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Explorer anniversary awaits liftoff

Jan. 31 marks 50 years
since first U.S. satellite
launched by the Army

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The feelings and emotions of a nation riding into orbit with the Explorer I in 1958 will be celebrated Thursday at Redstone Arsenal on the 50th anniversary of man's journey into space.

And at the heart of that celebration will be the Army.

While the National Aeronautics and Space Association and Marshall Space Flight Center get the credit for 50 years of space exploration during several community events marking the anniversary, Thursday's 9 a.m. ceremony in Bob Jones Auditorium will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Army in space.

In the 1950s, the Army established the foundation for the nation's space exploration. That foundation erupted into success on Jan. 31, 1958, when the Army launched Explorer I, thereby also launching the nation's space race, the formation of NASA and the Marshall Space Flight Center, and a legacy of space exploration that has made the U.S. a leader in science and technology development.

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Courtesy photo

EARLY DAYS OF SPACE FLIGHT— Scientists, from left, Dr. William Pickering, Dr. Jams van Allen and Dr. Wernher von Braun, led the Army efforts to put the first American satellite — Explorer I — into space. This photograph shows the three men holding a model of Explorer I after its successful Jan. 31, 1958 launch. Army workers at Redstone Arsenal will commemorate the Army's role in the 50th anniversary of man's journey into space during a ceremony Thursday at 9 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Explorer benefited from earlier rocket technology

Launch helped calm
Americans' fears

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David Christensen

The technology that began America's space race with the Soviet Union did more than establish the nation's scientific supremacy.

It also subsided fears.

"Fifty years ago last October when the Soviet Sputnik went into space, it terrified Americans," said aerospace consultant and former von Braun team member David Christensen. "It terrified Americans that there was a satellite put up by the Soviet Union and orbiting the Earth with the capability of dropping nuclear bombs on any city."

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Mercury astronaut to speak at Army's space event

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Scott Carpenter, who is one of two remaining Mercury Project astronauts, will be the keynote speaker at AMCOM's commemoration of the Army's 50th anniversary in space set for Thursday at 9 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Carpenter was the second American to orbit the Earth and the fourth American in space, following Alan Shepard, Gus Grissom and John Glenn. In addition to his career as an astronaut, Carpenter has also explored most of the world's oceans as a diver, becoming the first human to penetrate both inner and outer space, thereby acquiring the dual title of astronaut/aquanaut.

Having Carpenter as a keynote speaker for Thursday's ceremony is an added bonus for all

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An open lane random survey

Who's going to win the Super Bowl and why?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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L.H. Johnson
retired Soldier

"The New York Giants, because the defense is going to shut down (New England quarterback Tom) Brady."

Sgt. Thomas Champion
AMCOM

"I'm going to say the Patriots, more experience in high-profile games. And (New York quarterback) Eli Manning just doesn't have the right stuff."



Ann Arwood

Officers and Civilians Club

"Patriots, because they haven't lost yet. I was real disappointed because I wanted to see Indianapolis up there – I'm a Peyton Manning fan. Peyton graduated

from Tennessee and I'm a Tennessee fan, all the way. Maybe little brother (Eli Manning of New York) will do good then."

Lee Ford
AMCOM Office of Small Business Programs

"I think New York, because Brady had a cast on his foot the other day (laugh). And I think he has not been pressured by the defense, and New York's defense will kind of change his game plan. And it could be a destiny factor in there, too, for (Eli) Manning. When you can execute your own game plan, you have a better chance of winning. And I think New York's defense will come in there and alter New England's game plan."



Letters to the Editor

Support annual AER campaign

The 2008 AER Fund Campaign will be conducted locally from March 1 through May 30. This year Capt. Rob Dewberry will serve as campaign chairperson and Master Sgt. Odri Hastings will serve as co-chairperson. The AER campaign headquarters is located in building 3338, telephone 876-5397.

We request you appoint a key representative to solicit contributions from personnel within your organization. The key representative should not be the commander or supervisor of personnel being solicited. Please provide Kristi Foster, AER officer, 876-5397, with the name of the key representative from your organization no later than Feb. 8.

Each key representative will need to attend one of the following training sessions: Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 10-11 a.m. at building 5300, room 5140; Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 1-2 p.m. at building 5300, room 5140; Thursday, Feb. 14 from 10-11 a.m. at building 3338, conference room; Tuesday, Feb. 19 from

1-2 p.m. at building 5300, room 5140; Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 10-11 a.m. at building 5300, room 5140; and Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 2-3 p.m. at building 3338, conference room. Topics for these training sessions are collection procedures, turn-ins, scheduling fund-raisers, and associated paperwork.

The AER kickoff will be held March 3 at 1 p.m. at Heiser Hall. Attendees at the kickoff will be military commanders, command sergeants major/sergeants major and first sergeants, directorate and department directors, staff office chiefs, project managers, chiefs of other major agencies, key representatives and members of the Redstone community.

We request the support of every member of the Redstone Arsenal community to ensure this beneficial campaign is a success.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles
commander, AMCOM
and Redstone



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

Deployed recognition

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles poses with some of the family members of people deployed in the Global War on Terrorism. The Aviation and Missile Command's "Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony" was Jan. 22 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Waiting on light to change

Can someone please look into the light situation at the Rideout and Martin road intersection? I travel it coming into and leaving work. It used to work nicely, but for some reason, the traffic on Rideout seems to have become more important than the traffic on Martin. I have watched (and have had to sit through the red light through several changes) because one lone car will come up to the light on Rideout and immediately the light will change for them, even though there are 10 to 12 cars already going through and/or waiting to go through on Martin Road at the light. This makes no sense to me.

Is there a reason that the light was changed to accommodate the Rideout Road traffic instead of the usually heavier Martin Road traffic?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "We received notice that the traffic signal at Martin and Rideout was not operating properly. Our technician responded immediately and found that one of the vehicle sensors was not functioning properly. The malfunction simulated that vehicles were continuously present of Rideout Road. This would cause the signal to display a long green time for Rideout Road at the expense of the green time for Martin Road.

"This sensor has been replaced and is operating properly at this time."

Quote of the week

"I think one of the reasons I'm popular again is because I'm wearing a tie. You have to be different."

— Tony Bennett, 1994

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Getting to know you

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Name: Sue Paddock

Job: Army Community Service division chief

Where do you call home?
Newton, N.J.

What do you like about your job?

I like taking care of Soldiers and families, and supporting the Redstone community.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Get together with my children and grandchildren. And go out on dates with my husband (retired Col. Joe Paddock).



What are your goals?

To eventually retire. And spend more time at the beach or on cruises (laugh).

What's your favorite type of music?

The '60s and '70s

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Jan. 17: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after being stopped for speeding on Neal Road. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Jan. 19: An individual was observed taking a set of earphones in the Post Exchange, then departing without paying for them.

The subject was stopped and the police notified. The subject was processed and issued a court summons and released.

Jan. 20: An individual was observed taking a Play Station 3, leaving the PX and placing it in his vehicle. The police were notified, stopped the subject and found the Play Station 3 in the car. The subject was then processed and issued a court summons.



Jan. 20: A subject was stopped on Goss Road for speeding, and a check through NCIC revealed that his license was suspended. He was issued two citations and released.

Jan. 22: A taxi was stopped at Gate 9, and the driver smelled of an alcoholic beverage. A series of field sobriety tests was conducted and the subject failed. The subject was arrested and transported to the police station. The subject failed the breathalyzer tests and was placed into the detention cell. The subject was later released after being issued a court summons.

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

Violation notices issued: 14 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 2 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 failure to yield, 3 improper backing.

AT&T and Redstone phone books ready

The AT&T Directory and Redstone Arsenal Installation Guide and Telephone Directory have arrived and are available for pickup.

The directories will be distributed from building 5302 (Sparkman Center loading docks). Each organization must provide necessary manpower and transportation when loading the publications 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 BellSouth and Redstone telephone directories.

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Wanda Mays' disappearance solved

GUNTERSVILLE – Skeletal remains found on Georgia Mountain near Guntersville in 2003 have been identified as those of Wanda Mays of Huntsville, a Redstone worker who disappeared 22 years ago.

Marshall County Sheriff Scott Walls said her death was the result of an accident. Mays was 26 when she was last seen on May 12, 1986. (From published reports)

Army family support goes virtual

Reserve component
adopts web resources

By ELIZABETH M. LORGE
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – In an age of persistent conflict and geographically-dispersed families, the Army is taking family support to a new level with virtual installations and virtual Family Readiness Groups.

The Army Reserve wants to create local and web-based virtual installations where families, who may live hundreds of miles from the nearest installation, can access the same support and resources as active-duty Soldiers and families, such as: Tricare, child and youth services, counseling and chaplain's programs and financial and legal information.

"We need to retain these Soldiers and you do that by retaining the families," said Laura Stultz, wife of Army Reserve Chief Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz. "If the families feel secure, the Soldier won't worry about them, and the families will know that their problems will be looked into. They need the same services that active-component families have on an installation because their Soldiers are putting their lives on the same line as everybody else. They deserve the same degree of help and resources."

She added that they want to have a zip-code-based system online, similar to the search function on www.MyArmyLifetoo.com, where Soldiers and families can enter their zip codes into the web site and find the nearest place to get help and the nearest FRG, whether it is active-duty, Reserve or National Guard.

The next step would be to set up mini-Army Reserve centers in towns and cities across America, which would function like Army Community Service offices, repositories for community support, emergency relief and even places families can go to renew their military IDs.

"I was just insistent that there be some place that you can have face to face meetings with people. A lot of people don't have access to a computer, or English is their second language, or they just don't know how to explain their needs on the telephone. I wanted there to be offices or some place across the country where families could go to and talk to somebody live.

"In my experience, there are veterans who say 'What can we do to help?' In some instances, all we'll need to get is a computer and a telephone hookup for them; and others it will be finding a place. Some towns we can use the National Guard centers or the veterans' halls, but if there's no place to put it, we might have to find our own office space, in a shopping center or something people can find easily. Hopefully in a few years, everyone will know where it is, just like they know where the post office is," Stultz said.

Right now, the Army Reserve is beginning focus groups with families to see where they want these centers and what they want online. Ideally, the Reserve would begin building the centers near the heaviest Reserve population centers that are far from installations.



Photo by Sgt. Robert J. Strain

WELCOME HOME– Capt. Hwajin Hurt, with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, III Corps, welcomes her husband Capt. Donnie Joe Hurt, the assistant operations officer for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Nov. 15, after he returned from a 15-month deployment in Iraq. New virtual programs make it easier for families to get the support they need.

Located two hours from the nearest FRG with four young children during her husband's deployments to the Persian Gulf and the Balkans in the 1990s, Stultz knows how hard it can be to fit crucial support meetings into busy schedules.

Per the request of families, especially children and teenagers, she and the Army Reserve are looking to find ways to incorporate chat rooms on the web site, and plan to add this feature as soon as they work out security issues.

Chat rooms, blogs and instant messaging are also a goal of virtual FRGs, said Shaunya Murrill, the automation manager for the family programs directory at the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command. She also runs a virtual FRG for her husband's Indianapolis Recruiting Battalion.

Tested in 2004 and launched Armywide in 2006, virtual FRGs are paid for by FMWRC and are a way for commanders, rear-detachment commanders and family readiness leaders to provide up-to-date information to families, even if they are geographically spread out, as with the reserve component.

"It was never designed to replace the FRG, but it's an extension of it," Murrill said. "Family members can find out what's going on with their unit by logging in. This is an opportunity for the commander to stay connected. I think it's been a valuable tool to my husband and his colleagues because they don't necessarily have the time to have a lot of meetings or the funding to bring in families from across the state. So this is an opportunity for them to get relevant, pertinent and timely information out."

Community buoyed by annual fund-raising

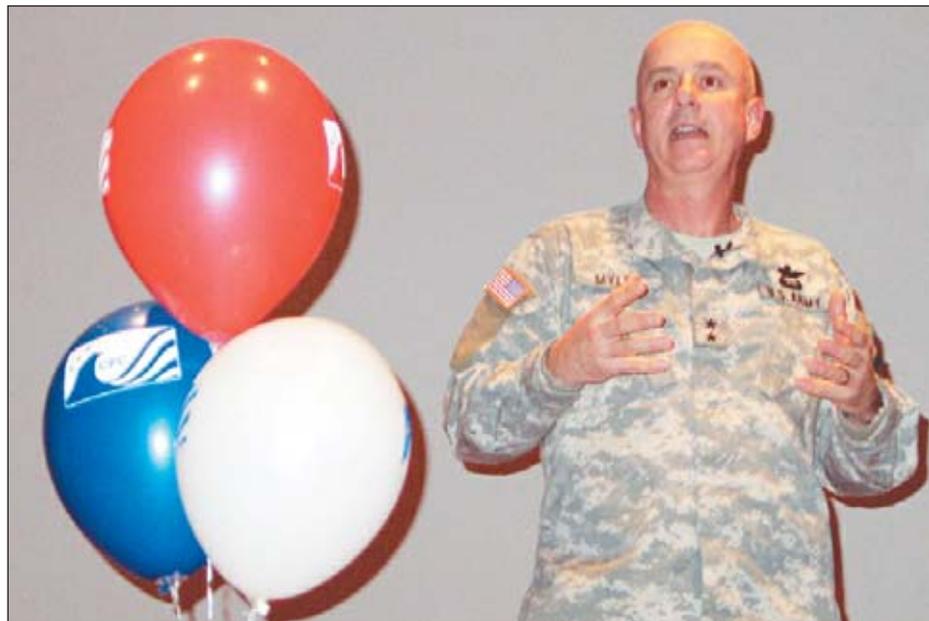


Photo by Skip Vaughn

SINCERE THANKS— Campaign chairman Maj. Gen. Jim Myles acknowledges people responsible for the 2007 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign, which collected \$2.2 million.

Combined Federal Campaign surpasses \$1.9 million goal

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Make no mistake about it: This was definitely a victory celebration.

The 2007 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign raised \$2.2 million for charitable causes. Awards were presented Jan. 22 at Bob Jones Auditorium to organizations and individuals who played key roles in this fund-raising achievement.

"We had a great campaign," CFC coordinator Donna Johnson said. "Not only did we meet our goal, but we exceeded our goal."

Campaign chairman Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, announced the \$2.2 million figure which surpassed the \$1.9 million goal. The campaign, which began in early October, also topped the 2006 collections by more than \$135,000.

"You have made a difference in a lot of folks' lives that don't even know it yet," Myles said.

Johnson thanked the members of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, the 15 loaned executives, the more than 80 financial chairmen, the more than 170 local charitable representatives, and the Team Redstone leaders, among others.

"It truly takes every one of us to ensure the success of our campaign," she said.

Myles in turn expressed his appreciation and presented an award to Johnson, who serves as chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee.

Plans are already under way for the 2008 campaign. In closing Johnson mentioned a hit soul song from 1979 titled "Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now," by McFadden and Whitehead, which had been playing on the public address system before the celebration.

"Ain't no stopping us now," she said, excusing the grammar. "We're at \$2 million. We're going to keep on going until we get \$3 million."

LOGSA shows support to deployed Soldiers

The Logistics Support Activity put its holiday theme "Home for the Holidays" in action by sponsoring one of Alabama's mobilized units with an outpouring of gifts for their deployed Soldiers and families.

LOGSA in 2007 sponsored Team Vandal which consists of Soldiers from across the 1-131st AR (Troop Geneva), Troop B (Hartford), Troop C (Floral), Detachment 1 Troop C (Calera) and HHT (Daleville). Team Vandal deployed July 5 and arrived at COB Speicher, Iraq in mid-September. Its primary mission is to provide convoy security for combat logistics patrols.

The LOGSA workers gave the Team Vandal Soldiers and their families a showing of appreciation for all they are doing to protect Americans' freedom at home and abroad.

LOGSA workers collected enough items to ship 27 boxes to the team in Southwest Asia plus a number of gifts and a check for \$2,000 for their families. A presentation was made to Team Vandal executive officer Maj. Sean Sawyer during the LOGSA Holiday Social on Dec. 19.

"Personally, I have not felt more moved or touched by the Christmas spirit than I did this year," Sawyer said. "The outpouring of love and generosity from LOGSA touched more than just the families of the Soldiers; it affected all of the Soldiers from 1-131st Cavalry."



Courtesy photo

PRESENTATION— Nicklas Mikus, a LOGSA program manager, presents gifts and a check for \$2,000 to Team Vandal executive officer Maj. Sean Sawyer during the LOGSA Holiday Social on Dec. 19.

Munitions clearance workers help stranded Marines

Their quick response in Iraq credited with saving lives

By KIM GILLESPIE
Army Engineering and Support Center PAO

The Soldier's Creed states, "I will never leave a fallen comrade." Army civilian and contractor employees feel the same way.

On Jan. 14, a convoy supporting the Army Engineering and Support Center's Coalition Munitions Clearance program encountered two Marine Corps M-1 tanks involved in a serious accident on a remote road in western Iraq.

The accident left the Marines' communication equipment and main guns inoperative and one of the six Marines seriously injured.

The convoy personnel, that included CMC project management specialist Tim Bohannon and 22 employees of security contractor Armor Group Inc., set up a security perimeter and treated the injured Marine until the medical evacuation helicopter and the Marine Corps Quick Reaction Force arrived.

"Needless to say, these Marines were in a very vulnerable position," Bohannon said. The CMC program has lost more than 40 contractor personnel during convoys from site to site because of insurgent activities, so they were aware of the danger the Marines faced. The CMC program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. Storage and disposal of the ammunition is performed at several locations throughout Iraq.

"When faced with a situation like this, your personal well-being takes a back seat to protecting the fallen servicemember. Once on scene, it became our duty to protect these fallen comrades, and ensure they received medical attention as quickly as possible," Bohannon said. "I believe no one in the coalition would have done any less."

The accident is still under investigation, but it appeared that one tank was towing the second tank when the tank being towed "threw a track," and both



Courtesy photo

ACCIDENT SCENE— Members of a coalition munitions clearance team helped Marines whose tanks were involved in a serious accident in western Iraq.

tanks ended up on their sides. Bohannon credits AGI team leader Keith Morpus' professional demeanor and quick thinking with the success of the rescue.

"In my opinion, Keith, as well as all other members of the Armor Group security team, acted bravely and professionally," Bohannon said. "Keith was on the radio even before we arrived informing his teammates of what was going on and what he was seeing. Keith, and the other team leaders, kept a constant flow of information going so that no team member was uninformed."

Bohannon also credits the Marines with their quick thinking and grace under pressure.

"One Marine decided that since they had no comms they would throw a smoke grenade to try and get someone's attention," Bohannon said. "We would have come across the wreck site anyway, but the smoke did put us on alert."

Bohannon also credits Armor Group and the Department of Defense for the exceptional training they have that allows personnel to effectively handle just such a dangerous emergency situation.

"Both Armor Group and DoD train their employees in the very same types of emergencies we saw here. Establishing and maintaining a proper security perimeter, evaluation casualties and calling in MEDEVAC are all things taught in the military and reinforced with specific pre-deployment and in-country training," Bohannon said.

The CMC program has approximately 10 Department of the Army civilians, 601 contractor employees and 794 local nationals in Iraq supporting its mission right now. And this wasn't the first incident where CMC personnel have supported the coalition forces in a dangerous situation.

Bill Sargent, Huntsville Center's chief

of international operations for the Ordnance and Explosives Directorate, recalls two other instances where CMC personnel helped the military in potentially catastrophic situations. According to Sargent, last June a CMC convoy was approaching a bridge when an insurgent detonated his vehicle under the bridge.

"Our contractors attached with Corps of Engineers personnel assisted the Soldiers in securing the site and initiated actions to rescue trapped Soldiers," Sargent said.

In a second incident, an Army helicopter experienced mechanical problems and set down near a CMC mobile site.

"Our folks were watching them and we made sure no one slipped up on them. They were alone in the desert," Sargent said. "We then dispatched a security team to secure the site and get the helicopter crew into a secure environment."

The CMC mission has played a major role in reducing the availability of former Iraqi munitions to insurgents by destroying more than 400,000 tons since the program began in 2003.

"Obviously, our mission to destroy former Iraqi munitions which could be used as IEDs (Improved Explosive Devices) is extremely important to the overall mission in Iraq. But ancillary to this main mission is direct and indirect support to coalition forces," Bohannon said. "This comes in many forms such as providing emergency assistance, such as this tank incident, and sharing intelligence with the Marine Corps and Army gathered from convoy mission and from the CMC high tech surveillance equipment it employs at certain sites. In addition, our remote sites occasionally host nearby Marine Corps and Army units and provide much needed hot meals, MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) facilities and safe havens when needed."

The CMC convoy was only delayed about an hour, but according to Bohannon, it was a very worthwhile 60 minutes.

"The AGI personnel all did an outstanding job and potentially saved the lives of all these Marines. If we had not come along in a timely fashion, insurgents may have played a role in these Marines' futures."

Celebration recalls Dr. King's dream of equality



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DREAM ON— Dr. Victoria Dixon, director of human relations/equal opportunity programs for the Army Test and Evaluation Command in Alexandria, Va., speaks during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration luncheon.

Redstone honors legacy of civil rights pioneer

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Those who attended Team Redstone's commemoration luncheon for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday were left with a challenge.

"How will his dream live on in you?" asked Mary Peoples, Black Employment Program manager at the Space and Missile Defense Command, in her closing remarks.

King's dream of equality for all was a central theme of the luncheon held Jan. 22 at the Officers and Civilians Club. About 185 people attended.

"He was a visionary," said keynote speaker Dr. Victoria Dixon, director of human relations/equal opportunity programs for the Army Test and Evaluation Command in Alexandria, Va. "You have to have a dream and a vision."

Dixon encouraged everyone to pursue their own dream. Mixing in humor and song, she urged her listeners to dream the impossible dream.

"What is your gift?" Dixon asked. "Whatever it is, America needs you."

In closing, Peoples said, "His dream lives on. Celebrations such as this keep the dream alive."

The following people won awards for the commemoration's static display contest and essay contest:

- **Display winners** – first place, Renata Walker of the Logistics Support Activity; second, NCO Academy; and third, Sgt. Andre Powell of the Space and Missile Defense Command.

- **Essay winners** – first, Pfc. Graham McGowan of Headquarters & Alpha Company; second, Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Perrin of Logistics Support Activity; and third, Sgt. Maj. Donald McCormick of Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.



Photo by Melody Sandlin

LOGSA winners

Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Perrin and Renata Walker, both of Logistics Support Activity, were among contest winners announced at Team Redstone's commemoration luncheon Jan. 22 for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Perrin took second place for her essay and Walker won the display category.

Local congregations express marital support

Coalition has covenant to reverse divorce rate

Approximately 200 people from about 20 churches across Madison and Limestone County gathered Jan. 18 to show

their support for the institution of marriage. They heard Drs. Rozario and Angela Slack, pastor and first lady of the Temple of Faith Deliverance Church of God in Christ in Chattanooga.

The Rev. Dr. Wayne Snodgrass, pastor of the Progressive Union Missionary

Baptist Church, hosted the free gathering. Snodgrass invited fellow members of the Madison County Coalition for Healthy Marriages, and ultimately drew support and participation from churches as far as Athens.

The keynote speakers and co-presenters on the video series "10 Great Dates for Black Couples" emphasized the importance of good communications and making marriage a priority in healthy relationships.

"Prayerfully through continued events across the community such as these and the upcoming Huntsville Marriage Festi-

val on Feb. 10th, married couples would be encouraged, and the high divorce rate across our community would be reduced," conference coordinators retired Col. John and Maureen Vaughn of Madison said in a prepared release.

The divorce rate in Madison County last year reached 77.1 percent, well above the national average of about 50 percent. The MCCHM, a group of more than 20 churches in Madison County, jointly signed a covenant last February to not only strengthen marital relationships within their respective churches, but to strive to reverse the divorce rate in the county.



Courtesy photo

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE— Drs. Rozario and Angela Slack, pastor and first lady of the Temple of Faith Deliverance Church of God in Christ in Chattanooga, speak at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Vietnam vet artist draws funds for Honor Flight

Scenes of World War II part of Carter's portfolio

By **KARI HAWKINS**

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Ever since he can remember, Everett Carter of Huntsville has been an artist.

And over the years, Carter has taken his natural-born talent and developed it into commercial success – first as a sign painter, billboard artist and automobile stylist, and now as a locally acclaimed artist whose works hang in the Huntsville mayor's office, various private homes and in the showroom of a local car dealership.

Two of his works – one a World War II depiction of an air fight involving Tuskegee airmen and the other a rendering of WWII's "Rosie the Riveter" – were part of an auction held Jan. 29 at Woody Anderson Ford during a gala community event hosted to raise funds for the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight, a local organization that takes WWII veterans to Washington, D.C., to see their WWII memorial.

"The reason I did those paintings was to help out the World War II vets and get as many on the plane as I could to see their memorial. I hope to get four veterans on the plane with the money raised from auctioning these two paintings," said Carter, 61.

"WWII veterans are a special generation. They got the job done at a time when America was in need. It was a time when the whole nation pulled together to get the job done."

Carter understands what it's like to go to war and fight against a strong enemy. In 1968, he was drafted to serve in the Army during the Vietnam War. He did one tour of duty with the 101st Airborne before returning home to his wife and young family.

"My tour consisted of many places –



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BENEFIT ART— Local artist and Vietnam veteran Everett Carter poses with a painting depicting a World War II air fight that he painted to raise funds for the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight. The painting, along with his depiction of WWII's Rosie the Riveter, were auctioned at a gala event Jan. 29 along with other art to raise funds for Honor Flight's May trip for WWII veterans to see their memorial in Washington, D.C.

Ben Wa, Saigon, Camp Eagle, Lazy Sally. We did a lot of search-and-destroy combat missions and a lot of hot landing zones (where Soldiers were dropped from helicopters into the jungles of Vietnam to seek out and fight the enemy)," Carter said.

"I was a squad leader and I walked on point, meaning I was the first man to lead the platoon into areas where we were trying to engage the enemy. I was involved in quite a few battles. We lost a lot of good Soldiers. When I think back on that it makes my heart heavy."

Carter's oldest son was born at the hospital on Redstone Arsenal when he was in

basic training at Fort Benning, Ga.

"I wanted to go see my baby, but my platoon sergeant said 'Soldier, you're in basic training. You're getting ready to go to Vietnam. You can't go.' I told him 'If you don't let me go see my wife and newborn child, I'm going AWOL.' He got me a bus ticket, and ordered me to go and come right back."

Carter, who has the combat infantry badge among the medals he received for his Vietnam service, is still amazed today that he survived his tour. He – like his fellow Soldiers – had many close calls with death.

"I was walking point one day in a rice paddy. I looked down and there were what looked like drops of rain falling into the water all around me," he recalled. "I thought 'Those are heavy raindrops. It sure is going to rain.' Then, a bullet passed right by my face. I knew then that it wasn't rain, but shots.

"Another time when I was walking point, the underbrush was very thick and I was cutting through it with a machete. I swung the machete and then I saw a grenade on a stick where I was swinging. Its pin was just a little pulled out. It was a booby trap. One of my buddies put his hand around that grenade and carefully put the pin back in. The surreal thing about the whole incident is that I then went right back to swinging my machete."

Many Vietnam veterans came back from the war with emotional and mental issues that they had to deal with. Some are still facing the psychological demons of Vietnam. Carter thinks his family saved him from that.

"Like the World War II veterans, when I came back home, I didn't have time to think about what I had gone through. I had a newborn child. I had to come right back and get to work to support my family," he said.

"I pushed Vietnam to the back of my mind and went on with life. I still deal with it every day, though, but it doesn't take over my life. Every veteran has to deal with what they went through in war."

Carter doesn't paint scenes from Vietnam. That subject is still too sensitive – both for Carter and the public he paints for. Rather, he paints portraits, landscapes, animals, local scenes and pretty much whatever he is commissioned to paint. He hopes to add spiritual paintings to his repertoire, and he will continue to paint more WWII scenes. He paints in all mediums.



Courtesy photo

Crafty panel

What's happening at the Military and Civilian Arts and Crafts Center? Just ask Dwight Bruinsma, who won third place in an Arts and Crafts contest with this stained glass panel. 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.

Everett Carter has long art career in local market

Artist

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"My art has been a long process," he said. "I've taken a few art courses and I studied technical drafting at Drake State Technical College. I had a job offer as an illustrator with South Central Bell, but the draft ended that. When I got back from Vietnam, I started painting signs. Then, I transferred to outdoor advertising where I did a little bit of everything, including all the Santa and Coca-Cola billboards in the area."

Those jobs put food on the table and paid the bills for Carter's young family, which included three sons. His career as a billboard artist in North Alabama spanned about 25 years. On the side, he also style painted cars, trucks and vans for local businesses.

"I always longed to be more of an impressionistic artist," Carter said. "Painting a portrait or a landscape is much more intimate and personal than painting a billboard, and it's something people can enjoy for a long time."

Eventually, industry changes that involved the use of computer technology and computer graphics robbed Carter of any inspiration he had to continue painting billboards. He left the outdoor advertising business, worked in construction (during which he met his second wife, Susan, and helped her raise four daughters) and then was hired by Woody Anderson Ford, where he now manages accounts receivable.

"I got this job painting lettering on the sides of Ford trucks," Carter said. "This job has allowed me to do more personal things with my painting. I am now building an art studio at my home. I work here during the day, and I paint at night and on the weekends as a hobby and on commission. My

commissions will probably increase once I complete construction on my studio."

His employer has encouraged Carter's art, commissioning him to paint a huge portrait of Mustang horses, and various pieces showcasing classic Ford automobiles. He has done some art shows in Huntsville. His painting of the red bridge in Big Spring International Park now hangs in the office of Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer.

For the Honor Flight fund-raiser, Carter chose to do an oil painting of an air fight involving Tuskegee airmen flying P51 Mustangs as escorts to B17s. The image, which he put together from research he did, brings attention to the sacrifices made by black airmen.

"I looked at what guys went through in Vietnam. They were not respected, just like the Tuskegee airmen of World War II were not respected," Carter said. "Nobody felt the Tuskegee airmen could fly or do anything because they were black. But they became among the most sought after escorts for the B17s. This painting is a tribute to the Tuskegee airmen and the B17s."

His other painting of "Rosie the Riveter" is a tribute to the women of the U.S. who manned the manufacturing lines to ensure Soldiers had the airplanes, tanks and other hardware they needed to win the war.

Although Carter is glad to help raise money so that WWII veterans can see their memorial, he does not think he will participate in Honor Flight when the program begins transporting Vietnam veterans to their memorial. Plans call for transporting local Korean War and Vietnam War veterans to their memorials once the WWII program is completed.

"I don't want to see the Vietnam Memorial up close," Carter said. "The guys I served with ... their names are on that wall. I don't think I could face that."

Letterkenny site at Fort Bliss returning to Pennsylvania

By WILLIAM W. SMITH
 Site manager

FORT BLISS, Texas — It has gone by many names in the past — Logistics Center of Excellence, AMC Logistics Center of Excellence, AMC Field Support Branch, AMCOM Fleet Maintenance Center, as well as Letterkenny Army Forward — but put simply, it is Letterkenny Army Depot's cost center 5D100 and it will be closing this year at Fort Bliss and transferring back to Pennsylvania.

Cost center 5D100 was established at Fort Bliss in July 1996. It was begun as part of the Aviation and Missile Command's plan to fix one of the Army's 10 highest cost maintenance items, the Patriot launcher, and to reduce unnecessary circuit card repair.

It started out as a limited repair program of the launcher, as well as the General Electric Test Station screening of circuit cards, and later evolved into the current launcher Recapitalization program.

In the 12-plus years of its existence, it has been visited by about 20 general officers, named the "Outstanding Work Center" by Industrial Operations Command (now U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command), credited for the cost avoidance of more than \$17 million, and has processed 400 Patriot launchers through its doors.

In addition because of its forward location, it has supported the Fort Bliss Army community with depot level repairs, the Lower Tier Project

Office with modification and paint support, and has provided units with CARC painting of their tactical vehicles. It has 14 government workers, augmented with contractor employee support.

When the Fort Bliss community thinks of Letterkenny Army Depot, it is most likely thinking of cost center 5D100, which they can see. That will soon go away, but the great work and product that Letterkenny provides the Army is not going away — in fact it will

be getting even better. Letterkenny has seen this as an opportunity to improve the processes involved with the recapitalization of the launcher; and during this transfer, it will put in place these improvements as this work returns to Letterkenny.

Appreciation is expressed to all of those people past and present from Army Materiel Command, Aviation and Missile Command, Letterkenny, and Fort Bliss, who on a daily basis have supported this effort.

■ Army celebrates 50th anniversary of first U.S. satellite launch

Anniversary

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"What a great day this is for people who work for the Army at Redstone Arsenal," said Aviation and Missile Command historian Mike Baker.

"In the 1950s, we as Americans thought we were supreme. Our pride suffered a major blow when the Russians launched Sputnik I and Sputnik II (fall 1957) into space, and then when the Navy's Vanguard failed to get off the launch pad (December 1957). That's when the Army at Redstone Arsenal stepped up and launched Explorer I. The Army led a national effort to put us in space. The Army is the first major building block of our space program. Our efforts to put a satellite into space began a pattern of success and a spirit of achievement that still carry us forward today."

Thursday's ceremony in Bob Jones Auditorium will feature video from those early days of space exploration, and comments from AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, Project Mercury astronaut and retired Navy officer Scott Carpenter, and Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command, along with others. Members of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, which oversaw those early days of space exploration, will be recognized.

"It is important for us to recognize the significant contributions this local community, Redstone Arsenal and the Army made to the national prestige of our nation," Myles said.

"Our country needed to respond to the Russian space initiatives. When the Navy Vanguard suffered catastrophic setbacks to its program, our country turned to the U.S. Army here at Redstone and asked us to carry the space exploration banner for our country. The result was a resounding success! The 50th anniversary celebration of Explorer I is the recognition of the global impact the Army at Redstone made with the successful Explorer I mission."

As history unfolds during the ceremony,

three key players — Maj. Gen. Holger Toftoy, Maj. Gen. John Medaris, and Dr. Wernher von Braun and his German rocket team — will be spotlighted.

"Our video will show why Jan. 31, 1958, is an important day to the Army," Baker said. "General Myles is a direct successor of General Medaris, and he will talk about the significance of the Army in the nation's space race. General Campbell will talk about where the Army is today in space development. And Scott Carpenter will be our keynote speaker, reliving for us what it was like in those early days and paying tribute to the Army."

Myles said the role the Army played in the nation's space program 50 years ago is a long-standing example of what DoD employees can accomplish when they work together for their nation. He hopes employees view Thursday's program as a way to commemorate the history and technological advances that make Redstone Arsenal what it is today.

"I am hopeful and confident those attending the program will have a sense of pride in their community and in their Army for what they achieved 50 years ago," he said. "Also, I am hopeful this reminds our community what we can continue to do ... that is, when normal people with selfless hearts come together they can accomplish extraordinary things."

Baker began work on the Army's 50th anniversary commemoration last fall, vowing not to see a repeat of the 40th anniversary of Explorer I when the focus was on NASA and Launch Pad No. 26 at Cape Canaveral, Fla., where the satellite was launched. Redstone Arsenal was only a small part of that program. There was not a separate 40th anniversary celebration held at the Arsenal.

"NASA invited the Army to be part of the program and that was me," Baker recalled. "I was on the stage with a three-star from the Air Force, a one-star and local congressmen, and I represented the Army."

"After my speech, a short guy with a floppy golf hat walks up to me. He's Hank McGill, who had retired as a colonel and who had been General

Medaris' aide de camp. On the way to the ceremony, he called General Zierdt and said 'I guess our flame has burned out.' He guessed no one from the Army would be at the ceremony."

With tears in his eyes, McGill told Baker "you spoke with the same fire and passion of those days. I'm going to go home and call General Zierdt and say 'the flame is still burning.'"

Baker knew the 50th anniversary would be the Army's next opportunity to stand up for its role in those early years of space exploration. So, he began collecting videos and other materials in preparation for Jan. 31, 2008. During Huntsville's bicentennial celebration in 2005, Baker interviewed various community leaders and residents about the launching of Explorer I.

"The townspeople had a huge spontaneous celebration in downtown," Baker said. "This was not just a local event. It was a national event that literally put us on the map. The national media attention was incredible during that time. Explorer I was the foundation, from which things — the U.S. space program, NASA, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville — grew. The success of Explorer I helped to open doors for Redstone Arsenal."

In reality, the nation's space exploration could have launched much earlier than 1958, Baker said.

"In September 1956, the Army was ready to put a satellite into orbit, but was not allowed to do so by the secretary of defense because the satellite had to have a total scientific mission," Baker said. "After Sputnik, it was decided the Navy's Vanguard would be the first to launch. In December 1957, it exploded in front of a nationally televised audience. American pride was at stake. The nation's eyes were upon the Army at Redstone Arsenal, so to speak. On Jan. 31, 1958, the Army responded. And that's critical because at that time NASA didn't exist. This was an Army mission."

The Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal launched additional Explorer satellites — all on a Jupiter C rocket developed and modified to carry satellite payloads under von Braun's direction — into orbit on March 26 and July 26, 1968, and Oct. 13, 1959, and

two lunar probes under the Pioneer program. In August 1958, the Army at Redstone Arsenal also began development of the Saturn rocket booster for lunar exploration.

In October 1958, NASA was formed. But the Army at Redstone Arsenal still played a leading role in the new agency, modifying Redstone missiles to be used in NASA's Mercury project for suborbital flight, and providing technical direction for Saturn.

Eventually, the Army's space mission was transferred to NASA. On July 1, 1960, NASA's George C. Marshall Space Flight Center was formed at Redstone Arsenal and the Army formally lost all its space-related missions, along with about 4,000 civilian employees (including the von Braun team) and \$100 million worth of buildings and equipment at Redstone Arsenal and Cape Canaveral. The activation of the Marshall Space Flight Center marked the end of the Army's pioneering to put man in space.

"General Medaris opposed the loss of the Army's space program. He said the space mission had to stay within the confines of the military because of its military applications," Baker said.

"But it really came down to a funding issue. The Army had to budget its money for tanks and guns, and that could have made it difficult to fund space missions. By putting space exploration into its own organization, it became a purely scientific mission and it could get the funding it needed."

History has shown that Redstone Arsenal benefited the nation's space program and the nation's space program benefited Redstone Arsenal.

"Toftoy, Medaris, von Braun all worked together in the Army," Baker said. "The achievements they made in the '50s continue to affect not just the space side of the house. All systems developed here over the years have been influenced by those first days in space. All the military organizations here — SMDC, MSIC, AMCOM — are here because of the work that led up to the launching of Explorer I. This history is part of who we are today. We should all have pride in knowing what was done here 50 years ago."

Launch

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Whether those fears were real or imagined, they were enough to jumpstart public opinion that pressured government leaders and, consequently, U.S. scientists to launch America's own satellite. With the launching of a second Soviet satellite in November and the failed attempt by the Navy to launch its Vanguard satellite in December, public opinion intensified.

Enter the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal.

"The von Braun team finally got the authorization to go ahead and launch its satellite," Christensen said, speaking at a January meeting of American Society of Mechanical Engineers in the von Braun Research Hall at the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. "Explorer I really put Huntsville on the map, and brought a

lot of attention to early American rocketry and the von Braun team."

Though Jan. 31 is recognized as the 50th anniversary of man's journey into space, Christensen said technical papers working on the theory of space flight go back to the 1920s when U.S. scientist Robert Goddard and German scientist Hermann Oberth were conducting independent studies in the field of rocketry. Goddard launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket in 1926 and became known as one of the fathers of modern rocketry. Oberth also launched liquid-fueled rockets and eventually worked with former student von Braun at Redstone Arsenal.

During the early years of rocket history, Christensen said scientists would take technology and rebuild it into various rockets. Germany's infamous V-2 program built on earlier rocket technology as did the Atlas, Centaur, Titan and Thor rockets.

"They are all basically the same hard-

ware that was used to develop the rocket that put Sputnik up in '57," Christensen said. "We're still using that technology today."

The German scientists who came to the U.S. after WWII developed detailed graphic designs of rockets. They used those drawings to ask questions and delve into performance issues.

"They would run 'what if' scenarios day by day that would give them a better feel for the operations of a rocket and then they would try to design out any failures," Christensen said. "The one thing the Germans insisted on was simplicity and understanding what's happening."

Yet, bringing that technology to the U.S. is the story of the Army and Maj. Gen. Holger Toftoy.

"General Toftoy was the real hero of the whole story," Christensen said. "He brought the Germans over to the U.S. and he was their house mother, chaplain and everything else they needed at Fort Bliss (Texas) for five years. He helped bring their families over. He helped them get

citizenship. He did the work to bring their missile program to Redstone Arsenal."

At the time, the U.S. military was developing various rockets, including the Navy's Viking and the Army's Corporal.

"The Corporal was a military rocket," Christensen said. "It grew into a full blown ballistic missile with a nuclear warhead. It was the forerunner to the ballistic missile program prior to Redstone."

There was also Hermes and then the Redstone, Juno and Jupiter rockets, among others. And each built on each other's successes and failures.

"On the very first Jupiter flight, the engines seized up," Christensen said. "They forced lubrication through during flight with a turbo pump. It was a case where the first one out of the box with Jupiter had a problem. They fixed it and all the other rockets benefited from it."

"Each rocket that flew at that time was an historic flight that would lead us to launching a satellite, a deep probe into space or manned flight into space."

■ Army event lands appearance by Mercury astronaut

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Redstone Arsenal employees, said AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles.

"We asked Scott Carpenter to talk with us to provide his insights to our work force," he said. "Specifically, to reinforce the importance this community has had on the overall space program in the past as well as in the future."

Today, Carpenter is an author and lecturer, speaking frequently in the U.S. and abroad about the history and future of ocean and space technology, the impact of scientific and technological advances on human affairs, and man's continuing search for excellence. He has appeared as a television spokesman for many major corporations and has served as an actor/consultant to the film industry in the fields of space flight, oceanography and the global environment.

Carpenter's career began in 1949 after graduating from the University of Colorado with a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering. He was commissioned into the Navy, received flight training and was designated a naval aviator in 1951. He went on to fly anti-submarine, ship surveillance, aerial mining and ferret missions in the Yellow Sea, South China Sea and Formosa Straits as a member of Patrol Squadron Six during the Korean War.

After attending the Navy Test Pilot School in 1954, Carpenter flew tests in every type of naval aircraft, including multi- and single-engine jet and propeller-driven fighters, attack planes, patrol bombers, transports and seaplanes. He also served as an air intelligence officer to the USS Hornet aircraft carrier.

After being chosen as one of the original Mercury astronauts in April 1959, Carpenter trained with NASA in communication and navigation. He was a backup pilot to his co-astronaut and friend John Glenn during the preparation for America's first manned orbital space flight in

February 1962.

Carpenter flew the second American manned orbital flight on May 24, 1962. He piloted his Aurora 7 spacecraft through three revolutions of the Earth, reaching a maximum altitude of 164 miles. The spacecraft landed in the Atlantic Ocean about 1,000 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral after four hours and 54 minutes of flight time.

During a leave of absence from NASA in 1965, Carpenter participated in the Navy's Man-in-the-Sea Project as an aquanaut in the SEALAB II program. During the 45-day experiment, Carpenter spent 30 days living and working on the ocean floor. He was team leader for two of the three 10-man teams of Navy and civilian divers who conducted deep-sea diving activities in a seafloor habitat at a depth of 205 feet.

Returning to NASA, Carpenter served as executive assistant to the director of the Manned Spaceflight Center, and was active in the design of the Apollo Lunar Landing Module and in underwater extravehicular activity crew training. In 1967, he returned to the Navy's Deep Submergence Systems

Project as director of Aquanaut Operations during the SEALAB III experiment.

Carpenter retired from the Navy in 1969, and went on to establish a venture capital corporation known as Sear Science Inc. The company developed programs aimed at enhanced utilization of ocean resources and improved health of the planet. He has also been a consultant to sport and professional diving equipment manufacturers, and a pioneer in the production of energy from agricultural and industrial waste and in improvements of waste handling and waste-transfer equipment. He is also a consultant on aerospace and ocean engineering to industry and the private sector.

Carpenter's awards include the Navy's Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, U.S. Navy Astronaut Wings, the University of Colorado Recognition Medal, the Collier Trophy, the New York City Gold Medal of Honor, the Elisha Kent Kane Medal, the Ustica Gold Trident, and the Boy Scouts of America Silver Buffalo. He has been awarded seven honorary degrees.

Soldier and family narrowly survive house fire

Most possessions lost but they feel fortunate

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Todd Foster doesn't let things bother him much.

Maybe it's because of all he's experienced as the father of eight children and a divorcee.

Maybe it's because of his experience as a firefighter in California.

Maybe it's because of his experience as a Special Forces Soldier with the Alabama Army National Guard fighting the war in Afghanistan and then in Iraq.

Whatever the reason, Foster is a man who takes problems in stride and who is confident he can overcome even the worst of disasters.

That confidence and self-assuredness is being put to the test as Foster picks up the pieces of his life after an incredible fire on Jan. 18 destroyed the home where he and his girlfriend and his 17-year-old son Harvey were living in south Huntsville.

"Different people handle things in different ways," said Foster, 39. "I've been shot at. I've been in lots of threatening situations. And because of that I think I deal with stress differently than other people."

Foster, his son and his girlfriend narrowly escaped injury and death in the two-story house fire at 317 Rosemont Road.

It was about 5:15 a.m. Jan. 18 when Foster's son woke him up and said he thought the house was on fire.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

REBUILDING HIS LIFE— Cpl. Todd Foster of the Alabama Army National Guard Special Forces lost everything but his truck in a house fire that destroyed his home Jan. 18. He and his 17-year-old son and his girlfriend narrowly escaped injury and death in the fire. The Fosters are now working to rebuild their lives.

"He thought he heard something and he woke up," Foster said. "He looked out the window and saw a neighbor running away from our house. Later, we found out the neighbor was banging on our door, trying to wake us up and was running home to call 911."

Foster did smell smoke in the house. He yelled at his son and his girlfriend to get out. He then went downstairs, hoping that the smoke was coming from a small fire he could quickly put out.

"I opened the door to the family room and I was hit with a bunch of smoke. It was just billowing out," he said. "But I didn't see any flames. I closed the door and went outside to run around to the back of the house."

As he ran, Foster could see a

glow from fire. When he got to the rear of the house where sliding glass doors open onto the family room, he could see a "wall of flames from floor to ceiling."

"I thought 'There's no way I can hold this back with a garden hose,'" he recalled.

He ran to the front of the house and, to his dismay, neither his son nor his girlfriend were in the front yard.

"My son was on the roof. The smoke was filling the house so quickly," Foster said. "My girlfriend was in the master bathroom, but she couldn't get the window open. I tossed a piece of firewood up to my son and told him to break out the bedroom window, but he couldn't get to it. She finally got the window opened enough to slide out."

Foster's girlfriend got out just seconds before a gas line explosion.

"It blew all the doors and windows off the house," Foster said. "It shot fire out every window and doorway."

Foster got his son and his girlfriend off the roof by the time Huntsville fire trucks arrived.

"It all happened so fast. From the time I woke up until the explosion was maybe three minutes," he said. "The fire was too hot and too unpredictable for the fire fighters to even go inside. They pretty much had to fight the fire from the outside. Once the roof burned off, they used water cannons to dump water on the house."

Lost in the fire were three dogs belonging to Foster's girlfriend, who is now staying with her parents in Birmingham. The house and its contents were a total loss.

"Nothing is salvageable," Foster said. "Everything burned up. The only thing left is what we were wearing and what we had in our cars."

The American Red Cross has given the family certificates for clothing from the Salvation Army and Good Will, but Foster has not used them. Instead, friends have donated clothing. The family does not have rental insurance.

Foster and his family of eight children moved to the Huntsville area in 2001. The former active duty Soldier joined the Alabama Army National Guard at the rank of corporal in 2002, serving with the 1st Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group headquartered on South Memorial Parkway. He

volunteered for two deployments – first with the 1st Battalion to Afghanistan in June 2002 and then with the 3rd Battalion to Iraq from June 2006-April 2007.

"I'm a communications guy," Foster said. "My job is to make sure the radios are working and we can communicate. I worked with communications at the headquarters level and on the Special Forces teams, which are 12-man teams performing various missions."

Following his first deployment, Foster took a job as a satellite engineer with Data Path of Atlanta, traveling throughout the world to places like Okinawa, Korea, South America, Afghanistan and Iraq. He returned to that job after his second deployment, but was laid off in December 2007.

Foster and his son are staying with relatives and friends. Foster, who began classes in network engineering at Virginia College the week of Jan. 14, hopes to get by on unemployment checks and student loans until he gets a new job. He hopes to rent a home in Madison.

"I'm trying to get a place to live and trying to get my life back to normal as much as I can," Foster said. "There was a lot of hard work to get all the stuff we had. I had an entire gym with workout equipment in the house. I had an office with computers, laptops and all kinds of equipment. We had just bought some new furniture."

"But that stuff can be replaced. What can't be replaced are the things my kids have

Engineers plant combat outpost

By Sgt. MICHAEL CONNORS
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CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — Just days after a major precision air strike in southern Arab Jabour to root out al-Qaeda in Iraq, combat engineers traversed the battlefield, arriving in the area to construct Multinational Division-Center's newest combat outpost.

Soldiers with 535th Equipment Support Company, 479th Engineer Battalion convoyed from Camp Stryker, Baghdad, 15 miles southwest to Zambraniyah in southern Arab Jabour to begin construction on Combat Outpost Meade Jan. 15. Coalition Forces hit more than 40 AQI targets in an air strike Jan. 10 to secure the area in support of Operation Marne Thunderbolt.

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding

general of MND-C, visited the area Jan. 16, stopping at COP Meade, Patrol Base 2 and a former al-Qaeda safehouse, captured and converted to a Coalition Forces observation point.

"I just want to tell you I'm proud to be here with you," said Lynch to the combat engineers gathered around him at COP Meade. "You all have had more impact than you'll ever know ... The whole world is turning right here right now at Combat Outpost Meade. We'll fight the Global War on Terrorism here so we won't have to fight it back home."

After rallying the troops, Lynch handed out commemorative Task Force Marne pocket knives and his personal coins.

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■ House fire victim tries to get his life back to normal

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given me. The drawings they've done in school, the things they've made for me."

Foster thinks the fire was caused by an electrical short. But it is still under investigation.

Although it will take awhile to replace the furniture, office equipment and fitness equipment lost in the flames, Foster is thankful that his four younger sons — ages

12, 11, 7 and 6 — were staying with his ex-wife in Decatur on the morning of the fire.

"Chances are if the boys had been there we all would have died because we wouldn't have left them in the house," Foster said.

Editor's note: The Foster Fire Fund has been established at Redstone Federal Credit Union to help Todd Foster and his family. Donations can be made at any credit union branch. Foster can be reached at 468-0881.

NCO Academy outlasts 375th Engineers

Academy pulls away in 2nd half of opener

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The NCO Academy basketball team didn't get discouraged after trailing 375th Engineer Company on opening night of the season.

Down 22-21 at halftime, the Academy roared to a 45-36 win Jan. 22 at Pagano Gym.

"We just came together as a team," guard Jarkayzio Frank said. "And started catching more rebounds, being more active, working together, shooting better. And we kind of wore them down also."

Frank scored 11 points for the Academy team, which is led by player/coach Shawn Jones.

The 375th Engineers couldn't keep their early momentum in the first game of their first season. Located on Patton Road just outside Gate 10, the Reserve unit was teamed last year with 326th Chemical Company, the two-time defending post champion.

"We just fell apart for the most part (in this game)," 375th player/coach Carlos Richardson said. "We weren't executing on the offensive end. We had a couple of guys when they got winded, we didn't really have a replacement for them. We kind of ran out of gas, so to speak."

Power forward Marcus Beasley led the 375th with a game-high 13 points.

"We had eight (players) but when we pulled one of our guards out there, we didn't have somebody to replace our ball handler (McVay Chambers III)," Richardson said. "He played all night and he pretty much ran out of gas. We gave him about a 4-5 minute break for the most part. We put a lot on him."

Games are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6 and 7 at Pagano. The season ends March 4 and the postseason tournament is March 6-13.

Here are results from week one of the season:

- **Jan. 22** – NCO Academy def. 375th Engineers 45-36; and Headquarters & Alpha def. Bravo 52-47.

- **Jan. 24** – Charlie def. 326th Chemical 61-56; and Marines def. HHC 59th 65-49.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
DEFENSIVE STOP— NCO Academy's Jarkayzio Frank awaits a defensive rebound while 375th's Darryl Owens, left, looks on.



Free tax filing available for military



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GRAND OPENING— Cutting the ribbon for the Tax Assistance Center are, from left, Col. Nat Causey, AMCOM staff judge advocate; Rachael Yeoman, the center's manager; and Randy Duff, regional coordinator for AARP Foundation tax aide.

Tax Assistance Center works through April 15

The Tax Assistance Center is officially open for business.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Thursday for the center, which provides free filing services annually for active duty and retired military and their families. Building 3489 is at the corner of Zeus and Ajax roads just off of Aerobee.

"Thank you all for your service," Col. Nat Causey, AMCOM staff judge advocate, told the workers. "This is a great effort and a great mission."

"Thank you for coming out today (to the grand opening). Thank you for what you're going to do for Soldiers and retirees."

The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until April 15. For an appointment, call 842-1040.

Missile intelligence people practice preparedness



Courtesy photo

DECON PROCESS— Redstone HazMat responders work on a contamination victim during the disaster preparedness exercise.

Emergency response drill held to raise awareness

By JEANNIE MUNGER
For the Rocket

As part of ongoing efforts of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center to ensure employee safety and disaster preparedness, MSIC has conducted Operation Decon Focus, a chem-bio training exercise for its workers.

The exercise in 2007 was the combined effort of Defense Intelligence Agency's Mission Assurance Office, the MSIC Office for Program Management, and Redstone Fire and Emergency Services to expand the work force's knowledge of disaster preparedness and emergency response. The exercise served to increase the workers' awareness of what could actually happen in the event of a "dirty bomb" or similar chem-bio release.

MSIC safety officer Robert Thompson and disaster plans officer Jeannie Munger coordinated the exercise to immediately follow the annual bomb drill. As part of its disaster preparedness program, MSIC conducts four drills annually: severe weather, fire, bomb, and shelter-in-place. This was the first time the work force was exposed to a live, hands-on decontamination demonstration.

The Redstone Fire Department Hazardous Material Response team partici-

pated in the training exercise by providing rescue efforts and full decontamination procedures for seven MSIC casualty volunteers and training by observation to the entire work force.

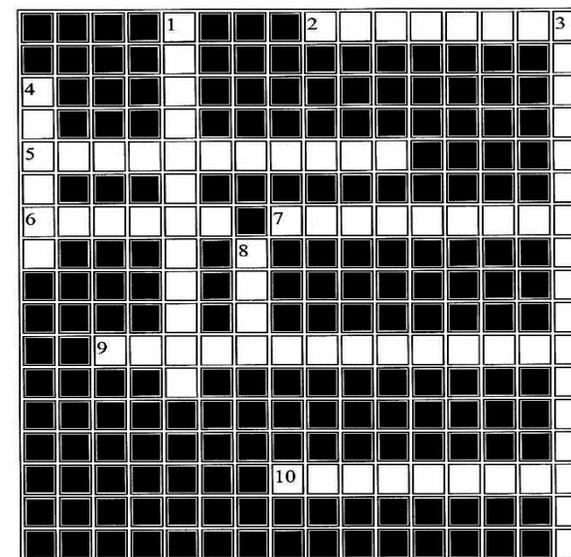
The exercise scenario began with a conference in the MSIC auditorium where a situation was simulated involving a visitor releasing a toxic substance as part of a mock terrorist attack. The substance produced a myriad of symptoms in the victims — coughing, tightening of the chest, confusion and vomiting. Two of the victims were ambulatory and were carried out of the area by Redstone HazMat responders in full Level A suits. Other physically affected people were met by Redstone HazMat responders as they exited the contaminated auditorium.

All victims were monitored for several hazardous substances including radioactive materials before being directed through a dry or wet decontamination process. Mass decontamination involved two fire trucks set up with a shower corridor which began the decontamination process. This procedure was followed by a more thorough decon process which included removal of contaminated clothing and issuance of new garments to victims. Operation Decon Focus ended approximately three and a half hours after the initiation of the bomb drill.

A safety video will be produced and used for future training throughout Defense Intelligence Agency and the Redstone community.

SECURITY PUZZLER

information concerning Security



Across

2. Check the _____ when you work with classified documents
5. what is used to open a security container
6. middle level of classification
7. highest level of classification
9. protects sensitive government information
10. a breach in security

Down

1. lowest level of classification
3. correct nomenclature for a safe
4. authorization to work with classified information
8. system to track security access

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Swing into Valentine's with cool jazz band

Civilian Welfare Fund Council invites you to evening dance

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While Valentine's Day is traditionally a couples' occasion, that doesn't mean singles should be left out in the cold. The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has plans to heat things up for both couples and singles Feb. 9 in the Sparkman Center Cafeteria.

"We decided that since we did not have a post holiday party this year that we would have a Valentine's dance," Robert Olson, Civilian Welfare Fund Council president, said. "We wanted to do something different."

It promises to be a good time with good food, Olson said. Catering will be provided by the Post Restaurant Fund. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available.

"We're talking carved roast beef, buffalo wings, vegetable trays, cheeses and things like that," Olson said.

The CWFC is bringing a dance floor in for the occasion. In order to get the most use out of it, they have scheduled one of the best known names in New Orleans style jazz and swing, Coolbone. In addition to being named one of the 150 hottest bands of 2006 by Modern Bride magazine, they have toured with George Clinton, Ziggy Marley, Aretha Franklin and appeared as the backup band for the legendary Ray Charles in the movie "Ray."

"The director and producer wanted to use live musicians, not actors pretending to play," Steven Johnson, Coolbone trombonist, said. "We did a lot of shots and you can see us on the back cover in the big band."

After being forced to leave New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina, Johnson moved to Huntsville with his wife and four children. In addition to Coolbone, Johnson also serves as the band director for Johnson High School.

"This is my third year there," Johnson said. "It's important to give back. Those



Courtesy photo

PLAY ON— Jazz and swing band Coolbone will bring its internationally known brand of flavor to the Valentine's Day Party and Dance hosted by the Civilian Welfare Fund Council. Huntsville's Steven Johnson, trombonist, is seated in center. Standing from left are Lee Anderson, Darryl Johnson, Eric Clay, Ronell Johnson, Andre' Carter, Derrick Francois and Ernest Johnson Jr.

kids needed me and I guess I need them." Coolbone will be playing jazz, swing and their own arrangements of great songs from yesterday and today. For this event

in particular they should be in fine form, Johnson said.

"Mardi Gras actually starts that week, on the 5th. So we'll be back in New

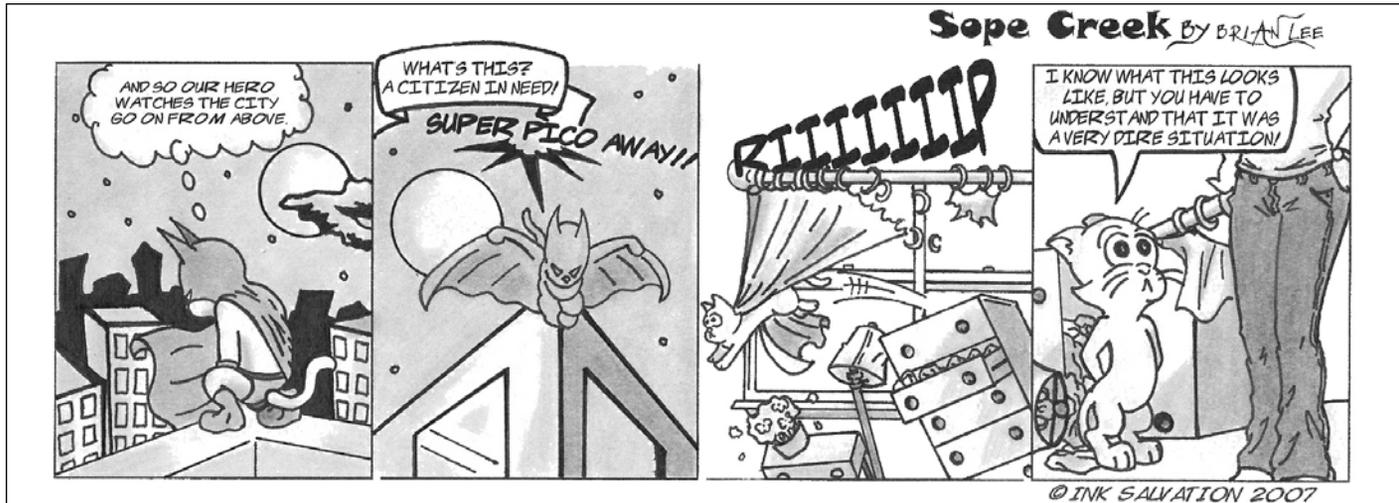
Orleans for that," he said. "We'll still be in Mardi Gras mode when we get to the party."

Even though it is billed as a Valentine's party, those without a significant other shouldn't skip it. Olson stressed that this is about having a great time with friends and colleagues.

"It's not an event geared towards couples exclusively. That's why tickets are individual," he said. "It's an evening together to have fun, maybe do a little networking and just have a great time."

Tickets for the event are \$15 each. The fun will start at 7 p.m. with the band taking the stage from 7:30 to 10:30. Attire is dressy casual. For more information on Coolbone Jazz of New Orleans, visit www.coolbone.com. To purchase tickets, see your CWFC representative or visit the Sparkman Cafeteria.

Editor's note: CWFC representatives include the following: building 4545, Loretta Brooks at 313-7406; building 4545, Lida Christian at 313-7212; building 5220, Yancy Mitchell at 955-5476; building 5301, Bud Allen at 876-5285; building 5302, Jan Pickard at 842-6625; building 5302, Flo Boswell at 842-0042; building 5303, Charles Urban at 955-7662; building 5400, Robert Olson at 876-4993; and building 7804, Tom Bramhall at 876-3836.



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.

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.

Boating class

America's Boating Class is offered Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gander Mountain Sporting Goods in northeast Huntsville. The optional book is \$20. To register call Debbie Miller 617-0869.

Girls basketball

Alabama Elite Girl's Club basketball tryouts are Feb. 10 at the Monrovia Community Center. Here's the schedule for each age group: 9U (girls born on or after July 1, 1997) and 10U (girls born on or after July 1, 1996) try out from 2-3 p.m.; and 11U (girls born on or after July 1, 1995) compete from 3-4 p.m. For information e-mail Qwann Wood at aaelite@gmail.com.

Couples tournament

Join the Links at Redstone for its Valentine's Day Couples Golf Tournament on Feb. 17 at noon. The cost is \$20 per person. There will be refreshments and door prizes. For more information, call 883-7977.

Redstone flotilla

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights from Feb. 14 through March 27 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive. Classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621.

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.

Security professionals

NCMS Mid-South Chapter luncheon is Feb. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn by Madison Square Mall. The speaker is Rodney Morgan, a certified GSA container inspector. Lunch is \$16. To register, e-mail PMalone@mil-tec.com by Feb. 12.

Catholic women

The Military Council of Catholic Women invites all ladies with a military or civilian ID to its monthly meeting Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Old Chapel (on Patton Road) assembly room. "On this World day of

Prayer, the program will feature our pastor Father Ray Kopec," a prepared release said. It will be accompanied by refreshments and followed by optional Holy Hour at 11 a.m. and Mass at noon. Please call ahead for child care to Phyllis 842-2175; or for more information, call Chris 701-6490.

University women

American Association of University Women will present playwrights Sena Teter Neslund and Elaine Hughes discussing their play "Four Spirits" on Feb. 4 at the Bevil Center, UAH campus, 550 Sparkman Drive. The meet and greet begins at 5:30 p.m., and dinner (\$19) at 6. Seats are available for non-diners. Reservations should be made by Jan. 30 for both diners and non-diners with Lois Gruenel 880-8643.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Retired Air Force Col. Brian Bennett will discuss Tricare in the local area. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burtram 325-1938.

Chapter luncheon

The Rocket City Chapter of ITEA will hold a luncheon meeting Feb. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Scientific Research Corporation, 103 Quality Circle, Suite 220. A complimentary lunch will be offered to the membership and non-members. Dr. John Foulkes, director of Test Resource Management Center, OSD, is the speaker. RSVP to James Knoch 876-2550.

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Mock arrest

Tom Doss of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space is escorted by police out of the St. Barbara celebration Jan. 18 at the Officers and Civilians Club. But it's all in fun of course. Charged with poking fun at the other Army branches (mainly aviators) during the Artillery-sponsored event, he was released because the Army Song is really the Artillery Song and represents the total force.

Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. "Patriotism Tested: The Civil War Tribulations of Union General John A. Logan and Confederate Colonel William Oats" will be presented by Morris Penny, an award-winning author on the Civil War. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet available at 5:30 for \$6.95. Call 858-6191 for more information.

Computer users

Create music CDs using Microsoft's free Windows Media Player, as demonstrated by Kevin Wangbickler, at the Huntsville PC User Group's Special Interest Group meeting at 9:15 a.m. Feb. 9 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Wangbickler is the past HPCUG president and a longtime computer user. At 10:45 the advanced features of Excel (Microsoft's spreadsheet program) for incorporating graphs, charts, pivot tables and relative strength comparisons will be discussed by Pat Layky, the HPCUG secretary. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

Test/evaluation papers

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

Defense association

The Air, Space and Missile Defense Association will hold its annual membership and awards luncheon Thursday 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 Comptrollers, 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.

Space history

HAL5 (local chapter of the National Space Society) presents a free public lecture "You Are There — From Early Rocket History Through 50 Years in Space" by David Christensen, consultant and former von Braun team member, on Feb. 7 at 7



Photo by Susan Smith

Employee of quarter

Management analyst Rosie Zarzour was selected as the 2007 fourth quarter Employee of the Quarter in the AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security).

p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 509-3833.

Emerging technology

The Tennessee Valley Emerging Technology Conference will be held March 26-28 at the Richard C. Shelby Center for Missile Intelligence Auditorium. For more information, visit the conference web site <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/ETC08/>.

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

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

Pilots wanted

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

Reserve cadets

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

Tax center

The 2007-08 Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center is open through 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



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Admin professional

Susanne Wells, executive assistant for Booz Allen Hamilton Inc./Missile Defense Agency, Intelligence Requirements Division, has earned the Certified Professional Secretary rating from the International Association of Administrative Professionals. She is a member of the IAAP Huntsville Chapter.

dependents, are eligible for e-filing of federal and state tax returns. There is no charge for this service. For an appointment, call 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 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

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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.

Scholarship program

The American Society of Military Comp-

trollers offers a scholarship program for ASMC members and their families. Applicants must be current ASMC members or high school seniors, undergraduates, or those working on graduate programs (immediately related to an ASMC member). They must have maintained a 3.0 gpa. Applications are due by Feb. 28. For more information all Judy Smith, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, 313-2379.

Warrant officer scholarship

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association will present its annual \$1,000 scholarship award for 2008. Applications will be accepted from the children (natural and adopted), dependent stepchildren under age 21 (seniors in high school or currently enrolled college freshmen), and spouses of members of the active, National Guard, Reserve, and retired military and DoD civilians/contractors in the Tennessee Valley area. Deadline to submit packet is March 1. To download a packet and application form, go to www.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. The announcement will be made at the OCWC dinner May 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, contact Kathleen Riester riesterc@knology.net or 520-5132, or Audrey Osterndorf osterndorf1@aol.com or 325-4910.

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 by 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.

Space symposium

The "America in Space" 50th anniversary symposium, a public seminar, is Thursday 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.

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.

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Retirement luncheon

A retirement luncheon for Mary Marcucci will be held 11:30 a.m. Thursday 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.

Postgraduate school

Naval Postgraduate School 2008-10 Naval Postgraduate School, Master of Science in Program Management Announcement opens Saturday and closes April 14. Board review and selection date is April, and class starts in July. For information call Shirley Hornaday, regional director of the Acquisition Support Center, 955-2764.

Acquisition training

Defense Acquisition University SSCF 2008-09 announcement opens Feb. 4, and closes April 7. Board review and selection date is April. Class starts in July. For information call Shirley Hornaday, regional director of the Acquisition Support Center, 955-2764.

School of choice

The Army Acquisition Corps announces the School of Choice Program for members of the Acquisition, Logistics and Technology work force to complete their bachelor's or master's degrees. The Army Acquisition Professional Development System will accept applications until June via a rolling process with three cutoff dates: Feb. 29, April 30 and June 30. For information call Shirley Hornaday, regional director of the Acquisition Support Center, 955-2764.

Financial seminar

American Society of Military Comptrollers is holding a Mini-PDI (financial training seminar) on March 5-6 at the Trinity United Methodist Church Auditorium on Airport Road. Pick a day; the same session will be presented each day with lunch included. Speakers include Dr. Gary Huckabee, Kathryn Sommerkamp and Mike Ryan. Cost is \$100 for ASMC members and \$125 for non-members. Registration is 7:30-8:25 a.m., and the seminar is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. TIP number is F82MPDI. Call in reservation with IMPAC credit card information to Cody Swinford 876-3363, Dana Wilbanks 876-4283, Debbie O'Neal 876-2671, Sandy Balog 842-8012, Frieda Waits 450-2169 and Theresa McBride 842-9272.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on Feb. 5 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338, Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Civilian

employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

International night

International Night will be held Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Sample the "best food from around the world," a prepared release said. "There will be food from Germany, Italy, Mexico, Korea, Thailand and the USA. There will also be live entertainment." Tickets are \$15 for this event, open to the entire Redstone community. Call 830-2582.

Singing valentine

"Say 'I love you' with a singing valentine's and leave your sweetheart speechless," a prepared release said. "Your thoughtfulness will be remembered long after the song ends."

A barbershop quartet will deliver a song, a rose and a card to that special someone. Call the Rocket City Chorus 604-0972 or visit the web site www.rocketcitychorus.org.

Fondue for two

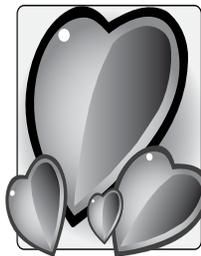
Treat your valentine to a night out at the Officers and Civilians Club. The club is having a formal four-course fondue dinner and dance Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. There will be entertainment provided by the Usual Suspects. The cost is \$35 per person for this event, open to the entire community. For more information or tickets, call 830-2582.

Prayer breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast is Feb. 12 at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Pro football hall of famer John Hannah is the speaker. Music will be provided by the Huntsville Police Department's "Blue Note Five." Miss Alabama 2007 Jamie Langley will appear. For tickets call Chaplain Parker or Spc. Kausek 842-2965 or 842-2964. The suggested donation is \$3.

Flu shots

Flu shots will be given today from 1-3 p.m. in the Warrior Medicine Clinic at Fox Army Health Center, first floor. Active duty Soldiers and their family members (age 13 and over), military retirees and family members, and DoD civilians are eligible for the shot. DoD civilians who are deploying need to make an appointment with the Occupational Health Clinic by calling 955-8888, ext. 1026. Children age 6 months through 12 years may get the flu shot Monday through Friday from 7:45-8:45 a.m. in the Immunization Clinic. For more information, call the Preventive Medicine Clinic 955-8888, ext.1026.



Thrift shop reopens

The Thrift Shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, is now reopened for shopping Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9-5. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Thrift Shop will have a "Grand Reopening" on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free hot dogs and soda. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

Open casting call

Casting directors from Bunim/Murray Productions, creators of the perennial hit MTV show "The Real World," will hold an open casting call Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Zydeco, 2001 15th Ave. south in Birmingham. Applicants are asked to bring a recent picture of themselves (which will not be returned) and a photo ID. Please be between the ages of 18 and 24 to apply. For more information, visit www.bunim-murray.com.

Latin dance

SaborLatino invites you to the "First Latin Dance 2008" on Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave. Deejay Ed will be playing the "best Latin mixes and Old School." There's a \$10 cover charge. For reservations call Yvonne 783-5756 or deejay Ed 651-9626. You must be 19 to party, 21 to drink.

Woodpecker benefit

The Ivory-billed Woodpecker Foundation is holding its second annual fund-raising gala, "Save the Ivory-bill!" on Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Jaycees Facility. The keynote speaker is professor Dr. Jerome Jackson, ornithologist and author of "In Search of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker." Tickets are \$35 and include dinner and the program. For tickets call Bobby Harrison 337-3368 day or 776-2003 evening.

ID card section

Military Personnel Office ID Card Section will be closed Feb. 27-29 for upgrade of 7.2 DEERS/RAPIDS computers. Effective March 1, the requirements for issuing ID cards will change. Individuals must present two forms of identification before being issued an ID card. For more information, call 842-2413.

International trade

The North Alabama International Trade Association and the Madison County Commission invite you to these Export Controls & Compliance training events: NAITA Export Controls & Compliance Roundtable Discussion Group from 3-5 p.m. today at BizTech; ITC Strategies Export Compliance Seminar, Feb. 4-5 at the Huntsville Marriott; and NAITA/Export Alabama Briefing on Trade Mission to Chile and Argentina from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 532-3505 or visit www.naita.org.

Veteran recruitment

The military-to-civilian recruiting firm RecruitMilitary will present a free hiring

event for job seekers who have military backgrounds Feb.12 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Regions Park in Hoover. More than 20 veteran-friendly organizations will conduct one-on-one interviews with the job seekers. For more information on the RecruitMilitary Career Fair call Drew Myers, president of RecruitMilitary, 800-226-0841. To register as a job seeker, visit www.recruitmilitary.com.

Management institute

The Project Management Institute North Alabama Chapter will hold its PMI-NAC annual Free Evening Event on Feb. 7 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Gemini Room, Odyssey II Building, SAIC Huntsville Campus, 6723 Odyssey Drive. Featured speaker is retired Lt. Gen. Dan Petrosky, president of West-Wind Technologies. Register at www.northalabamapmi.org/ChapterMeetings.htm.

Health center holiday

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Monday, Feb.18 in observance of President's Day. On Tuesday, Feb. 19 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 afternoons 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 or emergency medical services. In an emergency, dial 911.

Grandparents' project

Lee Marsh, an author, would like to hear from grandparents. "There are times in the lives of grandparents when we are confused and have questions about how to better fill our role as grandparents," Marsh said in a prepared release. "I'm looking for grandparents to provide feedback, exchange concerns and share ideas about grandchildren by responding to six questions in preparation for a new book, 'Grandparents ... Just Talking.'" Contact Marsh at rlmarsh@earthlink.net or call (423) 875-2998.

Wear red day

As part of February's American Heart Month, Fox Army Health Center's Preventive Medicine Clinic will join thousands of Americans nationwide in celebrating National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 1 by encouraging the wearing of red post-wide and sponsoring a Health and Wellness Fair. The event will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bob Jones Auditorium lobby, Sparkman Center building 5304. Fox Army Health Center will conduct blood pressure and bone density screenings. Crestwood Medical Center and other organizations will also provide various screenings. Also Friday, the first 50 customers to come to the Post Exchange on National Heart Truth Day/Go Red Dress Day at 1 p.m. will receive wellness/health promotion items.



ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

January 30, 2008 The Redstone Rocket

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK070350623	Electrical Engr	30-Jan-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	38,824 - 87,039		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08495851	Admin Asst. (OA)	30-Jan-08	MEDDAC	GS-0303	7	7	37,164 - 48,308		X	X					X	X			
SCBK08504090	Acq Mgmt Sys Spec	30-Jan-08	AMC Security Asst Mgt Dir	GS-0301	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X										
SCBK08504094	International Prgm Mgmt Spec	30-Jan-08	AMC Security Asst Mgt Dir	GS-0301	13	13	78,390 - 101,913							X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08471017	Editor (Printed Media)	30-Jan-08	LOGSA	GS-1082	13	13	78,390 - 101,913							X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK080508660	Career Dev Prgm Spec	31-Jan-08	AMCOM, TMDE ACTVTY	GS-0301	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X										
SCNAFBK0806	Admin Asst. (CYS)	31-Jan-08	Child&Youth Services	NF-0303	2	2	7.61 - 13.97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0804	Lead Child & Youth Prgm Asst	31-Jan-08	Child&Youth Services	CC-1702	2	2	14.38 - 18.69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0807	Child&Youth Prgm Asst (Entry level)	31-Jan-08	Child&Youth Services	CC-1702	1	2	10.49 - 18.69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0803	Tractor Operator	31-Jan-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.88 - 9.88	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK070350623D	Electrical Engr	1-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	38,824 - 87,039	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08463277	Logistics Mgmt Spec	1-Feb-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	63,958 - 83,148		X										
SCBK08489253	Secretary (OA)	1-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YB-0318	1	1	19282 - 43,475		X										
SCBK08474538	Lead Electronics Engr	4-Feb-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,381 - 141,272		X	X			X		X	X			X
SCBK08474538D	Lead Electronics Engr	4-Feb-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,381 - 141,272	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07387899	Indust Engr; Architecture; Civil Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Elect Engr; Chem Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0896,0808, 0810,0819, 0830,0850, 0893	2	2	44,104 - 98,876		X	X	X		X				X		X
SCBK07387899D	Indust Engr; Architecture; Civil Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Elect Engr; Chem Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0896,0808, 0810,0819, 0830,0850, 0893	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08427790	Contact Representative	4-Feb-08	MEDDAC	GS-0962	5/6	6/7	28,862 - 46,478			X		X	X		X	X		X	X
SCBK08425120	Facility Oper Spec	4-Feb-08	MEDDAC	GS-1640	11	11	54,999 - 71,500		X		X	X			X	X			X
SCBK08477118	Civil Engr	5-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	63,958 - 98,872						X		X				X
SCBK08484555	Comp Engr	5-Feb-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	65,921 - 101,913		X		X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK08484555D	Comp Engr	5-Feb-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08346674	Supv IT Spec (PLCPLN)	6-Feb-08	LOGSA	YC-2210	2	2	76,056 - 107,848		X										
SCBK08519656	Budget Analyst	6-Feb-08	SMDC	GS-0560	13	13	78,390 - 101,913							X		X			X
SCBK08482903	Prjt Dir	6-Feb-08	LOGSA	GS-0301	14	14	92,633 - 120,421		X										
SCBK08392661	Supv Prgm Mgr	7-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-0340	3	3	91,728 - 148,740		X										
SCBK08392661D	Supv Prgm Mgr	7-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-0340	3	3	91,728 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08519640	Budget Analyst	7-Feb-08	SMDC	GS-0560	12	12	65,742 - 85,468				X				X				X
SCBK08491026	Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Feb-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X										
SCBK08480943	Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Feb-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X		X				X				X
SCBK07358970R	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-Feb-08	AMCOM, LAISO	GS-0346	11	11	54,999 - 71,500		X										
SCBK08176146R	Supv Civil Engr, Supv Elect Engr, Supv Mech Engr	11-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YF-0810,0850, 0830	2	2	65,278 - 126,442							X		X	X		X
SCBK08317163	Mechanical Engr	15-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,912		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X
SCBK08317163D	Mechanical Engr	15-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08428620	Supv Gen Engr	18-Feb-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X
SCBK08428620D	Supv Gen Engr	18-Feb-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0805	Asst Golf Course Superintendent	21-Feb-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-1601	3	3	21,100 - 40,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOB.OPM.GOV

SCBK070350623D	Electrical Engr	1-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	38,824 - 87,039	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08474538D	Lead Electronics Engr	4-Feb-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,381 - 141,272	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07387899D	Architecture	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0808	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07387899	Architecture	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0808	2	2	44,104 - 98,876		X	X	X		X			X			X
SCBK07387899D	Chemical Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0893	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07387899	Chemical Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0893	2	2	44,104 - 98,876		X	X	X	X		X			X		X
SCBK07387899D	Civil Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07387899	Civil Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	44,104 - 98,876		X	X	X		X			X			X
SCBK07387899D	Electrical Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07387899	Electrical Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	44,104 - 98,876		X	X	X	X		X			X		X
SCBK07387899D	Environmental Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0819	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07387899	Environmental Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0819	2	2	44,104 - 98,876		X	X	X		X			X			X
SCBK07387899D	Industrial Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0896	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07387899	Industrial Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0896	2	2	44,104 - 98,876		X	X	X	X		X			X		X
SCBK07387899D	Mechanical Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	44,104 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07387899	Mechanical Engr	4-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	44,104 - 98,876		X	X	X	X		X			X		X
SCBK08317163D	Mechanical Engr	15-Feb-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08428620D	Supv Gen Engr	18-Feb-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07347979D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

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

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee.. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for **Vacancy Announcement Numbers:**