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Rocket readership poll opens

Newspaper survey available on web

We want to learn how to serve you better. That's right. The *Redstone Rocket* staff would like to know what you think of this weekly newspaper and how it can better serve the local military and civilian community.

The Internet is the preferred method of

responding to our readership survey. That makes it easier to compile and track the results. The survey can be found at AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs web site at <http://pao.redstone.army.mil/>.

The following members of AMCOM G-6 (Chief Information Office) were instrumental in crafting this online survey: programmer-4 Jaime Mullins, developer Jacob Culbertson and software project lead Cynthia Bone.

Those without web access can just complete the survey on paper and return it to the AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs Office, on the first floor of Sparkman Center building 5300, at AMSAM-PC, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

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YOUR OPINIONS SOUGHT— The *Redstone Rocket* is having its first readership survey in years.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

An open lane random survey

What do you think of the Redstone Rocket?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Danica Hobbs
PX Food Court

"It's a good paper to read. You can read about a lot of things that are going on throughout the Arsenal, all the activities and things that come up."

Maj. Renee Wise
Community Based Health Care Organization,
Fox Army Health Center

"It has some good articles. It relates to the veterans as well as the active duty. It keeps you updated in community activities."



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Larry R. Lawrence
Garrison

"I think the Redstone Rocket is by far one of the better Army newspapers that I've run



across in my 27-plus years of service. I think you cover a broad spectrum of events and activities. And I really like the way you tie in the greater Huntsville-Madison community and Redstone. I know we use it for our (chapel) events

exclusively. Everything is timely. I think it speaks volumes of what we're about here."

Mindy Newbauer
AMRDEC

"I actually enjoy the Redstone Rocket. I am a weekly reader. I like to keep up with all the news here, all the news and current affairs that are happening on post. It's pretty helpful on some situations where you're talking about your road closures and certain VIPs coming on post, where to stay away from. So, yeah, I actually enjoy the Rocket."



Amazed at Korea landscape

Just recently, I went to visit Seoul, Korea for the first time in 15 years. During my short visit to Seoul, I made a trip to NamSan Tower to see the city view. I was aware of changes since the late 1960s, but as I looked out from the mountaintop and gazed over the city, I was astonished with the gleeful lights and tall buildings.

It was the late '60s when I saw the city view from the mountaintop for the first time and even then I was amazed with the traffic, but nothing compared

to it now. Then, there were mostly shacks, except for some areas.

The zeal of the Korean people who persevered and learned, fought and worked diligently day in and day out to build a new country since the beginning of her democracy, I admire their strength and courage. While enjoying the city view with awe, I felt the greatness of God in His boundless love for me and for my homeland. How great Thou art O' Lord!

K.C. Bertling

Chapel has worldwide celebration

Bicentennial Chapel's combined Catholic and Protestant congregations of more than 300 Soldiers and civilians celebrated together their annual Christmas Around the World event on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. The Christmas Around the World celebration is an opportunity to learn how various Christian communities worldwide celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ; sing some Christmas carols; and enjoy and sample delicious holiday foods from around the world.

This event has been celebrated at the chapel for more than 10 years. The event was held at Bicentennial Chapel

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Photo by Dave Macedonia

LATIN ROOM— Pilar Delaney works in the Latin Countries room during the Christmas Around the World event at Bicentennial Chapel.

Consider opposition as opportunity

Once heard a preacher state during a sermon when God sends you gifts, He usually wraps them in a problem. When first hearing this statement, my thoughts were this guy has not visited my neighborhood, experienced my situation, or knew my old boss. As time and life experiences brought me to a different perspective on that statement, I had to admit that there was a profound truth in what he had to say.

Think about it; almost everything that you and I are enjoying today was

first someone else's problem which currently we term as challenges. Then that person created an invention to solve the problem, optimal word being "created"! People tend to accomplish many amazing things when moved from complaining to creating.

Unfortunately, many people spend their lives running away and not facing their problems. I understand this personally and professionally. Sometimes when faced with crisis, tragedy,

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Christmas Charities applauds response

Christmas Charities Year Round board of directors and staff would like to thank the people who work on the Arsenal for the help they gave CCYR in 2007 – especially during the school supply drive and Christmas season.

Your support in 2008 will be greatly appreciated.

Gerri Mills

Respect for fallen police officer

I have spent 20 years as a Department of Army employee. Every year we hear that the Redstone community and the Huntsville/Madison County communities are part of each other. The city builds houses for incoming general officers; BRAC officials on both sides work together to solve issues and welcome new families to the community. In other words we are one big family. Why then, when the community lost one of its pillars, police officer William Eric Freeman on Dec. 14, did the Redstone community ignore this tragedy?

The Huntsville community lowered their flags to half staff. Individuals in the Redstone community lowered flags at home and continue to give generously of their prayers and money for the family. However, collectively we in the

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Quote of the week

'The feeble tremble before opinion, the foolish defy it, the wise judge it, and the skillful direct it.

— Jeane Platiere

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Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Name: Coretta Gaines

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Where do you call home?
Jamaica Queens, N.Y.

What do you like about your job?
It's a very good working environment because we all get along.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Family time is very important between my husband (Staff Sgt. Bernard Gaines), who's currently deployed, and our two daughters (Kiera, 19 months, and Tatyanna, 5). So, we have family time and we also



go to church.

What are your goals?

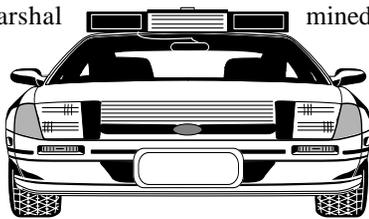
Finishing my degree in general studies and a business administration minor at Columbia College.

What's your favorite type of music?
Gospel

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Jan. 4: An individual was caught in the Main Exchange shoplifting, by tearing out pages out of a



magazine, then exiting the exchange without rendering proper payment for the damaged magazine. The subject was cited, processed and released, pending an upcoming court date.

Jan. 5: Police responded to a report of an individual in possession of marijuana. Further investigation revealed that the subject was also in possession of drug paraphernalia. The individual was arrested by police then processed and released. Investigation continues by Police Investigations.

Jan. 7: Officers responded to the dining facility for a report of someone passing a suspected counterfeit \$100 bill. Responding officers deter-

mined the bill to be counterfeit. U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command responded and seized the item. Investigation continues by the U.S. Secret Service.

Jan. 9: An individual was stopped for operating his vehicle during the hours of darkness with no taillights. A subsequent check of his driver's license revealed he was driving with a revoked license. He was cited and released. The vehicle was secured at the scene pending release to a licensed driver.

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

Violation notices issued: 23 speeding, 3 improper parking, 1 driving with a suspended/canceled/revoked driver's license, 3 driving without a license or no license in possession, 3 parked in a handicapped parking space, 1 driving with switched tags.

Redstone phone books ready for distribution

The Redstone Arsenal Installation Guide and Telephone Directory has arrived and is available for pickup.

The telephone directory and guide will be distributed from building 5302 (Sparkman Center loading docks). Each organization must provide necessary manpower and transportation when loading the publication for

transport. This applies to all organizations located on and off Redstone Arsenal. A recycle bin will be available at the loading dock to dispose of old Redstone telephone directories.

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Face up to life's challenges

Opportunity

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or misery, it feels difficult if not impossible to stop and look for the gifts. Often, it is almost like a deer facing the headlights feeling paralyzed focusing only on the darkness.

Imagine for a moment what happens when you view opposition as your opportunities. Let me share some examples of those people who did:

- Beethoven's music teacher once told him, "As a composer you are hopeless."
- George Washington Carver was born a slave. When he was an infant, his mother was sold and shipped away. He later had three inventions which revolutionized agriculture.

- A newspaper fired Walt Disney because he had "no good ideas."

- Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team.

- Oprah Winfrey suffered sexual abuse as a child, was transferred to different foster homes, yet became the first black woman to host a nationally syndicated weekday talk

show and to own her own television and film production company.

- Wilma Rudolph contracted polio and scarlet fever as a child, and wore leg braces for nine years. She became the first woman from the United States to win three gold medals in track and field in the Olympics.

- Thomas Edison was told as a young student by his teachers that he was too stupid to learn anything. He made 3,000 mistakes before inventing the light bulb.

What did these people have in common in addition to talent?

- They took their failures in stride never, never, never giving up.

- They learned from their mistakes and accepted they had choices when faced with difficult challenges.

- They often focused on their faith and their goal versus the "giant" before them and people's gossip about them.

- They realized that the "impossible just takes a little longer."

What are you doing about your present changes, challenges, circumstances and choices in your life?

Stanley Walker

Redstone defended as caring community

Respect

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Redstone community did not even do the very least of what we could and lower our flags for a fallen brother. I'm sure someone will quote chapter and verse about flag policy and regulations for federal property. My grandmother would tell you to put all that aside and use your "walking around sense" and do what's right! To the Redstone community collectively I say, "shame on us!"

Jack Miller Jr.

Editor's note: Garrison deputy commander Darrell Brewer provided the following response. "When I received this letter from the Rocket editor I hesitated even responding because it was so full of inconsistencies with what really occurred but, out of respect to the fallen officer, his family and the very generous and caring Redstone community I opted to set the record straight for all. The Redstone community has shown true compassion for Officer Freeman and his family and continues to do so. On the evening of the tragic shooting, members of the Redstone Arsenal Police Department stood vigil at the hospital. The Redstone Arsenal commander, Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, attended Officer Freeman's funeral side-by-side with

Mayor Loretta Spencer. Every available law enforcement officer on Redstone Arsenal attended the viewing and we had a Redstone Police cruiser in the funeral procession.

"The Redstone Arsenal provost marshal along with the director of emergency services attended the funeral and provided both personal and Redstone community condolences to the family, to Huntsville Police department Chief Henry Reyes and to Public Safety Director Rex Reynolds at the funeral. The Redstone Arsenal law enforcement community wore mourning bands on their badges through Dec. 29. A wreath was bought by our police officers and they along with countless other Redstone community members have donated substantially to the Officer Freeman fund collected by the Redstone Federal Credit Union for the fallen officer's family. The Redstone Arsenal Chapel donated an entire Sunday service offering to the officer's family — and the list goes on and on. The disposition of the flag (which would not have been seen by most people on post anyway) is not/was not an indicator of our respect or lack thereof to Officer Freeman and his family. The Redstone Arsenal community is and continues to be very caring and giving on a daily basis and during times when there is local tragedy. All I can say is 'shame on you' for being so ill informed about the community you have spent 20 years in."

International event celebrates Christmas

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and the various annex rooms and the fellowship hall was decorated to exemplify the various countries making presentations.

This year, Protestant Chaplain Lawrence provided an introduction and Catholic Chaplain Kopec provided some initial remarks. Then various individuals or groups gave country presentations. Countries represented and the respective leads were the following: USA — Jo-Ann and Rich Rice; Republic of Korea — Anne and

Ervin Dye; Republic of Germany — Ken Todd; Sweden — Dawn Byers; Latin countries — Nilda and Michael Nash; Caribbean countries — Julie Byrd and Sam Lewis; France — Dominique Danson; African-American — Inell Swain; Poland — Frances and Jonathan Criswell; Italy — Bonnie Valerio; and International Room — Demy and Rob Robley.

After the program, everyone proceeded to different rooms within the Bicentennial Chapel for food tasting. A prize was awarded to the Latin countries for the best decorated room.

Dave Macedonia

Military police commanding general impressed with Raven

Small unmanned aircraft wanted for MP units

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The Army's commander of military police wants to see MP units equipped with the Raven unmanned aircraft system for surveillance.

Brig. Gen. David Quantock visited Redstone and saw the Raven demonstrated Friday at Test Area 3. He serves as commandant of the Military Police School and deputy commander of joint training and leader development at the Army Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The Army has a plan to field the Raven to MP units, but that fielding plan is unfunded.

"It's something we've got to make happen," Quantock said. "We need to have something of this capability in our inventory."

The Raven is a small unmanned aerial vehicle operated by remote control from the ground. It can fly 70-90 minutes with a range of about 10 kilometers (6.2 miles). It carries either a day camera or night camera; and it normally operates at 500 feet altitude to provide an aerial picture to the ground control unit. With its lithium battery, Raven weighs 4.2 pounds.

"I think it's incredible," Quantock said, "a tremendous enabler for the war fighter."

Raven is being used by infantry units in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a result of an urgent requirement in theater, it was initially deployed in January 2004.

The Garrison's Directorate of Emergency Services, Police Department, has two Raven systems. Police used Raven for surveillance during the Carrie Underwood concert at Redstone in August 2006.

Rex Forney, the homeland security integrator for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Pro-

ject Office, coordinated Friday's demonstration for Quantock. The demonstration was conducted by Ken Fidler, an aerospace engineer who manages the Small Unmanned Aircraft System laboratory within the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

"This is just an invaluable opportunity to have the head of the Military Police Corps come and see a system that is being fielded to all military police companies in the Army," Forney said. "And this will save countless military police men and women from unnecessary harm. And it will enhance security of our installations."

With Fidler's guidance, Quantock controlled the RQ-11B Raven as it flew above the open field. "This can be fun," the general quipped. He raised his arms and said "touchdown" as the aircraft landed safely.

"It lands a lot better than I do with a parachute, I'll tell you that," he said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PREFLIGHT BRIEFING— Aerospace engineer Ken Fidler explains the Raven unmanned aircraft to Brig. Gen. David Quantock, the Army's military police commander.

Project office recognized for value engineering

Storage container problem solved

A missile launcher storage container was experiencing problems, and there was no easy solution in sight.

Thanks to value engineering and a contractor employee, the answer proved to be among Team Redstone's cost-cutting highlights for 2007.

The Joint Attack Munitions Systems Project Office, of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, received a plaque Dec. 5 for achieving value engineering savings of \$14.8 million, surpassing its VE goal of \$2 million.

The savings came through the M299 missile launcher storage container, the primary launcher for the Hellfire family of missiles.

The container was experiencing problems with environmental degradation and corrosion of internally stored parts. The M299 prime contractor, Lockheed Martin, proposed several solutions but all required

redesign of the container, long development times and changes in unit costs.

JAMS Project Office support contractor Brian Watson of Torch Technologies found the answer which was easily applied to the current container. This involved using a vapor/moisture barrier bag to reduce water penetration and eliminate condensation. Since no change was made to the structure of the M299 launcher container, re-qualification testing was not necessary. Watson also generated Special Packaging Instruction which implemented this cost-effective alternative.

Unfortunately, Watson did not live to see the recognition of his achievement in December. He died in July.

"The Army, PEO-MS and JAMS Project Office appreciate Mr. Watson's accomplishment in this beneficial VE effort," a prepared release said, "and publicly recognize the hard work of the M299 launcher container team that executed the barrier bag container SPI effort."



Photo by Buster Walker

New master sergeant

Sgt. 1st Class Brant Shyrigh, right, is promoted to master sergeant Jan. 4 at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center. His wife, Jennifer, assists during the ceremony. At left is the officiating officer, MSIC deputy director Col. Gordon Lee. Shyrigh was also awarded the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe Medallion, an award established by the Army Ordnance Association to honor the Army's best Ordnance personnel.



Photo by Dave Dieter

Art auction

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is ready for its annual Art Exhibition/Crafts Services Auction on Jan. 26 at the Officers and Civilians Club. From left are Teresa Lee, Lori Smith, Alice Myles, Lynn Carden and Sue Bender. This year's auction is titled "Mardi Gras" and will again feature artwork from the Perry Berns Gallery of Dallas, Texas. For gate entrance information and advance tickets, call Carden at 533-6368 or Lee at 830-0562.

Service is job one for security assistance manager

Pieplow puts priority on helping others

By KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY

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There are many ways to lead an organization. Every incoming director has a style and method that is all their own. Dr. Tom Pieplow, new director of the Security Assistance Management Directorate, isn't just looking to lead his team, however. He is also looking to serve them.

"What I try to focus on are the things that I can help with to ensure people have the resources to get what they need done," he said.

He brings an infectious enthusiasm to SAMD, along with the idea that he wants the focus of his life to be the focus of his work as well.

"One of my purposes in life is to serve. There are so many ways that you can serve. I can serve Soldiers at this job that I'm at. In teaching, I can serve in terms of mentoring young kids that are at a place in life that I was once at. Through my church and mission teams, I can serve people outside the United States. I have had a lot of opportunities presented to me to allow me to do what I really enjoy doing. That's serving people," he said.

He has never shied away from what was needed to get the job done in the best possible way – including four trips to Iraq and Afghanistan. Being at the front lines has filled him with a real passion for the job.

"General (Jim) Pillsbury took me to theater four different times. I went to Iraq and Afghanistan. I loved every minute of it. I loved being with the young men and women – seeing firsthand the sacrifices that others are making in order for us to be able to live the way we do is awesome to me," he said. "It also makes me realize that I could be



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

DIRECTOR— Dr. Tom Pieplow is settling in as the new director of the Security Assistance Management Directorate at the Aviation and Missile Command.

out here 25 hours a day, eight days a week and still wouldn't be giving equal sacrifice to what others are giving for this country. That makes me try to do all that I can here."

That philosophy doesn't stop at the installation gates. As an active member of the Lindsay Lane Baptist Church of Athens, Pieplow joined a mission trip to an orphanage in Guatemala for special needs children last year.

"I'm trying to be more and more involved in serving people in that way," he said. "Whether it be spiritual counseling or physical needs. That excites me."

He is already planning another trip for this year. This time, however, he will be joining a group of doctors, nurses and missionaries headed for the Dominican Republic. While many people use their leave time for leisure and hobbies, Pieplow spends his looking for someone to help.

"We're going to be working with a group that will go in and do things like dental exams, rudimentary physicals and eyes and ears," he said. "My expertise is in getting them what they need, since I'm not a physician. Hopefully, I can keep their distractions to a minimum. It gives you an opportunity to get right in the heart of the population... You're able to reach those who most need help."

Pieplow came to SAMD from his most recent position as the assistant program executive officer for Aviation last month. He said he is fortunate to have come in behind a great director.

"I'm fortunate from the standpoint that Adrienne (Pope-Kelly) left the organization in good shape. It's exceptional. It's not like I had to come in and fix a lot of things that were broke. She ran a good organization and she left a good organization," he said. "I'm also fortunate that the people who are here are really good at what they do... The quality of the work produced out of the SAMD is exceptional. Nobody does what we do better throughout all of DoD."

He has been very impressed with the quality of the work force and the work they are putting out. Maintaining that level of excellence in the face of upcoming changes is the biggest challenge he sees on the horizon.

"My challenge is to figure out how to help the organization in accomplishing what we do. There are challenges on the horizon. We've got new foreign military sales cases that when they come to fruition will exponentially increase the amount of work we've done before. The amount of work out there that we know is coming is enormous. The challenge is that we're going to have to do it with the resources we have. So it's trying to balance continuing to do the good things we're doing while bringing on more stuff and trying to keep providing exceptional support," he said.

But Pieplow likes a challenge. He received his doctorate in public administration from Nova Southeastern University in 2000, almost 20 years after completing his master's degree. It took him close to four years to finish the coursework and his dissertation, but he was determined to

make it.

"People asked me why I was doing it. I couldn't answer. Some people climb mountains. Some people run marathons. They do things that are a challenge to them," he said. "That became a challenge for me. I didn't know if I could do it or not, but I wanted to try. Then once you get started you don't want to quit. That drove me on to the finish line."

While he now heads a major organization, he once came to Redstone fresh from the Red River intern center in 1978 as an inventory manager for the Hercules system. A Cleveland, Ohio native, he knew nothing about Alabama except the common stereotypes about the South.

"I had never set foot in Alabama. I just wanted to be able to find a house with running water and electricity... When your only exposure (to the South) is what you see on the evening news, then you don't get a good perspective of what the area really is," he said, laughing. "We have loved it. I have been blessed. The climate itself is worth the relocation. I have no desire to leave at all."

He and his wife, Becky, have been happy to call the area home ever since. They have raised two daughters here. Sarah, 26, is now a microbiologist in the Auburn area. Jessica, 24, is an elementary teacher in Decatur. While he had no interest of his own in the football rivalries of the state, having both of his girls attend college here has swayed his loyalties.

"My wife and I now have a preference for Auburn," he said. "It's like the old saying 'My money and my kids went to Auburn.' That's what happened to me."

In addition to being an avid runner, he also finds time to teach classes at three colleges: Florida Institute of Technology, Embry-Riddle and Texas Christian.

"I don't do it for the money. I enjoy interacting with the students," he said. "I realized a long time ago that the only reason why I'm where I'm at or have achieved what I've achieved is because of other people who took the time to invest in me."

Survey

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Media usage

1. Which channels/vehicles do you regularly use during the business week?

- Redstone Rocket
- Channel 42
- MWR web site
- PAO web site
- The Huntsville Times
- Supervisor
- Word of mouth
- Historical Office
- Redstone Rocket web site
- Video streaming news channels
- None of the above

Specific media (Redstone Rocket)

2. When was the last time you read or looked into the Redstone Rocket?

- Never read or looked into the paper
- Within last month
- Within last three months
- Within last six months

3. How much of the Redstone Rocket do you read or look into on an average weekday?

- None/almost none
- One-fourth
- One-half
- Three-fourths
- Almost all/all

Overall opinion

4. Overall, how would you rate the Redstone Rocket?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

5. To what extent has the Redstone Rocket met your expectations?

- Greatly exceeded
- Somewhat exceeded
- Met/would meet my expectations
- Fallen somewhat short
- Fallen greatly short

Specific perception

6. Please rate Redstone Rocket on each of the following characteristics. To answer use a 5-point rating scale for which a 1 means that it describes the paper very poorly and a 5 means it describes the paper very well. Then please indicate how important each is to you personally by checking one box in the importance section for each characteristic.

- Reflects my personal beliefs: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Makes me think: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Is accurate/free of errors: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Can be used anywhere, anytime I want: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Cares about people like me: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Stirs my imagination/surprises me: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Is relaxing to read: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Has personality: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Is a leader in the community: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Provides valuable content: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Makes it easy to find what I'm looking for: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___

Content

7. Please rate Redstone Rocket on each of the following kinds of content. To answer use a 5-point rating scale for which a 1 means that it is poor and a 5 means it is excellent. Pick a single number between 1 and 5 to rate how good a job the newspaper does with each type of content. Then please indicate how important each is to you personally by checking one box in the importance section for each type of content.

- Army/DoD related stories: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Retiree stories: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___

- Civilian news: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Redstone sports and recreation: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Command policy: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Work force opinions: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Advertising for job opportunities: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Redstone: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Photos: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___

Outcome

8. Please rate Redstone Rocket on each of the following kinds of outcomes. To answer use a 5-point rating scale for which a 1 means that it is poor and a 5 means it is excellent. Pick a single number between 1 and 5 to rate how good a job the newspaper does with each type of outcome. Then please indicate how important each is to you personally by checking one box in the importance section for each type of outcome.

- I like to talk about things I've read in the Rocket: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- Reading the Rocket has changed the way I do my job/helps me do my job better: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___
- My impression of my organization improved due to something I read in the Rocket: Satisfaction ___; Importance ___

Additional

9. Please share any additional information you would like concerning the Redstone Rocket, such as what you like most or like least about the newspaper. If you're interested in speaking to a Redstone Rocket representative, this space is also an opportunity to provide your contact information.

Demographic

10. Which best describes your education?

- Grade school (eighth-grade or less)
- Some high school (did not graduate)
- High school graduate (12th-grade)
- Special or technical training (not college)
- Some college (1-3 years)
- College graduate
- Postgraduate

11. Which best describes your current employment status?

- Employed full time
- Employed part time
- Looking for work
- Student
- Disabled
- Retired and working part time
- Retired
- Not employed

12. Please indicate your age and gender.

- Gender: Male ___; Female ___
- Age: under 20 ___; 20-30 ___; 30-40 ___; 40-50 ___; 50-60 ___; 60-70 ___; 70-80 ___; 80-90 ___; over 90 ___

13. What race do you consider yourself to be?

- White, not of Hispanic origin
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific islander, not of Hispanic origin
- African-American or black, not of Hispanic origin
- American Indian or Alaskan native
- Other

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Organization stands up for wounded Soldiers

Reserve Component troops recuperate in home setting

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There's a group of deployed Soldiers at Redstone Arsenal who work daily with one goal in mind – to restore Soldier health and well-being in a home setting so that injured National Guard and Reserve Soldiers can return to their units fully capable and ready to resume their duties.

And that group of deployed Soldiers – known as the Community Based Health Care Organization-Alabama – is now led by a Soldier who helped establish the Army's CBHCO program in 2004.

Maj. Jim Clark, commander of the CBHCO-Ala. located at Redstone Arsenal, was involved in "standing up" the CBHCO in early 2004 in his home state of Massachusetts. Other CBHCOs that opened in 2004 are located in Florida, Arkansas, California and Wisconsin. In early 2005, CBHCOs were established in Alabama, Virginia, Utah and Puerto Rico, bringing coverage to National Guard and Reserve Soldiers in all 50 states. Alabama's CBHCO was first located in Birmingham, but moved to Redstone Arsenal in late 2006.

The CBHCOs were established at the request of deployed National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who were put on medical hold because of injuries, and who were treated for those injuries at military bases far from their homes and their family support network.

"Eight to 10 percent of any unit that is deployed will be Soldiers put in the medical hold process," Clark said. "Now, half of those end up in a CBHCO where they get the medical treatment they need while living at home and reporting for duty at local military facilities until they fully recover and can go back to their unit."

In 2006, Clark organized the CBHCO task force for the Southeastern Regional Medical Command at Fort Gordon, Ga., to monitor the program's progress. His assignment to the CBHCO-Ala. at Redstone Arsenal in mid-2007 brought Clark full circle in his administrative role in supporting the health care issues of injured National Guard and Reserve Soldiers.

"The most rewarding job is taking care of Soldiers," Clark said. "We've gotten a whole lot better over the last few years in doing that. It is a rewarding job to help wounded Soldiers and give them some hope."

Clark, a West Point graduate who has served in war situations in Somalia,



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LEADING THE WAY— Maj. Jim Clark, commander of the Community Based Health Care Organization-Alabama, is proud to lead a unit of 30 deployed National Guard Soldiers at Redstone Arsenal who care for the medical needs of injured National Guard or Reserve Soldiers living with family in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee or Kentucky while receiving the medical care they need to fully recover and return to their units.

Kuwait and Iraq as an active duty Soldier, has been deployed with the Massachusetts National Guard since 2001.

"I was mobilized after 9/11 and I've been mobilized ever since," said Clark. "I was involved with Operation Noble Eagle where I was in charge of National Guard and Reserve units guarding military posts and other potential targets in the Northeast right after the terrorist attacks. I worked in the Massachusetts National Guard mobilization office before getting involved with the Community Based Health Care Organization."

Today, Clark works with 30 "dedicated Soldiers who want to take care of Soldiers at the CBHCO-Ala. at Redstone Arsenal. At any given time, the organization oversees the medical care of 130 to 150 Sol-

diers from Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky, with about a 10 percent turnover each month.

"It takes true dedication to do this," he said. "The Soldiers who work here are away from their own families. In a way, we've become a family that takes in wounded Soldiers, and adopts them and stands up for their needs. We are a wounded Soldier's best advocate."

The CBHCO does not accept Soldiers with severe injuries or amputees who require lengthy and intense medical care. Rather, the CBHCO targets the walking wounded — Soldiers who are in stable condition who still need medical care and time to heal their wounds.

"In this day, we have 30-, 40- and 50-year-old men and women in the Guard or

Reserves doing the jobs of 18-, 19- and 20-year-old active Soldiers," Clark said. "And they do these jobs well."

"But, the problem is their bodies don't heal as easily. A lot will just tough it out, and deal with the injury and pain until they get home with their units. The important thing, though, is that if they are injured, they get the care they need to recover, and they get that care in an environment that is supportive and sensitive to those needs."

That environment, more often than not, is at home. And that's where the true benefit of the CBHCO comes into play.

"Because of CBHCOs, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers can get the medical care they need while living at home with family and friends," Clark said. "It's a great opportunity for Soldiers to get well quicker because they get well quicker when they are at home. Once they are well, they go back to their unit."

The wounded Soldier is also put to work through the CBHCO, reporting for duty daily and taking on responsibilities at National Guard or Reserve centers near their home. They report in to a platoon sergeant via phone and a CBHCO case manager oversees their medical care.

"They are required to work at an Army or military facility so that we keep the Soldier as part of the big picture," Clark said. "We manage the Soldier's care to make sure they are on the right track. We have weekly meetings where a Soldier's progress is reviewed."

Soldiers can only be accepted into a CBHCO if an executable plan can be established that outlines treatments and doctor's appointments that can be obtained within 50 miles of the Soldier's home. The Soldier must require treatment that will keep him in the program for a minimum of 60 days.

Once they recover from their injuries, the Soldier is returned to their unit. There are instances, though, when a Soldier doesn't make a full recovery.

"Eighty percent of our Soldiers are released back to their Guard or Reserve unit," Clark said. "Sometimes, though, we have to separate the Soldier from service because of a physical disability resulting from their injury. That can be a tough thing to do. Whatever the outcome, it is important that we treat them with the care and compassion they deserve."

"These Soldiers are all true heroes. They've given up their civilian life to go fight for our country and they represent the Army extremely well."

The CBHCO doesn't work only with National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who are sent home from theater because of an injury. They also work with those who are

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assessed to have a medical need during their demobilization process at Camp Shelby, Miss.

“We are continuing to expand our services for the Soldier,” Clark said. “We are working with communities to make a National Guard or Reserve Soldier’s transition back to civilian life easy and possible.”

Clark, whose oldest son serves in the Navy and whose family includes wife Annie, two other children, a daughter-in-law and a grandchild, has enjoyed his leadership position with the CBCHO-Ala. He said the CBHCO on Redstone Arsenal is unique in the Army because of its relationship with the Garrison and Fox Army Health Center.

“The Arsenal – and Col. John Olshefski, Col. Mark Smith and Maj. Gen. Jim Myles – has been absolutely wonderful to us,” Clark said.

“We are not part of Fox, but they are supportive of us. We share the same goal of taking care of Soldiers. Other CBHCOs in places like Florida and Massachusetts aren’t tied to an Army clinic. We have a unique opportunity to forge a relationship with the clinic here. Wounded warriors have a number one priority at Fox.”

The national CBHCO program has been so successful in caring for Reserve component Soldiers that the Army has used it as a model for the establishment of Warrior Transition Units at Army posts throughout the nation.

“This program is good for the single, active duty Soldier who doesn’t have a family to care for and who lives in the barracks,” Clark said. “We want to do everything possible to support the single, active duty Soldiers stationed at Redstone Arsenal.

“We also want to continue to forge our relationships with the states we serve and with the community organizations that are working to meet Soldier needs. The last thing we want to do is stay static. We want to find better ways to support Soldiers and the needs of their families.”

Army astronaut has 'fantastic experience' in space

Does three space walks during his first mission

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Flying in outer space is similar to performing a joint operation on the ground, according to Army astronaut Col. Doug

Wheelock. "Of course space is like the ultimate high ground," he said Jan. 9 at Marshall Space Flight Center. He attended a group briefing with five other crewmembers from space shuttle mission STS-120, which was in space last year.

"It's a tremendous amount of training, a tremendous amount of trust in your teammates," he said. "I like to think a Soldier in space makes great sense to me."

Mission STS-120 launched Oct. 23 and

returned to earth Nov. 7. Wheelock and the other crewmembers were in space a little over 15 days.

In his first mission, he was a space walker and a flight engineer for ascent. He had three space walks and spent nearly 21 hours outside the spacecraft.

"We did the solar array repair and that was a seven-hour, 20-minute space walk. I was with (mission specialist) Scott Parazynski," he said.

Wheelock, 47, from Windsor, N.Y., was selected as an Army astronaut in 1998. His parent organization is the Space and Missile Defense Command; and he's at Johnson Space Center in Houston with the NASA detachment of SMDC.

An Army aviator, he did much of his training at Fort Rucker and also some work at Redstone. He is among four Army astronauts; and the others are awaiting their first missions. He was the 12th Soldier selected for the Army astronaut program through the years. There have been 14 Army astronauts since Bob Stewart was selected in 1978.

"It was just a fantastic experience," Wheelock said of his space mission. "As an engineer and a pilot, I just wanted to feel everything as far as sights, sound and vibrations of the aircraft. It was just a fantastic journey."

Asked his advice to young people interested in space careers, he said, "It really takes a love and passion for math, science, life science.

"Don't be afraid to be creative," he added.

His ultimate goal is to become a commander on a long space mission, like a six-month mission.

The six crewmembers addressed Marshall workers in a filled 388-seat Morris Auditorium. The others included mission

commander Pam Melroy, pilot Marine Col. George Zamka, Parazynski, Stephanie Wilson and Paolo Nespoli.

"The real reason we are here is to say thank you," Melroy said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

MISSION RECAP— Army astronaut Col. Doug Wheelock attends a briefing with other crewmembers from space shuttle mission STS-120.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Slipping away

Michael Talley, of the Garrison's Directorate of Information Management, wears slippers Jan. 9 during his last day before moving to Stuttgart, Germany, for a permanent change of station to the 52nd Signal Battalion. "I want to start off on the right foot," he says.



Explorer I space pioneers remembered

America's first satellite launched 50 years ago

On Jan. 31, 1958 the U.S. Explorer roared into space on a Jupiter-C missile, developed as a byproduct of the Army's Jupiter intermediate-range ballistic missile. And Explorer's victorious streak turned a bright light on three individuals, known as the "men of Jupiter."

They were the following:

Wernher von Braun

Wernher von Braun, then 45, son of Prussian Baron Magnus von Braun, was director of the development operations division of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Huntsville. He stood out as the inspirational as well as the scientific leader of the men of Jupiter. At 18 Von Braun was working with crude liquid-fuel rockets, using Berlin's municipal dump. One day a black sedan stopped. Three German army officers stepped out, offered von Braun military facilities to carry on his rocket work. At 20 he was chief of the entire German rocket program; at 32, working in the Nazi rocket center at Peenemünde, he built Germany's V2, which rained ruin on Britain. Caught between the advancing U.S. and Russian armies, von Braun and his team unanimously voted to give themselves up to the West, also turned over some 2,000 tons of rocket equipment. The U.S. Army, keenly aware of the value of its prisoners, sent von Braun and about 120 colleagues first to Fort Bliss, Texas, then to Huntsville to work on the Redstone missile. At Huntsville, von Braun strode tirelessly through the agency's nine labs, overseeing some 3,000 scientists and technicians, bringing his lunch in a briefcase and eating off a bookcase while reading papers. When Huntsville's existence was threatened by the Defense Department, it was von Braun who lobbied with congressmen, accepting every interview and television date he could get; and he kept the Army's team from falling apart. Von Braun eloquently described the meaning of space travel: "It will free man from his remaining chains, the chains of gravity which still tie him to this planet. It will open to him the gates of heaven."

Maj. Gen. John Medaris

Maj. Gen. John Medaris, U.S. Army, then 55, was commander of the Huntsville Agency. With black mustache and swagger stick, he often came across as the dashing Soldier type. But he was something more and something different. The Ohio native worked his way through high school driving a lobster-shift taxi and street car. He began flying at 12 (he lied about his age). On his 16th birthday he enlisted in the Marine Corps, arrived in France too late for combat, was discharged as a corporal, and went back to Ohio State University for a degree in

mechanical engineering. As a senior ROTC cadet, he won an Army commission; six years later he resigned it to work more than 10 years in the management consultant field. He returned to the Army as a captain of ordnance in 1939. His reason: "Once you've been inside, you miss the life, the friends." Medaris was a lieutenant colonel with the II Corps in North Africa during World War II, and later served as assistant chief of Army ordnance before being assigned to Huntsville in November 1955. At Huntsville, Medaris welded 4,000 civilians and 1,000 military people into a close-working group. Medaris and von Braun had such respect for each other that Medaris wanted the Army's next missile to be named the "Wernher." By function, Medaris was middleman between the space-at-all-costs Huntsville scientists and the cost-conscious Defense Department. And if von Braun was mainly responsible for the blueprints that sent Explorer into orbit, Medaris deserved credit for wrangling the wherewithal. Said Medaris of past threats against Huntsville's continued existence, "It was all incredible to me." Medaris, von Braun, and all their subordinates refused to believe the incredible — and put the U.S. into space.

William Pickering

William Pickering, then 47, was the New Zealand-born director of the government-owned Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology. He led the Cal Tech team that developed the satellite payload for the Army's Jupiter-C. As a teenager he became a celebrity in his hometown of Havelock, New Zealand, by bringing home from boarding school the town's first crystal set. He entertained his friends with dance music from Australia. A wealthy uncle from Los Angeles took him off to California to study, enrolled him in 1929 at Cal Tech, where Pickering took his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a doctorate in physics. During World War II he headed up the Army's investigation of Japanese incendiary balloon attacks on the West Coast. After World War II he studied guided missile work with Cal Tech aerodynamicist Theodore von Karman in Germany and Japan. He decided that German work had been overestimated, Japanese work underestimated. At the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pickering directed about 2,000 highly skilled men and women, and controlled a budget of some \$25 million (most of it from the Army). His one reservation about his big administrative job was, "I'd like to get my hands dirty more often. I miss being in the lab."

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WWII veteran recalls service on two different fronts

Fought in both Pacific and European theaters

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A lot of people in Madison know Bill Center, thanks to his longtime job as an employee at the local Wal-Mart, where he greets customers and helps keep the store in tip top shape.

But most of them don't know that this friendly 89-year-old is also a World War II veteran whose three years and nine months in the Army included battles on two vastly different fronts – the Aleutian Islands in the Pacific Ocean and the Battle of the Bulge in Europe.

"We played a big part in ending the war in Japan and ending the war in Germany," Center said of the Soldiers he served with in the Pacific and European theaters. "I didn't realize that until 57 years after the war. The things we did were important in winning the war. We had great leaders. And, now, looking back, it didn't take U.S. Soldiers too long to win the war once we got in it."

Center was drafted as an Army field artillery Soldier at age 23 in the early days of the war.

"I was drafted in California," Center said. "They cut our basic training in half. We had eight weeks instead of 16. They were in a hurry. They had a place for us already."

Center was among 18 draftees from his training group who were chosen to join the 600-member 209th Field Artillery Battery out of Kansas City, Kan., for a secret mission in the Pacific Theater.

"They only needed enough men to fill the battery," he said. "The Kansas City group all knew each other. It was a good group because there was a lot of fellowship."

That fellowship – along with the Martin guitars Center and another Soldier took with them – saved the men from despair during a lonely two-year assignment on Umnak Island. The two Soldiers paired together often to provide music and entertainment for the unit's Soldiers.

"The captain from our battery called us into his office one day



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PROUD TO SERVE—Bill Center, 89, holds his military discharge papers as he recalls his service during World War II. During the three years and nine months that he was in the Army, Center fought in both the Pacific and European theaters.

before we left Umnak Island, and told us he had heard lots of reports of other troops on the islands committing suicide and we didn't have a one," said Center, who often gets emotional when recalling his experiences during WWII. "Our music helped keep our spirits up. I've never been so proud as that day when our captain told us that."

Umnak Island is part of the U.S. Aleutian Islands chain, which is west of Japan and just 100 miles off the Alaskan mainland to the east. Umnak Island is in view of Unalaska, Alaska, home to the infamous Dutch Harbor, which was attacked June 3, 1942, by Japan, becoming the only land in North America, besides Pearl Harbor, to be bombed by Japanese zeros during World War II.

"Dutch Harbor was bombed after we had gotten there," Center said. "It's quite a story what we did on Umnak Island during our time there."

The Soldiers built a secret airbase known as Cape Field at Fort Glenn on Umnak Island. Yet the island itself was barren and life-

less.

"When we got there, no one was there but the Corps of Engineers and some Navy Seabees at the dock," Center said. "The island was made out of 100 percent volcanic ash. It was so cold. Snow was everywhere and the wind blew harder than you could believe. At times, it was up to 70 and 80 miles per hour."

"Under those conditions, we lived in tents on this island. There were no trees, not even a bush. There was nothing but a type of moss and when you started digging down into the volcanic ash, the sides of your hole would cave in."

Yet the Soldiers had a mission designed to thwart an attack from the Japanese.

"We knew what we had to do and it was urgent that we get this mission done," Center said. "We helped the Corps of Engineers lay steel and matting for a runway. Once the runway was built, our job was to protect it. It was a huge runway. We also built buildings and everything we needed for the secret airfield. My job was to work the outpost and help set up

guns to fire and drive the jeep for the first lieutenant in charge of the outpost."

Once the runway was completed, U.S. fighter planes – P40s, P51s and P38s – along with bombers – B24s, B25s and B17s – made the secret airfield their temporary home base.

On June 3 and 4, 1942 – six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor – Japanese zeros aimed for Dutch Harbor. But the outcome was much different than the attack that caused the U.S. to go to war.

"We got to see those fighter planes knock down some zeros at Dutch Harbor," Center said. "We saw fighter planes all day long attacking zeros and we were listening to what was happening on the short wave radio. Those zeros were falling out of the air like I don't know what. Everything that came over our way they sunk that day. The air battle was right over us. But, us guys on the ground didn't fire a shot."

In all, U.S. fighter planes and bombers crushed two troop-filled transports, three heavy cruisers, two destroyers and one aircraft carrier belonging to the Japanese.

While stationed on Umnak Island, Center was also among a "floating reserve" of Soldiers who waited in boats off the coasts of Kiska and Attu islands in early 1943 in case they were needed during the battles to overtake the islands.

After two years, Center and the 209th Field Artillery returned to the U.S. for a 10-month furlough. They then joined with three other batteries – consisting of about 2,000 Soldiers – to make up the 30th Field Artillery Battalion. Their orders were to join forces in France for the Battle of the Bulge. They took with them 16 Sherman tanks with 16 240mm guns in tow.

"By the time we set up to fire, we were told 'Cease Fire!' The enemy was already taking off," Center recalled. "We moved forward and set up again. I don't know how many times we moved forward and set up, only to be told not to fire. We got mad that we didn't get to fire a shot, even though that was really good. We could hardly take it because we had come a long ways to be in the battle. It was like we went there for a reason and didn't get to ful-

fill it. We finally stopped and occupied a town. I guess the Germans saw us coming and took off."

After they left Europe, Center's battalion was headed for Japan. But the war ended while the Soldiers were on a 30-day leave.

Just a few days after the war, Center was honorably discharged with three medals to his name – the Good Conduct Medal, the Asian Pacific Campaign Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. Although raised in Arkansas, Center rejoined his family of 11 siblings in California, where he worked in the water, oil and gas industry, served briefly as a Baptist music minister and then settled into a 40-year career in financial services. His first wife, a school teacher, died of cancer after 20 years of marriage, and today Center and his second wife, Susie, share a family of five children, 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. They moved to Huntsville about nine years ago to be closer to some of their family.

When he moved to the western part of Huntsville, Center took a job as a greeter at the Wal-Mart in Madison. Though he still greets customers, Center's job now involves keeping the store straightened up and in order.

"I walk 11½ miles a day around the store checking on things and straightening things up," he said. "I am always bending over to pick up things and put things in their proper places. If I didn't keep my head down and do my job, then all the customers I see would keep me busy all day. I love every minute of it."

Center hopes to travel on Honor Flight this year to Washington, D.C., to see the World War II memorial.

"The war made me a more serious person. I appreciate people more," he said.

Although he knows many Americans view WWII Soldiers as the "greatest generation," Center sees today's Soldiers as even greater.

"They are doing a job they are told to do and they are doing it voluntarily. There's a big difference between fighting a war as a volunteer and fighting it as a draftee," he said.

Annual program lifts future leaders

Command investment in work force training

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There are different kinds of leaders, some good and some bad. Deciding what kind you want to be is infinitely easier than figuring out how to put that idea into action. In order to learn the skills and attitudes necessary to be an effective leader, you just need a lift.

Leader Investment for Tomorrow is an eight-month program designed to help government employees prepare for leadership roles in their future. This is its fourth year. With an aging work force heading toward retirement, this program is a key component of preparing the younger people to fill those spaces, Jackie Timme, human resource specialist, said.

"The whole reason we put this program together is that in the next 5 to 10 years, there is a huge percentage of people who will be eligible to retire. A lot of them are going to be your senior level folks," she said. "We need to start preparing our younger folks to get ready to move into those positions. A lot of times people have the technical knowledge they need to do their job, but they may not have those leadership skills."

Interactive experience

The program consists of one eight-hour session per month for eight months, preceded by a four-hour orientation. But LIFT is not about sitting at a desk while someone lectures you all day. Each session is an interactive experience in itself, covering different topics that build on each other over time. They consist of group projects, guest speakers, real world discussions and the occasional field trip.

"My expectation was that the classes would be on particular techniques. If you're a leader you need to do this, this and this," Lechara Meardry, a contact specialist in the AMCOM Acquisition Center, said. "What I found was that it really focuses on a lot of the self issues that you have and general communication. It's the skills that you associate with a leadership role, but they are skills that anyone can possess. Having them more defined makes you a better leader."

Leadership skills

The program breaks down into two separate segments. LIFT I is open to those at a GS-11 to GS-13 level, or the equivalent. Class size is normally 16 participants. They focus on Army values, communication skills, lean initiatives and the basic components of good leadership.

"I want to eventually get to a supervisory position. I learned that that isn't necessarily the same thing as a leadership position. I was intrigued by learning what those skills are," said Meardry, who

graduated from the LIFT I program on Nov. 14.

For LIFT II, GS-14 to GS-15 level employees receive more in-depth topics and spend more time working together on different scenarios. It is usually limited to 12 to 14 attendees.

"We talked about real world situations, both successful and unsuccessful. Any time you can do a lesson learned where someone else made the mistake and you get to learn from it is a good thing," Deborah Cornelius, status accounting officer in AMRDEC and LIFT II graduate, said. "I'm already in a leadership role, but anything that you can do to hone your skills and make improvements is great. The networking opportunities that LIFT provides you with people from multiple organizations are important."

Once they have graduated from the program, LIFT alumni come back to lend their support to the new class. LIFT II graduates return to the classroom, but on the other side of the desk. They co-facilitate a session of their choice. Cornelius chose to work on what was her favorite topic as a LIFT student.

"We give back to the program," Cornelius said. "I chose my favorite day, balance and nutrition. If you're not healthy and well balanced not only are you not as productive as a leader, you're not as productive at home or to anybody if you don't take care of the vessel that you have been given. It's a topic that I love anyway, but I was thrilled to see it as part of leadership."

LIFT I alumni participate in quarterly events, Timme said.

"It can be having a guest speaker come in, either from the outside or local here. Some are strictly networking events where both groups get together," she said. "It gives the two groups a chance to interact."

Making commitment

The LIFT program is selective. There is an application package for the program. Once that is completed, the applicant must have their immediate supervisor and their organization's senior leadership sign their approval. That's partially because of

the commitment each participant is making to the program.

"Your organization is making a commitment of their resource — you. You personally are making a time commitment to the program," Timme said. "It helps to look over your year and see if this is something you can do this year. If you have a big project or just moved to a new job then it may not be the year for you. People need to look at their TDY schedules. It's a bit of a problem. If you have a high instance of TDY then it can be hard to schedule around the classes. But the class schedule is published in the announcement so people will know what they are when they apply."

Once the application has been submitted, it goes through a selection panel, which then selects applicants to fill the

number of spaces available. The announcement and application packet for the 2008 program became available online at the G-1 human resources website Jan. 7 and will remain up until the Jan. 25. The program is scheduled annually with two LIFT I classes and one LIFT II class running simultaneously. Timme encouraged those wishing to apply to do so quickly.

For more information and the application packet, visit the G-1 web site at www.us.army.mil/suite/portal.do?sp=301150 or call Timme at 876-6061.

"It's not your typical instructional-based class. It has a lot more to it that you can use right away," Timme said. "Each month you have a different lesson that you can implement that month. You have the opportunity to try out what you've learned and then come back the next month and learn the next step."



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

Media roundtable

Ann Roosevelt of Defense Daily and Dave Harvey of Shephard Press listen to a Condition Based Maintenance explanation from AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and Aviation program executive officer Paul Bogosian. The reporters were among a media contingent attending last week's AUSA Army aviation symposium and exposition in Crystal City, Va.



Win
or lose

Troop basketball rolling on in

*Unit-level season
opens Jan. 22*

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The top two teams from the past two years in troop basketball are rebuilding.

Two-time defending champion 326th Chemical Company and Bravo Company, runner-up both years, will have mostly new players.

The season begins Jan. 22 at Pagano Gym with a coaches meeting at 5:30 p.m., followed by the first game at 6. Games each week will be held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6, 7 and 8. A postseason tournament determines the champion.

“I don’t know what my team will look like this year,” said Eddie Bryan, who coached 326th last year. He wasn’t sure about his role because he had foot surgery

Dec. 21 and his wife had a baby Dec. 1.

Jarvis Payton returns at shooting guard for Bravo Company, which will also have new faces. John Sweeden is the Bulldogs’ player/coach.

“We’ve just got to practice and practice harder to get the (league’s) No. 1 spot,” Payton said.

The 326th beat the Bulldogs 57-43 in last year’s championship game March 19. Darrin Johnson scored 13 points, Kenster Shannon had 12 and Billy Clark added 11 for the champion Dragons, who finished 10-4. David Gleaton had 10 rebounds while Clark grabbed nine. Point guard Louis Baldwin had six rebounds and five assists.

Ronell Roberson led Bravo with 11 points. Lawrence Scott had 13 rebounds for the Bulldogs, who finished at 11-3.

Other units expected to participate this year include Charlie, HHC 59th, Headquarters & Alpha, Marines, NCO Academy, and 37th Engineer Reserve Unit.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GETTING DEFENSIVE— Damian Cason gets a defensive rebound for the Marines against Bravo during a 2007 postseason tournament game March 15. Bravo’s Marcques Waters (23) looks on at far left. Bravo went on to win 48-33.

Counselors arm Soldiers against substance abuse

Rise seen in alcohol problems for returnees from war zones

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Counselor Pat Johnson sees the signs of substance abuse whenever she picks up a newspaper or watches the news on television. Shootings, domestic violence, deadly traffic accidents, shoplifting – many crimes carry the taint of alcohol or drug abuse with them.

But for many abusers and their families, the signs are more subtle, rarely making a front page news story or the 10 o'clock news. Mood swings, risky behavior, neglect of family responsibilities, frequent absences from work or family events, making inappropriate remarks and a general deterioration in physical appearance are just a few of the symptoms that can haunt the lives of substance abusers.

Alcohol and substance abuse is a growing problem in society – and in the Army, among active duty and Reserve component Soldiers as well as among civilian employees. At Fox Army Health Center, counselors are working to assist any servicemember, family dependent, military retiree and DoD civilian with overcoming alcohol or drug abuse.

“Anyone in the Redstone Arsenal community who has an alcohol problem or who is living with someone with an alcohol problem can come to us for help,” said Johnson, who is a substance abuse counselor at Fox Army Health Center’s Behavioral Medicine Clinic and who has 22 years of experience counseling substance abusers.

The Army Substance Abuse Program was established in 1971 to assist Soldiers who returned from the Vietnam War with substance abuse problems. Today, with more and more Soldiers returning from deployments in war zones, counselors are again seeing an upswing in participants in the Army Substance Abuse Program.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TEAMWORK— Counselors Pat Johnson and Howard Smith work together to counsel alcohol and drug abusers seeking treatment at the Behavioral Medicine Clinic at Fox Army Health Center. The counselors have seen an increase in alcohol abuse among Soldiers and DoD civilians who have returned from deployments to war zones. They say early intervention can help the Soldier or DoD civilian overcome their addiction and return to productive careers and happier lives.

“Three years ago while I was in working in Germany we started preparing for Soldiers coming back from deployments,” Johnson said. “We could see the stresses they were experiencing in Iraq or Afghanistan, and how that affected their relationship with alcohol prior to the deployments and when they came back. We saw an increase in the deaths from alcohol poisoning. Here at Redstone, we are definitely seeing the connection again between deployments and the increase in alcohol use. So, we want to make sure Soldiers know we can provide them with the support and counseling they need to overcome alcohol or drug abuse.”

Even though Johnson and fellow counselor Howard Smith have seen an upswing in the number of Soldiers, military dependents and DoD civilians using abuse counseling and therapy at Fox’s Behavioral Medicine Clinic, they worry

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that others don't have the support they need to overcome their addiction.

"We believe many are falling through the cracks," Johnson said. "We are working with unit commanders and other leaders in the workplace at Redstone Arsenal to encourage them to be aware of the signs of alcohol and drug abuse. There are red flags commanders and leaders can look for, the first one being whether the Soldier or civilian has had any deployments to a war zone. Just because they've been deployed doesn't mean they have an abuse problem. But a deployment is a sign that a person may be more likely to abuse alcohol or drugs. We are here to assist and assess in determining if there is a substance abuse problem and, if there is, what needs to be done to help the abuser."

The likelihood that a deployed Soldier or DoD civilian is abusing alcohol or drugs is higher than in other professions, Johnson said, because "combat stress can trigger behaviors not seen in other professions. Alcohol has long been used as a way to pre-medicate so that a Soldier can endure and live through the stress of the combat environment. Soldiers use alcohol to deal with sleeplessness and nightmares. But it doesn't take long before that use can become abusive and damaging."

The likelihood to turn to alcohol or drugs can be compounded by a genetic predisposition toward alcohol or drug dependency.

A Soldier or DoD civilian may voluntarily seek counseling at Fox's Behavioral Medical Clinic. They may also be recommended by a commander or employer, may be identified during a drug test or may be identified by law enforcement.

"Soldiers worry that if they self-refer, there will be repercussions from the unit. They worry they will be seen as weak," said counselor Smith, a retired first sergeant. "So, most of the Soldiers we see are command referred or are forced to see us because of an assault, DUI or drunk and disorderly charge."

Counseling is more effective, Johnson said, when the abuser is identified early on "when they still have a good job and they are still interested in being a part of society.

"It is better for the Soldier and everyone if they are identified early on. But that can be difficult. There are no laws against drinking in moderation or quietly drinking at

home on the weekends. But there are laws against drinking and driving, and drinking and fighting. In society, it's not so much how much you drink as what happens when you do drink."

The counselors at Fox perform assessments of potential substance abusers who come to them voluntarily or who are identified by a commander or law enforcement. If the abuser does need counseling, they can participate in a program of outpatient individual and group therapy at Fox or they can be referred to community resources for inpatient treatment. Counselors will work with the substance abuser for a minimum of 90 days up to a year.

"We use a lot of group therapy with substance abusers because it is very effective for them to hear how others are managing their problem and getting through it," Johnson said. "It's much more effective when they can confront each other, hold each other accountable and share their progress. The group teaches each other about themselves and alternatives to substance abuse. They keep each other focused and on track."

Counseling helps the substance abuser learn to manage their stress levels, teaches them conflict management, edu-

cates them about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse, develops strategies to help them not abuse alcohol or drugs, and assists them with problems they have coping in society.

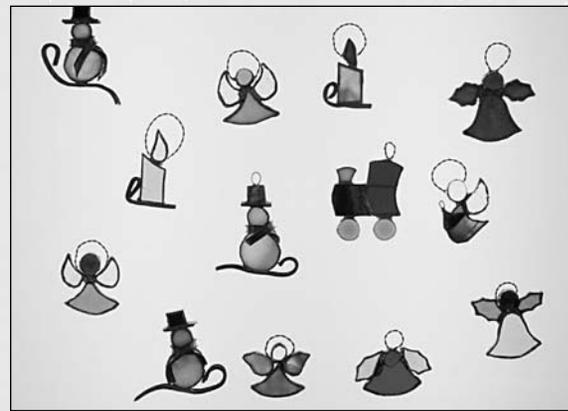
"We will give them the tools to help them assess themselves, and we will give them the tools to straighten out their lives," Smith said.

The counselors at Fox meet with a Soldier's commander to monitor the Soldier during treatment.

"The company commanders want to know what we are doing for their Soldier," Johnson said. "They want to know how they are doing with their treatment. They want to know what is being done to improve the Soldier's conduct and performance."

Johnson and Smith are aware of the concerns that a substance abuser who seeks treatment could lose their job or lose career advancement opportunities.

"We don't take careers," Johnson said. "We build careers, we maintain careers. Our goal is to help the Army increase readiness and retention. No one wants to be deployed with someone who is a substance abuser. The command supports rehabilitation, but the Soldier has got to put forth the effort to make that happen. The command supports efforts to get a Soldier turned around so they can be a good Soldier."



Courtesy photos

Crafts happenings

What's happening at the Military and Civilian Arts and Crafts Center? Just ask Sarah Crago's students: Jennifer Dearman, Anita Williams, Kathy McKinnon, Ann Keith or Laura Wolfson. The ornaments pictured above are the final product of a one-day class. To arrange a tour of the center, located at the intersection of Vincent and Gray roads, call 876-7951 or e-mail redstone-mwr.art@conus.army.mil.

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Sports & Recreation

Bicycle benefit

Break out the bicycle and helmet and start training now for the American Diabetes Association's first Tour de Cure event in Huntsville. Bikers of all skill levels and from all over the country are invited to sign up now for the May 17 ride that will tour southeast Huntsville. Individual riders and independent and corporate teams are invited to join the fight against diabetes by logging onto www.tour.diabetes.org and signing up for the Tour de Cure event. The registration fee is \$20. For more information about Huntsville's inaugural Tour de Cure ride for the American Diabetes Association, call Doris Lewis 539-4404 or log onto www.tour.diabetes.org.

Weight loss program

MWR Sports and Fitness has opened registration for its "Movin' and Losin'" eight-week weight loss competition. Teams of five will compete to see "who can get movin' and lose the most." So, get your team together and sign up by calling Phylissa Shannon 313-1202. by Thursday. The competition begins Jan. 22.

Golf benefit

A.W. Watkins Scholarship Foundation will sponsor a Golf Tournament in April at Lagoon Park in Montgomery. For more information, e-mail dremy944@aol.com.



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 building 3466 on Snooper Road. This is the temporary location because of Bicentennial Chapel's major renovation. Free childwatch is available at the Child Development Center on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call Erica Hobbs 325-3152 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404. "Bible studies this

semester are: Covenant by Kay Arthur and Parables of Jesus, both taught in the morning session; A Heart Like His by Beth Moore, taught at the noon session for the working sisters; Revelation by John MacArthur, taught at the 6:30 p.m. session," a prepared release said.

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.

Metaphysical research

The Institute of Divine Metaphysical Research Inc. will have its state meeting Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Westlawn Middle School. The choir will begin singing at 10:30 a.m. For information call Zebulun Ariel 653-4340.

Nature preserve

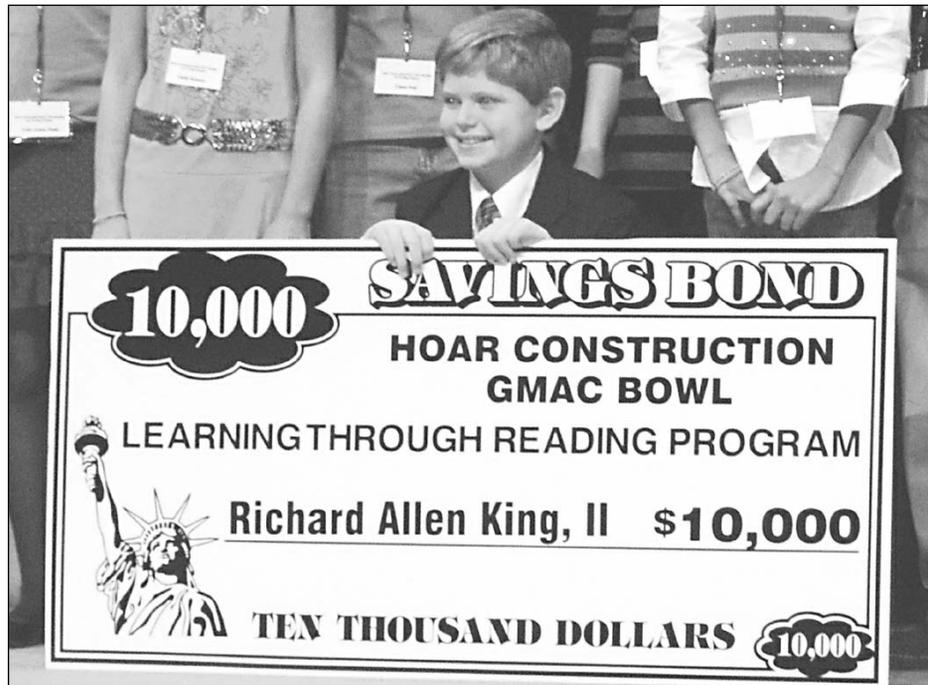
The Friends of the Hays Nature Preserve and the Goldsmith Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary, a newly formed 501 C non-profit, will hold an organizational meeting Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Monte Sano State Park Lodge. Learn about membership and volunteer opportunities in this organization. "The organization is focused on the preservation of these beautiful natural spaces within the Flint River Watershed for our enjoyment, for our children and for future generations," a prepared release said. "Dr. Doug Phillips of Alabama Public Television's 'Discovering Alabama' will lecture on the importance of these two south-central Madison County treasures."

Military engineers

Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers will meet Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Joe Green of SAIC will speak on the mentor-protegee program. The buffet lunch is \$10, payable at the door. For information call 895-1834.

Test/evaluation papers

Test Week 2008 — "Test & Evaluation for the Future: What Lies 10-15 Years



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Big winner

Allen King, son of Rick King, executive officer for the deputy PEO Aviation, won a \$10,000 savings bond in a tri-state (Alabama, Florida and Mississippi) reading and writing competition sponsored by the GMAC Football Bowl and Hoar Construction. Allen, a fifth-grader at Heritage Elementary, won first place out of nearly 10,000 entries.

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 or by e-mailing Sherry Hilley at sherry.hilley@us.army.mil.

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.

Defense association

The Air, Space and Missile Defense Association will hold its annual membership and awards luncheon Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall. Scheduled speaker is Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command and Army Forces

Strategic Command. Individual seating is \$25, and tables of eight cost \$200. For more information, call Sigma Services 533-6986.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. This month's luncheon will be a fashion show from Steinmart featuring ASMC members as models. For ticket information, call Marlene Clemons 313-2378 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Kansas club

"The History of Madison" will be presented by S.A. Hale at the next Kansas Club dinner meeting Jan. 26 at the Market Street Cafe. Hale will speak while dressed in a period costume of the 1800s. "The Kansas Club is a friendly, social group consisting of people with Kansas connections and those who like to socialize with people with a Kansas connection. Newcomers are welcome," a prepared release said. Call 883-0080, 895-6363 or 722-4798 to be included in the head count.

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Simulation workshop

The Alabama Modeling & Simulation Council is holding a OneSAF workshop Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at SAIC, 6723 Odyssey Drive. For more information, call Gene Shreve 842-0409.

Engineer society

The January SOLE luncheon is tentatively scheduled 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost is \$14 for non-members, \$13 for members. For reservations call Jane Reeves 544-7991 or Dave Welch 837-5282, ext. 1706.

Space anniversary

Dave Christensen, a local aerospace consultant and former von Braun team member, will speak at the ASME luncheon today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the von Braun Research Hall on the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus, second floor conference room. His topic is "Redstone rockets that launched America into space - 50-year anniversary." Cost is \$10. For information call James Denon at Reis Engineers 883-2531.

Fleet reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 26 at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For information call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

Emerging technology

The Tennessee Valley Emerging Technology Conference will be held March 26-28 at the Richard C. Shelby Center for Mis-

sion Intelligence Auditorium. For more information, visit the conference web site <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/ETC08/>.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of

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

Surplus sales

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

Thrift shop

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

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Uplifting visit

The International Military Student Office took some military students on a field trip to Nashville Jan. 6. Visiting the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center are, from left, Sgt. 1st Class Muhammad Shabbir of Pakistan, Cpl. Eon Irving of Guyana, Maj. Jung Han Han of Korea, Capt. Rosemarie Tanap of the Philippines.

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Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, 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.

Motorcycle safety

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

Green to gold

The Alabama A&M Army ROTC program, which includes University of Alabama-Huntsville and Athens State University, is seeking proficient enlisted Soldiers interested in completing an undergraduate or graduate degree and commissioning as Army officers upon receiving the appropriate degree. If you are an enlisted Soldier who has served at

least two years on active duty, this is an opportunity for you to advance. Enroll in Army ROTC on campus by using opportunities provided through the Green to Gold Program. For more information or to schedule an interview, call Maj. Annette Woods 372-4023 or e-mail annette.woods@aamu.edu. You may also visit online at <http://www.aamu.edu/rotc>.

Lateral entry

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

Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School. If you are a college graduate with a four-year college degree or higher from an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commis-

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

Pilots wanted

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

Reserve cadets

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

Tax center

The 2007-08 Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center will be open from Jan. 28 to April 15, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The center is in building 3489 at the corner of Ajax Road and Zeus Road. All active duty servicemembers, retirees, their dependents, as well as Reserve and National Guard servicemembers on military orders for 30 or more days and their dependents, are eligible for e-filing of federal and state tax returns. There is no charge for this service. Beginning Jan. 21, you can make an appointment by calling 842-1040.

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

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



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New Soldier

Pfc. Amy Allen graduated in December from basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and is attending advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to become a hospital operating room specialist. Her father, Eddie Allen, works in AMCOM G-3, Current Operations. Her stepmother, Rebecca Allen, works at Fox Army Health Center.

college programs are designed for students who are U.S. citizens and age 15 by the beginning of the program June 2, 2008. The apprentice program is divided into periods of eight, 10 and 12 weeks. Both programs are fast-paced and require disciplined professional work habits. Junior and senior scientists and engineers gain additional experience by serving as mentors for first time students, and providing guidance through interactive research processes. The contacts for applications are senior counselors at all public, private and parochial high school and college placement services. Possible career placement areas at the Garrison-Redstone Arsenal include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The deadline for postmarking applications is Jan. 31. If the student is unsuccessful in receiving an application from the high school senior counselor or college placement service, contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Julie Lumpkins in building 5308, at 313-4834.

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



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Best all-around

Marjorie Weeks and Anna Marie Arnold, information assurance security officers for Software Engineering Directorate, stand beside their winning entry in AMRDEC’s annual Holiday and Winter Door Decoration event. “Winter Wonderland,” the entry way to room 1116 in the Software Engineering Directorate’s building 6263, was judged the best all-around winner. There were 15 award winners and five honorable mentions.

Warrant officer scholarship

The American Society of Military Comptrollers 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.redstonewarrants.com.

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 or Audrey Osterdorf osterdorf1@aol.com.

Training seminar

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its 13th annual seminar, "Pathways to Professional Excellence," Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Laurel Long, director of human resource services

at University of Alabama-Huntsville, is keynote speaker. Afternoon workshop topics include Home Computer Maintenance, Leading in Teamwork, Leading Through Education, How Leaders Should Apply Robert's Rules, and Leading in Continuous Improvement. A luncheon, continental breakfast and snacks along with Office Expo booths will be provided to attendees. The course is in TIPS for the course number PPE; and the vendor name is IAAP. Tuition fees are \$125 and student rates are \$50. You do not have to be in the administrative career field to attend the training event. For more information or to register, call Susan Douglas 955-9530.

Dr. King luncheon

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Luncheon is Jan. 22 at 11 a.m. in the ballroom of the Officers and Civilians Club. The keynote speaker is Dr. Victoria Dixon, director of equal employment opportunity programs for Army Test and Evaluation. RSVP by Jan. 16 with Julia Story, Garrison protocol assistant, 842-7954.

Unity breakfast

The Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. announces the 23rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast slated Jan. 21 at the Von Braun Center North Hall. The speaker is Dr. Bertice Berry, a sociologist, author, lecturer and educator. "Proceeds from the Unity Breakfast are used solely by the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation to aid students in their pursuit of academic excellence through the awarding of scholarships, mentoring, tutoring and the administration of leadership training," a prepared release said. Individual tickets are \$25, or a reserved table (seats eight) can be purchased for \$250. For more information, call Timothy Richmond 859-3964 or Herman Thornton 852-8428.

Space symposium

The "America in Space" 50th anniversary symposium, a public seminar, is Jan. 31 at the Von Braun Center's Concert Hall. Scheduled panel sessions include "America in Space, Jan. 31, 1958: Remembering Explorer 1," from 9-10:45 a.m.; "The Saturn V, Chariot to the Moon," from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and "The Next 50 Years in Space, Visions of the Future," 1:30-3:15 p.m.

Art auction benefit

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its annual Art Exhibition/Crafts Services Auction on Jan. 26 at the Officers and Civilians Club. A preview and Crafts and Services Silent Auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and a cash bar. The Art Auction begins at 7 p.m., followed by dessert at 9. This year's auction is titled "Mardi Gras" and will again feature artwork from the Perry Berns Gallery of Dallas, Texas. Perry, back by popular demand, promises to entertain our audience while offering new and beautiful art - from prints to original oils in a wide range of affordable prices. The auction will benefit the OCWC Welfare Fund in support of community activities benefiting military and civilian families. A donation of \$10 per person will be collected at the door. For gate entrance information and advance tickets, call Lynn Carden 533-6368 or Teresa Lee 830-0562.

Job shadowing

Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama is looking for businesses to host job positions for Groundhog Job Shadow Day. This one-day event allows 10th, 11th and 12th grade students to explore careers by "shadowing" someone who works in a career field of their interest. Job Shadow is sponsored locally by Wachovia and coordinated by JANA and the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Nationally, Groundhog Job Shadow Day takes place in February throughout the country. Locally, students will be able to select one day from Feb. 14, 21 or 28. For more information, call 533-4661.

Sparkman High gala

Sparkman High's inaugural prom and spring fashions event is Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Sparkman High cafeteria. "Join us for an afternoon of fashion featuring David's Bridal, Kohls and Men's Wearhouse, featuring tuxedos, prom dresses and more," a prepared release said. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Proceeds benefit the Theater Group.

Health center holiday

Fox Army Health Center will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. On Jan. 22, the Primary Care Clinic will be open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for scheduled appointments. All other clinics and services will be closed the entire day for a training holiday. The health center is closed on Saturday, Sunday, Thursday afternoon and all federal holidays. Advice nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox does not have an emergency room. In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 21. The Main Store from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ... Concessions closed. ... Barber Shop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ... GNC from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ... Enterprise from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ... Furniture Store closed. ... One-Stop Goss Road from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ... Tire Store closed. ... Burger King from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ... Military Clothing closed. ... Barber Shop, building 3479, closed. ... Food Court - Anthony's closed; Cinnabon closed; Baskin-Robbins from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Robin Hood from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Churches closed; and American Eatery closed.

Honor Flight benefit

A fund-raiser for Honor Flight will be held Jan. 29 at 5-7:30 p.m. at the Woody Anderson Ford main showroom. There will be big band music, special attractions and displays. Honor Flight transports World War II veterans to visit the WWII memorial in Washington, D.C. Suggested contribution is \$100. RSVP to 539-9441.

Retirement luncheon

A retirement luncheon for Mary Marcucci will be held 11:30 a.m. Jan. 31 at the Rustic Lodge. Cost is \$15. Purchase tickets by Jan. 23. For tickets or to contribute toward a retirement gift call Hillary Clay 313-1349, Jennifer Hayes 313-1631 and Amanda Medley 313-4970.

