do in the logistics area."

Professional/technical nominees included Oliver, Debra Barton, Eddy Copeland, Carolyn Crawford, Thomas Fitzgerald, Ronnie Golden, Kevin Rodriguez, David Shelton and Timothy Sweeney.

Management/executive nominees included Whitman, Stanley Crittenden, Alfreda Green, Teresa Harrison, John Jensen, Andrew Ksepka and Norbert Lutz.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ANNUAL HONOREES— Ernie Young, center, joins this year's two recipients of the Logistics Achievement Award named in his honor. Artro Whitman, left, is the management/executive winner; and Glen Oliver won in the professional/technical category.

Deployment surveillance gets lift from Airfield



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PRESENTATION— Lt. Col. Steve Reed, product director for Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment, presents an award to the Redstone Airfield staff and its director John Burkhead.

Garrison aviation division honored for 50th airlift

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Redstone Airfield has been recognized for its role in a deployment milestone for an Army surveillance system.

Lt. Col. Steve Reed, product director for Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment, presented a certificate Thursday to the airfield staff members for their support in 50 airlifts of RAID to Iraq and Afghanistan since January 2004. The 50th airlift took place Nov. 3 to Iraq.

"We're on the 52nd one tonight," Reed said before the presentation.

RAID is a persistent surveillance tower used for force protection and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. The product office in Huntsville is under the Project Office for Night Vision/Reconnaissance Surveillance Target Acquisition located at Fort Belvoir, Va., and the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Reed made the presentation to airfield manager John Burkhead, chief of the aviation division in the Garrison, who accepted it on behalf of his 15 workers, including four contractor employees.

"The system they're supporting is truly saving Soldiers' lives," Reed said.

"I appreciate it very much," Burkhead said of the award. "And my people here work very hard to support the mission of Redstone and they're part of Redstone. And it's very nice for an organization to acknowledge the hard work that we do here."

Army teacher takes instruction beyond ammunition

Sgt. 1st Class Childs enjoys mentoring

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“How do I use the e-mail system?” “What do all the acronyms on my pay stub mean?” “Can I turn my jacket in for a new one since the zipper is busted?” “Can I wear earrings on post?” “Do I have to salute officers when I am out in public?” “How can I go home for a visit?”

As a member of the OMEMS instructional staff, Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Dynetha Childs spends her working days teaching young Soldiers about ammunition identification. But, along with their required instruction, this teacher-turned-mentor often helps with the daily issues and concerns that walk into the classroom with her students.

Concern for the overall well-being of a Soldier is what makes a good teacher, she believes.

“I teach 89 Bravos – ammunition specialists – about the identification of ammunition,” she said. “Their 9½ weeks of training begin with their first two weeks in my classroom. My job is to be their instructor. These Soldiers are young, some as young as 17. They need to know about ammunition. But, I want to be a mentor as well.”

Childs’ commitment to her job was recognized this year when she was chosen as Ordnance Instructor of the Quarter for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and the 59th Ordnance Brigade. She would have gone on to compete for instructor of the year, but she didn’t receive the renewal of her one-year active duty orders from the Army Reserve in time to make the application deadline. The instructor of the year honors as well as warrant officer of the year and

non-commissioned officer of the year will be announced Friday at an OMEMS and 59th Ordnance Brigade awards ceremony luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Even though she can’t compete this year for top instructor honors, Childs does not feel cheated. Her reward is in the classroom.

“I’m not doing this for an award. I’m doing this for the Soldiers in this classroom and the reward I get from them as a teacher and a mentor they can come to for help,” said Childs, who often receives e-mails of thanks from her former students.

Along with teaching students about how to identify, issue, inventory, receive, package and preserve ammunition, Childs also teaches her students about the Army and how to excel as a Soldier.

“I am the first instructor they have in the Army. I’ve got to give them a good impression of the Army,” she said. “I want to be someone they can look up to, kind of like a big sister almost.

“I am someone away from their drill instructor that they can talk to. Instead of worrying about ‘getting smoked’ (in trouble with their drill instructor), they can come into the classroom and know this is a different environment. I can talk to them about their problems, treat them as individuals and, when they do something wrong, make them make amends. I want to be a motivator.”

Even in her personal life, Childs, 45, works to be a motivator and an encourager. She cares for her 11-year-old niece, and 12-year-old and 13-year-old nephews, and is going through procedures to adopt them. She lends her support and care to all her family members, and she is often involved in coaching recreational sports for young people.

Childs, who graduated from college with a degree in math and physical education, began her military career in Marion, Ala., in 1985, when she joined the National Guard as an administrative specialist.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

AMONG SCHOOL’S BEST— Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Dynetha Childs enjoys spending time in the classroom with young Soldiers who are learning to become ammunition specialists. Childs, who was recognized as an OMEMS instructor of the quarter during 2007, is holding a 155mm high explosive, one of many types of ammunition that she teaches her students to identify.

But, it wasn’t long before she realized she wanted to be more than a part-time Soldier. She soon joined the Army on active duty as a security specialist at Fort Stewart, Ga., where she worked for two years in military intelligence. Then, she spent a year in Korea, also in military intelligence, before coming to Redstone Arsenal, where she worked as a security specialist for the Missile and Space Intelligence Center.

“I was processing a lot of classified material and inspecting contractor facilities,” said Childs, who has a top secret clearance.

After four years of regular Army service, Childs accepted a position with a military contractor and joined the Army Reserves, where she was inactive for six years before joining the 80th Training

Division to teach the Reserves’ ammunition specialists. She remained in the civilian sector for 15 years before going on active duty as a Reserve Soldier.

Now beginning her sixth year as an OMEMS instructor, Childs looks forward to the 24 new Soldiers she gets to meet in her classroom about every two weeks. Sometimes, the class will also include Marines and international students.

For the most part, her students are all young, new to the Army and new to the responsibilities of adulthood.

“Most of the students like the ammunition field,” she said. “A good student will listen, they will participate in class, and they will read ahead and study their materials. But, most of all, they want to be a good Soldier and they are excited about what the Army has to offer.”

Full replacement coverage protects most shipments

Military, civilian workers can make property claims

Effective in this fall, DoD customers (servicemembers and Department of Defense civilians) will be eligible for full replacement value protection on most DoD funded personal property shipments.

FRV coverage will apply to personal property shipments with a pickup date on or after Oct. 1 for international shipments and Nov. 1 for domestic shipments; and March 1, 2008 for non-temporary storage shipments and for local move/direct procurement method shipments.

Under the FRV program, the carrier will compensate you the

full replacement value of most household items damaged during shipment. To be eligible for the FRV program, you must file your claim directly with the carrier within nine months of delivery. The carrier will settle the claim by repairing or paying to repair damaged items.

For items that are lost or destroyed, the carrier will either replace the item with a new item, or pay the full replacement cost. A few large items, such as pianos, organs, ATVs, personal watercraft, vehicles and motorcycles, as well as firearms and objects of art, are not covered by FRV.

Likewise, the carrier cannot replace certain missing items with new ones. These are items that have value because of their

age, such as collectible figurines, antiques, collectible plates, baseball cards, comic books, and coin and stamp collections. However, the carrier may compensate you for the value of those items. As with a regular (non-FRV) claim, however, the carrier makes the initial determination as to whether damage was pre-existing or the result of the carrier's mishandling; the primary difference between a regular claim and a FRV claim is that under FRV, the value of the damaged property is not depreciated.

On full replacement value claims, the carrier is liable for the greater of \$5,000 per shipment or \$4 times the net weight of the shipment (in pounds), up to a maximum limit of \$50,000. If you believe the full replacement value of your property is more than \$50,000, you may be able to obtain additional FRV coverage at your own expense from a private insurance company or from the carrier, if the carrier offers additional coverage.

In addition, if you file your claims directly with the carrier within nine months of delivery, the carrier will be responsible for obtaining all repair estimates.

If you file your claim directly with the carrier more than nine months after delivery, the carrier will only compensate the depreciated replacement cost or repair cost, whichever is less. The carrier will not be responsible for obtaining repair or replacement estimates, and the carrier will not compensate more than \$1.25 times the weight of the shipment. For example, if you filed a claim on a 10,000 pound shipment 10 months after delivery, the carrier would not be required to pay

more than \$12,500.

Finally, if you file your claim directly with the carrier under the FRV program, you will have to file your claim by mail. You should send claims to the carrier by certified mail so that you have a record of the date on which you submitted the claim. Once the carrier receives your claim, it will have up to 60 days to pay, deny or make a final written offer. Once you have settled the claim, the carrier will have 30 days to make the payment.

Filing with military

You may still file your claims directly with the Redstone Arsenal claims office. However, if you do, you will give up your right to have the carrier settle your claim on the basis of full replacement value. The Redstone Arsenal claims office will settle your claim by paying the depreciated replacement or repair cost, whichever is less.

However, in most cases you will be able to obtain more compensation if you file directly with the carrier within nine months of delivery, and you may still utilize the Claims Office for assistance. Even if you file with the carrier, the Redstone Arsenal office is available to assist you in filing the required documents with the carrier. The Claims Office can also advise you on whether an offer from the carrier is a fair offer.

If you file your claim directly with the carrier within nine months of delivery and you are dissatisfied with the carrier's final offer, or if you do not receive a final offer within 30 days, you may transfer your claim to the Redstone Arsenal claims office. However, the Army cannot pay you the full replacement value immediately. On transferred FRV claims, the Army will compensate you the depreciated replacement cost or repair cost, and then try and recover the full replacement value from the carrier. Once the Army has recovered the full replacement value from the carrier, the Army will then provide you the difference between what it recovered from the carrier and the amount it has already compensated you.

Notice of loss or damage

Providing prompt notice of loss and damage will still be an essential part of the new claims process, whether you file your claim directly with the carrier within nine months to get FRV, or file it with the military claims office.

You must ensure the carrier's delivery agent lists all loss and damage discovered at delivery on the DD Form 1840. Any loss or damage discovered after delivery must be listed on the DD Form 1840R (listing all damage discovered after delivery) and either mailed directly to the carrier within 75 days of delivery (preferably be certified mail) or submitted to the Redstone Arsenal claims office within 70 days of delivery so that the claims office can dispatch it to the carrier for you within the 75 day limit. Submitting the DD Form 1840R merely gives the carrier notice that you may submit a claim; it is not the same as filing a claim.

The carrier has the right to inspect the damaged items once it receives the notice forms. Normally the carrier will arrange to inspect your goods within 45 days of receipt of the DD Form 1840R, but it has the right to inspect damaged items up until the claim is finally settled. Please cooperate with the carrier in arranging a time for such inspections.

No additional cost

Remember, although there is no additional cost to the customer for FRV coverage under the new program, you must file your claim directly with the carrier within nine months of delivery to receive FRV. This is in addition to filing the DD Form 1840R within 75 days of delivery.

Finally, regardless of whether you file directly with the carrier or with a military claims office, you must file your claim within two years of delivery. Although there are some very limited exceptions to this requirement, they are rarely approved. When your goods are delivered, the carrier will give you instruction on where to mail your claim if you want to file it directly with the carrier. The carrier will also tell you what information you must submit with your claim. The carriers will also use the DD Form 1844 to list each item that was lost or damaged. You may mail or take your claim to the Redstone Arsenal claims office, if you want to file directly with the military, or if you need assistance in filing with the carrier.

The Redstone Arsenal Claims Division is located in building 111 on Goss Road and accepts walk-ins from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also call the Claims Division at 876-9007. (Claims Division release)



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Intern graduates

The AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center recognized its fall 2007 graduating Army interns Nov. 6. From left are information management interns Whitney Hedges, Steve Hunter and Amy Newson. Not pictured is logistics intern Kathy Riggs.

Units add 32 Soldiers in month

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

- 1st Sgt. Tracy Gene Moffitt, Charlie Company; Capt. Peter Schmitt, Aviation and Missile Command; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ryan Paul Reynolds, IMMC Utility Helicopters Stratford; Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Shappell, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; Lt. Col. Kira Terhune, Space and Missile Defense Command; Maj. Rodriguez Stuckey, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; Maj. Derrick McCluskey, PEO C3T Redstone; Maj. Edward Gosline, PEO Missiles and Space; Maj. Kerry Gene Clements, PEO Missiles and Space; Master Sgt. Amos Jackson, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; Master Sgt. Stephen Stanley Smith, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Villamilporrata, Bravo Company; Sgt. Timothy Hardeman, NCO Academy; Sgt.

Samuel Kelsey, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Spc. Allen Douglas, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. Jimmy Creech, Bravo Company;

- Staff Sgt. Joseph Logue, Bravo Company; Staff Sgt. Brian Postage, Bravo Company; Staff Sgt. Christopher Payne, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. Brandon Lacy, Bravo Company; Staff Sgt. Nathanael Skinner, NCO Academy; Staff Sgt. Kevin Dwayne Thomas, Bravo Company; Staff Sgt. Jeremy Conner, Bravo Company; Staff Sgt. Brian McArthur, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. Demeta Levatte, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. Mark Coleman, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. Danielle Bond, Bravo Company; Staff Sgt. Thomas Jackson, Bravo Company; Staff Sgt. Anthony Marvan, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. Daniel Wells, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade; Staff Sgt. David W. Smith, Charlie Company; and Staff Sgt. David Acevedocano, 0625 Aq Tm Contng Cont.

Retirees appreciate their special days

Military retirees gather to learn and fellowship

By ANDY ROAKE
For the Rocket

It was part reunion, part education and mostly fun for the 3,000 military retirees and their spouses who attended the first two-day Military Retiree Appreciation Days on Nov. 2-3.

Retired Col. Mike Gray, co-chairman of this year's event, estimated that 500 people attended Friday at the Officers and Civilians Club and 2,500 were at the Sparkman Center on Saturday. "We don't have the exact numbers yet, but we had a great turnout overall," he said.

"It was a wonderful event," said Cindy Anderson, retirement services officer for Redstone. "With two days we reached more people. Retirees had more opportunity to spend time with speakers and have their personal issues addressed."

Briefings on various retirement related topics were given on both days. Speakers from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland Center, Combat-Related Special Compensation, Department of Veteran Affairs, legal services, Fox Army Health Center, and the Garrison answered many questions from retirees and their families.

On Friday, Madison RV held a recreational vehicle expo and Crestwood Medical Center and Huntsville Hospital held a mini-health fair. Morale Welfare and Recreation facilities provided tours, discounted meals and fun-filled services throughout the day.

On Saturday, information booths lined



Photo by Andy Roake

TABLE TALK— Retirees visit the county fair area of displays and information booths in the Sparkman Center on Nov. 3 during the 2007 Retiree Appreciation Days. Redstone Arsenal and private organizations touted services available to retirees during the fair.

the walls outside Bob Jones Auditorium and inside the Sparkman Cafeteria. Private organizations like the Association of the U.S. Army, Veterans of Foreign Wars and others shared about their mission and canvassed for new members. Other booths touted services available to retirees on Redstone Arsenal and in the Huntsville area.

Popular services provided throughout the day included Fox Army Health Center providing a variety of medical screenings, including bone density, blood pressure and eye screening. The Legal Assistance Office prepared simple wills, provided notary service and drafted powers of attorney. The Provost Marshal Office offered vehicle registration service for post decals and Redstone's Military Identification branch made new identification cards.

The 129th Army Band from the Ten-



Photo by Andy Roake

MEDICAL MUSE— Joan Monroe, left, of Huntsville, prepares for a bone density screening Nov. 3 at the 2007 Retiree Appreciation Days with Jennifer Burns, seated, and Crystal Lopez, standing. Burns and Lopez are nursing students at Calhoun Community College and Retiree Appreciation Days volunteers. Monroe is commander of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 26 in Huntsville.

nessee National Guard in Nashville provided a special treat with military marches and jazz music during breaks and lunch.

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski noted in his opening remarks that the North Alabama area has one of the largest military retiree populations in the United States. The Redstone service area extends throughout the Tennessee Valley and includes more than 200,000 retirees and their families.

For those interested in participating in retiree activities or helping to plan the next Retiree Appreciation Day, the Retiree Services Office recommends joining the Military Retiree Advisory Council. The council is made up of retirees and their spouses, active and Reserve, from all branches of service, and meets every other month. They address retiree issues and bring issues to the attention of Redstone officials. For more information, call the Retiree Services Office at 876-2022.

Huntsville engineers cited for work in New York

On delivery team of year for New York District

By DEBRA VALINE
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Several Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, employees are members of the Corps of Engineers' New York District's Project Delivery Team of the Year.

Bill Goff and John Corcetti, engineers; Guy Wilson, project manager in Electronic Security Systems; and Joy Rice, Contracting Directorate, comprise the Huntsville portion of the Project Delivery Team. New

York District team members are Joe Seebode, Paul Franco and Anthony DelVecchio.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, chief of Engineers, presented the award at West Point, N.Y., in late September.

The award recognizes significant contributions the employees made as integral members of the New York City Water Supply Security Enhancement Project Delivery Team. The team completed risk assessments and provided security recommendations for more than 500 water supply assets, installed electronic security and surveillance systems and structural

protective measures, and executed seven design-build construction contracts in support of New York City's efforts to ensure a protected water supply that serves millions of people in the New York City metropolitan area.

According to Col. Aniello L. Tortora, commander, New York District, the work of the team is an outstanding example of "One Door to the Corps" as it includes experts from across the Corps.

One reason the team works so well together is communication, Goff said.

"The project teaming relationship between the New York

District project managers, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) and Huntsville Center team members has been excellent," Goff said. "Our participation in monthly project status and planning meetings with the New York District project managers and the NYC DEP has been a great benefit. All project team members are strategically aware of the issues that affect the project and have the knowledge to effectively respond."

Another reason the team works so well together is that each member is empowered to make decisions within their

areas of influence, Goff said.

"One of our strengths is the trust we have in each other to make the right decisions while maintaining independence," he said. "While all parties are empowered to make decisions within their area of influence, the New York District project managers effectively retain authority to make changes in project scope, schedule and budget. Therefore, while retaining a level of independence in project task execution, the timeliness of making change decisions is augmented through effectively sharing information between all team members."

More power arrives in smaller package

Universities, industry develop technology

By **ANDY ROAKE**
For the Rocket

What is the size of a bread box and produces enough electricity to power your entire house and more?

It's a new Onboard Vehicle Power System developed at the direction of the New Initiatives and Innovations Division of the Space and Missile Defense Technical Center at SMDC and demonstrated Oct. 16 to a group of people from SMDC and Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

The unit weighs less than 150 pounds and is designed to replace a large 1,000 pound diesel motor/generator system that is pulled behind a vehicle, such as a Humvee. Because it is mounted on the vehicle, it can be turned on and used while the vehicle is moving.

Diversified Technology built the system and demonstrated it to approximately 50 people at SMDC headquarters. David Moak, Diversified Technology systems engineer, gave the demonstration and answered questions.

Moak pointed out that the system produces seven kilowatts of continuous power and can produce up to 10 kilowatts of power for one minute. The unit draws a maximum of 43 horsepower from a 160 horsepower Humvee engine.

"The small waterproof package allows flexibility on mounting locations," Moak said. "There are lots of mounting options because it is so small."

Moak estimated that it used an extra one gallon per hour to power the OBVP system over what a Humvee normally used at idle.

Leon Riley, general engineer in the New Initiatives and Innovations Division of the Space and Missile Defense Technical Center, was on hand to see the results of his initiative.

"I saw a need for power onboard a vehicle to power radar and other things," Riley said. "We needed a system that only required some retrofit modifications to a Humvee to save money, rather than develop an entirely new mobile system to transport power."

Riley worked with Mississippi State University, which developed the concept and then transferred the technology to Diversified Technology. Auburn University contributed to the product design. "It's an example of how successful we can be with university technology transfer programs," Riley said.

According to the system fact sheet, it



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DEMONSTRATION— Systems engineer David Moak of Diversified Technology explains a newly developed Onboard Vehicle Power System, to power a Humvee, Oct. 16 at the Space and Missile Defense Command.

only requires an upgrade to the existing alternator on a Humvee and a circuit breaker installed.

"This OBVP system is designed to replace the Tactical Quiet Generator System which is a diesel-powered, towed system," Riley said. "Unlike towed systems, the advantage is that you can have power on the move; providing power for all sorts of systems."

Moak said the system can provide all the power requirements needed for a Sentinel Radar, a command post, field hospital, or Remote Guardian System.

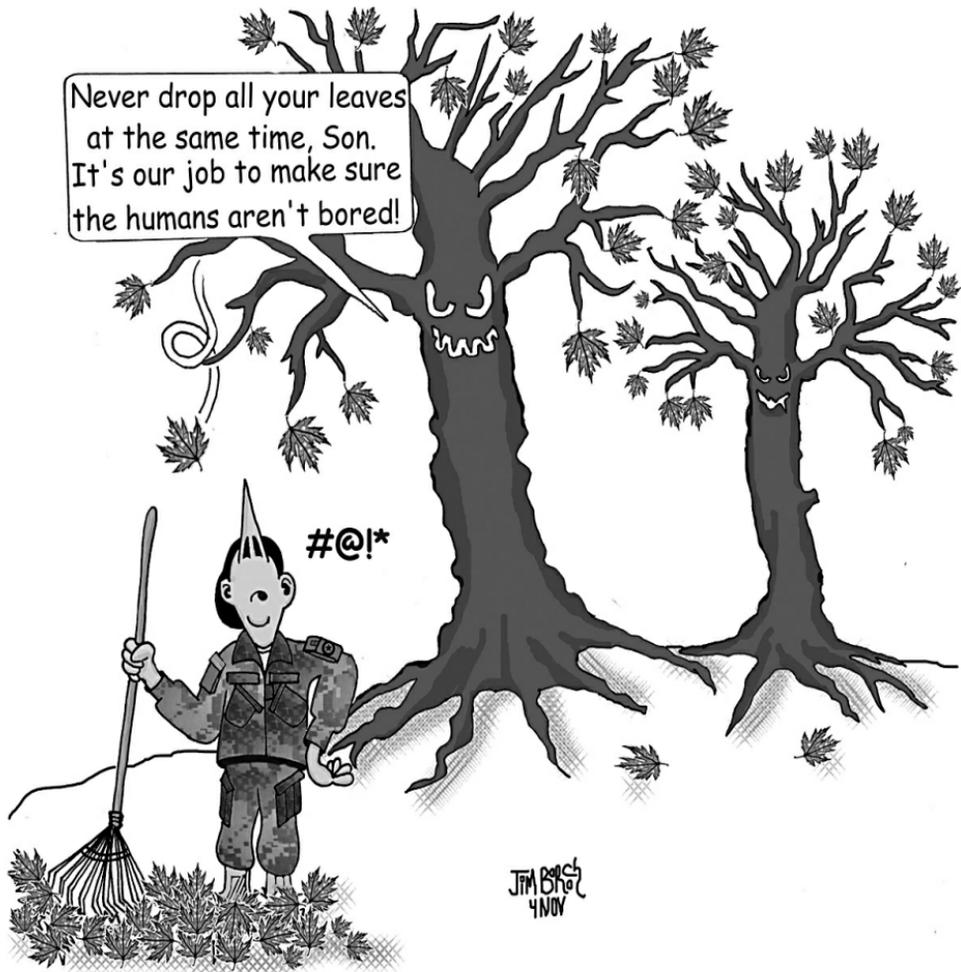
Riley pointed out that it could also be useful for civil affairs operations or humanitarian relief. For example, "if they were available during the Hurricane Katrina recovery, one system sitting on a Humvee could have powered all of the pumps at a gas station," he said.

"They could also be used to power air conditioning systems," Riley said. "This is the only portable power system that can generate the 50 hertz (for Europe, Iraq and Afghanistan), 60 hertz (for the U. S.), and 400 hertz used by aircraft systems."

Riley noted that the OBVP system could provide 80 percent of mobile electrical power support for needs in the field, which would eliminate the typical towed power requirements.

"Today we're trying to educate project managers of this capability," Riley said about the demonstration. "We're doing several demonstrations (at defense locations across the country) to educate potential users and organizations."

Barrie McArthur, vice chairman of Diversified Technology, said "This is game changing technology. We have prototypes in testing right now, in several different environments, and other companies are looking at using the technology. We expect production in the first quarter of FY '08."



Engineer mixes classroom study with work experience

Reaves pursuing doctorate at Alabama-Huntsville

Ability is a key word for Chad Reaves' career.

The word not only describes his competence, but it goes a long way to describe his role in helping to defend America. The way he describes his position at the Army's Engineering Directorate, Reaves is as a Reliability, Availability and Maintainability engineer.

Reaves is working on his doctorate at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, and is proving to be a valuable player in one of the university's newest laboratories — the HALT chamber.

HALT, an acronym for Highly Accelerated Life Testing chamber, produces environments that accelerate the life cycle of various parts through extreme environments. Simply put, the chamber is designed to break components to find weaknesses in their structure.

The HALT chamber takes components through temperature swings from minus 100 degrees to more than 200 degrees Celsius. At the same time, it has the capability to change the humidity from zero to 85 percent and vary the vibration from zero to 100gs RMS (gravity root mean squared), a means of measuring the level of vibration in terms of "g." All three parameters can be varied to replicate various test conditions.



Chad Reaves

Reaves said his experience with this HALT chamber is going to allow him to better support the Army's mission by being able to better design test plans for any components that may require accelerated life testing.

"I will have better knowledge of the capabilities and limitations of such testing and be able to advise whether or not HALT testing is practical for such situations," he said. "I will also have the knowledge of how to design automated data acquisition systems."

Reaves earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from UAH as well as a master's in industrial and systems engineering.

As a RAM engineer, Reaves said his team's job is analyze data collected for different aviation platforms in order to understand and improve system, sub-system, and component level reliability and maintainability. "This ultimately helps ensure the weapon system is ready when the Soldier needs it," he said.

Reaves said the combination of classroom instruction and hands-on experience is serving him well.

"I would say classroom instruction has played a vital role in understanding reliability theory. You have to understand this to know that different classes of components are modeled by different failure distributions," he said. "When designing tests, it is imperative that you understand the type of device you are investigating and the potential failure modes that device may experience. Classroom instruction really aids in putting all the concepts together, but like anything, you get a much better feel for all the issues involved only after experiencing it firsthand."

UAH created the laboratory to support Redstone Arsenal's Condition-Based Maintenance program, which has a positive impact on current maintenance

practices by reducing the burden on the Solder-mechanics and improving the mission reliability of the weapon systems. (UAH release)



Photo by Skip Vaughn

New rank

Morris Bodrick is promoted to lieutenant colonel Nov. 7 by Col. Doug Dever, left, project manager for Non-Line of Sight Launch System, and Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer for missiles and space. Bodrick served in the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space from 2003-07 before going to Fort Lee, Va., as the Futures Integration Division chief for the Future Combat System at the Combined Arms Support Command.

Voters get assistance from their unit representatives

Program helps ballots count

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The right to vote is the cornerstone of democracy. When military service takes someone across the country or the world from their home, it may be difficult or confusing to try to participate in state, local and national elections. The Federal Voting Assistance Program is there to help.

"We provide a coordinated effort across the installation with all the activities to make sure we provide the information on elections," Ronnie McDaniel, alternate senior voting assistance officer, said. "We provide an opportunity for everyone outside their registered county to have the ability to send in a federal absentee ballot so that they can get a ballot in time to vote in an election."

The program is almost 25 years old. It gives users a simple application form that will have an absentee ballot for their home voting precinct sent to them when submitted. Once that ballot is completed and notarized, it is sent back to be counted in the election. Voting assistance officers can access dates and information for elections at all levels.

"This is for all of the elections for wherever you are registered for," McDaniel said. "We have the ability to tell people when those are happening and answer the appropriate questions."

The program is not limited to Soldiers. Military family members and civilian workers can also make use of its services. The only requirement is that they be registered to vote. Soldiers and family members, however, are the only ones who are able to take advantage of notary services provided by voting assistance officers. Everyone else must use an outside notary, McDaniel said.

There are 27 voting assistance officers on post who are appointed by their individual organization. Each officer receives program training and materials before getting to work. They are also given notary authority. McDaniel and senior installation voting officer Joe Winston will attend a workshop at Fort Rucker in January.

"It's a one day workshop," McDaniel said. "We'll attend that, then do some training and provide further information. It's a coordinated effort on the installation."

While it may seem early to be thinking about elections, state presidential primaries will begin in January 2008. The program can even help voters cast their ballots in primaries. Officers have information on the rules for voting in each state. With most states having deadlines ranging

from 60 to 45 days before an election for absentee ballots, McDaniel said they are trying to get the word out now.

"We are now 12 months out from the general election and we are working diligently now to make sure the information is out there – that people can contact the voting assistance officer, that they know

who the voting assistance officer is in their organization and, of course, can obtain the information necessary to do what the Constitution guarantees everybody the right to do, which is vote," he said.

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Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

SPREADING WORD— Ronnie McDaniel, alternate senior voting assistance officer, talks to Soldiers about the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

Unit voting officers identified

Redstone Arsenal voting officials and unit voting officers include the following:

- **Installation senior voting assistance officers** – Joe Winston, phone 842-2411, building 4488; and Ronnie McDaniel, 842-2418, building 3494.
- **AMCOM/Garrison** – 1st Sgt. Paul Grosch, 842-7091, building 3206.
- **OMEMS headquarters** – Desiree Burgess-Fields, 876-9527, building 3300.
- **59th Ordnance Brigade** – Capt. Blase Kusterle, 876-6627, building 3300.
- **HHC 59th** – Chief Warrant Officer 4 Anthony Caudle, 955-6794, building 3303; Staff Sgt. Edward Cruz, 842-7808, building 3331; Sgt. 1st Class Richard Stevens, 876-9367, building 3301; Sgt. 1st Class Walter Latham, 876-6790, building 3495; Staff Sgt. Tommy Haygood, 842-9668, building 3306; and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Robar, 876-7070, building 3307.
- **Headquarters & Alpha** – 1st Lt. Jacob Quinn, 955-7021, building 3458.
- **Bravo Company** – 2nd Lt. Wayne Rogers, 842-0607, building 3411; and Staff Sgt. Mathew Denbow, 842-0609, building 3411.
- **Charlie Company** – 1st Lt. Joon Yoon, 876-6922, building 3410; and Sgt. 1st Class Rochelle Witherspoon, 842-2918, building 3410.
- **NCO Academy** – Addie Johnson, 842-2902, building 3329.
- **Space and Missile Defense Command** – Sarah Trial, 955-3352, building 5220; and Sgt. 1st Class Willie Kelly, 955-5844.
- **8th Brigade, ROTC** – Master Sgt. Alex Taylor, 876-1310, building 3644.
- **Marine Detachment** – Staff Sgt. Brian Walker, 876-1691, building 3305.
- **902nd Military Intelligence Detachment** – Capt. Kelly Van Veldhuizen, 876-7746, building 3646.
- **MEDDAC/DENTAC** – Maj. Elizabeth Vinson, 955-8888 ext. 1150, building 4100.
- **Logistics Support Activity** – Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Perrin, 313-2469, building 5308; and Master Sgt. Devin Roberts, 955-0526, building 5308.
- **Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa.** – Sgt. Maj. Curtis Green, (717) 267-8301.
- **Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas** – Paul Boardingham, (361) 961-2606.
- **AMCOM Legal Office** – Capt. Paul Laracy, 876-9005, building 111.

Web program seen speeding up NCO promotions

WASHINGTON — The Army has announced the first dramatic change to the enlistment promotions system for active duty Soldiers since the Vietnam era.

The Army sees this web-based program, titled the "Soldier Self-Service DA Form 3355," as a bridge to Defense

Integrated Military Human Resource System, and a way to empower Soldiers to directly impact on the management of their careers.

"Trust and verify are key components of the system," Sgt. Maj. Tom Gills, chief of enlisted promotions at Human Resources Command, said.

"This new program has numerous advantages over the current system, and the majority of those benefits stem from three key features.

"First, this system eliminates the need for Soldiers to accumulate 20 or more points before adding them to their file," Gills said. The Army uses an 800 point system that allows Soldiers to distinguish themselves from their peers by accumulating points among performance categories such as physical fitness, weapons firing, civilian education, military education, and awards.

"Under the current system, Soldiers must accumulate 20 points in one or more areas before they can add them to their files. With this new program, as soon as Soldiers earn points, they can add them to their file, making them immediately more competitive with their peers," Gills said.

The accumulation rule, a personnel workload management-based requirement for more than 34 years, has long irritated Soldiers and their

families. This long-needed improvement translates into faster promotions.

The second key improvement is also related to speed. Currently, when Soldiers update their files with new points, or are newly recommended for promotion, they must wait until the first day of the second month before those points become effective in the system, approximately two months. With the self-service application, Soldiers recommended for promotion or those adding points will have those points in the system the first day of the following month, provided they add them in by the eighth day of the month.

"We have to take a snapshot of the current points across the Army, while allowing time to forecast accurately how many Soldiers we need in a given MOS (military occupational specialty). According to the experts who developed the program, the eighth is that pivotal day," Gills said.

Finally, because of the self-

input capability provided to Soldiers for some of their administrative points, recomputation evaluations conducted across the Army at Human Resource Offices every month will immediately become a thing of the past. This time-consuming requirement for Soldiers and managers across the Army is burdensome. With the elimination of Personnel Service Battalions across the Army in support of transformation, this workload reduction will be a welcome relief.

"This is just one more example of how the Army is transforming into a more agile force, and improving processes using existing technology," Gills said.

While the Army continues to drive hard toward the DIMHRS solution, this program provides some of the DIMHRS-type improvements now, and will help Soldiers by ensuring their records are accurate when the Army does make the DIMHRS transition in October 2008. (*Human Resources Command release*)

■ Help available with absentee ballots

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Several locations have been established where people can pick up information and the application packet. As the national election gets closer, those locations will be manned by assistance officers who will be answering questions and helping to complete packets.

"We've set up tables in the bowling alley where people can get these federal voting absentee ballot packets. We're putting one in the officers club and also in the PX area," McDaniel said. "We'll

be sitting at these tables to answer anybody's questions and try to give them assistance. That will be at about 120, 90 and 60 days out (from the general election)."

McDaniel added that voting is not only a right, it is also a responsibility.

"We want to make sure we have a voice in who is representing us," he said. "It's important for everyone to have a voice. We should use every opportunity we're given to do so."

For more information, contact your organizational voting assistance officer. Additional information is also available online at www.fvap.gov.

Community turns out to honor veterans of all wars

WWII veteran represents those who serve nation

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Spectators lining the streets at the Veterans Day Parade probably saw 82-year-old Leon Fitzgerald as he walked at the front of the parade and thought “There goes a World War II hero.”

But, Fitzgerald, who fought at the Battle of the Bulge and throughout Europe at the young age of 18, represented much more than his own service.

As he walked with members of the Redstone-Huntsville chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army and with his son-in-law retired Col. Bryan Dodson, Fitzgerald’s thoughts were with his son, his grandson and his grandson-in-law, who are all serving their country in the Global War on Terrorism, and who all share the honor of wearing the Combat Infantryman Badge with the family patriarch.

“I would like to believe I’m representing all the young men and women who are serving today,” Fitzgerald said of his role in the parade. “I think the men

and women of our armed forces are even stronger under today’s conditions than we ever were. What they are going through is far beyond anything we did (in WWII). I am so proud of them. They are still fighting for our freedom. They are still making sacrifices every day.”

As a young man at war, Fitzgerald was awarded three Battle Stars, the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman Badge for his service and duty, and for combat wounds sustained while fighting with the Army’s 69th Division at the Battle of the Bulge. The battle was among the bloodiest of the war, with 19,000 American Soldiers killed and nearly 90,000 injured.

Over the years, Fitzgerald’s CIB has been worn proudly not only on his chest, but also on the chest of his son, retired Col. Ray Fitzgerald; his grandson, Maj. Shawn Fitzgerald; and his grandson-in-law, Capt. Chris Barlow. Retired Col. Ray Fitzgerald, who earned the right to wear the CIB while serving in Panama as an airborne infantry battalion commander in Operation Just Cause, is now on his way to Iraq as a civilian with the State Department. Fitzgerald’s grandson, Maj. Shawn Fitzgerald, was awarded

the honor of wearing the CIB while serving in the largest airborne operation since WWII that was conducted during the initial days of the Iraqi war. Fitzgerald’s grandson-in-law, Capt. Chris Barlow, has also earned the right to wear the CIB and is serving in Iraq.

“The Combat Infantryman Badge is my most favorite of the medals I was awarded,” Fitzgerald said. “Only an infantryman can appreciate that. It’s quite an honor to earn the Combat Infantryman Badge.”

Fitzgerald, who lives in Muscle Shoals, was drafted by the Army in August 1944 before finishing high school in Columbia, Tenn. His 16-week infantry course was cut short by about four weeks in December 1944 because “the bulge broke in Belgium.”

“They needed replacements bad. They needed live bodies bad,” Fitzgerald recalled. “We were the closest to finishing our course, so they decided to ship us right out at Christmas.”

In Belgium, Fitzgerald fought in the Ardon Forest. But, it wasn’t the battle itself that posed the most danger for the Soldiers, he said.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

STANDING UP FOR VETERANS— Retired National Guard Sgt. David Carney, left, and retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet work together each year in coordinating several local volunteer groups who put on Veterans Day activities in North Alabama. This year’s activities included not only the area’s largest Veterans Day Parade but also the unveiling of plans for a new veterans memorial, a 5K Heroes Run, a Veterans Day dinner and an Air Force Academy Band performance.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SOLDIERS WORTH HONORING— Col. Mark Smith, left, talks with retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs, who is now a JROTC instructor at Columbia High School, and Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Cross, who is a recruiting and retention specialist for the Alabama Army National Guard, following a Veterans Day Patriotic Salute program at Columbia/New Century Technology high schools. The program was one of several Veterans Day activities that took place throughout North Alabama. During the program, Smith recognized Hobbs, who “embodies every value that I have tried every day to teach, mentor and emulate myself.”

Army becomes lifelong passion of service

Colonel says military now defines him

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One of Redstone Arsenal’s top military leaders told a local audience of high school students and their parents that his career in the Army started by chance and evolved into a lifelong passion that defines who he is as a human being.

“Back then, I did not have the clarity I think I have today,” said Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center.

“And, I had a little trouble paying my college tuition at the University of Alabama. So, after two years, I took the ROTC scholarship. The Army chose me first ... Today, I can say the Army has really framed who I am and why I still serve.”

Speaking at a Veterans Day Patriotic Salute program hosted by the Parent/Teacher/Student Association at Columbia/New Century Technology high schools, Smith spoke about the highlights of his career in the military, the war in Iraq and who

today’s Soldiers are.

After college graduation, Smith began his career as an Army field artillery officer. Those first years were tough, he said, because of poor leadership in his unit.

“I believe that all people look to others and each other for leadership,” he said. “In any organization, all you need is a little leadership to be successful. In this country, all you need is a little leadership and it goes a long way.”

So, Smith was committed to providing that leadership wherever he went in the Army. He climbed through the ranks, ending up at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point as a cadet company commander.

But, an accident with one of his cadets, who broke his neck in a swimming pool accident while on leave, changed the course of Smith’s Army career. After frequent hospital visits to check on the cadet, Smith, who was a chemistry major in college, decided to commit the rest of his career to his first love – medicine. He went to medical school at age 35 and then returned to West Point as the chief of Cadet Health Services, and the cadet corps’ command surgeon and the military academy’s flight surgeon.

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"It was the coldest winter on record for central Europe," Fitzgerald said. "The cold weather was a bigger enemy than the Germans were. We lost more men to freezing and frostbite than we did to the Germans. The Germans we could shoot. But, we couldn't do anything about the cold."

For two to three weeks, Fitzgerald and



Courtesy photo

AREA RESIDENT— World War II veteran Leon Fitzgerald, 82, resides in Muscle Shoals with his wife, Evelyn.

his fellow Soldiers slept in the snow and foxholes.

"We did everything we could think of to stay warm at night," he said. "We had great leaders. Somehow they managed to keep us in dry socks and hot food."

In mid-January, the Battle of the Bulge ended as a U.S. victory and Fitzgerald's division followed the German retreat along the Siegfried Line, a defense system stretching 392 miles that included more than 18,000 bunkers, tunnels and tank traps. Fitzgerald and other Soldiers fought Germans along the line until they made the first contact with the Russian army.

"It was May 8 or 9th, 1945, and the gap had closed," Fitzgerald said. "There was a big ceremony at a little red schoolhouse. I saw leaders from Russia, Britain and America declare the end of the war."

This year's Veterans Day Parade, coordinated by the local Veterans Day Committee and WAFF-48, included many veterans like Fitzgerald who have fought in the nation's wars. There were thousands of spectators along the two-mile route who cheered for veterans, including the 1,000 Soldiers from Redstone Arsenal.

The parade included more than 100 entries, making it the biggest parade of its kind in North Alabama. Among those entries was a new entry for this year — "Women Veterans Proudly Serving All Veterans!"

■ Soldier believes there are some things worth fighting for

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After an assignment as deputy commander of Outlying Clinics in Heidelberg, Germany, Smith volunteered to deploy to Iraq, where he was deputy commander of clinical services for the 10th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad.

Although he returned from his deployment in December 2006 to take over command of Fox Army Health Center, Smith still has a personal stake in the Global War on Terrorism — his oldest son, a West Point graduate, is deployed in Afghanistan.

"During my experience in Iraq, I didn't carry an M16 or put on all the armor you see kids (have) on to fight this war," Smith said. "But, every day, I saw scores of our boys and girls come in injured. Some of them came in and died. For every one American in the hospital, there were at least 10 Iraqis. Over half of those were civilians caught in the crossfire."

Even though America's Soldiers are serving in the front line of war, it is peace they are fighting for, he said.

"The essence of being a Soldier ... A true Soldier abhors war and those who

have served know that," Smith said. "This country has learned to separate those who serve from those who sent us. That distinct separation is important."

Smith was in high school during the Vietnam War and witnessed the nation's "horrifying" treatment of the war's returning veterans.

"All great cultures evolve," he said. "We are a democracy and we are built to evolve. We are built to learn from our mistakes."

Soldiers pray for the end of war, Smith said, even as they continue to fight for freedom and for their country.

"I've seen battle buddies come visit Soldiers in the hospital in Baghdad," Smith said. "I've looked in their eyes and I know those Soldiers will never forget. I'm not traumatized by what I saw. I am inspired. I'm part of something extraordinary. And, as a Soldier, I have a belief that there are some things worth fighting for ..."

"I'm 50 years old. I'm full of life. I'm lit up. I have a life worth living and it's a life given to me by the people I'm serving. I'm the guy whose life was all about me. But, somewhere along the way, it became a life all about everyone else."



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INFANTRYMAN— As a young Soldier, Leon Fitzgerald was awarded three Battle Stars, the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman Badge for his service and duty, and for combat wounds sustained while fighting with the Army's 69th Division at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

The group was organized by a handful of women veterans who hope to build on the synergy of the parade to continue their service in the community.

"I didn't want to merely attend the parade," said retired Air Force Lt. Col. Cathy Scott, who recently moved to Madison and whose efforts to form a women veterans parade entry were launched by her letter to the editor that appeared in the *Redstone Rocket*.

"I wanted to walk with my sisters and brothers in arms again in uniform. I retired three years ago and I miss the feeling of doing something for a much greater good. I miss the teamwork and camaraderie of the military. I miss doing something I believed in — serving our country and what it represents."

There were about 20 women veterans marching with the group, including three women who served in WWII — Marine Cpl. Vesta Olsen Wachs, Navy WAVES Petty Officer Ellen Thorn and Army Sgt. Margaret Terrell; Air Force Capt. Gina McDonald, who was the first female and first nurse to graduate from the AFROTC program at the University of Akron, Ohio; Army Lt. Col. Valerie Coffey, who was the first woman from Alabama to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; Army Maj. Gail Conedy, the first female observer-controller in the desert who was among the first group of Airborne women; and Army Lt. Col. Cee Chamberlain, who survived the attack on the Pentagon on 9/11.

"We have too many women in our entry to name them all," Scott said. "These women are an inspiration to me. They are awesome. Every veteran woman, regardless of service and rank, is a role model for our youth to emulate."

"We hope even more women veterans will join us in next year's parade. As for today, we honor every woman and man who served and are serving in the armed forces."

Editor's note: Press time was too early in the week to feature photos from Huntsville's Veterans Day activities in this issue. Look for more on the Veterans Day Parade and other activities in next week's Rocket.

Win or lose

Marines capture Commander's Cup trophy (again)

Bravo second, NCO Academy third in year-round sports competition

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They're not the largest unit, but they sure know how to win.

They're the few, they're the proud, they're the Marines. And they won the Commander's Cup for the second straight year.

The Marines received the fiscal 2007 all-sports trophy in a ceremony Nov. 7 at Pagano Gym. Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski presented the hardware to Maj. Tim Collins, commanding officer for the Marine Detachment.

"It's awesome to be one of the smallest units and being able to compete against such a large group and stay com-

petitive," Collins said. He played flag football last year and plays on the unit's softball and golf teams.

"We're still on top two years in a row with the personnel (turnover) difficulties that we have and being outnumbered," said Staff Sgt. Brian Walker, who plays basketball, flag football and volleyball.

Units compiled points throughout the year in six seasonal sports: flag football, basketball, volleyball, softball, golf and a 5K run.

The Marines won with 379.8 points followed by Bravo Company in second place with 320.9 and the NCO Academy in third with 309.1.

"Second's good, but first is better," Bravo Company commander Capt. Jay Gavigan said. "And we're going after the Cup next year."

The other teams were Charlie Company with 279.1, Headquarters & Alpha with 273.9, HHC 59th with 204 and 326th Chemical with 168.5.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

STILL ON TOP— Representing the Commander's Cup champion Marines are, from left, Chris McNally, Robert Bufkin, Tim Collins, Dustin Kershaw and Brian Walker.

Madison Patriots roll in bowl game 39-0

Pop Warner football team excels on and off field

A youth football team from Madison went 6-1 and won the Charles Fowler Bowl in Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

The Pop Warner Mitey Mite Madison Patriots were coached by Doug Greene, a contracting specialist in the AMCOM Acquisition Center.

In the bowl game Nov. 3, the Patriots beat Mt. Pleasant's top team 39-0. They held their opponent to one first down.

"The team is made up of 7, 8 and 9-year-old kids who live and attend school in the City of Madison where they are

required to be leaders in the classroom by keeping all passing grades," Greene said. "All of the kids played a key role in the success of this team."

The Patriots include Braderick Anderson Jr., Alan Anderson, Trevor Baker, Scott Bobbitt Jr., Dylan Booker, Quinton Chisom, Carey Clark, Matthew Drolet, Michael Geary, Spencer Gilbert, Andrei Gomez, Ian Greene, Tyler Greene, Paul Hildebrand, Kade Koler, Alexander Lehr, Joshua Levan, Nigel Miller, Jonathan Moss, Shane Peterson, Josiah Purlee, Jaylen Richeson, Griffin Ridgeway, Jacques Robinson, Ethan Rooks, Miles Strickland, Lucas Switzer, Reed Walker, Tanner Walker, Isaac Witt and Kristian Landry.



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SCORING DRIVE— Patriots running back Jonathan Moss (23) takes the handoff from quarterback Ian Greene (12) before running 30 yards for a touchdown.

Tennessee to waltz past Vanderbilt

Volunteers hold upper hand against rival Commodores

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Skip's Picks were 289-132 for 69 percent after 10 weeks. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in college football:

- Vanderbilt at Tennessee — **Tenn.**
- Ala. A&M at Prairie View A&M — **Ala. A&M**
- Oregon at Arizona — **Oregon**
- Hawaii at Nevada — **Hawaii**
- Florida Atlantic at Florida — **UF**
- Maryland at Florida State — **FSU**
- North Carolina at Georgia Tech — **GT**
- Ohio State at Michigan — **OSU**
- Pittsburgh at Rutgers — **Rutgers**
- Syracuse at Connecticut — **Conn.**
- Tulsa at Army — **Tulsa**
- Kentucky at Georgia — **UGA**
- Missouri at Kansas State — **Missouri**
- Brigham Young at Wyoming — **BYU**
- Mississippi State at Arkansas — **Ark.**
- San Diego State at Air Force — **AFA**
- Duke at Notre Dame — **ND**
- Idaho at Boise State — **Boise**
- Tulane at Rice — **Rice**
- California at Washington — **Calif.**
- Iowa State at Kansas — **Kan.**
- LSU at Mississippi — **LSU**
- Miami at Virginia Tech — **Va. Tech**
- Marshall at Houston — **Houston**
- Northern Illinois at Navy — **Navy**
- Penn State at Michigan State — **PSU**
- UAB at Memphis — **Memphis**



- Western Michigan at Iowa — **Iowa**
- North Carolina State at Wake Forest — **Wake**
- New Mexico at Utah — **Utah**
- Oregon State at Wash. State — **Ore. State**
- Okla. State at Baylor — **Okla. State**
- UNLV at TCU — **TCU**
- Southern Mississippi at Texas-El Paso — **UTEP**
- Boston College at Clemson — **B.C.**
- Louisville at South Florida — **S. Fla.**
- Oklahoma at Texas Tech — **Okla.**
- Louisiana-Monroe at Alabama — **Bama**
- Northwestern at Illinois — **Ill.**
- Purdue at Indiana — **Purdue**
- Wisconsin at Minnesota — **Wis.**
- West Virginia at Cincinnati — **W.Va.**

Headquarters & Alpha earns upset in first round

Gators edge 326th Chemical in flag football tournament

Headquarters & Alpha went 3-7 in the regular season, but all six teams start anew in the playoffs.

The Gators edged 326th Chemical Company 13-12 in overtime Thursday night at the field off Patton Road in the first round of the postseason flag football tournament. The score was tied 12-all at game's end; and Headquarters & Alpha won by gaining more yards after regulation.

"We played as a team," Gators running back/linebacker Draper Hollier said. "We went out and played as a team, stayed focused and maintained. We made it happen."

They did it against a 326th Chemical team that went 5-5 in the season.

"We had to play iron man — we didn't have enough players," Eddie Bryan, 326th coach/offensive guard/linebacker, said.

"All we had was eight players."

In Thursday's other opener, Charlie Company beat Bravo 36-8.

The double-elimination tournament continues with games today at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. and Thursday at 6 and 7 p.m. The championship is scheduled Nov. 19 at 6 p.m.

The final regular season standings for the Eastern Conference had NCO Academy (8-2), Charlie (7-3) and 326th Chemical (5-5). The Western Conference had Marines (7-3), Headquarters & Alpha (3-7) and Bravo (0-10).

Here are last week's results:

- **Nov. 5** — Charlie def. Headquarters & Alpha 12-7; NCO Academy def. 326th Chemical 16-14 in overtime; and Marines def. Bravo 22-6.

- **Nov. 6** — NCO Academy def. Bravo 14-0; Charlie won by forfeit over 326th Chemical; and Marines def. Headquarters & Alpha 8-6. End of regular season.

- **Nov. 8** — Headquarters & Alpha def. 326th Chemical 13-12 in overtime; and Charlie def. Bravo 36-8.

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

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.

Benefit bowling

Big Brothers Big Sisters will hold its annual "Bowl For Kids Sake" on Thursday and Sunday at Plamor Lanes. Food and door prizes will be provided. For more information, call the BBBS office at 880-2123.



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.

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.

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.

Engineer society

The Society of American Military Engineers will have a business update Thursday 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.

Genealogy group

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Main Branch Auditorium. Sue Purves will speak on "how to use the LDS web site." For information call 883-5650.

Toastmasters

Anyone interested in improving their speaking ability is invited to attend the Lunar Nooners Toastmasters Club, which meets Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the building 4610 cafeteria. For more information, call Ellen Jones 544-6616.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will sponsor a luncheon reception Nov. 29 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. This event is to welcome the spouses of incoming local commanders/command group leaders who relocated to Redstone Arsenal in 2007. Dr. Victoria Dixon, director of equal employment opportunity at the Army Test and Evaluation Command in Arlington, Va., is the scheduled speaker. For reservations call Mary Peoples 955-4275 or Juanita Sales-Lee 955-4521.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Nov. 28 at the Officers and Civilians



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Historical firearms

Warrant Officer Gijsbertus Van Empel of the Netherlands visits the Claud E. & Zenada O. Fuller Collection of American Military Shoulder Arms located at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at Chickamauga Battlefield in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. The International Military Student Office took 19 international students to the Chattanooga area and Lynchburg, Tenn., Nov. 3-4 to learn more about America.

Club. Marine Col. Edward Ward will discuss "Robots in Combat." The informal monthly breakfast is this Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burtram 325-1938.

Management institute

The Project Management Institute North Alabama Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Tom Carbone, manager, Global Project Office, Fairchild Semiconductor, will talk about "The Marriage Between Product Development and Project Management." The cost is \$20 for PMI members, 25 for non-members. For more information about the organization, e-mail info@northalabamapmi.org.

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. The shop will be open Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10-2. 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. Protestant Worship Service. Many Bible studies are throughout the week. For information call 876-2409.

Motorcycle safety

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

Green to gold

The Alabama A&M Army ROTC program, which includes University of Alabama-Huntsville and Athens State

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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.

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 your-

self 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.

Garden plots

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

Tax center volunteers

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

Instructor of year

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

CFC weekend

All federal employees, postal workers and military personnel will be able to shop at Costco (North Huntsville location only) this Saturday and Sunday. 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.

Community ballet

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

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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 Friday. Call Flo Boswell 842-0042.

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.

Gift card drive

Weichert Realtors, The Executive Group, is collecting gift cards and donations

around the Tennessee Valley through Thursday for the Wounded Soldier Holiday Gift Card Drive sponsored by the Fisher Houses at Walter Reed and the Walter Reed Auxiliary. War-wounded Soldiers from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere are brought back to the United States and hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. In order to provide a happier holiday season for hospitalized Soldiers and their families, Weichert Realtors is collecting donations for Amazon.com gift cards that will allow these men and women to shop for presents online. For more information, call 533-7210. To see how you can order online or make a donation, visit www.executivegrouprealtors.com.

Job openings

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol will accept resumes and interview for Border Patrol positions today from 1-3 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. For more information, call 876-5397.

Children's organization

Magic Moments is a 501(c)(3) organization chartered under the laws of Alabama to make non-medical gifts to children who have life-threatening illnesses or life-altering medical conditions. Its purpose is to make the lifelong wishes and dreams come true for seriously-ill children. For

more information, call the Birmingham-based organization (205) 939-9372.

Flu shots

Beginning today, DoD civilians may receive flu shots every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon at Heiser Hall as long as the vaccine is available, according to Fox Army Health Center.

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief offers "free" money for education. The 2008-09 Army Emergency Relief Scholarship Program instructions and timelines for applying for the scholarships are now available on the AER web site, www.aerhq.org. Applications will be available on the web site on Dec. 1. Assistance is available for spouses and children of active duty and retired Soldiers. All applications and supporting documents must be sent to AER headquarters and postmarked by March 1, 2008. For more information, call AER officer Kristi Foster 876-5397.

Health screenings

Fox Army Health Center will participate again this year in the annual CPAC Health Fair on Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby of Bob Jones Auditorium. The health center will conduct bone density screenings from 9-11 a.m. and blood pressure screenings from 1-2:30 p.m. Flu shots won't be given at this event. Fox will also conduct carbon monoxide screenings for smokers in recognition of the Great American Smokeout which is also Thursday.

Presentations course

The AMCOM Learning Resource Center offers "Planning and Developing Powerful Presentations," an eight-hour course designed to teach learners how to design, develop and deliver powerful presentations. The class is being taught in the center on Nov. 15 and Dec. 6. People can sign up for class by using TIP (Training Information Program). For more information, call Melissa Kilgore 876-3613.

Catholic women

The Military Council of Catholic Women invites all ladies who have a military, retiree or civilian ID to its annual Christmas party and "Baby Jesus Shower" on Dec. 7. All unwrapped newborn baby items — most needed: sleepers, cloth/disposable diapers, receiving blankets, baby wipes and baby washcloths/towels — will go to Catholic Family Services. Gifts can also be brought to Mass at the Bicentennial Chapel on Dec. 1 and 2. That Friday's schedule is Holy Hour at 11 a.m., Mass at noon followed by lunch and Baby Jesus Shower. For more information, call Chris Johnson 701-6490 and to reserve childcare call Phyllis Gibat at the chapel office 842-2175.

Health center holiday

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Nov. 22 and 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The center is closed on Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day at

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Courtesy photo

Wright present

Gary Wright of Redstone Technical Test Center celebrates his 50th birthday Nov. 8, coming to work and having his office decorated in 50-style. He was surprised.



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.

Patriotic license plates

The Support Our Troops Foundation has created a new "Support Our Troops!" specialty license plate in Alabama. The final requirement to get the plate issued is that 250 people must sign up for it. Then it

will be placed for sale in title and registration offices statewide. The signup deadline is Nov. 28. Visit the Redstone Arsenal base tag office on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and fill out a copy of the commitment form. The plate is \$20 off for the first 250 who fill out the commitment form. For more information, call Support Our Troops 877-879-8882 or Martin Boire 386-562-4456.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK07352061	General Supp Spec	14-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-2001	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X										
SCBK07196671R	Lead General Engr	14-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 134,434	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X
SCBK072221648	Integrated Joint Special Tech Oprs Spec	15-Nov-07	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07221648D	Integrated Joint Special Tech Oprs Spec	15-Nov-07	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07354922	Mgmt and Tech Spec	15-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DE-0301	2	3	29,108 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07306937	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Nov-07	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	63,958 - 122,678	X								X			X
SCBK07376107	Operations Research Analyst	15-Nov-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-1515	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X											
SCBK07339682	Operations Research Analyst	16-Nov-07	SMDC	GS-1515	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X											
SCBK07295798	Supv General Engr	16-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X		X	X	X	X			X	X		X
SCBK07295798D	Supv General Engr	16-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07305369	Prgm Analyst	16-Nov-07	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	66,951 - 87,039			X						X	X		X
SCBK07371916	Mgmt Analyst	16-Nov-07	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	74,621 - 97,003			X	X	X	X			X	X		X
SCBK07375989	Prgm Analyst	16-Nov-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	3	3	63,958 - 98,876							X	X	X	X		X
SCBK07380028	Lead Police Ofcr	16-Nov-07	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	36,057 - 46,874	X	X					X	X	X	X		X
SCBK07318394	Trng Instructor (Electronics)	16-Nov-07	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	9	11	44,104 - 69,373	X	X							X	X		X
SCBK07371384	Supv Human Resources Spec	16-Nov-07	SMDC	YA-0201	3	3	86,199 - 144,307				X	X	X	X		X	X		X
SCBK07371384D	Supv Human Resources Spec	16-Nov-07	SMDC	YA-0201	3	3	86,199 - 144,307	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07258783OC	Contract Spec	19-Nov-07	ACQ CTR	GS-1102	13	13	76,056 - 98,876			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
SCBK07258778OC	Contract Spec	19-Nov-07	ACQ CTR	GS-1102	12	12	62,751 - 81,572			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
SCBK07355714	Supv Human Resources Spec (Military)	19-Nov-07	SMDC	YA-0201	3	3	86,199 - 144,307			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
SCBK07355714D	Supv Human Resources Spec (Military)	19-Nov-07	SMDC	YA-0201	3	3	86,199 - 144,307	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07243145	Instructional Sys Spec	19-Nov-07	Corp of Engrs- Hsv	GS-1750	11	12	53,362 - 83,148	X											
SCBK07369253	Lead General Supp Spec	19-Nov-07	AMCOM, TMDE Actvty	GS-2001	11	11	53,362 - 69,373				X			X	X	X			X
SCBK07377125	Supp Sys Analyst	20-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-2003	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X								X	X		X
SCBK07356166	Telecomm Spec	20-Nov-07	SMDC	GS-0391	14	14	89,875 - 116,835							X		X			X
SCBK07266161	Equip Spec (Gen)	21-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	56,301 - 83,148				X					X			X
SCBK07266185	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	66,951 - 98,876				X					X			X
SCBK07354390	Mechanical Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X
SCBK07354390D	Mechanical Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07363314	Lead Comp Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07363314D	Lead Comp Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07375088	Aerospace Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X
SCBK07375088D	Aerospace Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07376755	Aerospace Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X
SCBK07376755D	Aerospace Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07391346	Mgmt Analyst	21-Nov-07	GARRISON	GS-0343	12	12	63,658 - 83,148	X											
WTST07331693	Security Spec	21-Nov-07	Army Reserve Supp Dir	GG-0800	11	11	52,912 - 68,787	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07347979	Electronics Engr	22-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X
SCBK07347979D	Electronics Engr	22-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07352339	Prgm Analyst	22-Nov-07	Ofc of the PEO	NH-0343	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07352339D	Prgm Analyst	22-Nov-07	Ofc of the PEO	NH-0343	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07085329	Electronic Integrated Sys Mech Supv	22-Nov-07	GARRISON	WS-2610	13	13	29,23 - 34,08	X											
SCBK070376377OC	Contract Spec	23-Nov-07	Corp of Engrs- Hsv	YA-1102	2	2	44,104 - 98,876				X			X		X	X		X
SCBK07354654	Supv Prgm Analyst	23-Nov-07	Acq Supp Ctr	YA-0343	3	3	75,879 - 127,031	X	X										
SCBK07355119	Logistics Mgmt Spec	23-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X											
SCBK07344231	Plans & Oper Spec	23-Nov-07	MEDDAC	GS-0301	12	12	63,958 - 83,148				X					X			
SCBK07378281	Mgmt Supp Assistant	23-Nov-07	AMCOM, G1 (Human Res)	GS-0303	7	7	36,057 - 46,874	X											
SCBK07282335	Equip Spec (Aircraft)	26-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	56,301 - 83,148				X					X			
SCBK07342041	International Prgm Mgmt Spec	26-Nov-07	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0301	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07342041D	International Prgm Mgmt Spec	26-Nov-07	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0301	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07358970	Logistics Mgmt Spec	28-Nov-07	AMCOM, Lead AMC Intg Supp Ofc	GS-0346	11	11	53,362 - 69,373	X											
SCBK07373785	Electronics Engr	30-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X								X			
SCBK07373785D	Electronics Engr	30-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07352316	General Engr	8-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X
SCBK07352316D	General Engr	8-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK07221648D	Integrated Joint Special Tech Oprs Spec	15-Nov-07	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07295798D	Supv General Engr	16-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07371384	Supv Human Resources Spec	16-Nov-07	SMDC	YA-0201	3	3	86,199 - 144,307				X	X	X	X		X	X		X
SCBK07371384D	Supv Human Resources Spec	16-Nov-07	SMDC	YA-0201	3	3	86,199 - 144,307	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07355714D	Supv Human Resources Spec (Military)	19-Nov-07	SMDC	YA-0201	3	3	86,199 - 144,307	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07341275D	Aerospace Engr	20-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	103,111 - 145,400	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07354390D	Mechanical Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07363314D	Lead Comp Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07375088D	Aerospace Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07376755D	Aerospace Engr	21-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07352339D	Prgm Analyst	22-Nov-07	Ofc of the PEO	NH-0343	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07342041D	International Prgm Mgmt Spec	26-Nov-07	Acq Supp Ctr	GS-0301	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07373785D	Electronics Engr	30-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07352316D	General Engr	8-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07347979D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																			
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																			
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																			
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required)																			
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)																			
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)																			
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																			
U - All U.S. citizens																			
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																			
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