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Retired general, retiring executive
continues his support for military

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With a lifetime achievement award in his pocket and his corporate retirement papers being processed, some may think Bob Drolet is ready to fade from the local business and community scene.

Think again.

This hard-charging, no-nonsense, "people first," retired brigadier general has no intentions of being less involved. In fact, activities could very well "step up" for a man who is committed to making a difference in the community that has become his home.

Come February, Drolet's marching papers may very well lead this 66-year-old Soldier into fields of volunteer service he has yet to cultivate. Already the state president of the Association of the U.S. Army, chairman of the local Veterans Day Committee, and a key volunteer with the Madison County Veterans Memorial Foundation, the Heritage Club, United Cerebral Palsy, Boy Scouts of America, the Heart Association and Catholic High School, Drolet is very much entrenched in community and state volunteer roles.

"I want to be in positions where I can give back to the community. I want to continue to be a responsible community partner," he said. "I will always be active in veteran support and military support activities. But, I also want to branch out into the community and work with nonprofit organizations that make this town a better place for its citizens."

Drolet announced his retirement as senior director of Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company-Huntsville Operations just days after leading efforts to pull off the largest ever Veterans Day Parade in Huntsville and North Alabama, and a weekend filled with Veterans Day activities.

"Who knows what I'll do next," said Drolet. "I feel good and I don't have the patience to sit around the house and do nothing. Whatever I decide to do, I am going to be involved and open to possibilities."

It was a good time to retire, Drolet said, noting Lockheed Martin's programs in Huntsville are stronger than ever and the company has just complet-

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— Bob Drolet

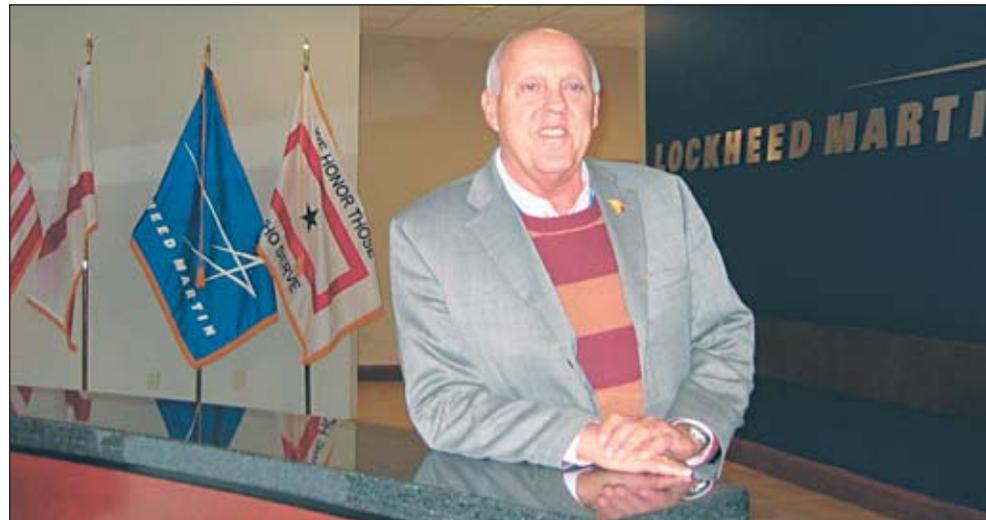


Photo by Kari Hawkins

HONORED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP— Retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet is proud of his recent recognition with the Lifetime Achievement Award presented to him by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition at the Veterans Day Dinner. The award recognizes Drolet's service as a Soldier, as a local corporate executive and as a community volunteer. Recently, Drolet announced his retirement from Lockheed Martin's Huntsville operations.

ed a major building program that further elevates its local image, and he has a growing desire to spend more time traveling for leisure with his wife, and spending time with his three children and two grandchildren. Pursuing further volunteer opportunities is also on his retirement agenda.

During his 45-year career Drolet has received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Huntsville-Madison County Leadership Program in 2001, the General John B. Medaris Award from the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association in 2006 and induction into the Madison County Military Heritage Commission Hall of Heroes in 1997. But, Drolet completed his Veterans Day activities with an additional honor — the Lifetime Achievement Award presented to him by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition during the Veterans Day Dinner.

"I deeply appreciate this award," Drolet said. "It was an honor to be recognized. But, the award recognized more than just me. In everything I do, I do with a committee and a bunch of folks who pull me through and help me to ensure success."

Drolet's career has always involved teamwork. He

attended Boston College on an ROTC scholarship, putting "boots on the ground" in a career field well known to his father, who was a World War I veteran.

"He was extremely proud that I had gone into the military and especially that I was an officer," Drolet recalled. "It blew his mind that I made captain. The higher up I went the more disbelief he had. He saw me make lieutenant colonel before he passed away in 1979."

It wasn't difficult for Drolet to climb the military's career ladder.

"I really enjoyed my military experience," he said. "As a young officer, I loved the tradition of the military and I absolutely loved the Army. I loved the idea of being in charge of stuff, and the amount of responsibility and trust that the Army gives to its personnel. I was given full responsibility and authority in my assignments, and that was magic to me."

Drolet's service took him to Germany and Vietnam, where he fought in some of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War. He received the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medals and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star.

Drolet came to Huntsville with the Army in 1986, after serving nearly six years in the Pentagon. At Redstone Arsenal, he was the

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An open lane random survey

What are your Christmas shopping plans?

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Angie Smith
Garrison Sports
and Fitness

"I pinpoint what I want then I go straight forward and leave. I do a lot of online shopping. I refuse to shop the day

after Thanksgiving. I look for good bargains."

Donald Lewis
Garrison Sports
and Fitness

"To give my wife the money and let her do the shopping. The only thing I buy for is just for her. She loves to shop, I don't."



Maj. Michael Blomquist
Program Executive Office
for Missiles and Space

"I'm usually one of those last minute shoppers — tries to get it all in one trip. But this year I'm going to try to take

advantage of the PX sales and try to hit it a little earlier."

Margaret Gleason
Wife of retired Soldier

"I don't plan on doing a lot of Christmas shopping. We do the minimum these days, only for our children and grandchildren."



Thanksgiving event serves community

Psi Kappa Kappa chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Youth Friendship Foundation adopted 30 local families for the Thanksgiving holiday. We provided each family a 12-14 pound turkey. This is an annual event that has been sponsored by our local supermarkets and restaurants. Target Super Store provided all of the turkeys for this turkey give-away.

We delivered 16 turkeys on Nov. 15 to families at the Boys and Girls Club located on Holmes Avenue. Most of the families at this location were single parents and needed a little hand during the holiday. We also solicited several local restaurants for



Courtesy photo

THANKFUL— Elderly residents of Johnson Towers gather with members of Psi Kappa Kappa chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Youth Friendship Foundation.

finger foods and light hors d'oeuvres for the recipients. Chili's, Popeye's, and Sam's Club provided a tremendous amount of food for the event. Pepsi provided all the necessary beverages for all the recipients and their families.

We delivered 14 turkeys on Nov. 17 to the Johnson Towers in downtown Huntsville. The elderly residing in Johnson Towers had full kitchens to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. The elderly were very excited about being awarded a Thanksgiving turkey. We have delivered turkeys to these towers for the last three years.

Maj. James McLinnaham
Thanksgiving Giveaway
chairman

Quote of the week

'Whoever said money can't buy happiness simply didn't know where to go shopping.'

— Bo Derek
actress

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 policy

Letters to the editor must be signed by the writer. The Rocket will withhold names upon request. Letters can be sent via e-mail to skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil or faxed to 955-9138. The deadline for letters and all other submissions to the Rocket is noon Friday.

Commissary sells items at cost

It has always been my opinion, and in years gone past, that it is far more reasonable to shop on military installations. However, such is not always true here at Redstone. I don't keep track of the disparities of prices but have found a few noteworthy differences recently.

The regular price of OBERTO Teriyaki, 4 ounces, at Wal-Mart is \$3.97. Yet both the Commissary and the convenience stores sell the same item at \$5.99 and \$5.98. Should you desire other differences, I will be happy to provide them. I chose to use this sample because it isn't a matter of a few cents but a substantial difference.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Commissary provided the following response. "Commissaries are required by law to sell items at prices set only high enough to recover item cost, with no profit or overhead factored into item price, and our pricing procedures adhere rigorously to this legislative requirement.

"You may find selected items at lower prices in commercial stores for several reasons.

"One reason is that commercial stores often sell items as 'loss leaders' at prices below their cost prices to attract customers who they hope will buy other high profit items during their shopping trip to get the low price 'loss leaders.'

"Because commissaries are required by law to sell items at cost — neither higher nor lower — we can't offer 'loss leaders.'

"Another reason is that commercial firms may buy into 'deals' offered by suppliers that are not available to DeCA, or that DeCA does not buy into some 'deals.' Although our buyers negotiate vigorously to get the best possible price on every item sold in commissaries, there are times when our buyers cannot develop a good business case for accepting certain 'deals' offered by suppliers.

"However, although you may find selected items at lower prices in commercial stores, our price surveys provide convincing evidence that, if you shop regularly in a commissary for all or virtually all of your grocery needs, you will save 30 percent or more on your grocery bill versus what you would pay in a commercial store for the same array of items."

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Getting to know you

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Name: Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Garcia-Aponte

Job: 832nd Ordnance Battalion's former command sergeant major (retiring Jan. 31, 2008)

Where do you call home?
Puerto Rico

What do you like about your job?

I like the mentorship. I like to train, develop and build people in order to bring the best out of them.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like running, working out. I like reading. And my passion is to serve the needy, i.e., homeless, street people, abused kids or women. We call it reaching people and touching lives.

What are your goals?

My goals are to become a public speaker. My family goals are to become a better husband to my wife (Maribel) and a father that my son (Caleb, 12) could feel proud of. And when it comes to my faith, I want to be a good example of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (He and his wife also have a married daughter, Velmarye Adame, of North Carolina.)

What's your favorite type of music?

I like salsa.



Deck the halls with fire safety

What's a holiday party or even the traditional Christmas morning scene itself without a beautifully decorated tree? If your household, as those of more than 33 million other American homes, includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart the sales person's suggestion — "Keep the tree watered."

That's good advice and not just to create a fragrant indoor winter wonderland atmosphere. Christmas trees account for 200 fires annually, resulting in six deaths, 25 injuries and more than \$6 million in property damage. Typically shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. Dry and neglected trees can be.

Here are some hints on Christmas tree safety:

- Choose a fresh tree. Dispose as soon as possible after Christmas day.
- When setting up the tree, saw off the trunk at an angle and keep water above the cut at all times.
- Support the tree well. The stronger the support the less chance it will fall.
- Set tree away from radiator or fireplace.
- Check all strings of light for frayed cords, loose sockets and worn connections.
- It is wise to turn tree lights off when you retire for the night or leave the house.
- Avoid overloading circuits.
- The larger the tree the greater the hazard.
- Avoid placing anything electrical beneath the tree.
- Follow basic tree and lighting safety guidance.
- Know the load being placed on extension cords.
- Have fun while decorating safely.

Have a safe and happy holiday, from the RSA Fire Prevention Branch.



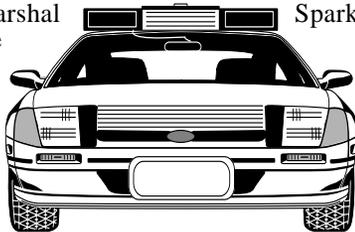
Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Nov. 16: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle without a driver's license when he drove up to

Gate 9 lost. He and his passenger, who have never been licensed, were cited and released. The vehicle was secured at the scene pending release to a licensed driver.

Nov. 19: Officers investigated a larceny of private property from the office space of an employee at the



Sparkman Center. Investigation continues by Police Investigations.

Nov. 20: Someone destroyed government property by crashing their vehicle through Gate 8 when the gate was secured. Officers searched the area for the vehicle, without success. Investigation continues by Police Investigations.

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

Violation notices issued: 11 speeding, 1 driving without a license.

Get plenty of rest before hitting road

Driving drowsy can be just as fatal as driving drunk and will increase the risk of an accident.

Sleepiness and fatigue produce the following effects on drivers:

- Impaired reaction time, judgment and vision;
- Problems with information processing and short-term memory;
- Decreased performance, vigilance and motivation; and
- Increased moodiness and aggressive behavior.

Warning signs include trouble focusing, keeping eyes open or head up; daydreaming, wandering/disconnected thoughts; yawning or rubbing eyes repeatedly; drifting from lane, tailgating, and missing signs or exits;

and feeling restless and irritable.

Before trip control measures include: Get adequate sleep; schedule proper breaks — about every 100 miles or two hours during long trips; arrange for a travel companion — someone to talk with and share the driving; and avoid alcohol and sedating medications — check labels or ask a doctor.

During trip control measures include: Watch for the warning signs of fatigue; stop driving — pull off at the next exit, rest area or find a place to sleep for the night; take a nap — find a safe place to take a 15 to 20 minute nap; and consume caffeine — the equivalent of two cups of coffee can increase alertness for a short period of time. However, caffeine should not be relied upon for the long term. (Provided by the Garrison Safety Office)

Army family celebrates Thanksgiving together

Troop dining facility serves about 700

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Young Soldiers who happened to be St. Louis baseball Cardinals fans got a little extra at Thanksgiving meal at the troop dining facility Thursday.

They got a high-five from one of the servers, Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles.

He asked the Soldiers where they were from as they went through the line. If they said St. Louis, he asked if they were fellow Cardinals fans. If they said yes, he exchanged a hand slap as he filled their plate.

The traditional meal was a way to make the Soldiers feel they were part of the Army fam-

ily, according to Myles. For many this was their first time away from home in uniform.

“I have an opportunity to thank our Soldiers for their sacrifices,” Myles said.

Among the diners was Pvt. Bryon Sherman of Charlie Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion. Sherman, 26, is from St. Louis – and yes, a Cardinals fan.

“I love it, I think it’s awesome,” Sherman said of the meal. “I think it’s really great. A lot of times we don’t have time to spend with our families. Being here, it just brings us closer to cadre. It makes it easier to cope with things sometimes.”

About 700 people – including servicemembers, military retirees and guests – were served the traditional feast, according to food program manager Hal Weatherman.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE?—
Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles helps serve Thanksgiving meal to the troops.

“I have an opportunity to thank our Soldiers for their sacrifices.”

– Maj. Gen. Jim Myles

Cute babies raise bucks for CFC

Winners have been announced in the "Redstone's Cutest Baby" contest, which raised \$842 for the Combined Federal Campaign.

The cutest baby girl is Claire Williams, granddaughter of Bruce O'Gorman, team leader for Scout Observation Directorate. She was 3 months old in her picture, but is 5 months now. Her photo raised \$136 for CFC.



Claire Williams

The cutest baby boy is Christopher Zollinger, grandson of Faye Yates of the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center. He was 9 months old in his picture, but is 18 months now. His picture raised \$98 for CFC.



Christopher Zollinger

"I am completely blown away at the turnout of votes and entries," contest coordinator Samantha Smith, an item manager, said. "Thank you so much for allowing us to borrow your little angels' pictures for the contest. We had a great time conducting it. It was a lot of fun to see everyone's little darlings. I have already had people show interest in participating in the contest next year."



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Thanks for running

AMCOM logistics assistance representatives, from left, Robert Dubose of Redstone Arsenal, Andy Sanchez of Fort Bliss, Texas, John Fleming of Redstone Arsenal, and Venturo Avila of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, join more than 800 servicemembers in the Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving Day. They are serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Iraqi tour gives civilian insight into Soldiers' needs

Research center worker volunteered four months

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It's all about doing a better job in support of Soldiers at war.

That's what took Tim McClellan of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center to Iraq for a four-month civilian deployment that had him talking to Soldiers about what works and what doesn't work in the field.

McClellan's mission as part of a Science Technology Advisory Team coordinated through the Army Materiel Command allowed him to see firsthand how Soldiers are using today's technologies to fight the war and what living conditions are like for both Soldiers and civilians in this war-torn country.

"I wanted to get a better understanding and appreciation of the conditions, operation tempo and threats that face our forces in order to try to help facilitate the cre-

ation, or modifying or changing of any equipment that the Soldier needs to do their job. There's no substitute for being on the ground," said McClellan, who returned from his volunteer mission in early November.

McClellan spoke about Iraq and his experiences in the country during the Nov. 20 luncheon meeting of the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The AMRDEC civilian spent his four months with Soldiers in Baghdad and Mosul. During that time, he experienced many of the frustrations that Soldiers do in trying to perform their job, including constant computer breakdowns, challenges presented by the extreme weather conditions, and the haphazard attacks of improvised explosive devices and mortar attacks.

"You have to kind of roll with the flow over there," he said. "The Internet is very slow. Things break down all the time. Rats get into wiring and cause problems. Weather causes problems. It's all part of service in Iraq."

There are about 200,000 coalition civilians working in Iraq, many of whom are in the private security sector while others are with the State Department. That number is higher than the 160,000 U.S. Soldiers serving in Iraq.

Each U.S. civilian making the trip to the war zone must be outfitted just like a Soldier – with three duffle bags that include a gas mask, severe weather gear, protective gear and other items.

"Just getting to Baghdad is a very good test of your patience," McClellan said. "First, you take a Freedom Flight to Kuwait City and then you take a C-130 into Baghdad. You can't take a commercial jet."

The Baghdad International Airport is surrounded by military camps, including Camp Victory, Camp Slayer, Camp Liberty, Camp Striker and Camp Cropper. Camp Victory is the primary component of the Victory Base Complex around the airport and is home to the Al-Faw Palace, the headquarters for the Multinational Corps-Iraq. Camp Slayer, on the airport's southeastern corner, is part of the former Al Radwanayah Presidential Complex, which includes several man-made lakes, a man-made hill, the former Ba'ath Party House, the Victory Over Iran Palace, the Victory Over America Palace, the Perfume Palace and dozens of smaller luxury homes that once housed Ba'ath Party



Courtesy photo

IRAQI WEATHER— Tim McClellan of AMRDEC endured the heat of Iraq along with the threatening conditions of war. He served a four-month tour with an Army Materiel Command Science Technology Advisory Team.

notables.

"The Victory Over America palace in Camp Slayer was built after the Gulf War," McClellan said. "It has massive rooms. There's lots of marble, and there are gold inlaid doors. The palace is still not finished."

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

SHARING HIS IRAQI EXPERIENCE— Dorothy May, left, and Amanda Medley of the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals thank AMRDEC worker Tim McClellan for sharing his experiences in Iraq with members of the professional group at their November meeting. McClellan, who works as a AMRDEC liaison to PEO Aviation and the aviation and program management shops on Redstone Arsenal, volunteered for a four-month tour in Iraq to get a better understanding of the technology and equipment needs of Soldiers.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Wrapped up

Tiffany Tiller, human resources technician in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, wears 30th birthday decorations from her co-workers Nov. 20. “They’re so bad,” she says smiling. But her sister, Audra Henry, told her, “Twenties are for little girls.”

■ Civilians works to provide support for Soldiers in war-torn country

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McClellan had an opportunity to visit the luxury homes of Iraq’s previous regime.

“There are large homes built around the water,” McClellan said, describing the disparity between the rich and the poor of the country. “Right in the desert, there are monstrous lakes pumped full of water from the Tigris River. Houses are built right on the edge of the water. The water is filtered like in a swimming pool. You can step right down into the water and swim out to cabanas.”

Homes were built with the best quality materials, including marble floors, walls and ceilings, and crystal chandeliers. Saddam Hussein’s initials are carved in every home and structure built. Hussein and his sons kept their harem at Perfume Palace and the grandchildren of Hussein played at the Flintstone Village, a large fun park he built for them and the children of other elite Iraqis.

“An Iraqi officer told me he never knew the palaces existed,” McClellan said. “He said if the people had known, Hussein would have been killed many years ago. The people were barely getting by and Hussein was building palaces. He couldn’t believe all of this was kept hidden.”

While in Baghdad, McClellan worked with Soldiers in the camps surrounding the airport. He also worked at bases in Mosul, which he described as “kind of a wild west.”

“At times, it was peaceful and quiet. Then,

other times the locals would get rowdy,” McClellan said.

“Many times we’d wake up to firefights going on. We’d hear the mortar rounds hit. After awhile you get used to it. It’s amazing. Even explosions would get so frequent that they wouldn’t catch your attention. Constantly bombs were going off.”

Soldiers would take up hobbies, or collect things or find other ways to get their minds off the war. One sergeant had tamed little wild birds to be his pets.

McClellan appreciated experiencing many aspects of the war, from the technical conversations he had with Soldiers to seeing what living conditions were like for the wealthy under Hussein.

“I’ve been wanting to learn more about Iraq and the war,” he said. “I got a feel of what it’s like. I have a better understanding of the threats and the problems over there. When you have feet on the ground you really get an idea of what things are really like. I visited a lot of units and now I am a voice for what is needed and what changes we need to make in Army equipment to support the Soldier.”

For other civilians who are considering volunteering for a tour in Iraq, McClellan urged them to be flexible and accepting of whatever conditions they might encounter. Each civilian’s experience in Iraq is different.

“You have to have a lot of patience and be adaptive to the conditions that you encounter while over there,” he said. “The conditions are austere. You have to make do with whatever you have when you get there.”

Hero's happy homecoming in time for holidays

Family and friends greet Soldier's return from Iraq

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Faith Petrie, 7, dressed in a pink flowery dress and wearing a pin with her daddy's picture in it, was the "hostess with the mostest" at Huntsville International Airport in the late evening hours of Nov. 19.

She wanted everything to be perfect for her daddy's homecoming. The last time she saw Staff Sgt. Robert Petrie was in July during his two-week leave from a tour of duty in Iraq.

"I'm making sure everything runs great," the perky blonde beauty said. "I don't want anything to be bad. I had to make everything at home perfect for my dad. We went grocery shopping today and we bought his favorite soda – Diet Pepsi – and flowers and steak. I want my dad to be really surprised."

So, while a crowd of about 100 well wishers and friends from the family's church and home school communities waited for an arrival that was about an hour and a half late, Faith spent much of her time dodging through the crowd, talking to friends and strangers alike, and carrying a bouquet of white,

orange and pink flowers she wanted to present to her dad.

When Petrie finally made his appearance, the crowd's enthusiastic cheers were deafening as his family – including wife Pam and children Faith, 11-year-old Michael, 5-year-old Hope and 2-year-old Grace – wrapped their arms around him in a huddle of hugs, kisses and tears.

"This is the best homecoming I've ever had. The support from Huntsville is just overwhelming. All the support we got helped our mission," said the two-tour Iraqi war veteran, whose military career has also included deployments to Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Albania.

Petrie, 36, deployed to Iraq in November 2006 with a 10-man transition team out of Fort Riley, Kan., whose mission was to train Iraqi soldiers. Prior to and during the deployment, his family has lived at Redstone Arsenal. Plans are for the family to remain at Redstone during Petrie's assignment with the 832nd Ordnance Battalion. Petrie hopes to spend lots of time catching up with his family.

"It's harder and harder to leave knowing how much I'm going to miss, all the little things I'm going to miss," Petrie said. "I'm back now and this one's walking, this one's talking. I've got two in school now. I've missed birthdays and holidays."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FAMILY TIME ONCE AGAIN— Staff Sgt. Robert Petrie greets well wishers at Huntsville International Airport with his wife, Pam, and children, Michael, 11, Faith, 7, Hope, 5, and Grace, 2. As soon as the family caught a glimpse of their Soldier, they ran to give him a group hug and then they greeted about 100 well wishers together as a family.

During his deployments, Petrie's wife has focused on raising their family. She home schools through the Excalibur Home School Program; and the family are active members of University Baptist Church.

"My home school group has really helped me through this deployment," Pam Petrie said. "If I had a need or if I just wanted to talk, they were there."

As the crowd waited at the airport for Petrie's flight, children and adults alike paused for a moment to be led in prayer by associate pastor Eddie Hilderbrand of University Baptist.

"Thank you, God, that you kept him safe," Hilderbrand prayed. "Thank you for the time he's given to his country, Lord. Thank you, God, for protecting those who have gone before him and who will go after him. We pray for a sweet, sweet homecoming."

Church members have all provided the Petrie family – especially Pam Petrie – with support during the deployment, Hilderbrand said. Despite her additional family obligations,

Pam Petrie has served her church by being a strong leader in its extended child care program.

"With five children at home, it's been a hard time for her," he said. "But, this is a good family. We're excited to have Rob back home, and we're excited to have Rob and his family in our church."

Among those in the crowd of well wishers were members of the Patriot Guard Riders, Hunt's Spring Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Cub Scout Pack 763. Others in the crowd included Redstone Arsenal representative Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center; David Carney, president of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition; Michael's soccer coach John Wilcox; and Becky McNutt, a Decatur resident who adopted Petrie during his deployment.

"I've adopted 36 Soldiers who are split among three different units," McNutt said. "I get them socks, microwaves, whatever. If they ask for it, they get it. If they are over there fighting for

me, this is the least I can do. It's worth every penny."

McNutt sends letters, cards and boxes of goodies and supplies to her Soldiers every week. She meets all her returning Soldiers wherever they are. She has traveled to Fort Hood, Texas, and plans to travel to Fort Riley soon.

The Welcome Home was the first for Ann Brandgren, regent of Hunt's Spring DAR.

"These men are fighting for our freedom," she said of Iraqi war veterans. "Because of what they are doing, we have freedom. We have to do our part to support that."

Michael's Cub Scout den mother, Melinda Goad, has big plans for Michael and his dad now that Petrie has returned home. Michael is a Webelo Cub Scout this year and must complete several requirements to earn his Arrow of Light on his way to becoming a Boy Scout.

"We've been putting off all the campouts and things until he got back," said Goad, who is working with Michael on his Arrow of Light requirements.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CHEERING FOR A HERO— Elizabeth Bishop, 8, Ailey Hall, 9, and Ariel Graham, 10, hold signs and flags in honor of the return of Staff Sgt. Robert Petrie. The Welcome Home crowd included well wishers from the Patriot Guard Riders, and the Hunt's Spring Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and friends from the family's church and home school group.

Oil analysis keeps tactical vehicles on go

Maintenance program in Soldier's tool kit

By MICHAEL RICHMOND
Logistics Support Activity

Imagine yourself on a mounted patrol where you come under fire. Your buddy on the left flank is in need of fire support. As you make the turn to provide the needed fire suppression, your Bradley Fighting Vehicle comes to an abrupt stop.

The enemy is now pounding your position. You desperately try to start the engine, just to find that your engine has ceased and is locked up. In this scenario, the command not only loses a valuable vehicle, it now also requires another asset for recovery of the inoperative weapon system.

However, there is good news. The Army Oil Analysis Program is there to help you — the war fighter — prevent these types of unexpected failures.

How does it do this? AOAP is one of several Condition-Based-Maintenance tools available in the maintainer's toolkit. The program provides maintenance diagnostic support to the war fighter for aeronautical and non-aeronautical components through routine analysis of used oil samples.

Oil analysis can mean the difference between an operational weapon system and one that fails.

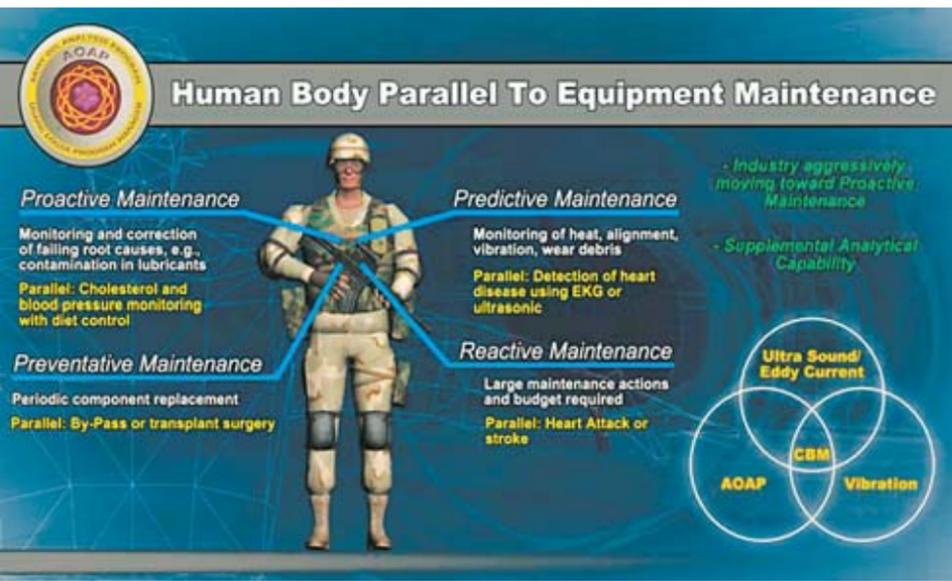
The objectives of the program are to improve operational readiness of Army equipment, promote safety, detect impending component failures, analyze the physical properties of lubricants and conserve lubricating and hydraulic oils by applying the Army's On-Condition-Oil-Change Policy.

The program is effective only when it is fully integrated into the maintenance system. AOAP does not minimize the need to employ good maintenance practices and strong maintenance discipline. Industry studies have shown that contaminated oil in oil-wetted components has a direct negative impact on the overall operational capability and safety of equipment.

The program processes include various condition-monitoring techniques, such as spectrometric and infrared oil analysis and ferrography debris analysis. These tests are used to determine the physical condition of the oil and the internal condition of engines, gearboxes, and transmissions for selected equipment in the Army's inventory.

In addition, commanders and the local installations gain significant savings through the on-condition oil changes by saving on oil and having less hazardous disposal waste costs.

In the short run, the program decreases maintenance support costs. In the long run, it improves readiness and enhances safety by reducing the number of non-mission capable end items. AOAP is one of the most important maintenance tools available.



■ Soldier returns to loving arms of wife and children

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"We've been waiting because I knew Rob wanted to be a part of all Michael has got to do. Rob did a lot with Michael before he was deployed. Now, he'll help Michael catch up."

During his two-week leave last summer, Petrie spent time relaxing with his family, fishing, running around with his kids, working on the family's vehicle and doing maintenance around the house. He hopes to do a lot more of that while assigned to the 832nd.

"I'm so glad he's back because now he can be the center of attention for a while," Pam Petrie said, smiling as she watched her children vying for their daddy's attention near the airport's baggage claim area.

Though the reunion was a happy one, it was also bittersweet. Petrie is aware there could be more deployments in the eight years of service he has remaining before retirement.

"This is the job I chose. I do the best I can," he said, shrugging off worry about future deployments. "I've been a part of some great teamwork. We've all accomplished so much."

"We'll do what we have to do," added his wife.

Ultimate fighter returns from Afghanistan

Kniest preparing for Dec. 1 bout

By SKIP VAUGHN

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"The Mad Bomber" is back in town and ready to return to the fighting cage.

Sgt. 1st Class Mike Kniest, a mixed martial arts fighter, arrived home Nov. 6 after two and a half months in Afghanistan. He taught a Mobile Training Team course since September at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, in support of Task Force 82, the 82nd Airborne Division.

"It was good," he said of his deployment. "It was actually just like teaching here, except for an occasional rocket or mortar attack."

The New Market resident is an instructor at the Hazardous Devices School.

Kniest is training for a fight Dec. 1 in Jasper against Huntsville's Matt Smart. The welterweight (170 pound) bout will be three five-minute rounds in a cage. Kniest enters with a 6-4 record while

Smart is 5-4.

"It's mixed martial arts," Kniest said. "A lot of people call it Ultimate Fighting."

Kniest, 30, from St. Louis, hasn't fought since a first-round knockout loss June 1 to Brad Sawyer in Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. But he trained during his deployment.

"While I was in Afghanistan, there was a gym available to us to work out in that was close to where we were," he said. "And there were three guys who were pro boxers that I trained with three nights a week. And there were also some guys who were good grapplers and I grappled with those guys three nights a week. So I trained six nights a week. I grappled three nights and boxed three nights."

He would like to have fought every other month if possible, but duty and deployment came first. "I was lucky to be able to train and stay in shape while I was deployed," he said.

Kniest is looking forward to getting back into the cage.

"I'm excited to fight again," he said, "because that's what fighters do."

He doesn't think the five-month layoff

hurts him. "It doesn't really affect me negatively," he said. "If anything, I'm not cutting weight every month or every other month."

Among the other fighters on the card that night in Jasper is Daniel Watts, 26, of Blountsville, who'll fight Jasper's Wayne Gray at lightweight (155 pounds). Watts (7-6) trains with Kniest at Knuckle Hedz Mixed Martial Arts, a gym on Johnson Road owned by Dustin Rhodes.

Kniest and his wife, Merry, a Gurley native, bought a house in New Market before he deployed. They have three children: sons Hunter, 8, and Garrett, 5, and daughter, Riley Desiree "R.D.," 3.

"I'm glad to be back," Kniest said, "glad to be back training and still able to fight."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SPARRING PARTNERS— Sgt. 1st Class Mike Kniest, right, a welterweight, works out with lightweight Daniel Watts of Blountsville. They're training for fights Dec. 1 in Jasper.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

READY TO RUMBLE— Sgt. 1st Class Mike Kniest, an instructor at the Hazardous Devices School, is a mixed martial arts fighter.

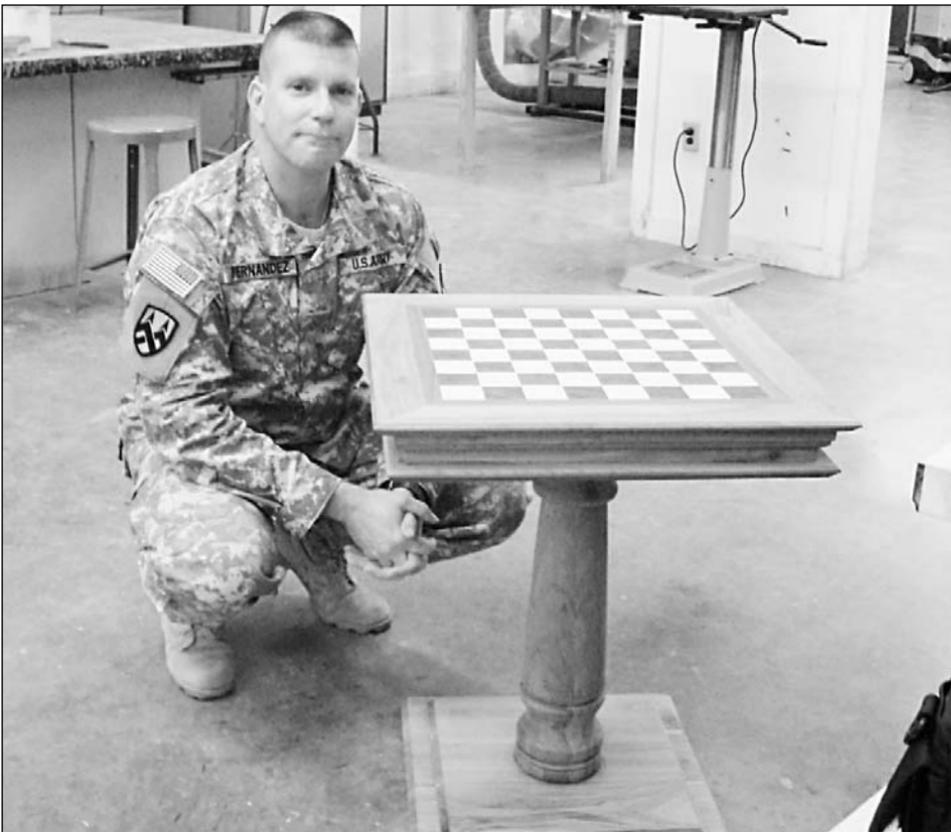


Photo by Laura C. Metzger

Crafts happenings

What's happening at the Military and Civilian Arts and Crafts Center? Just ask Reserve Maj. Mike Fernandez, kneeling next to the game table he made in the wood shop. To arrange a tour of the center at the intersection of Vincent and Gray roads, call 876-7951 or e-mail redstone-mwr.art@conus.army.mil.

Second chance sweet for Charlie Company

Last year's runner-up takes flag football title

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The Charlie Company flag football team wouldn't be denied this time.

Last year the Wolfpack lost twice to the Marines in the final. This year they reached the final again from the winners bracket.

And Charlie won the title by beating 326th Chemical Company 28-20 on Nov. 20 at the field off Patton Road.

"We had the heart this year," Charlie coach/middle linebacker Chelsie Stokes said. "We were in the same situation last year and we lost twice to the Marines. We had in our mind when we came out here that wasn't going to happen."

The Wolfpack (11-3) held off a determined 326th (8-7), which reached the final by winning three straight games after a first-round overtime loss to Headquarters & Alpha. The Dragons avenged that

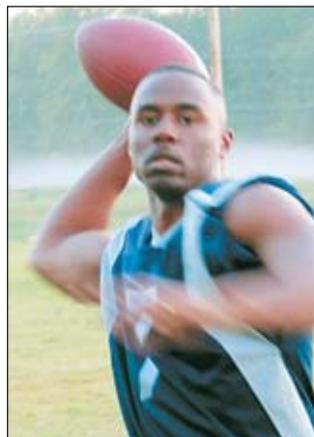


Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOLDEN ARM— Wolfpack quarterback LaQuaine Bess led his team to the post championship.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WOLFPACK RULES— The Charlie Company players celebrate their 28-20 win over 326th Chemical Company in the final.

loss in eliminating Headquarters & Alpha 12-6 on Nov. 19.

But the 326th couldn't match Charlie's scoring pace in the final.

"I guess it was a different formation that Charlie Company ran tonight," Eddie

Bryan, 326th coach/offensive guard/linebacker, said. "And I guess it caught us off guard."

"This year they deserved it," Bryan added, "because last year the Marines beat them back-to-back. So, I guess they deserved it this year."

Charlie quarterback LaQuaine Bess threw three touchdown passes and ran for another. He completed 8-of-16 passes for 127 yards with no interceptions, and ran 13 times for 103 yards.

Wide receiver Jordan McCaslin had two touchdown catches while John Sweeden had the other. On defense, McCaslin made two interceptions. Free safety Clayton Jennings made a key interception to stop a 326th drive with 40 seconds left.

"It was a mixture of both (offense and defense)," Stokes said. "The offense got us in there and the defense kept us going."

The Wolfpack opened the scoring at 3:09 in the first half on Bess' 19-yard touchdown pass to McCaslin. He added a two-point conversion pass to running back Damon Broussard for an 8-0 lead.

But the Dragons struck back with 17 seconds until halftime on quarterback Johnnie Walker's 10-yard touchdown pass to Jonathan Wilder. They added two points when Walker threw a lateral to Warren Craig who then passed to Calvin Washington in the end zone. The score was tied 8-all at intermission.

Charlie took the second-half kickoff, started at its 33 and marched 47 yards in four plays. Bess ran for 17 and 11 yards on the scoring drive, capped by his 19-yard touchdown pass to McCaslin. The Wolfpack led 14-8 with 17:05 left.

The 326th answered with a five-play, 38-yard drive. Walker scored from the 1 for a 14-all tie at 12:43.

Bess put Charlie up 22-14 at 9:30 with his 10-yard touchdown run and two-point pass to Gary Arnett.

The Dragons responded on Walker's 12-yard touchdown pass to Washington at 6:14. But their two-point pass failed and they trailed 22-20.

Wolfpack wide receiver Sweeden caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Bess to end the scoring with 2:16 left, much to the delight of the Charlie Company Soldiers watching in the stands and along the sideline.

Here are the postseason tournament results:

- **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.

- **Nov. 19** – 326th Chemical def. Headquarters & Alpha 12-6.

- **Nov. 20** – Charlie def. 326th Chemical 28-20 in final.

Navy over Army in service showdown

Midshipmen favored in annual classic

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Skip's Picks were 349-159 for 69 percent after 12 weeks. Here are my predictions for selected games this week in college football:

Navy at Army — **Navy**

California at Stanford — **Calif.**

Florida Atlantic at Troy — **Troy**

Missouri vs. Oklahoma — **Okla.**

Tennessee vs. Louisiana State — **LSU**

Boston College vs. Virginia Tech — **VT**

Fresno State at New Mexico State — **Fresno**

Louisiana Tech at Nevada — **Nev.**

Oregon State at Oregon — **Oregon**



UCLA at Southern California — **USC**

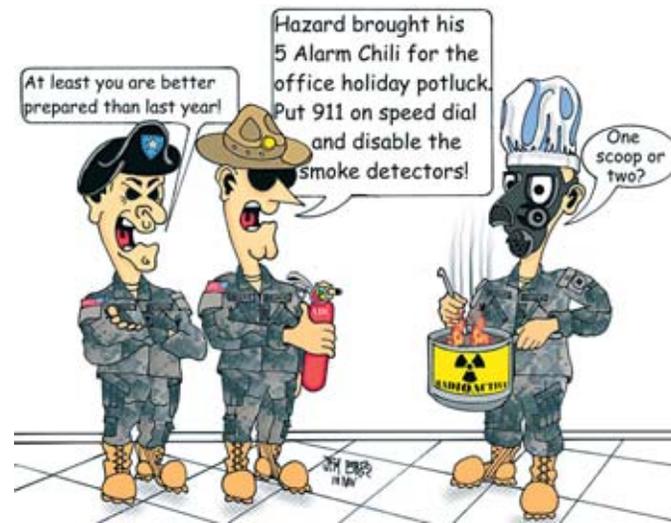
Rutgers at Louisville — **Louisville**

Brigham Young at San Diego State — **BYU**

Arizona at Arizona State — **ASU**

Washington at Hawaii — **Hawaii**

Pittsburgh at West Virginia — **W.Va.**



Senior service college fellowship promoted

Acquisition careerists encouraged to apply

By STEVE WHITMORE

For the Rocket

Do you aspire to become a senior leader for the Army, Missile Defense Agency or another DoD agency? Have you reached a point in your civil service career where you have senior experience, but are not sure how to get to the next level? Are you recognized for your ethics, hard work, accomplishments and leadership potential? Are you located in the northern Alabama area? Are you a civilian Army Acquisition Corps member at the GS-14/15 level or an equivalent grade within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System?

If your answer to each of these questions is yes, you may want to apply for next year's Defense Acquisition University's Senior Service College Fellowship, located in Huntsville.

If you are not in the northern Alabama area, do not give up hope. The Huntsville program's success has resulted in the startup of an SSCF program this year at the Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command in Warren, Mich., and a planned SSCF at the Communication-Electronics Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., next year.

What does 10 months of leadership training entail? SSCF's goal is to prepare the Fel-

lows for future senior acquisition leadership positions. The 10-month program, designed and tailored for senior civil service acquisition professionals, immerses its board-select Fellows in rigorous study to fine-tune their leadership capabilities.

It was insightful to understand the leadership concepts from the other Fellows' points of view.

The training focuses on several areas including acquisition case studies, leadership classes, high-level discussions, mentoring, training courses, research, writing, reading and a National Senior Level Speakers Program. Besides leadership training, the fellowship includes a National Security module to facilitate strategic thinking at the national level. Each Fellow also completes a research project, culminating in a publishable paper.

Dr. Jerry Davis, Huntsville's SSCF director, responsible for the program's design and implementation, is the primary reason the first SSCF class was so successful. His experience in running other fellowships was key to the program's depth and organization.

The Huntsville SSCF graduated its inaugural class of nine Fellows on June 1. For more information, contact your acquisition career manager.

Editor's note: Steve Whitmore is a 2007 Huntsville SSCF graduate. He is the product director for Javelin in the Close Combat Weapons System Project Office, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

Remember rules on unexploded ordnance

Recognize, retreat and report munition

By CHRIS FRAZIER

Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

FORT RUCKER – A recent unexploded ordnance accident that claimed the life of a Soldier is serving as a deadly reminder to be extra cautious when handling munitions.

The Soldier was digging in front of his quarters when he discovered a yellow cylinder resembling a caulk tube. Once the Soldier brought the tube out of the ground, he banged it against a wall to knock the dirt off and determine what he was holding. The device, which turned out to be a BLU-97/B Combined Effects Bomb, exploded, killing the Soldier and wounding another.

The BLU-97 submunitions are yellow, soda-can-sized bomblets that are dispensed in large numbers to attack "soft" area targets. The bomblet case is made of scored steel designed to break into about 300 preformed ingrain fragments for defeating light armor and personnel.

The body of the BLU-97 is cylindrical in shape, about 20 centimeters long and has a 6 centimeter diameter. However, military and foreign munitions can come in a variety of types,

sizes and shapes and may not be easy to recognize. They include, but are not limited to, small-arms ammunition, projectiles, cartridges, bombs, rockets, pyrotechnics, grenades, blasting caps, fuzes, simulators and raw explosives.

According to the Defense Environmental Network and Information Exchange, when encountering UXO, always follow the 3Rs of explosive safety:

- Recognize the munition.
- Retreat from the munition. Do not touch or disturb it, but move carefully away, walking out the same path the area was entered.
- Report the munition and its location.

Since fiscal 2005, there have been three Class A Army accidents resulting from Soldiers handling UXO. These accidents caused the deaths of three Soldiers. By following the 3Rs of explosive safety, Soldiers can help prevent future fatalities. In combat areas or on training ranges, it's best to remember, "If you did not drop it, do not pick it up!"

Editor's note: For more information on UXO safety, visit the Defense Environmental Network and Information Exchange's UXO Safety Education Program web site at www.denix.osd.mil/uxosafety.

Data management system adds to capabilities

Logistics Support Activity applauds time, cost savings

Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems announces the successful implementation of a new, modernized master data management system to improve Army logistics operations.

The Product Lifecycle Management Plus Customer/Vendor Solution was implemented at the Logistics Support Activity as part of the first phase of functionality of the Global Combat Support System, Army operational assessment.

“Master data coordinators, specialists and managers will now use PLM Plus to create, manage and distribute Army customer and vendor master data,” PLM Plus product manager Lt. Col. Sandy Vann-Olejasz said.

PLM Plus uses SAP Netweaver technology to provide hub services and master data management to emerging Enterprise Resource Planning systems, and other Army information systems. The contractor worked with subject matter experts from LOGSA to migrate nearly 3

million records into PLM Plus as part of the CVS capability.

“This is good for LOGSA, it’s good for the Army, and it’s especially good for me,” said LOGSA master data manager Jackie Hayslett, one of the first operational users of the CVS capability in PLM Plus.

Previously, data functions required several manual steps and entry into multiple systems. PLM Plus introduces a single source for these functions, resulting in fewer errors and lower costs. It also saves time. While some processes used to take up to two days to complete, they now take two hours.

Once fully implemented, PLM Plus will provide next-generation capabilities in business process integration, data brokering and mediation, advanced analytics and centralized master data management. It is an enterprise service component of the Single Army Logistics Enterprise, an effort that will integrate the Army’s supply chain. PLM Plus serves as the enterprise hub of the SALE, allowing synchronization of logistics information. (*Logistics Support Activity release*)

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

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.



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.

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.

Old crows

The Redstone Roost chapter of the Association of Old Crows will hold its "Holiday Membership Reception" on Dec. 11 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the Twickenham Lounge. The reception is open to AOC members, their guests, and prospective new members interested in Electronic Warfare and Aircraft Survivability Equipment. For more information, call Dave Hays 842-3358.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Dec. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. This

will be a Christmas program with a visit from Santa. For ticket information, call Marlene Clemons 313-2378 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Computer users

The Huntsville PC User Group's Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet Dec. 8 at 9:15 a.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Kevin Wangbickler, past HPCUG president, will continue the demonstration of Movie Maker for combining video, still pictures and music. Movie Maker is a free program from Microsoft. At 10:45, HPCUG president Ron Schmitz will present his annual review of the latest Intel chip developments. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

Call for papers

The IEEE SoutheastCon 2008 will be held April 3-6 at the Von Braun Center. Technical papers may be submitted by Dec. 2 to <https://www.softconf.com/starts/secon08/>. For more information, contact Charles Corsetti corsetti@ece.uah.edu or Kaveh Heidary kaveh.heidary@email.aamu.edu.

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/>.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will sponsor a luncheon reception Thursday 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 today at 11



Courtesy photo

Music City locals

The International Military Student Office took two Greek students – Staff Sgt. Leonidas Andrianos, left, and Staff Sgt. Nikolaos Anastasopoulos – to Nashville on Nov. 20. Here they visit two costumed entertainers at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. They also saw the Parthenon and the Purity Dairy.

a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Marine Col. Edward Ward will discuss "Robots in Combat." For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burtram 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.

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 infor-



Miscellaneous

mation systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

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

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Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Thursdays. The shop will be open Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, including holiday changes, call 881-6992.

Computer classes

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

Chapel services

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

Motorcycle safety

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

Green to gold

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

ties are also available to you if you are an enlisted member of the National Guard or Reserve and wish to become an officer. The Lateral Entry Program will allow you to enroll — as a junior, senior or graduate student with four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation — as a cadet in the ROTC Program at Alabama A&M University. For more information or to schedule an interview, call Maj. Annette Woods 372-4023.

Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School. If you are a college graduate with a four-year college degree or higher from an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the Active Army and the Army Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Cyrus Russ 539-6511.

Pilots wanted

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

Reserve cadets

Join the Army Reserve and enroll in your college ROTC program simultaneously through the Simultaneous Membership Program. Earn anywhere from \$470 to \$1,400 a month as a SMP cadet. As a member of the Army Reserve SMP Cadet Program, you are non-deployable, you have an opportunity to pursue the degree of your choice and you can assure 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

Flu shots will be available for active duty Soldiers and their family members over age 13, military retirees and family members over 13, and current DoD civilians from 8 a.m. to noon today and Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at Heiser Hall. "Active duty Soldiers are especially encouraged to get their flu shots on these days," Fox Army Health Center said in a prepared release.

AER scholarships

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

2008. For more information, call AER officer Kristi Foster 876-5397.

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.

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 today. 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 Friday. Enter your favorite digital images to compete against 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.artsandcrafts.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 Thursday 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.northalabamapmi.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.

Scholarship fund

The Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama Inc. has established the Carmen Gum Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Board will be working with Dr. Greg Gum over the next few months to establish the guidelines for this scholarship, with a goal of awarding the first award during the 2007-08 school year. Carmen Gum has volunteered with Junior Achievement for three years as a classroom volunteer. Contributions to the Carmen Gum Memorial Scholarship Fund can be delivered or mailed to the Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama office at 2809 Newby Road SW, Suite 116, Huntsville, AL 35805. The Scholarship Fund Account is established at ServisFirst Bank and donations can be made directly at either branch location (downtown - 401 Meridian Street, Suite 100, Huntsville, AL 35801 or Providence - 475 Providence Main, Suite 400, Huntsville, AL 35806). For more information, call Katie May at ServisFirst Bank 722-7824.

Book fair

The Child and Youth Services' Parent Advisory Council is sponsoring a book fair Dec. 4-7 at the Child Development Center. "We have a great selection of books for young children and they make wonderful gifts, so come do some of your holiday shopping," a prepared release said. "All proceeds are returned to the teachers as books for the classrooms."

University women

American Association of University Women will hold its Christmas party Dec. 4 at the Bevill Center, UAH, 550 Spark-

man Drive. Entertainment will be provided by Singing Sisterhood - AAUW members and The Girls Club. Meet and greet starts at 5:30 p.m., and dessert dinner (\$14) at 6. Seats are available for non-diners. Make reservations by Friday for both diners and non-diners. For more information, call Lois Gruenel 880-8643.

Health center holidays

Fox Army Health Center will be closed for the holidays Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1.

Pancake breakfast

Lynn Fanning Elementary School in Meridianville will hold a Santa Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Market Place on Saturday. The breakfast is from 7-11 a.m. and the Market Place, featuring more than 30 vendors, is from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information, call 828-7190.

Police memorial

The Huntsville Police Fallen Officers' Memorial is scheduled to be placed at the entrance to the Justice and Public Safety Complex, located at 815 Wheeler Ave. This monument will consist of a larger than life-sized bronze statue of two uniformed police officers reflecting on those officers who have died in the line of duty. The bronze statue will be placed on a granite base. Fund-raising for the memorial will be conducted by the Huntsville Police Citizens Foundation. Send contributions to the Huntsville Police Citizens Foundation at 815 Wheeler Ave; Huntsville, AL 35801. For more information, visit www.hsvcity.com/police.

Beary Christmas

All military kids and their families are invited to the fourth annual Operation Christmas Bear, slated Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at the Cahaba Shrine Temple on

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Photo by Pat Sheahan

Most spirit

Program analyst Shelly Hart is the winner of the Utility Helicopters Project Office team spirit decorating contest for Team Spirit Week, Oct. 29 through Nov. 2. She shows her pride in Jackson State University of Jackson, Miss. Second place winners were Jaclyn Tippie and Michelle Spaulding. Wendy Harris finished third.

Pulaski Pike. Operation Christmas Bear is a free holiday party that includes a visit with Santa Claus, gifts of Christmas teddy bears and other surprises, larger-than-life cartoon characters, face painting, holiday crafts, musical and magic performances, and plenty of food. Besides a visit with Santa Claus, children will be entertained by guest performers Miss Alabama 2004 Shannon Gryska, Bubba Elvis, Amazing Magician Russell Davis and popular cartoon characters such as Minnie Mouse, Pooh Bear, Blues Clues, Scooby Doo and Elmo, who will lead the children in holiday parades during the party. The Army-Navy football game will be broadcast on a large screen television during the party. The free event is sponsored each year by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, and several local corporations and organizations. Children of all local military families are invited to Operation Christmas Bear along with children from families of deployed DoD

employees. To sign up for this event, call Army Community Service 876-5397 or e-mail mary.breedon@us.army.mil.

Christmas charities
Christmas Charities Year Round will start opening on Saturdays Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. to noon. It still needs board games for boys and girls ages 6-13. Battery operated trucks and cars with batteries are also needed. CCYR can use anything for boys ages 6-7. "Your help is always appreciated," a prepared release said. For more information, call 837-2373.

Scholarship program
The American Society of Military Comp-trollers offers a scholarship program for ASMC members and their families. Applicants must be current ASMC members or high school seniors, undergraduates, or those working on graduate programs (immediately related to an ASMC member). They must have maintained a

3.0 gpa. Applications are due by Feb. 28. For more information all Judy Smith, chairperson of the Scholarship Commit-tee, 313-2379.

Warrant officer scholarship
The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association will present its annual \$1,000 scholarship award for 2008. Applications will be accepted from the children (natural and adopted), dependent stepchildren under age 21 (seniors in high school or currently enrolled college freshmen), and spouses of members of the active, National Guard, Reserve, and retired military and DoD civilians/contractors in the Tennessee Valley area. Deadline to submit packet is March 1. To download a packet and application form, go to www.redstonewarrants.com.

Aeronautical university
The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus is now registering for the spring term, Jan. 7 to March 9. Classes offered include Aircraft and Spacecraft Development; Principles and Practices of Financial Accounting and

Control for Managers; Aviation Law, Social Responsibility and Ethics in Management; and Transportation Principles. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses. Deadline to register is Jan. 4. Call 876-9763 or visit ERAU Huntsville in the Education Center, building 3222. The web site is <http://www.erau.edu/huntsville>.

Master's of science
The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is offering a Master of Science in Management program on Redstone Arsenal. Students applying for admission to the Master of Science in Management may choose from specializations in Management of Integrated Logistics; Aviation/Aerospace Industrial Management; and a General Management Option, among others. A Project Management Certificate may also be completed in conjunction with the General Management Option. Courses are offered in nine-week terms and are available online as well. For more information visit ERAU Huntsville in the Education Center, building 3222.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																													
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SCBK07358970	Logistics Mgmt Spec	28-Nov-07	AMCOM, Lead AMC Intg Supp Ofc	GS-0346	11	11	53,362 - 69,373	X																													
SCBK07350623	Electrical Engr	28-Nov-07	Corp of Engrs- Hsv	YD-0850	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X		X																											
SCBK07391458	Claims Examiner (OA)	28-Nov-07	AMCOM, Legal Ofc	GS-0998	7	7	36,057 - 46,874	X																													
SCBK070386624	Budget Analyst	28-Nov-07	LOGSA	GS-0560	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X																													
SCBK07379913	International Prgm Mgmt Spec	29-Nov-07	AMCOM, SAMD	GS-0301	12	13	63,958 - 98,876						X			X	X		X																		
SCBK07310391	Financial Sys Spec	29-Nov-07	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0501	9	12	44,104 - 83,148	X																													
SCBK07372378	Logistics Mgmt Spec	29-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	75,414 - 98,041	X											X																		
SCBK07400943	Traffic Mgmt Spec	29-Nov-07	IMMC	GS-2130	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X																													
WTST07308787	Security Spec	29-Nov-07	Space & Missile Command	GG-0080	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
WTST07342631	Secretary (OA)	29-Nov-07	Space & Missile Command	GG-0318	8	8	39,932 - 51,914	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK07373785	Electronics Engr	30-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X																													
SCBK07373785D	Electronics Engr	30-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK07386589	Housing Mgmt Spec	30-Nov-07	GARRISON	GS-1173	11	12	53,362 - 69,373	X																													
SCBK07370800	Prgm Analyst	3-Dec-07	SMDC	GS-0343	11	11	53,362 - 69,373							X		X			X																		
SCBK07389852	Business Assessment Advisor	3-Dec-07	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	76,056 - 98,876			X				X		X	X	X	X																		
SCBK07389852D	Business Assessment Advisor	3-Dec-07	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK07406494	Electrical Engr	4-Dec-07	GARRISON	GS-0850	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X																													
SCBK07393989	Prgm Integrator	4-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DE-0301	4	4	76,056 - 116,835	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK07383955	General Engr	5-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK07383955D	General Engr	5-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK07395868	Info Mgmt Spec	5-Dec-07	GARRISON	GS-0301	9	9	41,104 - 57,334	X																													
SCBK07400701	Human Resources Spec	5-Dec-07	AMCOM, G1 (Human Res)	YA-0201	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X																													
SCBK07972711R	Liaison Ofcr	5-Dec-07	Acq Supp Ctr	YA-0301	3	3	93,822 - 143,471	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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SCBK07392415	Financial Sys Spec	6-Dec-07	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0501	9	11	44,104 - 69,373	X																													
SCBK07352316	General Engr	8-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK07352316D	General Engr	8-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
NEAL07266462	Spec Prjts Ofcr	10-Dec-07	PEO C3T	GS-0301	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X																													
NEAL07266462D	Spec Prjts Ofcr	10-Dec-07	PEO C3T	GS-0301	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK07404563	Inspector	21-Dec-07	AMCOM, Ofc of the Inspector General	YA-1801	2	2	53,362 - 98,876	X									X		X																		

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SCBK070386624	Budget Analyst	28-Nov-07	LOGSA	GS-0560	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X										
WTST07308787	Security Spec	29-Nov-07	Space & Missile Command	GG-0080	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST07342631	Secretary (OA)	29-Nov-07	Space & Missile Command	GG-0318	8	8	39,932 - 51,914	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07373785D	Electronics Engr	30-Nov-07	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07389852D	Business Assessment Advisor	3-Dec-07	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07972711DR	Liaison Ofcr	5-Dec-07	Acq Supp Ctr	YA-0301	3	3	93,822 - 143,471	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07352316D	General Engr	8-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEAL07266462D	Spec Prjts Ofcr	10-Dec-07	PEO C3T	GS-0301	14	14	89,875 - 116,835	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07347979D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																		
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																		
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																		
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																		
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)																		
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																		
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)																		
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																		
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																		
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																		
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																		
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																		
U - All U.S. citizens																		

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.
 Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for **Vacancy Announcement Numbers:**