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# Pact replenishes cost analyst field

Five interns complete new training program

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The high demand for cost analysts and the dwindling number in that career field has led to a partnership which is reaping results at the Aviation and Missile Command.

AMCOM's G-3 Command Analysis Directorate and the Program Executive Office for Aviation put together a memorandum of agreement three years ago to bring on new cost analyst trainees. They noticed a shortfall in career field 1515, operations research analysts, because of the demand and attrition from retirements; and this cost analyst intern program would replenish it.

The first group of five interns graduated Thursday in a ceremony at the aviation program executive office in building 5681. They completed a three-year training program, beginning as GS-7s in 2004 and graduating as GS-12s.

"My congratulations to you all," said program executive officer Paul Bogosian, who began his career as an intern. "It was always a pleasure for me to spend time with you all and see you progress."

These operations research analysts have been working at PEO Aviation as matrix support since their arrival and will stay there. A second class of eight interns was inducted at the same ceremony.

"The program was so successful that PEO Aviation agreed to fund a second class," Claudia Rhen, the cost analysis division chief of the Command Analysis Directorate, said.

PEO Aviation funds the training program; and these are command analysis positions. Three years ago, the two organizations went to all the north Alabama universities and colleges with



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GRADUATION CERTIFICATE**— Paul Bogosian, standing at left, the program executive officer for aviation, reviews a certificate with the five newly-graduated operations research analysts. They include, seated from left, Jill Ann Allen, Ahmad Brown and Kristi Cofield. Standing are Susan Plaiss, center, and Susan Jester.

the help of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center to recruit for interns.

They screened 75 applicants in April 2004, interviewed the top 15 and selected six. One dropped from the program for personal reasons – she got married and moved away – but five graduated three years later. In this career ladder training program, they were GS-7s for a year, progressed to GS-9, then the next year to GS-11 and graduated as GS-12s.

"It was a wonderful opportunity," graduate Jill Ann Allen, 40, of Huntsville, said. "It was a

terrific program. I was fortunate to be part of it."

The other graduates include Ahmad Brown, Kristi Cofield, Susan Plaiss and Susan Jester. They are members of the Command Analysis Directorate who work at the program executive office.

There were 161 applicants for the second training class. The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center screened them down to 75 because of the career field's unique requirements. Management from the command analysis directorate and the program executive office further screened

and interviewed that 75 down to 25 and selected eight.

The eight members of the 2007 class, who will graduate in 2010, include Debra Cathey, Jason Jones, Brooke Griffith, Matthew Latham, Angela Lemke, Burl Petersen, Andrew Rodney and Anna Wells.

"We're very proud of the fact this is something we worked in partnership with PEO Aviation," Rhen said. "That kind of embraces the LCMC (Life Cycle Management Command) concept. And we would love to provide the same intern program for PEO Missiles and Space."

## An open lane random survey

What are you most thankful for?

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**Kim Henry**  
AMCOM/Garrison Public  
and Congressional Affairs  
"My family and my  
health."

**Rene Gregory**  
Utility Helicopters Pro-  
ject Office (Light Utility  
Helicopter)

"God, my family and my  
health. That is it."



**Jerry Pritchard**  
Logistics Support Activity  
"I guess I'm most thank-  
ful for strong, healthy  
kids and grandkids."

**Sgt. 1st Class Kurtrell Jackson**

Logistics Support Activity  
"Just being here, being  
alive and being able to  
support my family – able  
to provide them a nice  
meal."



## Redstone Rocket has holiday break

The *Redstone Rocket* will celebrate the holidays by taking a two-week break Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. After the Dec. 19 publication, our first issue next year is Jan. 9. We hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

## Letter to the Editor

### Thankful for blessings of American lifestyle

There's an old Korean saying, "sewerun mur gotche hurunda" meaning the time passes like rivers of water. It has been more than three decades though it seems just yesterday when I left my homeland to live in a foreign country where I knew no one other than my husband. Since then, I have become a mature woman and have tasted luxuries and comforts many hunger for.

While we're looking through pictures from our early days, I asked my husband what has happened to my handsome and charming Army man. A sharp-looking Soldier with short hair, 5-foot-6, weighing 175, with shyness in his eyes and a pair of Army boots so shiny you could almost see your face. I have to ask myself as well — a Korean girl of 5-foot-5, weighing 118 with long dark hair, who laughed hysterically and has no shyness in her eyes, just ambitions. Where did both of us go? Well, we are still here like two lovebirds with fatter cheeks.

This Thanksgiving, I did a soul search to find what am I thankful for. Is it plenty of food that I did not have when I was a child? Is it a carpeted floor with an oriental rug, since I was born and raised on dirt floor? Is it nice clothes with matching blouses and shoes, when as a child all I had was hand-me-downs? Is it a wonderful husband who shines my shoes and puts them in order for my next day wearing? Is it a son who has become a handsome young man? Or is it a job I enjoy serving? The list went on and on, and it seemed I couldn't get to the end of it.

What am I really thankful for? I am thankful for the American forefathers who paved the road for me to enter the land of freedom, liberty and justice for all. Because of their wisdom and ultimate sacrifices for preserving the freedom, millions of people like me have inherited privilege to enjoy the benefit.

Yes, all those years that passed gave me wrinkles and gray hairs, but I have grown to cherish God's provision through my life in His Son. I am grateful of my privilege to be called an American at the expense of those who serve our country, and I will serve them with my utmost respect.

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## Quote of the week

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.

— Alex Levine

## Commentary: UH-72A Lakota performance, insight

Light Utility Helicopter seen meeting non-combat needs

By Maj. MARK STINER

For the Rocket

Our Soldiers have benefited from the Army's new Light Utility Helicopter transformation process. The evidence shows that the Army made a wise choice in its selection of the UH-72A Lakota airframe.

The Light Utility Helicopter transition team is comprised of varied backgrounds including instructor pilots, maintenance examiners, Black Hawk company commanders, staff officers, observer controllers and acquisition officers. With that background, we can report to the field that the capabilities provided by the Lakota have been sorely needed.

The UH-72A is a 20th century airframe with flat panel displays, GPS moving map, twin engine reliability, and much higher performance (in almost every area) than the OH-58 or UH-1. The aircraft can carry loads up to 3,777 pounds at speeds up to 142 knots. The aircraft can transport six passengers or up to 2,247 pounds of cargo and still have sufficient fuel to allow mission endurance of 2.8 hours plus a 30-minute reserve. In the Medevac configuration, the aircraft can transport two standard NATO litters plus a crew chief and a flight medic.

This aircraft has been successful in the commercial market over a variety of missions, locations and flight regimes. Moreover, here is what a couple of current Army Lakota pilots have to say:

To quote Capt. Deeter of the NTC: "I like the avionics package, specifically the autopilot. Radios have a much better range than current Army aircraft. The GPS capability, coupled with the autopilot makes it very easy to fly."

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Photo by Kristin Gordon

**RISING STAR— A UH-72A arrives at Fort Polk, La.**

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Mary Weber

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**Where do you call home?**  
Palo Alto, Calif.

**What do you like about your job?**

I have very good supervisors. I get a variety of things to do. I'm given a variety of different challenges.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I digitize embroidery designs, sew custom clothes and ride horses.

**What are your goals?**

Retire in three and a half years, and work at my hobbies. And play with my grandkids.

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

Old school soul

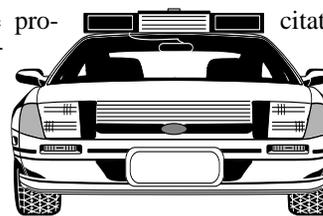


## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Nov. 8:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Nov. 9:** An individual stopped at Gate 1 to obtain a visitor's pass, but his vehicle registration was expired by four years. A check through NCIC revealed that his registration was not valid and he had a felony warrant out of Cherokee County, from the sheriff's department. He was arrested by Redstone Police, and held until a deputy from Cherokee County came to pick him up. He also received a



citation for no registration.

**Nov. 9:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license at Gate 1. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Nov. 10:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license at Gate 8. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 6 speeding, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired tag, 3 driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, 2 parking violation.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

### All for one

The OMEMS 2007 Instructors of the Year are, from left, Chief Warrant Officer 3 David Luplow, Staff Sgt. Marvin De Ocampo and Truzell DeRamus. All belong to the Ordnance Electronic Maintenance Training Department, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, at Fort Gordon, Ga. About 90 people attended Friday's awards luncheon, sponsored by the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, at the Officers and Civilians Club.

### Light Utility Helicopter provides needed capabilities

## Lakota

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Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dooley at the NTC said: "It (the UH-72A) is easier to load patients in than the Black Hawk. The clamshell doors make it easier to get litters in and out and there is less noise. The ergonomics are very good. The pilot seats have good lumbar support and are comfortable even on long flights. All the switches are right where you would want them to be."

The Army intends to use this aircraft for non-combat missions. The aircraft will operate under a Federal Aviation Administration certificate. FAA procedures and certifications have allowed the Army to forgo much of the stringent (and expensive) combat hardening applied to the Apache and Black Hawk fleet. The Army has made some modifications to mitigate ambient heat in the cockpit, improve the inlet particle barrier filter (for sand and dust environments), and

organize the cabin for Medevac missions. Nevertheless, this helicopter is a commercial helicopter and will use commercially available and economically affordable spare parts.

Foregoing the unnecessary effort and expense of developing a unique military airframe allowed the Army to meet existing requirements in a timely fashion and provide today's Soldiers with a very capable, fully modernized aircraft to meet their diverse missions at an affordable cost. Procuring a commercially available and FAA certified aircraft has already saved our taxpayers millions of dollars, and enabled our Army to perform lifesaving medical evacuation missions. As the Army reaches the planned acquisition of 345 aircraft, the Lakota will be a major player in critical Homeland Security and disaster relief missions throughout our nation for years to come.

*Editor's note: Maj. Mark Stiner is the assistant product manager, Light Utility Helicopter, stationed at Redstone Arsenal.*

## Dining facility plans its biggest meal of year

More than 600 expected for Thanksgiving feast

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

All single Soldiers from the units get to enjoy the Thanksgiving feast first from 11 a.m. to noon. Soldiers with family members will eat from noon to 1:30 p.m. And the retirees, along with their spouse and one guest, will eat from 1:30-2:30 p.m. There is no reserved seating. Also, there are no carryout orders. In the past, some people have tried to fill up backpacks, garbage bags – even children's lunch boxes. That's a no-no.

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

eat free. Spouses and their immediate family members of deployed Soldiers are also authorized to eat at the facility. They will pay the appropriate meal rate depending on the rank of their sponsor, the deployed servicemember.

"It's our biggest meal of the year," food program manager Hal Weatherman said. More than 600 people are expected.

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

The feast menu includes roast turkey, baked ham, beef steamship round, Cornish hens, steamed asparagus, seasoned corn, green beans, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, shrimp cocktail, a full salad bar, assorted pastries and beverages. For more information, call 876-3067 or 876-0719.

# Christmas Bears gifts for military children

Annual event spreads good cheer for holidays

By KARI HAWKINS

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Pam Petrie and her four children had a blast at last year's Operation Christmas Bear.

But, they enjoyed the afternoon for different reasons.

While her youngest children – 7-year-old Faith, 5-year-old Hope and 2-year-old Grace – loved the larger-than-life cartoon characters like Pooh Bear and Minnie Mouse, their older brother, Michael, 11, thought talking to Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer was the most awesome part of the day. And, their mom enjoyed every delightful surprise of the experience.

"It was an amazing afternoon. The kids enjoyed all of it. Even the food was awesome because it was all geared around kids," Petrie said. "So, not only did they have a wonderful day of surprises, they also went home with full bellies and tired bodies."

While the kids enjoyed making Christmas crafts, getting their faces painted and seeing Santa, their mom, who has cared for her children during their dad's one-year deployment in Iraq, enjoyed the special treatment she received from the event's volunteers.

"There was not a minute that went by that someone was not asking if I needed help or insisting to help me," she said. "There was plenty of room for the kids to move and plenty of things for them to do. This was a no-stress time. Being at Redstone is difficult because the Arsenal does not deploy units. So, I was feeling very alone. To see all the other families at Operation Christmas Bear let me know there were others in my situation."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**HOLIDAY GREETING – A host of cartoon characters pose with children for pictures outside the Cahaba Shrine Temple at Operation Christmas Bear in December 2006.**

Staff Sgt. Robert Petrie will be joining his family this year at Operation Christmas Bear, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Cahaba Shrine Temple on Pulaski Pike. Petrie recently returned from his second tour in Iraq, during which he trained Iraqi soldiers. He has also served his country during deployments to Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Albania. Petrie is now assigned to the 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

The Petrie family will be among many military families living in the local area who will enjoy an afternoon of holiday fun during Operation Christmas Bear. This year, the children of DoD civilians and contractors who are deployed to a war zone have also been invited. The event is free, thanks to the generous donations of

the Coalition, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, the Cahaba Shrine Temple, and many community organizations and businesses. About 50 volunteers make the event possible.

"This is the community's way of showing these families that we care about them and appreciate their service to our country," said David Carney, president of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organization's Coalition, which has organized the event since its inception four years ago.

On Dec. 1, there will be hundreds of Christmas bears – each wearing a camo-scarf and a label that reads "My dad is my hero" or "My mom is my hero" — at the Cahaba Shrine Temple waiting to be

passed out to the children. Along with those cuddly teddy bears, children will receive a surprise Christmas gift.

To make sure there are enough teddy bears, gifts, food and supplies for craft activities, children should be registered to attend Operation Christmas Bear. Parents can register them by calling Army Community Service at 876-5397 or e-mailing mary.breedon@us.army.mil.

Since its inception, many community organizations have helped the veterans coalition make Operation Christmas Bear a special event for children. The Cahaba Shrine will be decorated for a Christmas party and there are a number of planned activities designed to enchant and entertain children all afternoon long.

Operation Christmas Bear will begin with the arrival of Santa Claus on a Huntsville city fire truck. The afternoon's events will include face painting, Christmas card decorating and other crafts, a moon bounce and slides, the Amazing Magician Russell Davis, Mrs. Claus, clowns, holiday music featuring performances by Miss Alabama 2004 Shannon Gryska and Bubba Elvis, the Wall of Honor and lots of food. Each child will get to visit with Santa Claus and get their picture taken with him. There will even be a large-screen television broadcasting the Army-Navy game for those moms and dads who don't want to miss the game that afternoon.

But, one of the most fascinating aspects of the event will be all the fun the children will have with their favorite cartoon characters as they dance and parade around the Cahaba Shrine Temple. Pooh Bear, Tigger, Blues Clues, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Scooby Doo, Elmo, and Mickey and Minnie Mouse will be in attendance. And, this year, for the first time, Star Wars characters, including Darth Vader, will be part of the fun.

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# Service blooms for Girl Scouts



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**FLOWER SCENE—** A garden in bloom, replete with rainbows, brightens even the dreariest day at the Girl Scout Troop 465's meeting place.

## Redstone Troop 465 paints garden mural

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**  
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Redstone Arsenal Girl Scout Troop 465 members believe charity begins at home. Their current service projects are designed to improve and beautify their meeting place.

"They are doing community beautification," troop leader Stephanie Cook said. "It was important for us to do it on Redstone. This is where we live. We want to do what we can here."

The troop, ages 9 to 11, is working toward a Bronze Award, the highest award for Junior Girl Scouts. It is a labor intensive goal. The Scouts must earn four related badges or awards and complete projects from their handbook. In addition, they must spend at least 15 hours on a project that shows their commitment to their community. After much discussion, the troop decided to use that time to improve building 3466 at the corner of Snooper Road and Hercules. It is the

troop's home, although they share it with others throughout the year.

"The Red Cross people work in here. They have babysitting and daycare provider classes here," Cook explained.

The initial phase of the project had the girls cleaning up outside and pulling weeds around the structure. They decided to paint a mural around the interior of the patio wall, which at the time was a bland concrete block barrier.

"They worked on it for two days, as far as cleaning and weeding," Cook said. "We spent a total of four days, including one day of planning."

Once the choice was made to paint a garden scene and the wall white in preparation, it was divided among the girls so that each could design her own segment of the garden. While many of the themes are recurrent, each artist had her own ideas about what the garden should contain. When added together, the scene has a variety of features.

"We put a lot of stuff that you would find in a garden," Girl Scout Samantha Shyrigh said. "Like snakes, trees, squirrels and sometimes rainbows."

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## ■ Military children of all ages should enjoy annual event

### Bears

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"The afternoon takes a lot of organization and coordination," Carney said. "But, it's all well worth it when you see the smiles on the faces of the kids. It's a real lively and exciting afternoon. We try to add new things every year because some of the children come back year after year. All the kids – from babies to teenagers – have a good time."

Pam Petrie remembers all the fun her children had at last year's Operation Christmas Bear. But, on top of all that fun,

she remembers yet another special gift from the event – a video of the party that was given to her by the veterans coalition and the happy holiday memories that sustained her through the loneliness of her husband's deployment.

"I was able to send the video to my husband and family," she said. "It means so much to the Soldiers when they know their families are being taken care of. It lets them focus on their mission and not worry about what their family is doing for the holidays.

"Thank you for giving us that special day, and for giving us the strength and encouragement to make it through another day."

# Flu shots available to DoD civilians

Oldtimers may remember when people used to line up like this outside Heiser Hall during its former days as a movie theater.

But on Nov. 14 these were civilians waiting their turn for a flu shot provided by Fox Army Health Center. Flu shots are available each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon at Heiser Hall for retirees, active duty and Defense Department civilians. This excludes today (the Wednesday before Thanksgiving) and the Wednesday before Christmas, according to Capt. Carly Skarphol, chief of preventive medicine.

Military family members under age 13 can get their flu shots Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. at Fox Army Health Center.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SHE CAN'T LOOK**— Tina Pixler of AMCOM Legal Office doesn't want to see the needle while getting her flu shot Nov. 14 from Oakwood College student nurse Deanna Matthews.

# Insider threat seen as major computer crime

Company insiders have overtaken viruses as the most reported type of security incident, according to an annual survey on computer crime.

The 2007 Computer Crime and Security Survey, a widely watched report put out by the U.S. Computer Security Institute, surveyed 494 security personnel from U.S. corporations and government agencies.

One eye-opening finding: last year insider incidents were cited by 59 percent of respondents, while only 52 percent said they had encountered a conventional virus in the previous year. Both insider and virus incidents have been falling since a high in the year 2000, but this is the first time

insider incidents have been more reported than viruses.

The CSI defines such incidents in a very general way, covering abuses such as leaking or stealing company information, using pirated software, or accessing pornography.

The other type of incident on the rise was laptop and mobile device theft, which at 50 percent of respondents in the survey could soon also overtake the virus to be the second most reported security hassle faced by IT staff.

Respondents also reported a higher incidence of targeted attacks, where organizations felt they had been specifically singled out for attack. Approximately 28 percent of those

questioned reported between one and five such attacks, with 67 percent having no idea whether they had been attacked in this way or not.

Other notable results included the following:

- Companies lost twice as much to computer crime in 2006 as they did the previous year. The average hit is now about \$350,000. Notably, that ends a run of five years in which the average loss actually dropped.

- Although the insider threat is clearly the biggest vulnerability, "system penetration by outsiders" was also a significant problem for respondents. (*National Security Institute Inc. release, provided by AMCOM G-2*)

## Commissaries accepting scholarship applications

### Military children invited to sign up

By CAROLINE WILLIAMS  
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FORT LEE, Va. — Applications for the Defense Commissary Agency's 2008 Scholarships for Military Children Program are available now in commissaries worldwide or online through a link at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) and directly at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

The program kickoff each year in November coincides with "National Military Family Month," and the scholarships are a great way for commissaries to get involved with the community and demonstrate support and respect for the contributions of military families.

Richard Page, DeCA's acting director and chief executive officer, said the program has awarded more than \$5.5 million dollars in scholarships to 3,532 of the best and brightest children of military families since it began in 2001.

"We take enormous pride in the scholarship program," he said, "because it's a great opportunity for commissaries to make a difference in the communities they serve. DeCA is committed to education and increasing opportunities for the children of military families."

With college costs soaring, students and their parents appreciate every available scholarship to help

defray the cost, and the scholarships enable many families to afford the tuition and provide an incentive for students to work hard.

The \$1,500 scholarships are available to unmarried children under the age of 21 (or 23, if enrolled in school) of military active-duty, retired, and Guard and Reserve servicemembers. Most of the funds are donated by manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that sell groceries in commissaries, and every dollar donated to the program by industry or the general public goes to fund the scholarships. The program is administered by the Fisher House Foundation.

Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall of 2008, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants must submit an essay arguing for or against the following statement: "Every able-bodied citizen should be required to serve a two-year period of time in the military. Why or why not?" Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 20, 2008. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants. (*Defense Commissary Agency release*)

■ Girl Scouts use flowers to beautify building

## Scouts

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Among the flora and fauna there is a tree bearing a yellow ribbon – a cheery show of support from eight Soldiers' daughters to their military family. The colors are larger than life, as are the flowers. When spring returns to Redstone, the troop will move into phase three of the project. They intend to plant live flowers to compliment the painted ones.

“We’ll be planting them right out front,” Cook said. “There is a space where hedges were. We’re going to make it a flower garden.”

Besides making their community a nicer place for everyone, some members of the troop see the project as an advertisement as well. Military families move. While the size and roster of the troop may change to reflect that, the troop goes on.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**PEN PALS—** Members of Girl Scout Troop 465 write letters to their Marine Corps pen pal who is deployed on his third tour of Iraq.

The girls want children new to the post to know that the troop is there, and for a time so were they.

“It gets people to come here because they hear about it. They might have a kid that wants to be in Girl Scouts,” Girl Scout Sarah Taylor said. “They will know that our troop is here.”



Courtesy photo

## Center support

Members of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center are trying to raise \$182,047 for the Combined Federal Campaign. Last year they raised \$159,967 to exceed a \$135,000 goal. Coordinating this year's plans are Tommy Harris, AMRDEC CFC manager, and Janet Martin, AMRDEC CFC key worker and financial manager.

# Enlisted Spouses Club retires after five decades

Members proud of service  
as group goes inactive

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For everything there is a season. While the Enlisted Spouses Club has enjoyed many, winter seems to have finally descended upon the organization after more than 50 years at Redstone. The club will move into inactive status as 2008 begins.

"It's nobody's fault, it's just the changing of the times," Dorothy Patrick, ESC president and member of 16 years, said. "When we joined the military, it was just something you did. You joined the spouses club. It's not like that now."

Founded in January 1955 as the NCO Auxiliary, the club did not become official until 1958 when their charter was approved by the NCO Club. They met for years in the original NCO Club before a fire burned it to the ground. Since that time they have called the Challenger Activity Center home.

Over the years, the club raised money and morale through a myriad of events.

During the 1960s and '70s their annual spring fashion show was a way to see the latest styles without an expensive trip to Paris or New York. *Redstone Rocket* clippings from the era show club members interspersed with professional models strutting down the catwalk in active wear, evening gowns and even wedding dresses. The Christmas Balls would see the installation of their dress uniforms and finest frocks to dance the night away.

As times changed, fashion shows and formal balls gave way to gift wrapping booths and pool parties, Patrick said.

"The pool parties at Martha's (Welch) house are legendary," Patrick said laughing. "She would make this amazing German food for us."

Always a service organization, money collected through their various events has been used to fund community projects since their inception. They have provided Space Camp scholarships since it was built in the early 1980s. College scholarships for enlisted family members date as far back as 1964. The club has continued to award annual scholarships until fiscal 2007-08.

Almost every community charity and event has been touched by the ESC at some point in their history, Patrick said.

While the list is seemingly endless, it includes Army Emergency Relief, Total Tots, local rescue missions and veterans charities. With membership dwindling, there simply haven't been enough hands to continue the projects that fund their donations.

"We just don't have the manpower

left," Patrick said. "For the Christmas gift wrapping at the PX, we're talking about having it open for eight hours for 14 days."

The ESC has always lent a hand in other organizations' projects as well.

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Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**SCRAPBOOKING**— Enlisted Spouses Club members Dorothy Patrick, left, Lisa Loew, right, and Donna Newsom, standing, look back at the club's history through one of the many scrapbooks assembled over the years. Not pictured are Dessie Johnson, Beryl Cutts and Jean Mulcahy.

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## Worker remembered

Jayne Jordan, wife of the late James "Jim" Frank Jordan Jr., accepts a memorial flag Friday from Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer for missiles and space. Her husband had worked in the PEO's Business Management Office. "We honor this former Soldier and civil servant in recognition of budget and mission management excellence and the enduring way that we will continue in his stead," Dellarocco said.

### Enlisted spouses reflect on club's proud history

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Their volunteers have helped fill the gaps in ranks for the Thrift Shop, Yard of the Month Committee, Oktoberfest and Soldier/Drill Sergeant of the Year celebrations.

Membership has seen its ups and downs, but the steady drop-off of the last few years has hit hard. Since they are unable to maintain enough active members for a complete executive board, they have decided to transition the club to inactive status. If enough interest in the club arises somewhere in the future, the inactive label would allow the club to be revived.

"If we close then it can never return, according to the charter," Patrick said.

The members met officially for the last time at the beginning of November. A few of them will be meeting unofficially to tie up loose ends in regard to club records and items in storage at the Challenger center. They are working on preserving the photo albums and scrapbooks, the oldest of which are starting to deteriorate.

"Our stuff will be displayed throughout the club," Patrick said "We have a curio cabinet, bought during the '80s, that we display our silver in and the old Salvation Army bells. We're going to pick out the best things to display."

To complete the transition to inactive status, funds from the club account have been donated to AER, Total Tots and the Red Cross Food Basket program. A minimum balance has been left in the account to keep it open. In the future, a decision may have to be made for that money as well, Patrick said.

The presence of the club will be missed at Redstone. Chris Swart, former

Officer and Civilian Women's Club president and ESC adviser, said she admired the club's dedication and enthusiasm during her time here.

"My association with the Enlisted Spouses Club has spanned five years. This vibrant, dedicated group of women has shown immense tenacity and sincere concern for the well-being of the Soldiers and families of Redstone Arsenal," Swart said. "Any Soldier assistance and I do mean any Soldier assistance, requested from this club was supported wholeheartedly. I am deeply saddened by the dissolution of the club, but I know these ladies will remain active in the community."

Alice Myles, wife of Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, said that even as its time comes to an end, the ESC is still trying to help whoever it can.

"I am deeply saddened and very disappointed to see this honorable club passing from our midst. It is a terrible loss for our community," Myles said. "Thank you to the ESC for their generosity in donating their funds to several great organizations on Redstone. Many Soldiers and their families will benefit from their generosity."

While the end of the club as an active organization generates a feeling of loss, Patrick said the members are trying to bring it to a close with dignity and grace. The choice has been made to celebrate the club's long and rich history rather than to dwell on the sadness of its loss.

"I want to thank Dorothy Patrick for her leadership and service to the ECS during this very challenging period," Myles said. "I am hopeful that these fine ladies will continue to find ways to share their talents and abilities with our community. They are such valuable assets and can still do so much good for the Redstone family."

# THAAD Project, Lockheed cited for quality

The Missile Defense Agency's Terminal High Altitude Area Defense Project Office and Lockheed Martin are both recipients of 2007 Alabama Quality Awards, announced by the Alabama Productivity Center in Tuscaloosa.

The awards recognize businesses and other organizations for quality and performance excellence. THAAD and Lockheed were among 19 award winners.

Lockheed's Pike County Operations in Troy, where the THAAD interceptor is manufactured, received an Alabama Excellence Award while the THAAD Project Office received

the Progress Toward Excellence award.

The AQA is modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The AQA recognizes and honors organizations that use effective productivity and quality improvement strategies, techniques or practices which can be shared with other organizations to help contribute to the overall economic well-being in Alabama.

The award is based on performance criteria that include the following: excellence in leadership; strategic planning; attention to customers and other stakeholders; market focus; process management; and analysis of

organizational performance. Companies use the criteria as a self assessment tool to determine at which level of the AQA they should apply.

The awards will be presented at the Alabama Quality Award Annual Conference and Award Ceremony the evening of Nov. 29.

The Alabama Quality Award is administered by the Alabama Productivity Center, a nonprofit organization established in 1986 by the University of Alabama and Alabama Power Company. The center's purpose is to find ways to use university research and educational resources to stimulate economic development within the state.

## Helicopter fleet support earns recognition

FORT RUCKER – L-3's Army Fleet Support business and the Army Aviation Center Logistics Command have received the Shingo Bronze Medallion for excellence in maintenance repair and overhaul.

ACLIC, led by Col. Alan Stull, is the Aviation and Missile Command's fleet management organization on Fort Rucker. AFS is managed by L-3's Vertex Aerospace division. Vertex is a subsidiary of the L-3 Communica-

tions Integrated Systems Group.

The Shingo Prize is presented to promote an awareness of Lean Manufacturing concepts and to recognize organizations that achieve world-class status. The Shingo Prize has been called "The Nobel Prize for Manufacturing Excellence" by Business Week Magazine, and it is a highly sought after recognition by private and public sector entities. (L-3 release)



Courtesy photo

## Veterans wall

Heritage Elementary second-grade teacher Leah Igo wanted her class to understand the true meaning of Veterans Day, so she had them construct a "Wall of Honor" covered with photos of veterans they know.

# Defense logistics agency to purchase spare parts

## AMCOM Acquisition Center adjusting to new requirement

The AMCOM Acquisition Center is making a change in how spare parts are purchased.

Base realignment and closure decisions from 2005 result in a Depot Level Repairable transition. The law states that the Army will no longer purchase its spares once the transition is completed. This function will move to the Defense Logistics Agency.

But instead of moving positions or personnel to Richmond, Va., or Columbus, Ohio, the law specified that DLA would perform the function as it is now and in the same location. The concept is that these DLA detachments will perform "joint acquisitions" across the Department of Defense to support multiple service requirements for spares, leveraging commonality and buying power.

Since that time, a team led by Cathy Dickens, who works in the AMCOM Acquisition Center's Aviation Logistics Directorate, worked directly with the Army Materiel Command and other Army life cycle management commands to represent the Army as its pillar lead on a joint BRAC working group with DLA and the other services.

Dickens acted as the lead for the Army in this matter to ensure that technical

issues were addressed using the only standard that was important: ensuring the same level of care for the Soldier in the field when DLA assumes the mission. She has done this based on her experience dealing with logistic support for AMCOM's aviation and missile systems. The team has explored each issue that would result from this transition. They have searched, debated and negotiated to find common ground with DLA. The team has developed a strategy for this transformation effort.

By examining workload and other demands, it was determined that the new organization would have 19 missile and 28 aviation contract specialists to procure the depot level repairable spares. The organization will have three procurement clerks and two secretaries. And it will be topped off with three YA-03s supervisors. The key in this process was that it would be personnel performing this function today for the Army doing the work for DLA. This would ensure the same quality of experience and knowledge is available to perform the mission, resulting in a seamless transition for the Soldier in the field.

The actual transition of this function is required to be complete by 2011. But in order for DLA to show the savings that actually was the basis for the BRAC decision, DLA and the other services recognized the need to quickly move forward

and begin development of "joint" business and procurement processes. To make a smooth transition, the team agreed to stand up a 'provisional organization' still receiving guidance and direction under the AMCOM Acquisition Center that would establish the work force and be ready to transfer to DLA once the business processes, automated solutions and other key personnel activities have been completed. This allows the organization to work closely with DLA and the other services to identify key metrics for success and go through the 'storming' and 'norming' stages that occur in new organizations.

The DLA detachment lead who will be the chief of the contracting office upon transfer was selected competitively. Marsha Thornton has accepted the challenge of designing and creating a new organization that will lead the way in transforming how the Army procures spares. The other positions in the organization are being filled through canvassing and placement of individuals performing the function today. The provisional organization will stand up in November.

DLA will partner with the Army to ensure a successful transition within the next 12 to 15 months. The top priority is taking care of people and ensuring Soldiers receive the same or an improved level of support throughout this process. Challenges are anticipated as the new

organization evolves, but the people doing these jobs will continue to be focused on providing the highest level of support to the war fighter. (AMCOM Acquisition Center release)



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Retirement ride

Sparkman Center building manager Ed Cronin holds the toy "Deer Ride" he received as a retirement gag gift from his sister, Geri Partenheimer of Springfield, Mo. He's retiring Nov. 30 with 34 years service.

# Memorial embodies spirit of America's veterans

Tribute to be built  
in park downtown

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Courage. Sacrifice. Duty. Those three words embody the spirit of America's veterans. In every patriotic program, in every speech honoring the nation's servicemembers, in every interview given by a veteran or Soldier, in every experience shared by military families, these three words are prominent, speaking multitudes about the military's commitment to defending America and freedom.

And, they are the words that will be emblazoned across the front of the new veterans memorial being planned for downtown Huntsville's Veterans Park by the Madison County Veterans Memorial Foundation.

Huntsville's long weekend of Veterans Day recognition events included the Nov. 9 unveiling of the architectural rendering of the veterans memorial and official kickoff of the memorial's capital campaign. The crowd for the event at Veterans Park included many local veterans, community leaders and servicemembers.

"This day has been a long time coming," said Bill Stender, chairman of the memorial foundation.

"It has taken a lot of effort to get to this point. We on the foundation look at this as a first major step to recognize those from Madison County who have served. This is a special day. This is a special place where we begin to say 'thank you' to the men and women who have sacrificed for our freedom, who have put on boots and hit the ground."

The memorial will be the centerpiece of Veterans Park, located at the entrance and exit to

downtown Huntsville from I-565 and bordered by Washington, Jefferson and Monroe streets.

It will include a large fountain, with its water representing the blood and sacrifice of veterans. There will be a giant U.S. flag and granite walls inscribed with the names of more than 350 Madison County veterans who gave their lives in U.S. wars and military conflicts. Bronze statues and flags from each military service will be part of the memorial along with a timeline of all U.S. battles, plaques providing a brief history of each war, the flag of the silhouetted Missing in Action Soldier and the names of the area's three Medal of Honor recipients.

The memorial's message, Stender said, for all generations is that "freedom is not free and we need to be prepared to defend that freedom at all costs."

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PROMISE FOR FUTURE**— With the unveiling of the architectural rendering of the veterans memorial, the Madison County Veterans Memorial Foundation made a public promise to see through with its construction. Posing with the rendering, are, at left, Army National Guard Spc. James Edwards, who served with the 128th Military Police in Iraq, and at right, World War II veteran Bill Crocker (sitting) and Sgt. 1st Class David Beier, an instructor at the NCO Academy.

A cartoon illustration of a turtle standing on a green puddle of water. The turtle is yellow and green. The background is red with green splatters. The text "TOXINS... ..TICK OFF TURTLES" is written in a hand-drawn, black, blocky font. Below the turtle, the text "Keep Redstone Arsenal water streams free from pollutants" is written in a clean, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "For further information, contact the Garrison Environmental Office, Storm Water Program Manager at 955-8501." is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

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Designed by Chapman Sisson Architects of Huntsville, the memorial will:

- Inspire visitors and instill a sense of pride and respect for all veterans who have served in the U.S. military;
- Provide an incentive to visitors to serve their country;
- Be sufficiently interesting to educate visitors, especially the young, of the sacrifices those before them have made to guarantee a free America;
- Recognize those veterans of Madison County who gave their lives in military service; and
- Recognize the Madison County recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Standing at the podium with Huntsville City Council members Glen Watson and Sandra Moon, Mayor Loretta Spencer said the memorial will allow the city to recognize the value of Redstone Arsenal and the military to Huntsville.

"Many of our leaders have served in a war or in the military," Spencer said.

**S**he added that the Huntsville community is known throughout the nation for its support of the military, and that the memorial will continue to show the rest of the nation how much Huntsville values its military.

"Nothing can make you feel more patriotic or hopeful in your heart than to see how much this community gives to its military," the mayor said.

The memorial will be a "public statement" of how much the community cares for its veterans, said retired Sgt. 1st Class David Carney, president of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organization's Coalition.

"It will stand for and represent every veteran and those serving today," he said. "It will memorialize the untold 'thanks' to veterans who have served."

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command, thanked the veterans in the audience for their service and for their continued service as they represent the military to today's young people.

"You are one of the key reasons why we have the best Army today," Myles told the veterans.

"We stand on your shoulders ... Veter-

ans taught us what right looks like. They taught us it's better to do for someone else rather than ourselves. They taught us about remembering those who went before us and paid the ultimate price. Veterans went before us to help us, protect us and absolutely support our way of life. Veterans showed us that freedom is about sacrifice, about giving of ourselves so others are free. Veterans made a difference. They put us where we are today and we'll always be grateful."

The memorial project grew out of a small group of people involved with the plans for the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War.

"They felt we needed a community effort to permanently recognize our veterans," Stender said.

**B**ut, not much progress had been made on the project until Dr. Mary Jane Caylor of Big Spring Partners volunteered last year to organize efforts. Now, there is an architectural drawing and a capital campaign to raise between \$3.5 and \$4 million to build the memorial.

At the unveiling, government contractor Garth Bloxham presented a \$7,000 check to the memorial foundation from the Space and Missile Defense Command's 50th Anniversary Dinner Celebration.

"We had decided that if there were any proceeds we would use them to support Soldiers and veterans of the Tennessee Valley," Bloxham said.

Many veterans expressed their gratitude for the memorial at the Nov. 9 event.

Huntsville Fire and Rescue chief Danny Loggins, whose son was recently killed in Iraq, said the memorial is "long overdue and much needed recognition."

"This should have been done a long time ago," added Korean War veteran Billy Neal.

Members of the Madison County Veterans Memorial Foundation include the following retired veterans: Marine Lt. Gen. Frank Libutti, Maj. Gen. John Holly, Maj. Gen. Grayson Tate, Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, Brig. Gen. John Zierdt, Col. John Stieglitz and Lt. Col. Tom Houser. Other members are Hundley Batts, Hall Bryant, Jim Flinn, Pat Graves, Lee Hoekenschnieder, Steve Raby, Jim Rountree, Jim Snellgrove, Sandra Steele, Bill Stender and Tom Young.

To learn more about the memorial or to make a donation, visit the foundation's web site at [www.madisoncountyveteransmemorial.org](http://www.madisoncountyveteransmemorial.org).

# Largest veterans parade cheered on perfect day



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**WAVING THEIR PATRIOTISM**— Retired Maj. Dave Treshansky and his wife, Debbie, cheer on the Veterans Day Parade with their grandchildren, 6-year-old Bailey Knowles, 10-year-old Austin Knowles and Austin's friend Preston Stafford, 10, all of Hazel Green. It was the first time for the family to attend the parade. Dave Treshansky works for the Defense Acquisition University and Debbie Treshansky works for AMCOM Close Combat Weapon Systems.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**MILITARY'S MIGHT**— Soldiers of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the 832nd Ordnance Battalion put on an impressive showing of military strength during the Veterans Day Parade. The Soldiers saluted the reviewing stand as they passed their reviewing officer – Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Redstone Arsenal and AMCOM. Besides Redstone Soldiers, several local Junior ROTC units and the Marine Detachment marched in the parade.

## Huntsville community shows appreciation

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Veterans Day Parade organizers couldn't have asked for a better day for a parade. With the sun shining, nearly 140 parade entries and thousands of spectators lining downtown streets, organizers proudly declared Huntsville's parade to be the largest tribute to veterans in north Alabama.

The parade began with the firing of a British cannon from the Revolutionary War and included the marching of Redstone Arsenal Soldiers as well as Marines and local Junior ROTC cadets; a big showing of veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War; military vehicles both from the Veterans Memorial Museum and Redstone Arsenal; high school and college bands; the American Legion; Cahaba Shrine clowns; car clubs; fire departments; Patriot Guard riders; several local businesses and veterans groups; and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

Enjoying their first Veterans Day Parade in Huntsville were both the grand marshal, Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense

Command; and reviewing officer, Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command.

"I absolutely love it," Myles said of the parade. "It's one more example of how this community loves the military and the veterans who have served. There's no better place than Huntsville. It's an American town that just wants to celebrate what they are and do it in a grand style. I feel really blessed to be here. This whole thing makes me want to get out there and march with these Soldiers."

While the parade was a first for many in the crowd of spectators, retired 1st Sgt. Robert "Bobbie" Langford and his long-time friend retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lee Hicks try to make it to every Veterans Day Parade. They attended this year with their wives and Langford's two grandchildren.

"Last year, I sat in my car and watched the parade because it was cold and I had just gotten out of the hospital," said Langford, a Vietnam veteran who also worked in law enforcement on Redstone Arsenal. "Every year when I am in good health I come to this parade in my uniform."

Langford is proud of Huntsville's support of the military.

"We need to support our veterans and our Soldiers," he said. "Freedom is not free. Someone has to pay the price for us

to be free."

Hicks, who has known Langford since the two met while assigned overseas in the 1970s, was celebrating not only the contributions of veterans but also his grandson, Tanner Hicks, who was marching in the parade with the Grissom JROTC unit.

"This is a brotherhood of men that never dies," said his wife, Debbie Hicks. "God bless our Soldiers."

Retired Sgt. Houston Hammac was in the crowd with his wife, Marie, and his grandson Coulton Owens, 8, who was dressed in Army fatigues and carried a toy rifle. Another grandson, Corbin Hammac, participated in the parade with the Young Marines.

"He wants to be a Navy Seal. That's his ambition. I'm very proud of him," Hammac said of Corbin.

The parade is not only a celebration, Hammac said, but also a reminder of the large number of veterans who call Huntsville and north Alabama home.

"This parade renews the appreciation for the military," he said. "It brings the military before the people and keeps the fire of patriotism burning. There's a positive attitude here that is very much alive."

The Veterans Day Parade is a tradition for many families, such as the Butler family of Gurley. Christa and Jason Butler bring their children – now six in all – to the parade every year along with other family



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SCOUTS HONOR**— Members of Cub Scout Pack 384 wave to crowds along the parade route. Several Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops participated in the parade as it traveled along streets in downtown Huntsville.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**HIS FIRST HUNTSVILLE PARADE**— Parade grand marshal Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command, is happy to lead off the Veterans Day Parade with the help of his wife, Kathy, sitting in the back seat. The three-star general moved to Redstone Arsenal this summer. He is the highest-ranking officer at Redstone Arsenal and represents an influx of high-ranking Soldiers who will be moving to Huntsville/Redstone Arsenal in the next few years due to the military organizations coming to Redstone Arsenal as a result of Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TAKING OFF WITH A BANG**— A firing of a British cannon captured during the Revolutionary War announces the beginning of the 2007 Veterans Day Parade in downtown Huntsville. After firing the cannon, re-enactors from (General Andrew) Jackson's Life Guard – from left, retired Capt. Tod Jordan of PEO Aviation Chinook Project Office, Reserve Maj. Mark Hubbs, command historian at the Space and Missile Defense Command, and retired Maj. Ed Stevens – get ready to move the cannon out of the parade's path. The men are dressed to portray members of the 1st Continental Artillery.



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

## *Space achievement*

Jim Fisher, Sparkman Management Office, gets a close look at the Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris award for Army Achievement in Space. The award was presented to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency and actually flew in space aboard the Columbia Space Shuttle in July 1994. The Sparkman Center building 5300, first floor lobby display has been updated by AMCOM's History Office and Public Affairs Office, along with Alutiq Graphics, to honor the Jan. 31, 1958 launch of Explorer 1.



Photo by Claus Martel

## *Site visit*

AMCOM chief of staff Col. Tom Newman meets Dr. Peter Kindsvatter, command historian for the Ordnance Center and School from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Kindsvatter conducted a site visit to Redstone Arsenal in advance of OMEMS moving from Redstone. AMCOM command historian Mike Baker served as his host and special subject matter expert in identifying OMEMS records and photographs. The Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School will move to Fort Lee, Va., by 2011 under base realignment and closure.

# Charlie Company advances to flag football final

*Wolfpack sharp in postseason*

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Charlie Company picked the right time to get its offense going.

The Wolfpack advanced to the flag football final by stopping Headquarters & Alpha 36-8 on Nov. 14 at the field off Patton Road. Charlie was scheduled to play for the championship Nov. 20; and the results will be published next week.

"We just came to play," Wolfpack coach/middle linebacker Chelsie Stokes said after the Nov. 14 game. "This win was a lot easier than we thought it would be. The offense just put up numbers. We had fewer dropped balls than we normally have."

Quarterback LaQuaine Bess was productive as usual. He opened the scoring at 16:38 in the first half with a 20-yard touchdown pass to center Keith Clarke. David Stroede caught a two-point conversion pass for an 8-0 lead.

Bess threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Damon Broussard



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ON PROWL— Charlie Company's Damon Broussard (21) looks for the ball against Headquarters & Alpha on Nov. 14. He caught a 39-yard touchdown pass and added a two-point conversion run as the Wolfpack won 36-8.**

with three seconds left in the half. Broussard ran for two points and a 16-0 cushion.

Charlie (10-3) went up 18-0 with a safety at 17:41 in the second half when Gators quarter-

back Cody Earle dropped the ball in his own end zone. As a thunderstorm rolled in, Bess threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Clarke for a 24-0 lead at 15:44.

"We feel pretty good about going into the final right now," said Bess, who also plays on the defensive line. "We've got a good team right now with positive attitudes."

The Wolfpack beat a surging Headquarters & Alpha (5-8) which was only 3-7 in the regular season but surprised both 326th Chemical and the NCO Academy in the double-elimination tournament.

"Basically we didn't have motivation at all (against Charlie)," Headquarters & Alpha wide receiver Kenster Shannon said. "I don't know what it was."

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 the postseason tournament results from last week:

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

- **Nov. 13** – Headquarters & Alpha def. NCO Academy 14-6; and Charlie def. Marines 6-0.

- **Nov. 14** – Charlie def. Headquarters & Alpha 36-8; and 326th Chemical eliminated the defending champion Marines 12-7.

- **Nov. 15** – NCO Academy def. Bravo 20-6; and 326th Chemical def. NCO Academy 20-14.

# Auburn Tigers hold edge in Iron Bowl

*Crimson Tide rolling down*

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Skip's Picks were 318-149 for 68 percent after 11 weeks. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in college football:



PREDICTING THIS GAME CAN BE RISKY

- Alabama at Auburn — **Auburn**
- Tennessee at Kentucky — **Tenn.**
- Mississippi at Mississippi State — **MSU**
- Arkansas at LSU — **LSU**
- Wake Forest at Vanderbilt — **Wake**
- Florida State at Florida — **UF**
- Georgia at Georgia Tech — **UGA**
- Southern California at Arizona State — **USC**
- Nebraska at Colorado — **Colo.**
- Wyoming at Colo. State — **Wyoming**
- Texas at Texas A&M — **Texas**

- Boise State at Hawaii — **Hawaii**
- Connecticut at West Virginia — **W.Va.**
- Maryland at North Carolina State — **Md.**
- South Florida at Pittsburgh — **South Fla.**
- Tulane at East Carolina — **East Carolina**
- Southern Methodist at Memphis — **Memphis**
- Utah at Brigham Young — **BYU**
- Arkansas State at Southern Mississippi — **S. Miss.**
- Tulsa at Rice — **Tulsa**
- Notre Dame at Stanford — **Stanford**
- Oregon at UCLA — **Oregon**
- UAB at Marshall — **Marshall**
- Kansas State at Fresno State — **K-State**
- Clemson at South Carolina — **Clemson**
- Cincinnati at Syracuse — **Cincinnati**
- Duke at North Carolina — **UNC**
- Miami at Boston College — **BC**
- Missouri at Kansas — **Kan.**
- Oklahoma State at Oklahoma — **OU**
- TCU at San Diego State — **TCU**
- Virginia Tech at Virginia — **Va. Tech**
- Washington State at Washington — **State**



# Precision Fires workers fired up about weight loss

*Member stands out for losing 64 pounds*

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In an office of fun-loving, hardworking employees, Breck Kelley comes across as a quiet, subdued, computer engineer focused on his job with Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office.

And, that's why he surprised all his co-workers.

Kelley may be quiet. He may be more of a background guy when it comes to office get-togethers, luncheons and team building activities. But, when it comes to being weighed on a scale, he is a loud testimony for the power of group weight-loss programs.

During a six-month weight loss race, Kelley's co-workers fought every week to lose one or two pounds while Kelley easily outdistanced them by reaching the finish line a whooping 64 pounds lighter.

The competition started as a simple employee suggestion.

"We were all talking one day about losing weight," said executive officer Daniel Sapach. "Heart disease and diabetes runs in my family. That scared me because I knew I was overweight. But, what was really scary to me was I am in a band with my in-laws and I'm the fattest guy in the band. That really bothered me. I was the fat guy with the belly hanging over his guitar."

So, Sapach and six of his co-workers decided to conduct their own version of NBC's "Biggest Loser."

"We agreed to do this, but we wanted to make it interesting," Sapach said. "So we said 'Let's do it for money.'"

The Precision Fires co-workers – which were seven to begin with, but five at the end of the competition – started a Biggest Loser weight loss competition in



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**LOSING WEIGHT TOGETHER— A group of Precision Fires employees join forces to lose weight in their first-ever Biggest Loser competition. The group included, from left, Breck Kelley, Valarie James, Daniel Sapach, Keil Bishop (not an official participant), Jerita Crummie and Hossie Long. The group, excluding Bishop, lost a total of 139 pounds during a six-month competition. Though not a competitor, Bishop lost 20 pounds during the same time period. Members of the group often worked out together in the building 5250 weight room.**

May, coinciding their efforts with the best months of the year to exercise and ending on Nov. 1, right before the holiday season. They each paid \$20 to begin the competition and then \$20 a month to continue. The cash, which totaled more than \$600 at the end of the competition, served as a motivator for the group.

"We could drop out at any time, but we couldn't get our money back," said computer engineer Hossie Long. "Our incentive was the pot of money – and our weight loss. At the beginning, we had another employee – Cassandra Watson –

weigh us on the same scales in the (building 5250) weight room. She was our honest broker. She weighed us every month and then made a chart that showed our progress."

At the beginning of the competition, the contenders were aggressive in their weight loss, changing their eating habits and finding ways to exercise more. Many of them spent time together in the weight room on the tread mills, elliptical machines, stationary bicycles and weights. They walked, ran and biked more.

As the competition progressed, the co-workers tried different things to sabotage or outsmart each other. Sapach delivered sticky buns to the desks of each competitor and encouraged them to "chow down." Long relied on the "cafeteria lady" to make a special dietary lunch for him every day. Kelley had a secret weapon – the mycalorecounter.com web site – that he used to seriously police is calorie intake.

But, in the end, Sapach's "sticky bun" efforts were for naught, as his new job as executive officer required "a lot more work hours," took him away from the competition's group support, and came with a desk that has "a candy dish nearby and the kitchen closer" and the commander's administrative assistant who brings in all kinds of special dishes for lunchtime. Long fell along the wayside when he started "cheating on the cafeteria lady" with sodas and sugars, much to the cafeteria lady's chagrin and sharp words of accusation.

And, co-workers Valarie James, an information assurance security officer, and Jerita Crummie, the software directorate division chief, just had problems getting off the weight.

Only Kelley stuck with a regimen that made a big difference.

"I did everything I ever heard of. I started eating less and exercising more," he said.

"I went from exercising two days a week to six days a week. During my spare time when I used to read or watch my son at sports practices, I instead walked around the sports fields. I ran and biked more, even biking 17 miles to and from work on two occasions. I tracked what I was eating and how many calories I was taking in. I knew I needed 2,700 calories a day to maintain my weight of 256. So, I cut my calories to 1,800 a day."

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## *Educational event*

Deidra Gay, left, of the Garrison's Directorate of Information Management, talks with Faulkner University admissions counselor Andrea Kelley during the Education Center open house Nov. 14.

## ■ Group motivation trims a combined 139 pounds

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Even at his current weight, Kelley had run in 10K races. But, during the competition, he set a goal to get in good enough shape to run the 13.1 miles of a half marathon.

"As I lost weight, it got easier to run and to run harder," he said. "I decided to train hard enough so I could run in the Heroes half marathon on the Saturday before Veterans Day."

Besides Kelley's 64 pounds, Sapach lost 21 pounds and Long lost 12 pounds. James and Crummie competed to the end, but wouldn't reveal the amount of weight they lost. By the Nov. 1 end date, the group had lost a total of 139 pounds.

Others who began the competition, but dropped out before the end date, were Vicki Martin and Deborah Malone, both management assistants.

Another co-worker – computer engineer Keil Bishop – lost 20 pounds, even though he wasn't in the competition.

"I was inspired by the contest, but unwilling to come off the dough to be in it," he said of the \$20 monthly buy-in.

James is not happy about her weight loss in the competition, but she blames only herself for her poor performance.

"At some point, you have to make the decision that you will no longer accept how much you weigh and what your body looks like," she said. "I just didn't make that kind of commitment."

"You know, we all didn't lose 60 pounds. But we all lost weight. We drank more water. We ate more fruit. We changed bad habits."

Kelley couldn't bring an end to one bad habit — his nighttime snacking. So, instead, he changed the type of snacks he ate.

"I changed to healthy things, like carrots, grapes, pineapple and pickles, things that were low in calories but filled you up," he said.

And, Sapach changed his sleeping habits.

"I realized the later I stayed up, the more food I ate," Sapach said. "So, I started going to bed earlier."

All agreed that, although the money was a nice incentive to lose weight, it was the challenge of losing weight with a group of people that kept them motivated.

"This is an office of people having fun trying to lose weight together," Long said. "We all really enjoyed the challenge and encouragement of each other."

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## 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.

### Youth soccer champs

The Huntsville Soccer Club has won three Division I state championships at Decatur's Jack Allen Soccer Complex. The champions include the under-14 HSC Strikers, coached by Eusebio Samuel; the U15 HSC Strikers, coached by Henry Mpagi; and the U16 HSC Strikers, coached by Marty Clark. All three teams will represent Alabama in the Region III Championship series in North Carolina next summer.



## 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.

### Space lecture

HAL5 (National Space Society) presents a free public lecture by Tim McElyea, president of Media Fusion. He will speak on "Firey Communications in and on Space" on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library, 915 Monroe St. A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie 509-3833.

### 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.

### Parent advisory council

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet Nov. 27 at 11 a.m. in Redstone Room, Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 (phone 876-7952). All parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance - five points equals a 10 percent discount on childcare fees. "Please join us to learn

what is happening at the Redstone Child and Youth Services facilities and to voice your ideas, opinions or concerns," a prepared release said.

### 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. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis, with a free lunch for the first 50 participants to RSVP. Reservations must be sent by e-mail to Crystal Todd at few\_huntsville@yahoo.com.

### 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 Club. Marine Col. Edward Ward will discuss "Robots in Combat." For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

### 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](http://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



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## Autumn splendor

Mother Nature saved some of her prettiest paint for the playground of the ChildWise Program, building 1413 on Nike Street.

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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## *Native American*

Ernest Thomas Grant of Cherokee, N.C., participates in the American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month celebration Nov. 14 at the Path to Nature. A member of the Eastern Cherokee and Navajo tribes, he was among the eight dancers from Deer Clan Productions.

### **Surplus sales**

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to [www.gsauctions.gov](http://www.gsauctions.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

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offered free to anyone authorized access to Redstone. For information call Keith Coates of Garrison Safety Office 876-3383. The instructor is Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

## Green to gold

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

## Lateral entry

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

## 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. Commis-

sions are available in the Active Army and the Army Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Cyrus Russ 539-6511.

## Pilots wanted

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

## Reserve cadets

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Flu shots

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](http://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.

## 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 Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. The center is closed on Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. 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.

## Officer association party

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its winter party, "An Old-fashioned Christmas," Dec. 1 from 6-9:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. There will be music by Sentimental Journey for after dinner dancing and listening pleasure. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, call Carrie Hightower 882-3992.

## Dance classes

The Diane Campbell Recreation Center is taking signups for Fox Trot and Rumba classes to be held Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 10. Cost is \$66 per couple. The class is taught by professional instructors Mary Jo Blount and Vince Guarin. For more information, call 876-4531.

## Photography contest

The Arts and Crafts Center is hosting the 2007 All-Army Digital Photography Contest from now through Nov. 30. Enter your favorite digital images to compete against

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the best photographers in the Army. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. The categories are people, place, object, military life, experimental and the new theme category Army Values. There are two divisions: active duty and civilians. To compete, fill out the online entry form at [www.artscrafts.fmwrc.army.mil](http://www.artscrafts.fmwrc.army.mil). For more information, call 876-7951.

## Science/engineering apprentices

The Department of Defense initiated the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program in 1980, under the direction of the Executive Office of the President, to involve academically talented high school and college students in hands-on research activities and student-mentor relationships during the summer. This program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering courses and careers. A major benefit of the program is pairing the students with university and professional engineering mentors. The high school and college programs are designed for students who are U.S. citizens and age 15 by the beginning of the program June 2, 2008. The apprentice program is divided into periods of eight, 10 and 12 weeks. Both programs are fast-paced and require disciplined professional work habits. Junior and senior scientists and engineers gain additional experience by serving as mentors for first time students, and providing guidance through interactive research processes. The contacts for applications are senior counselors at all public, private and parochial high school and college placement services. Possible career placement areas at the Garrison-Redstone Arsenal include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The deadline for postmarking applications is Jan. 31. If the student is unsuccessful in receiving an application from the high school senior counselor or college placement service, contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Julie Lumpkins in building 5308, at 313-4834.

## Contracts seminar

A seminar on "What Program Managers Should Know About Government Contracts" will be held Nov. 29 from 5-8 p.m. at Sparta Inc., 401 Diamond Drive. Cost is \$25; and the instructors are Darryl Walker and Dr. Jay Billings. This event is sponsored by the National Contract Management Association, Huntsville Chapter and the Project Management Institute, North Alabama Chapter. For more information, call Denise Pelham 468-6016.

## Project institute

The Project Management Institute, North Alabama Chapter will present a one-day seminar titled "Establishing Your EVMS Performance Measurement Baseline" by Kelly Meassick and Candi Randolph, from Charter Performance Management Group, on Dec. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at SAIC Huntsville Campus. Early registration is available through today. PMPs can earn seven PDUs. More information can be found at [www.northalabama PMI.org](http://www.northalabama PMI.org).

## Community assistance

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club distributes money to nonprofit groups each year, and is now accepting applications for grants. To receive a copy of the application, write to RSAOCWC, Attention: Demy Robley, Community Assistance Chair, P.O. Box 8113, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35808. Forms are also available in the OCWC Southern Exposure Newsletter and at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. All requests must conform to the OCWC Community Assistance Request Form. Deadline for the request is Feb. 28. Requests postmarked or received after the deadline will not be considered. For more information, call Demy Robley 882-6064.

## Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation to be held Dec. 4 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

## Gifts for troops

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office is taking donations for its second annual Operation Stocking Stuffers for Soldiers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations of new items such as DVDs, books, socks, T-shirts, razors, batteries, etc., can be dropped off at building 5300, second floor in Operations Center. Deadline is Dec. 5.

