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# Meet the Perry military family

John, Brenda and son Chad  
serve Army community

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Brenda Perry doesn't remember much about receiving one of the highest awards given by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition.

As she listened to the introduction of the coalition's Military Family of the Year recognition during the Veterans Day Dinner on Nov. 10, Perry remembers looking across the table at friend Sue Paddock of Army Community Service, who was giving her a "thumbs up." She looked at decorated Vietnam veteran Bill Hogan, who gave her a big smile and said "It's you all."

And, then she heard the family name – "Sgt. Maj. John Perry and his wife, Brenda Perry, and their son, Sgt. Chad Perry."

The Perry family had just been announced as the recipients of the inaugural Military Family of the Year award.

"I was very shocked," Brenda Perry said. "It was a total surprise to me," added John Perry. "It was an honor. I just felt others deserved it more than we did because so many people have done a lot of hard work to support Soldiers. Brenda and I figured we were just doing our share."

John and Brenda Perry have been involved with many military events since the Global War on Terrorism began. Often working quietly in the background, they have both been team players in coordinating family readiness programs, and supporting Blue Star Service Banner ceremonies, deployment and Welcome Home events, the annual Operation Christmas Bear event, various programs hosted by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army and the veterans coalition, and several community activities.

And, at the heart of every one of those events is their youngest son, Chad.

Sgt. Chad Perry introduced his parents to the sacrifice and worry of a military family when he was among the first local Reservists deployed in the Global War on Terrorism. In 2004, Chad Perry deployed with the 926th Engineer Company to serve in Afghanistan, where he helped to extend runways and build roads.

"He was so young when he went," Brenda Perry recalled. "He had just gotten out of high school. And, he had gone through basic



Photo by Mike Mercier

**BEST OF YEAR—** David Carney, president of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, presents the John Perry family with the first annual Military Family of the Year award at the Veterans Day Dinner on Nov. 10. From left are Brenda Perry, son Army Reserve Sgt. Chad Perry and retired Army Reserve Sgt. Maj. John Perry. Carney said establishing the Military Family of the Year award brings attention to the need for communities to recognize and honor the service of Soldiers and their families.

training and advanced individual training. Ten days after his AIT he was deployed. His dad never expected it."

Indeed, John Perry, who is a retired Reserve officer with 37 years of service, had advised his son to join the Reserves, telling him it would give him opportunities to serve his country on a part-time basis while getting

an education and pursuing a job in the civilian sector. But, John Perry's recruiting speech didn't include the possibility of a wartime deployment.

Yet, Chad Perry knew it was possible, maybe even inevitable.

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## Family of year award represents first

Veterans coalition president  
says it's 'patriotic thing to do'

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This year was the first time the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition has presented the Military Family of the Year Award.

The award was presented at the Veterans Day Dinner on Nov. 10. Other award recipients were retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, who received the veterans coalition's lifetime achievement award, and the late Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient Al Rose,

who received the Veteran of the Year Award.

Adding the Military Family of the Year award to its list of recognitions was an important addition for all military families, said retired 1st Sgt. David Carney, president of the veterans coalition.

"An organization presents awards because they want to tell the community this is what we care about and what we want you to also care about," Carney said. "Presenting this award to a family who has done so much will hopefully influence others to support Soldiers and their families."

The award is an extension of the veterans coalition's work in support of military families.

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## An open lane random survey

What's been the highlight of your year?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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**Bobby Coney**  
AMCOM chief of equal employment opportunity  
"Since I'm a workaholic, I can only think of the work context. As I reflect on everything

that relates to work, there were a couple of highlights. One, we were able to fill a vacancy that we've been trying to fill for two years (in this office). And the specialist in the office was selected for and completed the Army Management Staff College's Civilian Education System Advanced Course. We completed most of our projects and suspenses by the due date. And we're just completing our affirmative employment program plan, and the accomplishments look very good for the year."

**Staff Sgt. Daniel Meeker**  
Charlie Company  
"Coming back into the states after being in Korea for a year. Coming home to my family and buying a new house (in Athens, Ala.)"



**Pvt. Keisha Farmer**  
Charlie Company  
"Getting to go home (to West Virginia in December for good)."

**Pvt. Roxanne Tolly**  
Charlie Company  
"Just basically graduating (from Advanced Individual Training as an ammunition specialist) and getting through the year. Making it worthwhile."



## Freedom pens worth writing about

The Freedom Pens Program was started by the SawMill Creek Woodworkers Forum in Virginia in 2005. The goal of this program is to provide beautiful writing instruments for U.S. military stationed in foreign countries that are in harm's way. The Redstone Arts and Crafts Center began participating in this program in 2007.

The following is a report about a very special group of Soldiers that recently became the latest pen recipients, and one Soldier's response to this program.

A short while ago, I learned that no Freedom Pens had been donated to the "Wounded Warriors" undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Through a personal friend in the area, I contacted Dayna Jamiison in the Public Affairs Office at WRAMC. After identifying myself and briefly explaining the Freedom Pen Project, I told her that we would like to visit WRAMC and present some pens to the patients. She was immediately receptive to the idea, and put me in contact with Col. Michelle Cooper, officer-in-charge, Executive Services Office for WRAMC. Col. Cooper was also enthusiastic about the idea and did not hesitate to approve our visit.

On Thursday, Nov. 8, my wife and I made that very special visit to Walter Reed. We had with us 275 Freedom Pens for presentation to our "Wounded Warriors." We were met by Col. Cooper and Master Sgt. Dana Redden, NCO-in-charge of Executive Services. Their assistance was invaluable in making our visit a success.

After the "formal" presentation of Freedom Pens to Col. Cooper, she passed us to Master Sgt. Redden for a trip to the wards.

This was an extremely moving experience. Due to time constraints, we were only able to visit with approximately 35 servicemembers, both Army and Marine Corps. We presented them a pen, and chatted with each of them a few minutes. We were touched by the genuine pleasure that each of them displayed when they received the pen. It was amazing how upbeat these troops were, considering some of the wounds they have received. What an outstanding group of young Soldiers!

We left the remaining pens with Master Sgt. Redden, who is in the process of distributing them to the wards. As noted above, this visit was a first. It will not be the last.

When we got back to Huntsville, the following e-mail was waiting at the Arts and Crafts Center from one of the troops that we met at WRAMC:

"Hi, my name is Cpl. Jeff Reffner and I'm a patient at Walter Reed.

"I recently got a visit from a man and his wife. They gave me a turned pen and I just wanted to express my gratitude by saying thank you. The pen is remarkable and the craftsmanship is superb. I really enjoy my pen and wanted to say thank you. I am also writing to ask if it would be possible to get a few pens for the other guys that were with me the night I got hurt. The guys that saved my life are very close friends of mine. My closest friend was hurt alongside me, but his injuries weren't severe enough to be shipped to the states.

"When the people brought me the pen the other day, I thought to myself, this would be something great for the guys that saved my life and for the other guy hurt. So if there is any way possible to get a few of the turned pens for some really special people, I would be grateful. If you could write me an e-mail back when you get a chance that would be great.

"Thank you once again for the pen. Take care and hope to hear from you soon."

Cpl. Reffner got his wish. I contacted Master Sgt. Redden immediately and he

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## Quote of the week

"That's when sport was a sport  
And grooving was grooving  
And dancing meant everything  
We were young and we were improving  
Laughing, laughing with our friends  
Holding hands meant something baby  
Outside the club cherry bomb  
Where our hearts were really thumping  
Say yeah yeah yeah  
Say yeah yeah yeah."

— John Mellencamp  
"Cherry Bomb" song

## Commentary Setting a goal for better health

Every year at the onset of the New Year it seems people have the mind set of tabula rasa, a need or opportunity to start from the beginning. As 2007 gets ready to pass and 2008 arrives, most of the resolutions they've set last year and the year before have fizzled.

An explanation for this is that resolutions are usually an impulsive thought tied to emotion without a solid base to propel and motivate a person to success. Success has been defined as the, "progressive realization of your worthwhile goals." Success therefore is based on rock solid goal setting, not flimsy resolution setting.

At the Morale Welfare and Recreation gyms, the regulars prepare themselves for the phenomenon of resolution setting yearly during January. The gyms are more crowded with new faces who may have often set unrealistic resolutions to work out seven days a week for 90 minutes. As soon as the unrealistic expectations are not met, the person may retreat to their comfort zone and leave the exercise process on the back burner until next year. It is estimated that 95 percent of New Year's resolutions are broken by the end of January with 50 percent supposedly broken by the second week in January.

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## 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.

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Dennis Hardin

**Job:** Assistant food service manager for the Army Dining Facility, K&K Food Service

**Where do you call home?**  
Cleveland, Ohio

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

I've been working for the food service program for 32 years. It's a good job, it's a steady job, it's a secure job. I like meeting and taking care of Soldiers; meeting people from all over the world.

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

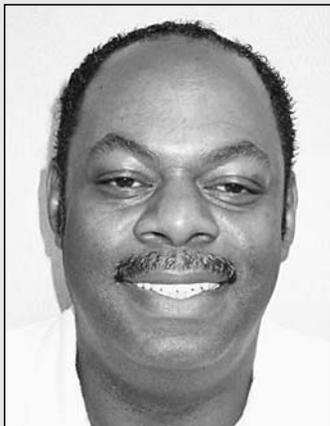
Relax. I like working on cars. Watching ball games – I like football and basketball.

**What are your goals?**

My goal is to work as long as I can and retire, and enjoy life as it comes to me.

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

I like gospel and old time music – like Marvin Gaye, Temptations, the old R&B.



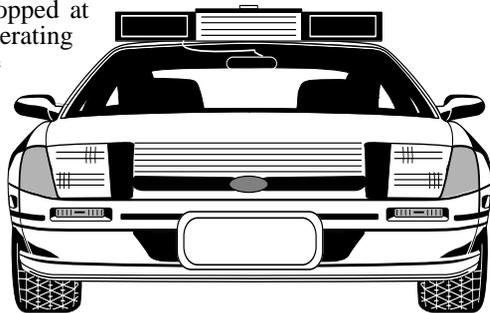
## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Nov. 26:** An individual stopped at Gate 9 and was found to be operating their vehicle with no license issued and an illegal immigrant. The subject was brought to the station and taken through the ICE inquiry. No hits/warrants were present, so the subject was issued a violation notice and released.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 18 speeding, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired tags, 1 failure to yield.



## Craft gifts delivered to wounded warriors

### Pens

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gave him enough pens for his buddies from the batch that we left. They are now on the way.

That is what this program is really all about!

In closing, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire Redstone Arsenal Morale Welfare and Recreation Directorate, and especially MWR management for their continued support of the Freedom Pen Project. I would also like to thank Bill Heard Chevrolet of Huntsville and Woodcraft of Nashville for their generous finan-

cial support. Also, thanks to the Downtown Huntsville Papa John's for supplying pizza to the volunteers. And last, but by no means least, I extend my personal thanks to all of our volunteers that so generously give their time and resources to this effort. Without their involvement, the local Freedom Pen Project would not be possible.

For more information on the Freedom Pen Program, or how you can get involved with this program, call me at the Arts and Crafts Center at 876-7974 or e-mail boyce.allen@conus.army.mil.

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Arts and Crafts Center

## Army plans for potential funding shortfall

*Furlough possible  
after mid-February*

WASHINGTON — The Army announced Nov. 28 that it has taken initial steps to plan for reduced operations at all Army bases while the congressional review continues on funding for operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and requirements associated with the Global War on Terror.

With no funds provided for GWOT requirements since the beginning of the fiscal year, the Army has had to use operation and maintenance dollars budgeted to organize, train, equip, and field forces, as well as to sustain Soldiers and their families, to fund war related activities.

Gen. Richard Cody, vice chief of staff of the Army, directed all Army commanders and agency directors in a Nov. 26 memorandum to begin planning for reduced Armywide operations. The memo instructs Army leaders to review all operations, and to make plans to minimize OMA-funded activities not required to protect the life, health and safety of occupants of Army installations, or required to maintain assets vital to the national defense. Detailed reports of this review and planning effort by installation commanders were due back to Cody by Dec. 4.

The Army expects to exhaust all opera-

tion and maintenance funds by Feb. 23, even after considering a request by DoD to move over \$4 billion from Navy and Air Force personal accounts and the Army's working capital fund.

Cody directed Army commanders to be prepared to: "warm base" all Army installations and commands to minimal essential levels; furlough Army civilians after mid-February; curtail or suspend contract expenditures; and discontinue all routine operations funded by OMA dollars.

"We are only in the prudent planning phase," Cody emphasized. "We have been told by DoD to plan for and be prepared to execute these necessary actions. It is an imperative of the senior Army leadership that our Army, especially while at war, understands the budget process, the decisions being made and any potential impacts on the total Army family."

For example, Cody noted, per current labor agreements and to provide some predictability to the civilian work force, supervisors would have to begin notifying Army civilians of any impending February furloughs by mid-December.

"These in extremis planning actions are absolutely necessary given the uncertain GWOT funding," Cody said. "We will do everything we can to minimize the turbulence for our Soldiers, civilians and their families." (Army Public Affairs release)

## Changing behavior takes progressive stages

### Health

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Research reflects that it takes 21-39 days to change an old habit, depending how deeply it is entrenched in one's life. The same pattern is related to developing a new habit. The key ingredient of eliminating an old habit and developing a new habit is the process of spaced repetition. The person must be abstinent from all nicotine if quitting cigarettes is the goal or attend the gym 2-3 times per week for 30 minutes for the 21-39 day habit changing process to take place. Most people, however, never get past the first or second week in making significant change in their lives.

Probably 90 percent or more of daily behavior is based on old habit patterns. Changing routine for most people is difficult and stressful. You have been following your routines — comfort zones, good or bad — for years and to begin the change process is difficult.

Behavioral change is rarely a discrete, single event as a person moves gradually from being uninterested (precontemplation), to considering a change (contemplation), to deciding and preparing to make a change (preparation). Many failed New Year's resolutions occur when a person jumps into the action stage which is often

in itself not enough and gloss over the three prior stages.

The Internet lists the top five most popular resolutions as: 1) lose weight; 2) stop smoking; 3) improve relationships; 4) make more money; 5) take up a new hobby. As you can see resolutions lack the clarity of goals. Resolutions lack attainable goal setting specifics, i.e., 1) objective/vision, "how much weight?"; 2) process, how many pounds per week?; 3) timeline/deadline, by what dates will you'll lose 25 percent, 100 percent of your desired goal?; 4) obstacles to be overcome?; 5) what benefits will be gained?; 6) rewards for incremental success steps?; 7) tie 1-6 together with a written action plan and you're on your way to successful goal setting, lifestyle change and will soon be in the maintenance stage of the Stages of Change.

Preventive Medicine at Fox Army Health Center provides classes and forums to assist you in your change process whether it's smoking cessation; lowering cholesterol; weight management; increasing bone density; lowering stress levels; preventing and/or living with diabetes.

For more information, call Richard Stock, health promotion educator, at 955-8888, ext. 1443; or Tami Centeno, public health nurse, ext. 1444, at Fox Army Health Center. (Fox Army Health Center release)

NEW YEAR'S  
RESOLUTIONS

# Robots take hits on front lines of war

*Marine colonel describes their life-saving mission*

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U.S. robots serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world have only one mission – to save the lives of American servicemembers.

And they are doing the job without hesitation.

“We save a life every day because of robots,” Marine Col. Ed Ward of the Robotic Systems Joint Project Office said.

Since the first group of 22 robots was used by Soldiers in Afghanistan in 2003, the use of robots to locate, identify and disarm potential threats has skyrocketed. Today, there are 4,000 robots aiding Soldiers in combat, with that number expected to climb to 6,500 by 2008.

And all the Army’s work with robotics is based at Redstone Arsenal.

Speaking to members of the Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America at their Nov. 28 monthly meeting at the Officers and Civilians Club, Ward said the Army is committed to



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**WELCOME TO ROBOTICS—** World War II and Korean War veteran John Creech and his wife, Neida, learn about how robotic technology is used in war situations from robotics technician Guy Piskulic. Robots are helping keep Soldiers safe, something that would have been beneficial to Creech, who was awarded two Purple Hearts for injuries he sustained in the Korean War.

a robotics program because it saves the lives and limbs of Soldiers.

“Our No. 1 customer is the private,” he said. “We will always take care of the private no matter what.”

Ward, who has served four tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan since the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism, said the Army has several robot repair sites in theater as well as at U.S. locations. The robotics program is managed at Redstone Arsenal, and repair technicians are also trained at the Arsenal.

Robots, such as the IED-locating robot known as MARCbot, are made with commercial, off-the-shelf, easy-to-acquire robotics parts. They are easy to operate and repair. It just takes about 20 minutes to train today’s computer-savvy Soldiers on how to operate a robot. Technicians at facilities in Iraq are trained to be responsive and quick with repairs so that robots are not kept out of the field for long periods.

“In most cases, we can repair them very rapidly, in four hours or less,” Ward said. “We are focused on the private, and that’s what he expects and that’s what we’ll give him. We are customer oriented and customer focused.”

That strategy has paid off in the lives that are saved by robots.

In 2006, robots conducted 30,000 counter improvised explosive device missions in Iraq. They found and neutralized 11,100 IEDs. Some 150 robots were destroyed while on missions and there were about 16,000 robot repairs.

Ward showed MOAA members photos of an incident in downtown Baghdad where a suicide bomber in a truck crashed into an Abrams tank.

“We sent a robot in to see if the guy was still alive or if he was still even in the truck,” Ward recalled. “He was still in the truck and his hand was still on the explosives.”

Instead of sending Soldiers into a threatening situation, the robot took measures as directed by its operator to blow up the explosives. The situation ended with the terrorist threat nullified and the Abrams tank unharmed.

Ward told of another incident where a 23-year-old staff sergeant came into a robotics facility in Iraq early one morning for robotics training. He left with his robot on a mission.

“At 3 p.m., that Soldier returned with a cloth bag in his hand, his control panel under his arm and his face all white,” Ward said. “He had gone down a main supply route. He didn’t know what was ahead of him on the route, so he sent his robot. An adversary got near and blew up the robot with an artillery round. He told me ‘Sir, if I hadn’t been here this morning at 7 to get this robot that would have been me who was blown up.’ He held up a pic-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TELLING A ROBOT’S STORY—** Marine Col. Ed Ward of the Robotic Systems Joint Project Office talks to members of the Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America about how robots like the MARCbot, in the foreground, save the lives of troops serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and in other parts of the world. Ward has served four tours in Iraq and one tour in Afghanistan.

ture of his family and said ‘Sir, I would have never seen these again without you and this robot.’”

Those types of stories happen three or four times a day in Iraq.

“These robots let us take care of the Soldier and protect the Soldier,” Ward said, pointing at the MARCbot on the floor in front of him. “They enable the Soldier to be mission complete and go home. You can’t put a price on a life.

Compared to a life, that robot is cheap at \$8,000.”

Robots can cost as much as \$300,000. Most range from \$125,000 to \$135,000 each.

“This technology is working to save lives,” Ward said. “Soldiers easily understand how to use this robotic technology. And, they are helping us by thinking of ways to adapt them and trying to figure out new ways to use them.”

# Comanche helicopter technology lives on



Photograph by Merv Brokke

**HIGH LEVEL**— Working in one of the high bays in building 5400 to make initial preparations for transporting the first prototype of the RAH-66 Comanche Helicopter to Fort Rucker, team members remove the five main rotorblades. Members of the team, from left, include: standing atop the Comanche and leading the removal of the rotorblades from the main rotorhead, Lionel Holguin, Engineering Support Division; Giselle Castro, ESD, operating the winch; Tom Shea, Intuitive, supporting the rotorblade; Greg Stuhr, Prototype Integration Facility, Prototype Integration Division; Jeremy Cash, Yulista, also supporting the rotorblade; and David Adams, Yulista, observing the operation.

## *Aviation developers learn from canceled program*

By MERV BROKKE

AMRDEC Public Affairs

After several years of research and study to see how the technology from the first prototype RAH-66 Comanche Helicopter could be incorporated into the current and future fleet of helicopters, a team from the Engineering Directorate, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, made the initial preparations to transport the aircraft from Redstone to a Fort Rucker museum warehouse.

In 2004, acting Army secretary Les Brownlee and Army chief of staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker announced their recommendation to cancel the Comanche Program based on a comprehensive review of Army aviation technology and structure that showed the Comanche as an armed reconnaissance helicopter would not be consistent with the most vital needs of Army aviation that included upgrading, modernizing and rebuilding the Army's attack, utility and cargo helicopter fleets as well as replacing aging aircraft in the Reserve component.

At the time, both Brownlee and Schoomaker suggested that funds already spent on developing the Comanche had not been wasted because the service and the aviation industry learned a great deal through work on the program and that relevant technologies would be retained in the aviation technological base and lead to

research and development more applicable to future aviation initiatives.

The first Boeing Defense and Space Group, Helicopters Division and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation RAH-66 Comanche prototype was rolled out at Sikorsky Aircraft, Stratford, Conn., on May 25, 1995 and made its first flight Jan. 4, 1996.

After the Comanche program was canceled, the prototype was picked up from the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation's Test Flight Center in West Palm Beach, Fla., and transported to Redstone where it has served AMRDEC engineers and others as a means for technology transfer.

Some of the technology studied includes the following:

- Crash-worthy seats protect the pilot and co-pilot during hard landings, cooling the exhaust and thereby reducing the helicopter's infrared signature by channeling exhaust from the engine through the tail rotor section to reducing the temperature from 850 to 250 degrees.

- The Comanche health-monitoring system, the forerunner of Condition Based Maintenance, could inform the crew of potential failures and when the failures would occur.

- The Portable Maintenance Aid was used by the maintenance crew to download information from the aircraft to a handheld computer.

- The toolbox used by the maintenance crew was the size of an ordinary briefcase. Vibration was greatly reduced by using five main rotorblades instead of four.

The Comanche's final day on Redstone will be Dec. 10.

# Veterans invited to special day in mall

*Supermarket of benefits provides information*

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The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs is reaching out to veterans in North Alabama where they congregate in the largest numbers this time of year – the shopping mall.

With holiday shopping on the minds of consumers – including veteran consumers – the staff of the Madison County Veterans Affairs Office is holding a Supermarket of Veterans Benefits at Madison Square Mall on Dec. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This first-ever event in Huntsville is designed to provide veterans with information pertaining to the benefits they and their families are entitled to as well as provide access to agencies focused on assisting veterans and active military. The event is open to veterans of all military services and all wars, and to active military who may need information as they prepare to retire or leave the service.

“This is the second such event we’ve conducted,” said retired Navy Rear Adm. Clyde Marsh, who serves as commissioner of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.

“The first one we conducted in Montgomery last year. We want to do this at least once a year at different places in the state. We chose Huntsville for the second one because it is a progressive city, it is military



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**DOOR OPEN TO VETERANS—** Retired Lt. Col. Mike Beard, a veterans service officer at the local office of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, wants to open the door of benefits to veterans of all ages and wars. Beard is planning and coordinating the area’s first-ever Supermarket of Veterans Benefits to provide veterans with information on benefits and services. The event is slated Dec. 13 at Madison Square Mall.

friendly and there’s a lot of veterans located there. North Alabama has one of our largest veteran populations. We want to go out in the public and the community where veterans shop and do other tasks so that we can provide them with easy access to information and some services.”

Although each of the state’s 67 counties is home to an office

of the state’s Department of Veterans Affairs, the agency is focused on creating outreach programs to provide more veterans with the benefits and services they deserve.

“As I travel in the state, I am continually surprised how many veterans I meet who have no idea they qualify for benefits and no idea how to apply for those ben-

efits and no idea where to go to get assistance with their application,” Marsh said.

The Supermarket of Veterans Benefits will be located on the lower level of Madison Square Mall near Belks and J.C. Penney’s. Besides the Department of Veterans Affairs, participants in the event include Tricare, Huntsville VA Outpatient Clinic,

Huntsville VA Vocational Center, Birmingham VA Medical Center, Alabama State Employment Office (Alabama Career Center), Small Business Administration, State Veterans Home, Tennessee Valley Honor Flight, Madison County Military Heritage Commission, North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, Social Security Administration, Operation Grateful Heart, Still Serving Veterans and other agencies.

“Everybody wants to help veterans for various reasons,” said retired Lt. Col. Mike Beard, a veterans service officer at the local office and coordinator for the Supermarket of Veterans Benefits event.

“Agencies and organizations that want to help veterans can join us for this event. We want to provide veterans with information on many different services or benefits they can receive from a variety of sources. We want to be prepared to answer any question a veteran may have.”

In Madison County, veterans service officers at the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs location in downtown Huntsville see about 25 veterans or the families of veterans each day, and receive many more phone calls for information daily. The office assists about 6,000 veterans each year.

“People can file for VA benefits on their own. But most need help,” Beard said. “It’s become very complex to file for benefits. There’s benefits for the compensation of service-related disabilities

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and compensation for non-service-connected disabilities. There's educational benefits, benefits for family members, and many other benefits and services available to veterans. I've been here seven years and I get a new question every day that relates to a particular veteran's situation. And, on top of that, Congress is always changing laws that can affect veterans benefits."

Beaird believes the Madison County

office, which includes four counselors, an administrative assistant and five part-time office staff, is only scraping the surface of the number of veterans who need assistance in obtaining benefits. Even though the office works with about 6,000 veterans a year, the 2000 census reported there were 32,000 to 33,000 veterans in Madison County alone.

"Madison County and Huntsville have outpaced the growth of any area in the state since 2000," Beaird said. "We think there could be 35,000 or more veterans in Madison County. We also pull veterans from surrounding counties and from south

Tennessee. So, the number of veterans who could help could increase greatly if veterans knew about the benefits they should be receiving."

Though the event is designed to assist veterans, Beaird said it is also an image builder for the military.

"This is an opportunity for us to be seen by others and to give the message that we take care of our veterans," he said.

By helping veterans obtain financial benefits, the state's Department of Veterans Affairs is also providing an economic benefit to all the people of Alabama, Beaird said.

"We are here to help veterans because it's the right thing to do," he said. "It's

also the smart thing to do from a fiscal point of view because it generates federal dollars coming into the state that can be spent by veterans in this state."

Beaird hopes the Supermarket of Veterans Benefits will attract veterans and active servicemembers who have not had any type of contact with his office.

"We hope by going to the mall we will touch a lot more veterans," he said. "I want us to touch people we've never touched before. We have a moral and ethical responsibility to make sure veterans get the benefits they deserve."

For more information on the Supermarket of Veterans Benefits, call Madison County Veterans Affairs at 532-1662.

## Local military family tops with veteran support groups

### Family

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"I enjoyed ROTC when I attended Grissom High School," said Chad Perry, who is now a 23-year-old student at Calhoun Community College and who recently re-enlisted in the Reserves.

"But, I decided to join the military because of 9/11. That's what really made me want to go into the military and serve my country wherever the military takes me. I joined because of the patriotism I felt after 9/11."

The Perry family faced the deployment as a unit. When Chad Perry put on his Soldier's uniform, John and Brenda Perry eagerly took on the responsibilities as the family readiness group coordinators for the 144 families in Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia affected by the deployment of the 926th.

"When he got mobilized, we got mobilized," John Perry said. "We were responsible for the families. We had no money. But, we were able to put together all kinds of events for the families. We had a family day, we coordinated video-teleconferences at the Sparkman Center between the families and their Soldiers, and we coordinated the Welcome Home ceremony. Brenda and her sister did a newsletter. And, we stayed in close contact with them through e-mails and phone calls."

Chad Perry remembers calling home from Afghanistan and hearing his parents' stories about all the things they were doing.

"They put in a whole lot of time as the FRG coordinators," he said. "They would tell me they were doing this for family

support or that."

"Staying busy with the FRG kept me from worrying too much about Chad," Brenda Perry added. "I'd spend a couple of hours every day just keeping in touch with the families. That was my job. I'd get up every morning, check to see if there were any problems and then make phone calls to families."

Their job as FRG coordinators put the Perrys in contact with several other local volunteers who were working to support Soldiers. They got to know people like veteran Hogan, the now late Vietnam veteran Bill Meiers, now retired Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Gerecht, and now retired Garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin. They also met David Carney, who at the time was an Alabama Army National Guard sergeant working to support Guard Soldiers who had also been deployed.

"There was a lot of synergy, a lot of idea sharing among the people we were meeting," John Perry said. "We hadn't ever had deployments like this. We were all learning from each other on how best to support the deployed Soldiers and their families back home."

After Chad Perry and his unit returned, John and Brenda Perry continued to volunteer.

"It's a natural thing once you get involved," John Perry said. "One thing leads to another. How can you say 'No' when there is a need to support our Soldiers? I've got to do this for my Soldiers. Once you are involved, people know you and count on you to provide support. It's hard not to be involved."

"What drives a lot of us older Soldiers is that nothing was there for Soldiers

when they came home from the Vietnam War. We don't want our Soldiers to go through what Vietnam Soldiers went through. We want to go the extra yard and be there for them."

While Brenda Perry's focus is on the annual Operation Christmas Bear and Blue Star Service Banner ceremonies, she also supports her husband's involvement in a number of volunteer activities. John Perry, who continues to work at Siemens Corp., is a vice president for both the veterans coalition and the local AUSA chapter. He is a member of the Veterans Day Parade planning committee and the American Legion Post 229 in Madison, and he continues to assist with Army Reserve activities involving his previous unit — the 4th of the 108th Chemical Battalion — as well as Army, National Guard and

Marine units.

"Being in the Army is like having an extended family," said John Perry. "I'm still very involved with the 108th on a volunteer basis. When I was part of the unit, I was the oldest Soldier and all the other Soldiers were like my kids. They still call me just to talk. I see them as my Soldiers and I want to be there for them."

Chad Perry, too, has continued to serve his country and his fellow Soldiers. He is now a member of the Reserve's 375th Engineer Company, which is preparing for a possible deployment in late 2008. He is also a member of the Redstone Arsenal Honor Guard and the 19th Alabama Re-enactors.

"The military has been John's life," Brenda Perry said. "I can see that in Chad, too, when he puts that uniform on."

## Coalition focuses on providing family support

### Award

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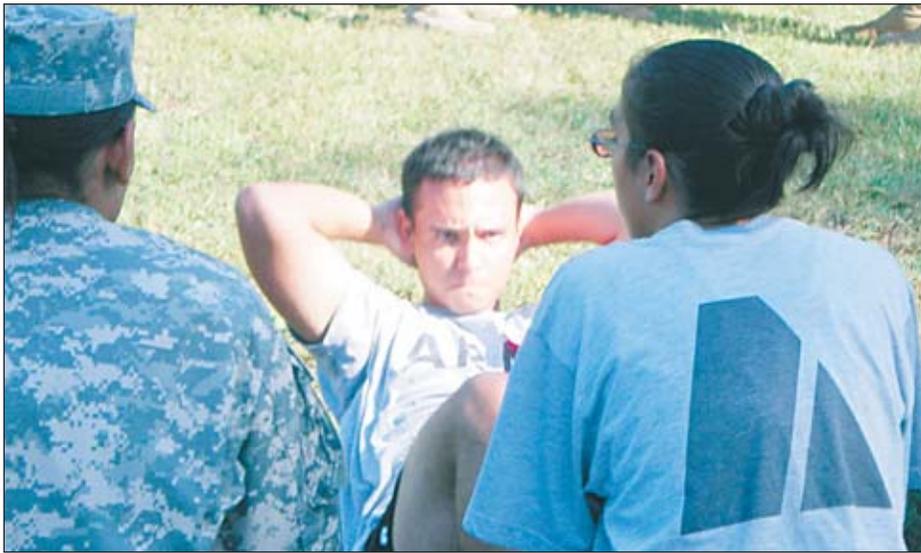
"The veterans coalition has been focused on family support for years," Carney said. "We believe the strength of the Army and, indeed, of our entire nation rests with the family. The family is the backbone of our nation."

The veterans coalition holds to the

common belief among Soldiers and other Soldier-support organizations that supporting military families helps to make Soldiers better at their job in a wartime environment.

"When the family receives community support, the Soldier can be much more focused on his job and has a much better chance of returning home safe," Carney said. "Supporting families is the patriotic thing to do."

# Junior ROTC cadets meet competition challenge



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**UP TO TASK—** Columbia JROTC cadet Sgt. 1st Class Schyler Miller tries to do as many sit-ups as he can during the timed sit-up event at Ultimate Challenge. Holding Miller's feet is Columbia cadet Cpl. Samantha Quintero. Quintero went on to win the Ultimate Challenge's female two-mile run competition, coming in at 13:08. She is the fastest-running female JROTC cadet in Alabama.

## High school program gives chance to excel

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Columbia High JROTC cadet Michelle Parker recently went to a homecoming dance in a cocktail dress that revealed her first "battle scars."

After spending the day competing in physical fitness and orienteering skills at an Ultimate Challenge contest sponsored by the University of North Alabama ROTC program, Parker was ready for a little fun at homecoming. But, her dress couldn't hide the thorn scratches on her legs that were a telltale sign of the day she spent in the woods at Camp Westmorland.

"Those are your battle scars," fellow Columbia cadet Emily Hornsby told her. "You have to show them off."

And so she did.

Hornsby and Parker are both cadets in the nearly two-year-old Junior ROTC program at Columbia High. They were eager to test their skills and training as members of Columbia's JROTC Raider Team at their first-ever Ultimate Challenge, a competition that includes push-ups and sit-ups, a two-mile run and an orienteering challenge.

And they did face the challenge with a smile on their faces and a desire to succeed in their hearts that helped win their school a second-place finish in the Ultimate Challenge.

But, Columbia JROTC wasn't the only North Alabama high school to take top honors. The Sparkman JROTC program took first and third place among 13 high school JROTC teams. In addition, two male cadets from Sparkman JROTC took top honors in the individual awards — cadet Capt. Deandre' Haynes took first place and cadet Cpl. DeAaron Moore-Torres took second — while Columbia cadet Cpl. Samantha Quintero was the competition's fastest female runner.

"Columbia and Sparkman did very well both team-wise and in individual categories," said Lt. Col. Wayne Bergeron, professor of military science at UNA.

"The competition involved 103 JROTC cadets and 13 teams. This event is a good training and leadership opportunity for our senior cadets because they are responsible for planning and implementing the event, and providing evaluations, guidance and instruction to the JROTC cadets. For the JROTC cadets, Ultimate Challenge is a way for them to test their physical and leadership skills, and their commitment and dedication to something bigger than themselves."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**MAP READING—** Columbia High cadets Michelle Parker, seated, and Emily Hornsby work together to find a point on a map of Camp Westmorland. The two cadets were on a Columbia High JROTC team that took second place in the Ultimate Challenge sponsored by the University of North Alabama ROTC at Camp Westmorland. Their mentor is retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs, the senior JROTC instructor at Columbia High.

Those wins were especially meaningful to retired Lt. Col. Charley Walker, the senior Army instructor for Sparkman's JROTC program. Walker not only helped get his team ready for Ultimate Challenge, but he also mentored the Columbia JROTC program. It was both Sparkman's and Columbia's first year to compete in the Ultimate Challenge.

"We train year-round for competitions," Walker said. "We started day one when school started with a daily regimen of push-ups, sit-ups, two- to three-mile runs and some weight training. These kids love competing for their school. Our student cadets are self motivated. Over half the team are seasoned veterans, gone to battle in the past and know what it takes to win."

"But, I'm not really big on trophies. I like the cadets to go out and compete and do the very best they can to represent their school. As long as they are doing the very best they can, then they are winners to me."

Cadets in the Ultimate Challenge competed in three timed events — push-ups, sit-ups and two-mile run — and participated in a land navigation contest that involved using orienteering, map reading, teamwork and physical endurance skills to navigate the most points in the least amount of time.



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## Cultural exchange

International student Staff Sgt. Nikolaos Anastopoulos of Greece speaks to Junior ROTC students from Decatur High School about living in his country and serving in the Greek Navy.

# Contracting intern becomes distinguished graduate

Ramin Ghadimi has graduated at the top of his class.

Ghadimi, a contracting intern assigned to the Aviation and Missile Command, graduated Oct. 29 with a 98.58 percent average from the Army Acquisition Intermediate Contracting Course. The first civilian to earn the AAICC Distinguished Graduate Award was among 45 students.

"The faculty members of the Army Logistics Management College-Huntsville Campus applaud the dedication and academic excellence demonstrated by Mr. Ramin Ghadimi," course director Maj. Randy McGee said.

The four-week Army Acquisition Intermediate Contracting

Course is designed to provide a broad spectrum of contracting with an emphasis on Army doctrine and Army-unique systems acquisition procedures and organizations. AAICC combines five contracting courses into one curriculum, which is being evaluated for Defense Acquisition University equivalency.

Graduates of the course are awarded college credit from the American Council on Education in the following areas:

- Upper-division baccalaureate category – three semester hours in contract management and three semester hours in statistical analysis; and
- Graduate degree category – three semester hours in public sector contract law.



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**CERTIFICATE—** From left are course director Maj. Randy McGee, distinguished graduate Ramin Ghadimi and Army Logistics Management College professor Sarah Kerry.

## ■ JROTC cadets win both on and off competitive field

# Challenge

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"I loved it, especially the land navigation," Hornsby said. "We went through about one and a half weeks of land navigation training. We've been doing physical fitness training all along so we knew we would be strong in that area."

Their leader, retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs, expected his JROTC cadets to do well in the competition, but they surpassed even his expectations.

"This was our first competition we've entered, and we brought home the first full competition JROTC trophy for Columbia," he said. "We were really just doing this for the experience. We really didn't expect to be competitive."

Even Columbia's JROTC cadets were surprised at their finish.

"It was amazing that we did so well because we were competing against schools who have done this competition for a long time," Parker said.

The Ultimate Challenge is just one of several physical and mental tests that cadets at Columbia and Sparkman high schools are put through as members of the JROTC program. The classroom curriculum is focused on developing better students and better citizens while cadets also have the opportunity to participate in leadership development programs and extracurricular activities, such as color guard, Raider team, unarmed drill team, armed drill team and physical fitness team. Future plans call for an air rifle team.

For Hornsby and Parker, those extracurricular offerings have meant opportunity. Hornsby is the JROTC drill team sergeant and program historian while Parker is a member of a color guard that has represented JROTC cadets at sev-

eral school and community programs.

"What we offer here is a stepping stone for success in life," Hobbs said. "We teach our cadets about morals and values, about being responsible for themselves, about how to manage their time and about what it takes to be successful. They learn teamwork and discipline. They become physically fit and they even learn how to manage their money."

Although JROTC is not a recruiting arm of the military, many JROTC cadets do consider the military as a possible career choice. Hornsby recently joined the Navy and Parker is considering military service.

But, whether their students decide to join the military, Hobbs and Walker along with their assistants – retired 1st Sgt. Austin Brown-Clay at Columbia and retired 1st Sgt. Walter Jones at Sparkman — view JROTC as an opportunity to make a difference in the lives and future aspirations of their cadets.

"A lot of students come in here from broken homes," Hobbs said. "They have no direction. They have no role models. We put them through 12 weeks of indoctrination to see if they meet our standard. If we set a standard, that standard is going to be met."

Of 110 JROTC cadets this semester at Columbia, there have only been five dishonorable discharges for failure to comply with good conduct standards.

"The ones who do comply – they are turning their lives around," Hobbs said. "Our cadets are at a high standard even though we are only in our second year with this program. They are going to get the chance to compete for scholarships from Alabama A&M, Marion Military Institute and West Point."

At Sparkman, the JROTC program has been designated a honor unit with distinction for the past 14 years through the national cadet formal inspection.

"Every three years, an inspector from

the 8th Brigade inspects our drill teams, our cadet ranks, curriculum knowledge, color guard, cadet training and other things," Walker said. "At one point 14 years ago, Sparkman JROTC was identified for closure. It was not considered a viable JROTC program."

Today, the program's 126 cadets are proud of their JROTC accomplishments.

Many consider JROTC a place where they can excel through their commitment and development of their individual skills.

"JROTC fills the cracks for kids that may not fit in anywhere else in the high school environment. We give them a place where they can do their best and be rewarded for that," Walker said. "We give them opportunities to get involved."

## Command leaders visit counterparts in New Jersey

AMCOM deputy commander Dr. Richard Amos visited Fort Monmouth, N.J., last month with members of his senior staff for an executive overview of CECOM's lessons learned during the deployment of Logistics and Modernization Program.

Aviation and Missile Command leaders discussed with their Communications-Electronics Command counterparts about advice that would prove useful as the

command prepares to go live with LMP next year.

David Sharman, acting director of CECOM's Logistics and Readiness Center, and Edward Thomas, deputy commanding general, gave opening remarks, providing a synopsis of the many challenges and obstacles that AMCOM leadership faces as their LMP deployment date, or "D-Day" as one senior AMCOM official referred to it, draws near.



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**LOGISTICS KUDOS**— Dr. Richard Amos, AMCOM deputy to the commanding general, provides AMCOM coins to CECOM briefers in appreciation of their efforts. He thanked CECOM for its hospitality and willingness to be "team players."

## Letterkenny depot earns Shingo award three-peat

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Officials from federal and state Government and Senior Army leaders came to Letterkenny Army Depot to salute the depot work force for continuing a three-year tradition of bringing home the prestigious Shingo medallion. This year, for the first time, Letterkenny won two Shingo medallions.

Army Materiel Command commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin presented the medallions to U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster and depot commander Col. Stephen Shapiro and several depot workers.

Letterkenny Army Depot, the first Army depot to win the Shingo medallion in 2005, continued the tradition in 2006, and has again won this recognition in 2007. As recipients of the Shingo medallions, Letterkenny demonstrated its ability to create usable floor space, reduce waste and generate efficiencies throughout depot operations.

The depot was cited as Shingo recipient for its two top programs that directly serve the war fighter. The Humvee recapitalization program won the Shingo Public Sector Silver recognition for 2007. The Power Generation Equipment (generators) program was the recipient of the Shingo Public Sector Bronze medallion for 2007.

Lean concepts that were implemented at Letterkenny empowered the depot to obtain a 99 percent customer satisfaction rating, and the highest on-time-delivery rating in the Army. Lean concepts, such as attention to ergonomics, also enabled the depot to reduce its accident rate by 85 percent.

In addition, Letterkenny has reduced

the overall Humvee hours from 274 to 150 per vehicle over the last year, increased Humvee through-put from 1 to 19, and reduced internal Humvee defects by 87 percent.

Since the opening of the Power Generation Equipment repair facility in May 2004, monthly production has continuously improved. Production began at 100 units and quickly progressed to 675 units.

Letterkenny is designated a Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for Power Generation Equipment.

Employing more than 3,000 people, Letterkenny is also the Army's Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for Air Defense and Tactical Missile Ground Support Equipment.

The depot is known worldwide for Patriot ground support equipment as well as other missile systems such as Avenger, TOW, MLRS AFCS, Hellfire and Dragon.

Shuster, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, reported on his fifth trip to Iraq

"As I visit our troops and ask them about the reliability of their Humvees, I am proud to report they give Letterkenny credit for excellent quality and reliability," he said.

Referring to Shingo banners unfurled from the ceiling, Griffin said "you set a standard for others."

"You have demonstrated a reputation for excellence worldwide," Griffin said. "When I see those streamers up there, to me that's like a Super Bowl win. Today is your day for the Shingo award. I'm honored to be here with you today." (*Letterkenny Army Depot release*)



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## Historic explosion

Fifty years ago the Navy's Vanguard TV-3 exploded sending the satellite into the tall weeds near its Cape Canaveral Florida launch pad on Dec. 6, 1957. The ill-fated launch attempt followed monumental U.S. public reaction to the Russian Sputnik launch and the race for space. Fifty-five days later – Jan. 31, 1958 — the Army successfully launched Explorer 1, laying the foundation for the U.S. space program.

# Trio turns trimmed tree into fund-raiser

Display in Nashville contributing cash

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Nashville draws plenty of visitors this time of year. Visitors, shoppers, sightseers and merry-makers descend on the city to take in all the Christmas festivities the Music City has to offer. Three women from Redstone hope to use some of that bustle to raise money for Army Emergency Relief.

While talking to a representative of the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center about another matter, Cathy Knipe, secretary for the Joint Cargo Aircraft Product Directorate, heard about a new attraction called the Hall of Trees. It is a charity fund-raiser where groups decorate a Christmas tree display. Visitors could then place donations for each charity in a box next to each tree. She took the idea to JoAnn Rice, executive secretary to the Aviation Systems Project Manager and AER representative. Together with Linda McKinney, business manager for Aviation Ground Support Equipment, the three decided to give it a try.

"Cathy told me about it. I went to Col. (Michelle) Yarborough with it and asked if we could do it. She said yes, go ahead and do it," Rice said.

They knew they wanted to do a military theme for their tree, but went through several ideas before making a decision.

"We talked about doing the whole thing in yellow ribbons. We also talked about decorating with aviation toys," Rice said. "In the end we decided on just red, white and blue."

Many of the bows on the tree and the tree topper were made by hand. The rest had to be purchased. When they approached a local retailer about the project,



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**DECORATORS—** JoAnn Rice, Linda McKinney and Cathy Knipe, rear, made the trek to Nashville to decorate a charity tree for Army Emergency Relief.

the business let the team have any items they wanted.

"Lowe's on South Parkway gave us everything at cost," Rice said. "They were great."

On Nov. 20, they headed to Nashville to assemble their display in time for the hall opening

the following day.

"We had to be there at 8 a.m.," Rice said. "That's early when you're driving from down here. We were worn out."

The 7.5-foot tree was provided by Gaylord Opryland, along with the donation box. The fin-

ished product stands on display with 20 others in the Ryman B3 Exhibit Hall. It is already a favorite, according to Rice.

"I went in as a visitor and started asking questions about the Hall of Trees," she said laughing. "The lady took me

right over to our tree and started telling me about how much she liked it – she didn't know that I had decorated it."

In addition to donations being accepted there at the display, an auction is being held for the trees. Bids can be placed either online or in person to actually purchase the decorated tree and the entire contents of the display. The money from the winning bid will be given to the charity designated for each tree. The tree will then be delivered free of charge to the winner once the hall is closed on Dec. 22.

Rice and crew await the first report on their total donations so far. If staff reports are any indication, it should be cause for celebration.

"They have said that they have to empty our donation container twice a day," Rice said. "That's great! They said that one time there was even a hundred dollar bill in there. We need more of those."

They urge anyone from Redstone who plans on making a Nashville trip to stop by and visit Redstone's AER tree. Admission for the Hall of Trees is \$4 for children and \$6 for adults, but coupons for \$2 off admission are available online or from AER. Admission to the Holiday Crafts show is complimentary with a Hall of Trees ticket.

"Collect a few donations from people here and then put them in the box when you go," Rice said.

The women are discussing plans to participate again next year, should the event continue.

"We're going to do it again," Rice said. "Next year they said they may set up something so you can make donations online as well."

The display is open Sunday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, to view the trees or place an auction bid, visit [www.halloftrees.com](http://www.halloftrees.com).

# Christmas season gets kick start this afternoon

## Annual tree lighting at Bicentennial Chapel

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It's Santa Claus's busy season. While he is hard at work getting ready for Christmas, he is making time for a visit to Redstone. He will be the guest of honor at today's Morale Welfare and Recreation Christmas Extravaganza at Bicentennial Chapel.

The annual event begins at 4:30 p.m. with the arrival of the guest of honor.

"We will have Santa and his team of reindeer making a grand entrance with the Redstone Arsenal Fire and Safety crew," Amelia Flanigan, director of marketing, said.

In addition to St. Nick, the crowd will welcome a few of his reindeer friends. While some had to stay behind to prepare for their upcoming deliveries, five reindeer have signed on for the Redstone trip. Dasher, Dancer, Comet, Donner and Blitzen will be in attendance and available for pictures.

"There will be a photo op for 15 minutes after Santa makes his grand entrance with Santa, the sleigh and deer. After that, Santa will head inside the chapel. The reindeer and sleigh will be staged outside for photos," Flanigan said. "You can pet the deer also. Most families take this opportunity to take family photos inside the sleigh with the reindeer for their Christmas cards."

Photos with Santa and his friends are free. They will be available online at the MWR web site 7 to 10 days after the event so that people may print whatever size and quantity they want at home.

The lighting of the Christmas tree is slated for 5:15. The 30-foot tree outside the chapel is being decorated by MWR staff and chapel volunteers with lights and ornaments from Home Depot. Four additional trees inside were donated by Design World. Garrison commander Col. John Olsheski will hit the switch to light the outdoor tree with the help of the family members of deployed Soldiers.

Once the pictures are taken and the tree is lit, the fun is not over. Food and drinks are also free at the event. MWR is planning to serve seasonal favorites.

"We will have cookies, cakes, chili, hot

cocoa and hot cider available," Flanigan said.

MWR will also use the opportunity to unveil a new addition to their arsenal of fun – the "Create-a-friend" machine.

"Children will be able to stuff their own animal for only \$10. That includes the bear, the birth certificate, the star to wish on and a cute MWR T-shirt," Flanigan said. "Everyone will leave with something. Santa will be handing out treats to the children who tell him what they want for Christmas."

The evening is technically slated to end at 6:30, but organizers don't actually expect it to be over until closer to 9. It promises to be a festive evening, largely due to local sponsors.

"This event could not be made possible without the support of outside companies. Bill Heard Chevrolet provided the cash to put on this wonderful event. Other sponsors include Home Depot, Design World and DeCA (Defense Commissary Agency)," Flanigan said. "Our goal is to kick start the Christmas spirit on Redstone and give back to those who give so much for us every day."

Today's event is open to anyone with access to the installation.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HOLIDAY ELF—** "Juko," aka Alton Douglas of the Columbia High School choir, helps entertain youngsters during the 2006 community Christmas tree lighting at Bicentennial Chapel.

## Deployed troops' calls home surge for holidays

### Help military families keep connected with phone cards

DALLAS – Deployed troops know there's no better sound than a loved one's voice during the holidays. In fact, when the holidays arrived last year Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors deployed in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom responded, scooping up almost 80,000 Military Exchange Global Prepaid phone cards in November and December alone, ultimately spending some 23 million minutes on the phone at telecommunication centers throughout Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait.

"Troops really ratchet up the communication once the calendar flips to November," said AAFES senior enlisted adviser Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton said. "Even with the technological advances of e-mail and text messages, a phone call is still the most personal way to bridge the gap between the front lines and the home front."

To help keep telecommunication costs low for troops far from home and provide an affordable avenue for every American to make a tangible impact on deployed troops' morale this holiday season, AAFES' "Help Our Troops Call Home" program continues to improve

military families' quality of life.

"This initiative goes far beyond a servicemember soldiering in the desert," Eaton said "Phone calls home during this time of year can also impact how a child is doing in school or even a spouse's ability to manage the hectic season. Add it all up and it becomes pretty clear that phone calls home aren't just a luxury, they're a quality of life issue for the entire armed forces community."

Any American can help keep military families connected this holiday season by logging on to [www.aafes.org](http://www.aafes.org) or calling 800-527-2345. From there, global prepaid phone cards can be sent to individual servicemembers (designated by the sender) or even directed to "any servicemember" through various charitable partners.

Since "Help Our Troops Call Home" began in April 2004, the American public has placed 131,503 individual orders for more than 222,000 Military Exchange Global Prepaid phone cards. More than 24,000 of these orders have been earmarked for "any servicemember" and distributed via charities such as the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, Fisher House Foundation, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Soldier & Family Assistance Center and USO. (Army and Air Force Exchange Service release)

# Program helps Army clear excess structures

Huntsville engineering center provides directed demolition

By CHRIS GARDNER  
Engineering and Support Center

**MILITARY OCEAN TERMINAL SUNNY POINT, N.C.** — The Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville's newest building demolition program kicked off here with the removal of four 10,000 gallon above-ground diesel fuel tanks that had been unusable and taking up space for years.

The Directed Demolition Service program, a part of Huntsville Center's Facilities Reduction Program, provides Army installations with an easy way to eliminate small excess structures, like the tanks and associated structures at Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point.

"It's great to see the tanks finally go," said David von Kolnitz in MOTSU's Department of Public Works. "Working with DDS has been wonderful. All I had to do was send them the plans and take care of the necessary forms."

The old diesel fuel station was used in the past to refuel locomotives at this

major port for the Army on the Atlantic Ocean.

Tightening of temporary explosive storage regulations made the location of the tanks unacceptable and they became unusable. They became giant concrete rectangles taking up space along the installation's main road.

That's where DDS came into play.

DDS is a centrally managed and centrally funded program that provides for the demolition of relatively small structures, like storage bunkers or observation towers, at continental U.S. Army installations.

Installations that need these structures removed can contact either Huntsville Center or Installation Management Command to get their projects into the program. The demolitions are funded by IMCOM, so costs to installations are minimal.

"DDS gets rid of the things that are hard to get rid of through normal demolition channels because they might not have building numbers or square footage associated with them," DDS program manager Amber Martin of Huntsville Center said. "It's harder to get funding for these kinds of projects. With DDS we can fund these. We can come out and get them done quickly and cost effectively and help the installation get rid of their unneeded structures."

DDS simplifies the demolition process by cutting overhead and administrative costs by using already set up demolition contracts with certain small businesses that can mobilize for projects throughout the country. Crew day prices are already fixed into the contracts and specialized equipment costs are added on a case-by-case basis.

For this project, Huntsville Center used an existing contract to mobilize a team from GEM Technology based in



Photo by Chris Gardner

**INSIDE VIEW—** Looking inside a torn open fuel tank are, from left, Amber Martin, Directed Demolition Service program manager, Alan Berdall, GEM Technologies site manager, and David von Kolnitz of the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point department of public works. It was one of four 10,000 gallon tanks removed at Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, N.C.



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

## Aviation honor

Aviation Reset deputy project manager Sammy Burns, right, receives the Order of St. Michael, Bronze Level, from project manager Col. Al Evans. Burns, a retired command sergeant major, spent 26 years in the military and has been in civil service three years.

Knoxville to clear the diesel fuel station. GEM is the DDS demolition contractor for the southeastern region of the country.

The MOTSU project was the first test for the DDS program and Martin said while she would have liked it to go a bit quicker, it was an overall success.

"The MOTSU demolition was a success, and we learned a lot of lessons here that we'll be taking into account as DDS continues," Martin said. "All in all, we completed the job pretty quickly and at a much lower cost than if it had been done without DDS."

Martin estimated the MOTSU demolition cost about 30 percent less than it would have cost without using the DDS program. The work took about half a day

longer than originally planned.

She also said 100 percent of the waste from the project was recycled, including more than 404 tons of concrete that was surrounding the fuel tanks and 25 tons of steel from the tanks and associated piping. Even the chain link fence that was around the station was saved for use elsewhere on the installation.

The cleared area will likely be used for a U.S. Department of Agriculture inspection station, von Kolnitz said.

The MOTSU project was the first of many DDS projects already planned throughout the country. DDS is only geared for Army installations now, but could include projects for other branches in the future.

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## Defense recognition reflects commitment

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Earning recognition two years in a row shows AMCOM is doing the right thing in work force development.

The Aviation and Missile Command, with its G-1 (Human Resources), has received a Department of Defense 2007 Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Workforce Development Award. AMCOM is the bronze winner for large organizations, after receiving last year's silver award.

Army Materiel Command deputy commander Lt. Gen. William Mortensen congratulated the G-1 workers and presented the award Nov. 27 at Redstone.

"The health and welfare and morale of the employees here at AMCOM resonant on how you support the command," Mortensen said.

He told the workers that their work is important.

"Thanks for what you do every day," he said. "Thanks for what you've done and thanks for what I'm sure you're going to do in the future."

Tim Grey, AMCOM G-1 director of human resources, said organizations throughout the command contribute to work force development.

"Of course I'm really proud of the command because it's really a command-wide effort," Grey said. "It truly is a command recognition, not just a G-1 recognition. And it reflects a commitment from the command top down on the importance of developing the work force to meet the day-to-day challenges and the future challenges."

The Workforce Development Award was established May 28, 2004 to recognize organizations that are achieving excellence in learning and development for their employees. The award program also identifies best practices for other organizations to adopt.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PRESENTATION— Tim Grey, AMCOM G-1 director of human resources, accepts the 2007 Workforce Development Award from Army Materiel Command deputy commander Lt. Gen. William Mortensen on behalf of the Aviation and Missile Command.**

# Some computer passwords fail online security test

People who use the same password for online accounts are more at risk from online fraud or identity theft, a new survey says.

Lax password habits are leaving a quarter of people in serious danger of falling victim to online fraud. While the sheer number of passwords needed makes it tempting to repeat passwords and/or create weak ones, experts say users need to grasp the consequences of this behavior.

Some intriguing statistics from the research:

- Almost half (43 percent) of the 3,500 respondents never change their password, increasing the risk of giving away their complete identity should that password be hacked or stolen.

- To compound this error, almost a quarter (24 percent) use the same password to access all online accounts.

- And a staggering 59 percent of respondents say they “always” or “mostly” use the same password for everything.

- The international study found that respondents from France were the worst offenders; 39 percent always use one password.

- In the UK, only 16 percent fail to change their passwords — still a dangerously high figure, and about the same as the figure for Americans.

- The survey suggests that expert advice to use longer, more complex passwords is being ignored. Fully 30 percent still use passwords only one to six characters in length, and 22 percent use only alpha characters (not numbers or special characters).

- Only 11 percent change it three times per year — the recommended amount.

- The most popular password was a pet’s name, followed by a hobby, then a mother’s maiden name.

The survey also studied people’s attitudes toward security on their mobile phones, finding that nearly two-thirds of respondents (61 percent) don’t have a PIN to protect their mobile device. Of those who do have a PIN, 76 percent never change it and 29 percent use the default setting. (*National Security Institute Inc. release, provided by AMCOM G-2*)

# Tucker to lead warrior care and transition effort

*Brigadier general tapped by Army*

By **JERRY HARBEN**

*Army Medical Command  
Public Affairs Office*

One of the Army’s top advocates for the care and treatment of its ill and wounded Soldiers and their families now will serve as assistant surgeon general for warrior care and transition.

The Army has assigned Brig. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, who has been deputy commander of the Army’s North Atlantic Regional Medical Command as well as director of the Army Medical Action Plan, to lead the service’s warrior care and transition effort.

Tucker, a two-time combat veteran, has been known by the media as a “bureaucracy buster,” and was charged with transforming wounded warrior care in March following news reports a month earlier about substandard living conditions and procedural obstacles for wounded Soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

“As a leader of Soldiers, I am humbled by this responsibility and the implications it will have on the force for years to come,” said Tucker, a 35-year Army career veteran. “What we do today to transform the military health care system and respond to the needs of our Soldiers



**Brig. Gen. Michael S. Tucker**

and their families – at a time in their lives when they need us most – will shape the force for years to come. Anything other than a complete transformation of the system is unacceptable.”

Tucker and his staff have spearheaded efforts to create warrior transition units to give better leadership and supervision to Soldiers recovering from wounds, to improve their housing and other service facilities and to establish centers to provide administrative and social-work services for Soldiers’ and families.

*Editor’s note: Amee Roberson with Army Medical Action Plan Strategic Communications contributed to this article.*

# NLOS-LS marks delivery first at Fort Bliss

*Launch system goes to battalion*

By DAN O'BOYLE  
*For the Rocket*

The Non-Line of Sight Launch System Project Office has successfully delivered hardware — ahead of schedule — to the 1-3 Field Artillery, a Future Combat Systems unit, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

NLOS-LS consists of 15 precision attack missiles that are vertically launched from a platform independent Container Launcher Unit. NLOS-LS provides Brigade Combat Teams a networked, extended-range targeting and precision attack capability against armored, lightly armored, and other stationary and moving targets during day, night, and degraded weather conditions.

The delivery included two Container Launcher Units with All Up Round Simulators and two Control Cell vehicles. Three NLOS-LS resupply vehicles, M1084 FMTV trucks containing 5-ton cranes and communication equipment, were pre-positioned at Bliss and were included in this initial delivery.

Project office staffers and key Fort Bliss personnel received the equipment and facilitated a seamless transition to the war fighter.

Lt. Col. Art Weeks, 1-3 FA battalion commander, and his Soldiers learned the new system through a desktop trainer computer simulator to prepare for upcoming Army Evaluation Task Force events. This preparation and training will assure that 1-3 FA Soldiers will be ready for AETF exercise requirements and hands-on training.

AETF began with New Equipment Training in October and ends with a Limited User Test in November 2008.

NLOS-LS sets the standard for sensor-to shooter interoperability during FCS Spinout 1. Extensive testing with the latest Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System software proves that NLOS-LS is ready and relevant for the current and future force.

1-3 FA will receive an additional five Container Launcher Units with All Up Round Simulators during the second quarter, fiscal 2008. The NLOS-LS is scheduled to complete Aircraft Exit Certification next month. This air drop certification will improve operational flexibility.



**HEAVY METAL**— The Non-Line of Sight's container launcher unit arrives at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Courtesy photo

# Remember the Titans youth soccer season

## Engineer coaches U14 girls to state championship

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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John Pope knew this group of girls would be special.

The youth soccer coach could tell the way they practiced and how they interacted with each other. He learned not to wear his glasses on the practice field — because one of his players kicked the ball and broke them.

His under-14 Titans did become special. They won the state title in the American Youth

Soccer Organization. “We did better than last year. Last year we came in second,” said Pope, a computer engineer in the Systems Simulation Development Directorate at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

“It was a great experience,” he said. “It’s a different team than last year because we had turnover. This year we were totally dominant. The ones that were here last year rallied the team for sure. They were not going to lose. I just had the opportunity to go along for the ride.”

The Titans went 3-0 in the

round-robin state tournament held Nov. 17-18 in Athens. They beat a team from Albertville 6-0, a squad from Guntersville 5-1 and a fellow Huntsville team 4-0. The one goal they allowed came on a penalty kick.

“We spread the field very well. I teach the girls to pass and they seemed to have gotten it,” Pope said. “I always have three or four girls that understand the game of soccer. It seemed this group clicked and they knew how to open the field up.”

Twelve of the 16 girls on the team scored goals during the year. The Titans played at Huntsville’s John Hunt Park and were in AYSO Region 160. August brought the first game of the fall season.

“I knew they could be a special team just because of the way they came together and worked,” Pope said. “You could tell if they played like they could they could have a special season. I’m just glad I was there to be part of it because they certainly were a great group of kids.”

His daughter Nicole played on the team. He started coaching her when she was 6 in Virginia.

The family moved to Huntsville in 2005 from Spotsylvania, Va., where Pope worked for the Night Vision Electronic Sensors Directorate at Fort Belvoir. Pope, 48, from Orange, Va., has worked for the government since 1979. He has a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from George Washington University in 1984, and an associate degree in engineering from Northern Virginia Community College in 1979.

He and his wife, Kimberly, have two daughters — Nicole, 13, and Kaila, 17, both of whom are home schooled. Nicole, an eighth-grader, will play for the Hampton Cove Middle School girls soccer team, which Pope will coach.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GOAL ACHIEVED—** John Pope, a computer engineer in the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, coached the under-14 girls soccer Titans to the state title in the American Youth Soccer Organization.

“John is simply a terrific guy,” said Frances Steel, whose daughter Katherine played on the Titans. “Knowledgeable, with a very laid-back coaching style, he lets the girls be themselves, yet somehow commands the respect necessary to develop skills.”

“These girls are of an age when more typical teen-ager pursuits tend to take over, but John somehow inspires them to come to practices, even on holidays, and bring their ‘A’ game every week, even when playing against friends and classmates.”

## Titans finish unbeaten with one tie



Courtesy photo

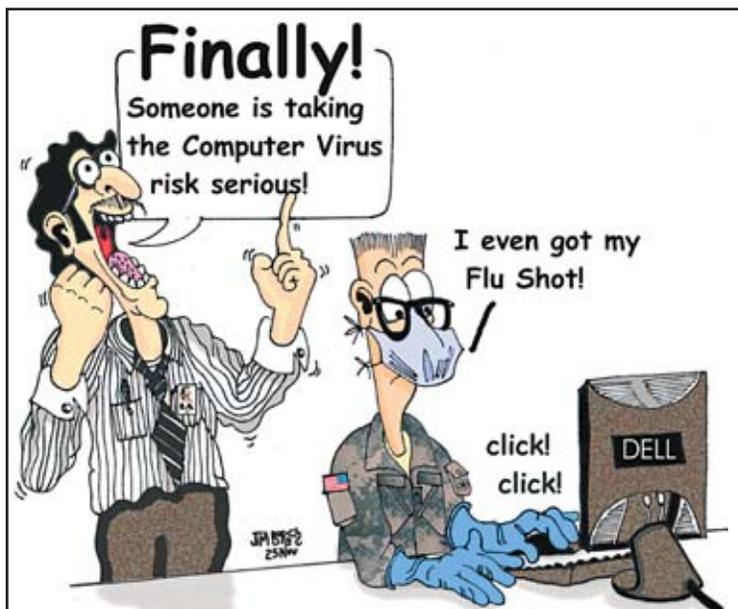
**DIRECT APPROACH—** Titans player Nicole Pope takes a direct kick during a game.

The Titans, a girls U14 soccer team, won a state title in the American Youth Soccer Organization. They finished with 13 wins (including nine shutouts), no losses and one tie.

Coached by Redstone engineer John Pope, here are the players:

- Elizabeth Bodkin, Rachel Clark, Maddie Erickson, Aimee Hill, Meghan Lagasse, Lindsay Matis, Nicole Pope, Beth Anne Ratliff;

- Kristen Reagan, Laurel Sharp, Madeline Sharp, Emily Shattuck, Katherine Steel, Lydia Sweeney, Anna Thompson and Ali Tichow.



## Bowl predictions set for next week

Skip’s Picks were 375-166 for 69 percent after 13 weeks of predicting college football outcomes.

Look for the bowl game forecasts in next week’s *Rocket*.

## Ladies golf group concludes year

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association celebrated the year end with a luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club. Year end prizes were awarded for most improved on the Ringer Board and for birdies and pars.

Election of officers was held and officers for the next year will be president Jan Berry, vice president Peggy Stanley, secretary Gloria Cupples and treasurer Kay Theodoss.

Four members of the association participated in the Alabama Women’s Championship at Birmingham Country Club. Berry won first place in the second flight of the championship and Sandy Parks was the consolation winner in the first flight. The format for the championship was match play.

The signup coffee for the golf association for 2008 will be held March 5. Until then, members will meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and play when weather permits. (*Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association release*)

# Tradition of Heroes on full display

By JULIE FREDERICK  
For the Rocket

Redstone Arsenal has many national treasures located within its gates, and one in particular is due acknowledgement: the work force and its family members who volunteer to deploy in support of wartime operations.

The AMCOM Public Affairs Office is developing its version of a military Hail and Farewell Recognition Ceremony for the deployed workers and their families. If you know of Team Redstone employees, military and civilian, and their family members, who are about to deploy, serving in or has served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Public Affairs Office wants to know.

"A Tradition of Heroes" display, located in the Sparkman Center, first floor, building 5300 and the Garrison building 4488 in the main lobby, honors Team Redstone employees and family members serving in hostile areas of the world. "A Tradition of Heroes" stands as a reminder that the everyday freedom Americans enjoy was not won, and is not maintained, without service and sacrifice.

Submit their name, Team Redstone organization or unit, and where they served or are serving, along with a digital photograph (5-by-7 preferred) to Julie Frederick in the AMCOM Public Affairs Office.

For more information, call Frederick at 955-9174 or e-mail [julie.a.frederick@us.army.mil](mailto:julie.a.frederick@us.army.mil).



Photo by Julie Frederick

**LASTING TRIBUTE—** Acquisition Center workers Nancy Larch and Greg McPherson visit the display in building 5300, which recognizes servicemembers, civilians and their family members who have deployed for the Global War on Terrorism.

## Women workers encouraged to be themselves



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**THAT WAS GREAT—** Dianne Hamilton, left, compliments guest speaker Dr. Victoria Dixon on her presentation Thursday at the Federally Employed Women's luncheon.

*Humorous, inspiring talk brings standing ovation*

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This would-be basketball coach had her audience on its feet when she finished.

Dr. Victoria Dixon, who originally wanted to coach basketball for a living, is director of equal employment opportunity at the Test and Evaluation Command in Arlington, Va. She was guest speaker for the North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women's meet and greet luncheon Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

She gave a rousing – and often humorous – talk about just being you. She concluded by singing "Wind Beneath My Wings," providing her own lyrics, and received a standing ovation from the 65 attendees.

"Once you learn to like yourself and

accept who you are, step-by-step you're going to make it," she said at one point.

Special guests included Kathy Campbell, wife of SMDC commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell; Alice Myles, wife of AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles; Renee Anzalone, wife of Air Force Maj. Gen. Chris Anzalone, deputy director for test, integration and fielding at Missile Defense Agency; Corby Dellarocco, wife of Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space; Dianne Hamilton, wife of SMDC chief of staff Col. John Hamilton; and Nguyet Borja, wife of SMDC's Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja.

Chapter president Mary Peoples encouraged everyone to join the Federally Employed Women, a private, non-profit organization founded in 1968 and dedicated to eliminating sex discrimination in the federal workplace.

"We're looking for vibrant women who are on the move who want to pull other women up," Peoples said.



## 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.

### Bowl-a-thon results

The 22nd annual Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama's Bowl-A-Thon Celebration Luncheon was recently held at Outback Steakhouse on Whitesburg. Janet Phillips, president/CEO of CohesionForce Inc. and 2007 Bowl-A-Thon chairperson, emceed the event along with Cyndy Morgan, JANA president. Businesses, sponsors and individuals were recognized for their participation in making the 2007 Bowl-A-Thon a success. This fund-raising event will help Junior Achievement provide programming to approximately 15,000 students during the 2007-08 school year. Highlights included: First Place Total Company Pledges trophy went to Turner Universal for raising \$3,184; First Place Total Individual Pledges trophy was earned by Donna Bailey, Servis First Bank, for raising \$510.39 in pledges; Highest Average Donations per Bowler trophy was earned by United Space Alliance for raising an average of \$162.38 per bowler in pledges; Team High Score trophy was earned by Beverly Smith's team from Stanley Associates for a total of 2,376; and Bill Howard from Huntsville Hospital was awarded the Individual High Score trophy with a score of 704. To get your company team involved in Bowl-A-Thon for August 2008, call the local office 533-4661.



## 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 Thursday 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.

### National preparedness

Florida Tech will host several of America's top leaders in disaster preparedness and response at a conference Dec. 14. The daylong event is to feature two members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Maj. Gen. Michael Sumrall and Brig. Gen. Peter Aylward. For more information call Nikki Hoier (321) 674-8388, associate director for professional development programs, Florida Tech. The conference web site is <http://uc.fit.edu/npconf07/>.

### Security professionals

The next NCMS Mid-South Chapter Security Luncheon will be held Dec. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Huntsville Airport Sheraton. Guest speaker Bill Uttenweiller will present the values of NCMS and the ISP Certification. Admission is free to members and their bosses, and \$15 for non-members. Space is limit-

ed. To register, e-mail Jeff.Bennett@westwindcorp.com.

### Security training

The local NCMS Mid-South Chapter is hosting JPAS Training on Dec. 17 from 8 a.m. until noon at Dynetics Inc., 1002 Explorer Blvd (new Corporate Building). Rhonda Peyton, of Schafer Corporation, Albuquerque, will conduct this training. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. A continental breakfast will be available beginning at 7:15 a.m. Coffee, water and snacks will be available during breaks. For reservations, e-mail Jeff.Bennett@westwindcorp.com.

### 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.

### Test/evaluation papers

Test Week 2008 — "Test & Evaluation for the Future: What Lies 10-15 Years Ahead?," scheduled June 2-5 at the Von Braun Center — announces its call for technical papers from the acquisition, S&T and T&E communities (industry, government and academia). Deadline for submission is March 1. Guidance and instructions may be found on [www.test-week.org](http://www.test-week.org) or by e-mailing Sherry Hilley at [sherry.hilley@us.army.mil](mailto:sherry.hilley@us.army.mil).

### Historical society

Dolores Hydock, actress and storyteller, will speak to the Huntsville Historical Society on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Huntsville Public Library. "Her topic will be her experiences as a brash northern girl meeting gentle southern ways," a prepared release said.

### Computer users

The Huntsville PC User Group's Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet Saturday 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.

### Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will hold its annual Christmas luncheon at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. The Huntsville Community Chorus will present a Christmas program of song; and the Chapter 443 officers for 2008 will be installed. For reservations call 881-4944 or 881-1957.

### Executive women

The Huntsville Chapter of Executive Women International invites young women in grades 8-12 to attend the Executive Women of Tomorrow Conference on Feb. 23 at the University Center, University of Alabama-Huntsville. The theme is "Executive Women of Today — Mentoring the Executive Women of Tomorrow." Proceeds will benefit the EWI Huntsville Chapter Scholarship fund. Early bird registration is \$40 until Dec. 31. For more information, call 533-4661.

### Engineering professionals

Engineering professionals from several local groups join forces for a joint luncheon meeting Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the Arbor Room, Huntsville Botanical Gardens on Bob Wallace Avenue. Dr. Herb Shivers of Marshall Space Flight Center is the speaker. Reservations are needed before Friday. Call George Hamilton 544-4963 or James Drake 726-1497. Cost of the meal is \$15.

### 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](mailto:corsetti@ece.uah.edu) or Kaveh Heidary [kaveh.heidary@email.aamu.edu](mailto:kaveh.heidary@email.aamu.edu).

### Small business forum

The Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville will hold the eighth annual Small Business Forum Dec. 14 in

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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/>.



### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret

clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

### Civilian deployment

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

### Surplus sales

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

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:30. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Thursdays. The shop will be closed Dec. 25 through Jan. 3. 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](mailto:annette.woods@aamu.edu). You may also visit online at <http://www.aamu.edu/rotc>.

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## Lateral entry

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

## Officer candidates

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

## Pilots wanted

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking qualified applicants to apply for

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

## Reserve cadets

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

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Photo by Dave Macedonia

## Feeding the troops

Members of Bicentennial Chapel honor Soldiers at the Thanksgiving Advanced Individual Training dinner Nov. 20 at the chapel. Parishioners brought side dishes and desserts to the event attended by more than 150 Soldiers.

### 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 announces fourth 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 veterans, active military, National Guard, Reserves, retired military and their families. The only requirement is that military personnel or a military dependent has a valid military ID. A military or dependent military ID admits the entire family. Parking is also free. For more information, call 539-0961 or visit the web site [www.communityballet.org](http://www.communityballet.org) and click on "Military" on the right side of the home page.

### 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. 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](http://www.aerhq.org). 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 Friday at Bicentennial Chapel. 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. Friday's schedule is Holy Hour at 11 a.m., Mass at noon followed by lunch and Baby Jesus Show-

er. For more information, call Chris Johnson 701-6490 and to reserve childcare call Phyllis Gibat at the chapel office 842-2175.

### 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.

### 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,

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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.

### 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 Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at SAIC Huntsville Campus. PMPs can earn seven PDUs. More information can be found at [www.northalabamapmi.org](http://www.northalabamapmi.org).

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## 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.

## 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. Today is the deadline.

## Book fair

The Child and Youth Services' Parent Advisory Council is sponsoring a book fair through Friday 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."

## Health center holidays

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

## 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](http://www.hsvcity.com/police).

## 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 Committee, 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.redstonewar-rants.com](http://www.redstonewar-rants.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.

## AIDS awareness

Started in 1988, World AIDS Day is observed Dec. 1 each year. It is not just about raising money but also about increasing awareness, education and fighting prejudice. World Aids Day is designed to draw attention to the issue of HIV/AIDS and to give local leaders a rallying point around which to organize HIV/AIDS activities and programs. Around 95 percent of people with HIV/AIDS live in developing nations. To successfully combat the spread of HIV/AIDS, it is necessary to stimulate involvement on all levels—from individuals to groups and institutions, according to a release from Fox Army Health Center.

## Half-price lunch

Civilian Welfare Fund will celebrate Customer Appreciation Day or Half-Price Lunch Day at all Post Restaurant Fund locations this Thursday. Anyone who purchases a meal at any Post Restaurant Fund cafeteria for lunch that day will get a 50 percent discount. PRF cafeterias are located in buildings 5250, 5400, 6263 and 5302. "Just CWF's way of saying thank you to the Redstone civilian work force," a prepared release said. For information call 876-8741.

## Youth orchestra

The Huntsville Youth Orchestra will hold its second annual Silent Auction on Dec. 13 from 6-8 p.m. at the Cheeburger Chee-

burger Restaurant in Providence Town Center. "Come and bid on some of the many wonderful items generously donated by our community's finest merchants," a prepared release said. "Members of the Huntsville Youth Orchestra will be performing live music throughout the evening." For more information, call Olga Burney 837-2522 or Tracey Miller 837-1988.

## Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is again offering its Merit Award Program to the Redstone community. "The club has traditionally offered a scholarship program to its members and their families that assist them in pursuing their educational goals and aspirations," a prepared release said. "This year, Government Service ID card holders and their families may also apply for a scholarship. The focus is to provide financial assistance to spouses and high school students who are not eligible for OCWC membership." Merit Awards are based on the applicant's scholastic achievements, activities and an essay. Applications are available at the monthly luncheons and by contacting the Merit Program co-chairs. The deadline for applications is Feb. 4. For more information, contact Kathleen Riester [riesterc@knology.net](mailto:riesterc@knology.net) or Audrey Osterndorf [osterndorf1@aol.com](mailto:osterndorf1@aol.com).

## Social Security move

Chances are many have been to the Social Security Office in Huntsville; whether you just got married, needed a replacement card, filed for disability or filed for retirement. "In order to better serve our public, it is with great pleasure to announce our upcoming move to a new office," a prepared release said. Effective Dec. 24, the local Social Security Office will be located at 4970 Research Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805. The office hours will remain the same: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information about Social Security and its services, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit the web site [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## Santa visit

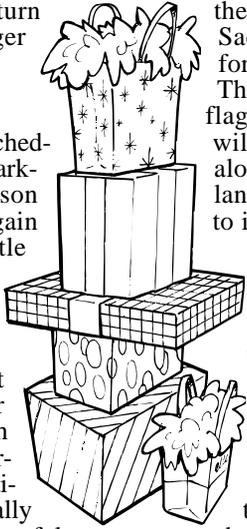
Santa Claus will again visit the children of Redstone Arsenal this year when members of the Sergeant Major Association

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escort him through the Arsenal's neighborhoods Dec. 15. Beginning at about 9 a.m., Santa will ride through neighborhoods in the back of a pickup truck. Children will be able to sit on Santa's lap and they will receive candy from Santa's elves. This annual event is made possible with the help of the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department and Military Police. So, kids, look for Santa on Dec. 15 as he visits Columbia Centre, Voyager Village, Apollo Landing, Freedom Landing, Pathfinder Pointe, Endeavor Village, New Endeavor Village, Saturn Pointe and Challenger Heights neighborhoods.

## Gift-wrap help

HELPLine Gift-wrap is scheduled to begin Friday at Parkway Place and Madison Square Malls. Once again HELPLine needs a little help. If you can muster a friendly smile and pleasant word during the holidays, they would like to hear from you. Janet Gabel, executive director of Crisis Services of North Alabama (HELPLine's parent agency), says that attitude is the thing that really makes Gift-wrap so successful.



“Over the years, we’ve gotten pretty good at teaching people to wrap gifts,” she said. “But the holiday spirit is something you have to catch, fortunately it’s contagious.” If you’d like to help wrap, call 716-4052.

## Christmas trees

All offices, day rooms, military personnel on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees, are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area northeast of the Ammunition Supply Point area which is located across the road from the Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity. Trees shall not be cut for commercial or unauthorized use. This area has been marked with orange flagging for easy recognition. Travel will be limited to the single pasture trail along the east side of the open pastureland. Cutting operations will be limited to inside the Christmas tree cutting area only. Caution should be exercised to prevent straying outside of the area or off the access route and removing any objects other than a Christmas tree. Trees should be cut Dec. 8-24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way, railroad tracks or access roads. For more information and a location map, call the Outdoor Recreation Office, building 5132, 876-4868.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	( FROM - TO )	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U

**THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT [WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL](http://WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL)**

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	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	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	
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	X
SCBK07392415	Financial Sys Spec	6-Dec-07	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0501	9	11	44,104 - 69,373	X												
SCBK07411588	Supply Sys Analyst	7-Dec-07	IMMC	GS-2003	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X												
SCBK07406685	General Engr	7-Dec-07	GARRISON	GS-0801	13	13	76,056 - 98,876		X			X		X	X	X				X
SCBK07352316	General Engr	8-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	89,875 - 137,434	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X
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	X
NEAL07266462	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
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	X
SCBK07409077	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Dec-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	86,199 - 144,307				X									
SCBK07409077D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Dec-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	86,199 - 144,307	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07403649	Admin Supp Assistant (OA)	10-Dec-07	AMCOM, TMDE Actvty	GS-0303	7	7	36,057 - 46,874	X	X											
SCBK07412582	Computer Engr	10-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07412582D	Computer Engr	10-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07384127	Supv Contract Spec	11-Dec-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YC-1102	3	3	89,875 - 144,305			X			X	X	X	X				X
SCBK07384127D	Supv Contract Spec	11-Dec-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YC-1102	3	3	89,875 - 144,305	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07384117	Supv Contract Spec	11-Dec-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	86,199 - 144,305			X	X		X	X		X	X			X
SCBK07384117D	Supv Contract Spec	11-Dec-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	86,199 - 144,305	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07390336	Integration Sys Analyst	12-Dec-07	AMCOM, Lead AMC Intg Supp Ofc	GS-0301	9	9	44,104 - 57,334		X											
SCBK07368017	Supv Contract Spec	12-Dec-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	86,199 - 144,305			X	X		X		X	X				X
SCBK07368017D	Supv Contract Spec	12-Dec-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	86,199 - 144,305	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07411108	Mgmt and Prgm Analyst	12-Dec-07	AMCOM, Lead AMC Intg Supp Ofc	GS-0343	11	11	53,362 - 69,373		X											
SCBK07403718	Budget Analyst	12-Dec-07	AMCOM, TMDE Actvty	GS-0560	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X											
SCBK07403442	Prgm Support Spec	12-Dec-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0301	2	2	25,623 - 61,068	X												X
SCBK07402661	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Dec-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X												
SCBK07397661	Mgmt and Prgm Analyst	13-Dec-07	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	76,056 - 98,876			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
SCBK07397661D	Mgmt and Prgm Analyst	13-Dec-07	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07382896	General Engr	13-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07382896D	General Engr	13-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07399758	Prgm Analyst	13-Dec-07	Acq Supp Ctr	NH-0343	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07422553	Medical Supp Assistant (OA)	13-Dec-07	MEDDAC	GS-0679	4	4	26,017 - 33,818	X	X	X					X					X
SCBK07409984	Logistics Mgmt Spec	13-Dec-07	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	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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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	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	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	X
SCBK07409077D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Dec-07	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	86,199 - 144,307	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07412582D	Computer Engr	10-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07384127D	Supv Contract Spec	11-Dec-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YC-1102	3	3	89,875 - 144,305	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07384117D	Supv Contract Spec	11-Dec-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	86,199 - 144,305	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07368017D	Supv Contract Spec	12-Dec-07	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	86,199 - 144,305	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07397661D	Mgmt and Prgm Analyst	13-Dec-07	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	76,056 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07382896D	General Engr	13-Dec-07	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	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	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](http://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](http://www.amccareers.com) or [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil), search for **Vacancy Announcement**