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# Cultural resource second to none

*Redstone wins Army award for environmental efforts*

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In 1995 Danny Dunn, along with Carole Wu, was given the cultural resource mission for Redstone Arsenal. They literally had to build a program from scratch for a 38,000 acre installation which has more than 900 archaeological sites.

With the help of others in the Environmental Office and the Garrison leadership, they did just that. The result was a program that Redstone Arsenal and the Army promote as a model for other installations to follow.

Redstone Arsenal has received the Army's highest honor in environmental stewardship: the fiscal 2007 Secretary of the Army Environmental Award for Cultural Resources.

"You're the best of the best when it comes to cultural resources," Tad Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for environment, safety and occupational health, said in presenting the award Feb. 19 at the Officers and Civilians Club. "You've got a lot to be proud of in that arena."

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski welcomed the ceremony attendees on what he called "a big day" for Redstone Arsenal. "Today we're going to represent the Army at Department of Defense level," he said. "It doesn't get any better than that."

Dunn, chief of the cultural and natural resources branch at the Garrison, accepted the award on behalf of the cultural resource team on Redstone.

"I think we have a great cultural resource program here on Redstone," Dunn said.

The Army agrees, and it's not just for a singular accomplishment. Accomplishments cited in the award package include the following:

- One hundred percent of installation surveyed for archaeological sites;
- One hundred percent mapping of archaeological and historical sites;
- Partnered with Huntsville School System to train students in archaeological and Native American education;
- Worked agreements with State Historic Preservation Office to protect history of buildings with effect on mission;
- Work with Native American tribes;
- Oversight of 47 installation cemeteries;
- Completed a Comprehensive Cultural Resources Management Plan.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**EDUCATION RESOURCE—** The Path to Nature and outdoor classroom are instrumental in Redstone's partnership with the Huntsville School System to train students in archaeological and Native American education.

Said Davis, "You're actually sowing the seeds of success for generations to come."

Redstone is up-to-date on its building surveys. When the program originally started, there were nearly 3,000 buildings that had never been registered.

For an area filled with archaeological sites – the Tennessee Valley is considered the second richest area for archaeological sites in the country – Redstone had to do 100 percent mapping of its archaeological and historical sites. Some 912 archaeological sites were identified on the Arsenal's 37,910 acres of land. "There's still lots of work to be done," said Dunn, citing high-level investigations that go on constantly because of construction and mission.

On the education side, Redstone is considered the first installation in the Army to develop an education program specifically for archaeological resource and Indian culture. This



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PENTAGON RECOGNITION—** Redstone Arsenal receives the fiscal 2007 Secretary of the Army Environmental Award for Cultural Resources. From left are Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal; Danny Dunn, chief of the cultural and natural resources branch at the Garrison; Tad Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for environment, safety and occupational health; and Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski.

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## An open lane random survey

*What's your favorite web site and why?*

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*Rudy Stine  
Installation Management Command, Southeast  
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**"I don't go into web sites very often. With my work, I'm busy just addressing e-mails and I find it very difficult to get into different web sites – including Army Knowledge Online. So I wouldn't say I have a web site. Of course I use Google more than anything else, but that's not a web site. So (it would be) very seldom. The only one I really look at is the Quest for Sustainable Installations, which is the one I'm most involved in."**

*Terry Hazle  
Division of Environmental  
Management, Garrison*

**"The Garrison's Environmental web site because it tells the story of what we do in the Environmental Office."**



*Barbara Langford  
Officers and Civilians Club*  
**"It's probably something to do with food because I like to eat (laugh)."**

*Heather Bachus  
Officers and Civilians Club*

**"Right now I'm house hunting, so it's got to be either the MLS – a realtors' Multi-Listing Site – or Huntsville Home Finders. And that's just because my husband and I are looking for a house, a new home. We need a bigger house."**



## Quote of the week

**'R**espect yourself and others will respect you.  
— Confucius

## Impressions from group photograph

**T**he cover of the *Redstone Rocket* dated Feb. 20 displayed a photo of seven Marine Reservists that had recently returned from Iraq. I am very appreciative for their service and I definitely don't want to diminish their accomplishments. However, I do believe their pose for the picture was inappropriate and lacked military bearing.

Whatever happened to the respectable parade rest pose for official photographs or photos that you know will appear in a major publication? They are representing the United States Marine Corps and not a rock or hip hop band. Gentlemen, thanks for all you do, but please maintain your military bearing when in uniform. First impressions...

**Charlie Allbritten  
Cullman**

## Getting to know you

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**Name:** Capt. Alyson Mortier

**Job:** Chief of Legal Assistance, AMCOM

**Where do you call home?**  
Chicago, Ill.

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

I like the interaction with the active duty, retirees and DoD employees. And I like the opportunity to attempt to solve their issues.

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

I love to cook and bake. If it wasn't law school, it was going to be culinary school (laugh).

**What are your goals?**

My long-term goal is to retire from the military and open up my own law practice, probably back in Chicago.

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

I enjoy mostly alternative – classic and contemporary alternative. And of course with a splash of good ol' rock 'n' roll, like the Rolling Stones. I mean you can't go wrong with rock 'n' roll, right?



## In appreciation to our readers

**T**he *Redstone Rocket* staff members thank everyone who participated in our readership survey. The results are very supportive and will be used in our planning.

Particularly gratifying are the ratings the *Rocket* received from 160 online respondents: 42 excellent, 64 very good, 43 good, 7 fair and 4 poor.

We feel the same way about our readers. You are the best, and we'll continue to do our best for you.

Here's a sample of survey comments we received:

"Actually the first thing I look for is the cartoon. I like seeing what Hazard is doing from one week to the next. It brightens my day."

"We also need a daily source of news. We no longer have that since IPTV is no longer working. Few people have access to a TV. News streaming is very necessary during pending inclement weather."

"Too many advertising inserts in the paper sometimes."

"My son and I really enjoy Skip's Picks during college football season!"

"I would like to see information about people who are hired, retirements, special awards, promotions. It wouldn't have to include the usual end of rating period awards, just the unusual ones. I'd like to know who retired and was promoted."

"It would be better if the *Rocket* covered more recreational opportunities for adults and children both on post and off post."

"I like letters to the editor and their responses, open lane survey, getting to know you, and articles of interest. Don't care about the sports coverage. Would rather see Classified items listed on the *Redstone Rocket* web site instead of taking space in the paper."

"I think that this is the best Army community newspaper in the world. After serving 20-plus years, I have seen many others that do not even come close to the *Rocket*. Keep up the great work and I look forward to another great year of weekly reading over a good cup of coffee."

**Skip Vaughn**  
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# Ex-Army worker pleads guilty to financial fraud

BIRMINGHAM— Former SMDC official Douglas Harry Ennis, 48, of Athens, pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court to two counts of making false statements on a financial disclosure form to the Army and one count of conspiracy.

Ennis was charged by an indictment in November with two counts of false statements. On Feb. 19, he was charged with conspiracy. Thursday he pleaded guilty to all charges.

“Payoffs to government contracting officials undermines the integrity of the contracting process and will be prosecuted,” U.S. attorney Alice H. Martin said. “Cooperation by Ennis in this investigation will be helpful.”

Ennis was the deputy director of the Joint Center for Technology Integration at the Space and Missile Defense Command. SMDC is responsible for research, development and acquisition of systems that may be utilized for defense against ballistic missiles.

In the written plea agreement filed Thursday in U.S. District Court, Ennis agrees that as part of his employment at the Department of the Army, he was required to submit form OGE-450A Confidential Certification of No New Interests. On the form, he was required to identify any new interests, sources of income, debts, reportable outside positions, and gifts. In count one, Ennis failed to report that he received \$4,900 from Oct. 1, 2001 to Sept. 30, 2002. In count two Ennis failed to report such income, liability and gifts received by him

from 2003 through 2004 in the amount of \$75,000. The income/gifts were paid to Ennis by an officer or representative of certain companies which were subcontractors and vendors on contracts funded by SMDC over which Ennis exercised authority as deputy director of JCTI.

Ennis also pleaded guilty to conspiracy, which began January 1999 and continued through November 2005. During that time, he conspired with others to give preference to certain contracts funded by SMDC for which he and Michael Cantrell, the director of JCTI, received money from contractors. Cantrell, who was also charged, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and bribery charges late last year.

Also, as a part of the plea agreement, Ennis waives his right to an appeal. Criminal forfeiture will be addressed at the sentencing hearing.

The penalty for making false statements is five years in prison, and a fine of \$250,000, or both. The penalty for conspiracy is five years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

The investigation was conducted by special agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with the cooperation and assistance of SMDC, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division-Fraud Team, and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service of the Department of Defense. Assistant U.S. attorney Herbert H. Henry III is prosecuting this matter on behalf of the government. (*Department of Justice release*)

## Test explosion heard throughout area

The Redstone Technical Test Center on Feb. 19 began testing a rocket motor at Test Area on the south end of the Arsenal, near the Tennessee River. The test was part of a larger program to evaluate a new rocket motor design.

The motor had been under test using controlled and incremental temperature increas-

es, which led to an explosion Thursday night.

That explosion occurred at 11:05 with atmospheric conditions and the test location resulting in shock waves being heard and felt throughout a four-county, North Alabama area.

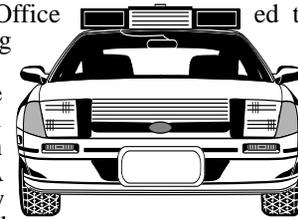
The test resulted in no damage to personnel or facilities.

## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Feb. 15:** A vehicle stopped at Gate 10, and the driver smelled of an alcoholic beverage. A series of field sobriety tests were conducted and he failed. He was arrested and transported to the police station. He failed the breathalyzer and was placed into the detention cell until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

**Feb. 19:** A vehicle stopped at Gate 9, and the driver smelled of an alcoholic beverage. A series of field sobriety tests were conducted and he failed. He was arrested and transported to the police station. He failed the breathalyzer and was placed into the detention cell until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.



ed to the police station. He failed the breathalyzer and was placed into the detention cell. During the course of the paperwork, it was discovered that he was driving with a suspended driver's license. He was later released after being issued two citations for court.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 20 speeding, 4 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 driving under the influence of alcohol, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 failure to yield, 3 improper backing.

## Chronister becomes deputy to commanding general

Ronnie Chronister has received a permanent appointment as deputy to the commander of the Aviation and Missile Command. He was serving as acting deputy since the departure of Dr. Richard Amos.

Chronister was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in October 2005 and served as the executive director of the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center.

Before that assignment, he served as the acting director of the Engineering Directorate in the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

His previous assignments include deputy director, Engineering Directorate; chief of manufacturing, science and technology division, Engineering Directorate; and air and missile defense branch chief, production engineering division, Engineering Directorate.

Chronister has a master's degree in program management from the Naval Post Graduate School, where he graduated with distinction, and a bachelor's in civil engineering from the Universi-



Ronnie Chronister

ty of Alabama. He is also a graduate of the Army Materiel Command Intern Training Center.

# Iwo Jima veterans honored on battle's anniversary

*Vial of sand from island presented to Marine vets*

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A vial of volcanic ash and black sand from the island of Iwo Jima, a Japanese flag dated 1945 and signed by World War II Marines, and the faded – but not forgotten – memories of a few good Marines were the highlights of a ceremony Feb. 19 in recognition of the 63rd anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

The ceremony, held at the Veterans Memorial Museum and hosted by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight, recognized the Battle of Iwo Jima as a defining moment of World War II and honored three local Marines who were among the 110,000 sent to battle against the Japanese to capture and control two air strips on Iwo Jima, located 650 miles from Tokyo.

“The D-Day invasion of Iwo Jima on the 19th is an event that really defines the Marine Corps and that defines our nation,” said Joe Fitzgerald, president of Honor Flight. “It’s an honor to recognize this anniversary and these Marines as a symbol of our nation’s tenacity, determination and bravery.”

The victory of the battle – which lasted 35 days – made a big difference in the war in the Pacific Theater because it provided a landing strip for U.S. B-29 bombers disabled over Japan and needing a place to land. Iwo Jima saved the lives of 25,000 American crew members of those U.S. aircraft, including WWII bomber pilot Marion Stevens of Huntsville, who flew B-29s in the Pacific Theater.

Stevens presented the ceremony’s three Iwo Jima Marines – Jimmy Tanner of Scottsboro, and Bob O’ Bannon Jr. and Harvey Aden, both of Huntsville – with a photograph of the U.S. Marine Corps memorial that he took while on the Honor Flight trip in September 2007. Honor Flight sponsors trips for WWII veterans to see their memorial in the nation’s capital at no charge to the veterans.

Also presented to the three Marine veterans and 11 other



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**HONORED FOR SERVICE— Iwo Jima Marine veterans, from left, Bob O’ Bannon and Harvey Aden, both of Huntsville, and Jimmy Tanner of Scottsboro, represent the Marines who fought during one of World War II’s most pivotal battles – the Battle of Iwo Jima in the Pacific Theater. The three were honored by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight on Feb. 19, the 63rd anniversary of the Iwo Jima battle. Behind the veterans, not fully shown, are retired Marine Lt. Gen. Frank Libutti and Honor Flight president Joe Fitzgerald. In the background is a display of Iwo Jima mementos. Fitzgerald said the Battle of Iwo Jima defines the Marine Corps and the American determination to fight for freedom.**

Marine veterans who served during WWII and who were in attendance at the ceremony were vials of volcanic ash and black sand from the Iwo Jima beach, collected by Mike Ward, director of governmental affairs at the Chamber of Commerce, during a visit to the island in November 2007.

Visiting Iwo Jima “was an incredibly humbling experience,” Ward said, his voice shaking with emotion. “We were allowed to take a small baggy of black sand from that infamous beach. I could never find the words to express my gratitude.”

The Iwo Jima Marines accepted the gifts and gratitude. The attention was humbling.

“You honor us for more than we deserve,” O’ Bannon told the veterans and their wives, Marine Corps League members, Marines

from the local Kilo Battery Reserve Unit and Honor Flight representatives who attended the ceremony. “We were simply doing the job assigned to us, just like all Marines.”

Prior to the Battle of Iwo Jima, hundreds of tons of Allied bombs and thousands of rounds of heavy naval gunfire were bombarded on the island. Yet, the Japanese defenders were unscathed, hidden safely in tunnels under the ground.

On Feb. 19, 1945, Marines landed on a vulnerable beach to face 25,000 Japanese soldiers – each of which had made a suicide pact vowing to kill 10 American Marines before their own death. The 110,000 Marines who fought in the battle traveled in 880 ships to launch the 35-day battle that is known as the first American attack on the Japanese

home islands, and the longest sustained air and naval offense of World War II.

Iwo Jima island was heavily fortified, with vast bunkers, hidden artillery and 11 miles of tunnels. The Japanese had dug 1,500 caves into the landscape, and used their positions in the caves to bombard the Marines. While the Japanese fought from their underground hideouts, the Americans were unable to dig foxholes in the island’s volcanic ash, and were hindered by heavy smoke.

In the end, more than 20,000 Japanese soldiers were killed and only 1,000 were taken prisoner. The Allied forces suffered 25,000 casualties and 7,000 deaths.

It was a major success for the U.S. efforts in the Pacific theater, both strategically and symbolically.

The raising of the flag on Iwo Jima – a lasting image of WWII memorialized in the famous photograph by Joe Rosenthal and the Marine Corps memorial in Washington, D.C. – “had a deep effect on Americans and on the overall war effort and the national spirit,” retired Marine Lt. Gen. Frank Libutti said, while the lengthy battle itself proved the “courage, tenacity, leadership at all levels and determination of the Marines and the supporting Navy fleet.”

Libutti described the Marines of that day as young men, many new to the fight, many drafted for the fight.

“All, however, prepared to do their duty – to destroy the enemy, to take care of their buddies and to do their part to bring the war in the Pacific to an end. It was one of our country’s most costly combined operations and one of our most proudest moments,” he said.

Addressing the three Iwo Jima Marines directly, Libutti said “This is your day. I stand before you with deepest respect and admiration. I am honored all the more to get to meet and share my respect with our World War II Iwo Jima veterans. They are a special breed of warrior and patriarch who performed above and beyond the call of duty to secure Iwo Jima.”

Iwo Jima veteran Tanner traveled all the way from Scottsboro to participate in the ceremony. As one of a few Iwo Jima Marines still alive, he is proud to represent the Iwo Jima Marines and tell his story of his 19 days of battle on the island.

“There’s not many of us left,” he said. “And, we are going fast. It won’t be long before we’re all gone. It’s just one of those things.”

The ceremony brought back many memories of struggle and hardship on Iwo Jima for Tanner and his fellow Marines.

“When we landed, they (the Japanese) had all their artillery zeroed in on that mile and a half of beach,” Tanner recalled. “We took that island inch by inch on our stomachs most of the time. If you stood up, you were in danger. When you stood on your feet you would hear the bullets whizzing by you.”

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# Woodson remembered as 'Father of Black History'

Federally Employed Women notes Black History Month

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One of the nation's leading black historians actually made history himself.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, called the "Father of Black History" and known as a distinguished black author, editor, publisher, teacher and historian of the early to mid 1900s, is the reason the U.S. celebrates February as Black History Month.

Woodson's contributions to the history of blacks in the U.S. — including the establishment of the first ever Negro History Week (forerunner to Black History Month) — made him a good topic of discussion at the February meeting of the North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women held Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"He purposely chose February for Negro History Week because of the birthdays of (black abolitionist leader) Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln," said Sharon Lang, historian for the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

Lang spoke to the chapter's members, outlining Woodson's life and accomplishments.

Both of Woodson's parents were born into slavery. Woodson was born in 1875, and he and his six siblings grew up free, and learned to read and write. Although the family lived in Virginia, Woodson's father worked on the railroad in West Virginia. He eventually purchased a farm in West Virginia and moved his family to the state. Woodson and other family members worked in the coal mines. But, at the age of 20, Woodson had enough money saved to buy his books and attend the state's black high school, Douglass High School in Huntington, W. Va.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**RECALLING HISTORY— Sharon Lang, left, shares excerpts from the book "A Life in Black History" by Jacqueline Goggin. Joining her is Mary Peoples, president of the North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women. Lang spoke to the chapter Thursday about the life of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, known as the "Father of Black History" and founder of February as Black History Month.**

Woodson went on to get a teaching certificate and served as the principal of Douglass High School. He received his bachelor's degree in literature from Berea College, Ky. From 1903-07, he was a school supervisor in the Philippines, and then traveled throughout Europe and Asia. He studied at the Sorbonne University in Paris. In 1908, he received his master's degree from the University of Chicago and, in 1912, his doctorate in history from Harvard University.

While working on his doctorate, Woodson did research for his dissertation at the Library of Congress and taught in schools in Washington, D.C.

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■ Mementos presented to veterans of Iwo Jima

## Veterans

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Tanner, who was a member of the 4th Marine Regiment, "saw the five brave men of the 5th Marines raise that flag that day. The 5th Marines were on the west side of the airport and the 4th Marines were on the east side. The plan was for us to work to connect at the end of the airport."

Tanner said he fought 14 more days after the flag raising before he was injured. And, although the battle continued until March 26, it was important to raise the U.S. flag as soon as possible at the airfield so that U.S. bombers would know we had "secured the airport for forced landings."

For 19 days, Tanner did not bathe or shave, and he didn't take his helmet off or take the shoes off his feet. He will never forget the images left by the Battle of Iwo Jima.

"I've seen some of the awfulest stuff you've ever seen," he said. "I walked on dead men for 50 or 60 yards without ever stepping on ground. So it's not something fun to talk about."

But, in the midst of all the death he witnessed, Iwo Jima Marine veteran Aden discovered the value of life.

"We've all heard the tales of destruction. But, good things happened, too," he said, choking back tears. "About mid-March, we got our first mail on the island. My wife (who was expecting their first child when her husband went to war) sent me an envelope. I opened it and shook that envelope and a little blue ribbon fell out. I had a baby son. I celebrated with my buddies.

"The other good thing that happened was I didn't get hit one single time."

Also on that island with the Marines were 3,000 anti-aircraft Army Soldiers while hundreds of Navy Sailors manned the ships around the island.

"I was on the ship that the general (Brig. Gen. L.O. Hermle) was on board directing traffic at Iwo Jima," said Navy veteran Lester Alexander.

"The speaker we had could be heard for five miles and the general used it to direct traffic. I was an electrician. I made sure we didn't lose power. But, when they called general quarter, I manned a 50 millimeter machine gun. It was unpredictable, but whenever Japanese planes came over, we shot at them. We also shot at Japanese suicide boats."

WWII Army veteran Bobby Burke drove a half-track loaded with 450-caliber machine guns on Iwo Jima.

"I had the privilege of knowing the first Marine who made the first tracks on Iwo Jima," Burke said. "He got wounded the fourth day he was there.

"We had four half-tracks that we drove on the island, parked and then shot at Japanese airplanes. I don't know who did it, but we shot down one airplane."

In closing the ceremony, organizer Fitzgerald, whose late father was an Iwo Jima veteran, displayed a Japanese flag inscribed with the date Feb. 19, 1945, and including the signatures of several Marines who he has been able to identify through research. It was one of several Marine mementos on display during the ceremony to honor the sacrifices made at Iwo Jima.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**REAL LEADER**— Clifton Miller, a retired major and Desert Storm veteran, uses the leadership skills he learned in the Army to successfully lead the Huntsville Area Association of Realtors. He has served on the organization's board for several years and was recently named its president, becoming the first black realtor to hold that position.

## Desert Storm veteran directs local realtor organization

*Clifton Miller in charge of local area association*

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Retired Maj. Clifton Miller slipped easily into his Army uniform back in the early 1970s at Alabama A&M University.

He just as easily slipped out of that uniform in the mid-1990s – after a 20-year career that included service during the 1991 Persian Gulf War and a Bronze Star Medal — to don a realtor's suit that has taken him all the way to the presidency of the Huntsville Area Association of Realtors.

And, as such, Miller is the first black to hold the position.

"I've gone from being a sharecropper's son to being the president of the real estate association in Huntsville," Miller said from his office at Rise Real Estate/Century Office Center.

"There are not enough black role models for black males. Hopefully, I'll impress a few. They can look at me and say 'Look at Clifton Miller. He used to plow a mule.'"

Along the way in his success, Miller found the Army to be a good teaching ground, a good place for a black man to learn how to lead others, and to learn skills that can bring a lifetime of career and personal satisfaction.

"When I became a realtor, a friend of mine (fellow realtor Jim McWhorter) encouraged me to get involved," Miller said. "So, I got involved with the board (at the Huntsville Area Association of Realtors).

"I'm the kind of person who likes to know the big picture. I don't want to just sell real estate. I want to know what's happening throughout the community. I have some leadership experience. Now, I want to make a contribution. I want to give back. I want to be involved in this community."

But, Miller has been giving to the community – the U.S. community – ever since 1971, when he attended Alabama A&M and was required to participate in its ROTC program.

"It was mandatory the first two years. I never planned to go into the Army," recalled the Greensboro, Ala., native.

"But I had a leadership lab every Thursday, where I had to dress in uniform. That wasn't bad. My best friend was also in ROTC. I was on the drill team and the color guard. I was beginning to like it. In my third year, I signed a contract and then started getting paid \$100 a month. In 1973, \$100 a month was good money. And I liked the camaraderie, the military style, the routine, the uniform."

Some of Miller's favorite memories are those he made serving on the color guard at the Magic City Classic in Birmingham.

"That was the black Iron Bowl in Alabama," he recalled. "We had a parade before the game. My mom would come to Birmingham to the Magic City Classic to see me at flag. I lost my father in 1974, but my parents supported me in everything I did as I grew up."

Miller commissioned in 1975 as a second lieutenant in Army Quartermaster Corps. He served as an infantry officer with the 1st Infantry Division (Forward) in Germany, commanded the Division Support Command for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky., and coordinated supplies and services for the 507th Transportation Battalion (Aircraft Maintenance), also at Fort Campbell.

Miller, who had a college degree in food and science technology, was then assigned to coordinate food supplies for the 2nd Infantry Division stationed at Camp Casey, Korea.

"We ordered, received, stored and issued food supplies for 47,000 troops," he said.

"We had three warehouses. Every day we got shipments. I had both military and Korean civilians working for me. We worked with fresh and frozen food, the whole nine yards. It was a great job for me. We made sure the troops ate well."

Although he was hoping his next assignment would return him to Huntsville, Miller was instead assigned to Fort McClellan in Anniston, where he held numerous positions for three years, including intelligence and operations officer, and supply officer. He then served as a training evaluator at the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Va.

"I evaluated the classroom instructors and the training programs," he said. "I visited field units to see how effective our training was. I got to visit many different units, and talk to commanders and Soldiers to see how well our Quartermaster Soldiers were doing based on the training they received at Fort Lee."

His next assignment took him to Germany, where he was deployed with the 3rd Armored Division in Operation Desert Storm.

"We deployed on Christmas Day 1990," Miller said. "We knew about three or four months ahead that we would probably be deployed and we had gone through training for deployment. I was cooking Thanksgiving dinner when the order came."

Retired major leads Huntsville area realtors

# Realtor

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Miller was assigned to an ammunition warehouse in Saudi Arabia, where he provided supplies for 1,500 troops.

"The war started on Feb. 16," he said. "The word spread that we needed to start taking our anti-nerve gas pills. We donned our chemical weapons and protective suits. Then, two hours later the sirens went off and it was the beginning of an air wave. We were in a panic."

In the coming days, Miller worked to deploy the warehouse to the desert of northern Saudi Arabia.

"We would take convoys into the desert, as many as 3,000 vehicles in a convoy," he said. "We set up a base in the desert of Saudi Arabia. We'd take as many troops and as much equipment as we could, and then we returned for more. It took about one and a half months to get it all. We moved about 1,000 troops and all the equipment they needed."

On Feb. 25, Miller and the troops moved into Iraq.

"The night before our crossing over, we could hear the ground shaking," he said. "The U.S. was firing multi-launch rocket systems to soften the target."

"Once in Iraq, we supported the fighting by supplying equipment, fuel, food and all kinds of things. We were constantly moving. Once the cease fire was called, we set up a temporary base inside Iraq. In a couple of weeks, we moved back to the base on the border of Iraq and Kuwait, then back to Kuwait for about a month and then back to the base in Saudi Arabia."

Miller, an experienced Soldier and officer in peacetime, said he felt a mix of emotions about his war deployment.

"I had more fear before I got there than after. I realized everything was in the Lord's hands, and He would make sure I made it out," he said.

"From a creature comfort standpoint, it was the most miserable thing I've ever done. We had no showers for two weeks. We had to eat MREs for two weeks. But afterward, you are glad you went. For the first time, everything I had been trained for over 15 years in the Army was becoming a reality. I finally got to use it all."

While in Kuwait, Miller met with an assignment officer who wanted to know where Miller wanted to be assigned once his unit left Southwest Asia and Germany. He asked for Huntsville.

Miller was assigned to Readiness Group-Redstone, and spent the last years of his military career working with National Guard and Reserve units in Alabama. In 1995 he retired, and two weeks later he put on a new uniform – the suit of a realtor.

"I had gotten my real estate license kind of like a backup in case I didn't get the job I wanted," he said. "But two weeks after I retired, I was bored. So, I activated my real estate license."

And, to his surprise, Miller found the Army had prepared him for the world of real estate.

"From the people standpoint, in the military you are dealing with people every day and they are all different from each other and come from different countries – France, Canada, Germany," he said.

"In real estate, you are dealing with people every day who are all different, and you have to know how to work with them. Just like in the Army, in real estate you have to be very flexible. No two days are the same. No two situations, no two people are the same. In both careers, you are working with people, meeting people, helping people."

After his military career, Miller and his family have enjoyed making Huntsville their permanent home. His wife, Tullie, is a contract specialist at Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. And his two sons, Bernard and Brian, are contractors working on AMCOM's help desk. He has one grandson.

Miller said his election as the president of the Huntsville Area Association of Realtors is a result of several years of hard work he has put in as a board member in various positions, including secretary/treasurer and vice president. It is also a result of the progressive attitude of Huntsville residents.

"It kind of reflects what I think about Huntsville," he said. "Huntsville is changing a lot. It's different from the rest of Alabama. There are a lot of professionals in Huntsville, and they aren't afraid of change."

## Post gets Army's top award for environmental stewardship

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includes the Path to Nature and an Indian Education/Archaeological Resources Outdoor Classroom, the centerpiece of which is a full-size replica of a Late Mississippian Period wattle and daub house, constructed by Redstone staff and volunteers.

Redstone officials also coordinate with 17 Indian tribes. These include one in Alabama, some in Florida and North Carolina, and mostly in the states of Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. There are

many Native American graves on this installation. And there are 11 sets of partial human remains which officials here are trying to rebury. "We're well on our way to do that," Dunn said.

Before the Army arrived in 1941 at what was to become Redstone Arsenal, small communities occupied this rural land. An ethno-graphic survey has included interviews with their descendents. Two major works were completed within the past year; and sites have been linked with people who once lived here.

"We've built a (cultural resource) program," Dunn said, "that everybody can be proud of."

## Community volunteer builds hope in homes

*Passing on his gratitude after others helped him*

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Some people are born with passions. Some pick them up over time. David Steinhauser's passion was delivered by a tornado. Since then he has devoted his time to volunteering in various construction-based charities.

When a tornado damaged his home in 1995, Steinhauser was unable to do the repair work himself because of his medical condition. For a man who had always been handy with a tool belt, the situation looked bleak.

"I had just had knee surgery and couldn't move around much," Steinhauser, program manager for the Hardware in the Loop program, said. "I was very discouraged and overwhelmed by the things that had to be done."

Help arrived in the form of 30 volunteers from their church, Mt. Zion Baptist. They worked tirelessly through the day to repair the damaged roof and windows. Watching those people do what he was unable to do for himself, with no thought of compensation, filled his heart with joy. It was a feeling he decided to pass on.

"It made a huge difference in our lives," he said. "I wanted to give that hope to others."

Steinhauser began volunteering to help the elderly, needy and the disadvantaged. Although he grew up helping out at his father's cabinet shop, he lacked the specific skills that are often sought in a volunteer project. Because he wasn't proficient in plumbing, wiring, roofing or siding, he found himself with a paintbrush in hand.

"I hate painting. I'm bad at it. I found out on my first project that if you didn't have something you knew how to do, you ended up painting. That was my goal – to learn enough that I never had to paint again," he said laughing. "I go read up on some-

thing and then go work with someone who is doing it. It comes pretty naturally to me."

Not only has Steinhauser worked diligently to learn all that he can about home improvement and repair, he has also spent years accumulating the tools for the jobs. In fact, when his friends and family members give him gifts they often make their purchases from the tool aisle.

"My sister asked me last year what I needed, that she would get me whatever I need. I told her that the biggest thing we need is an aluminum brake to bend metal for the houses, to cover the outside surfaces that are wood. But they're about \$2,000," he said. "She ended up buying one. She loves what I'm doing and wanted to help."

Volunteering has become a true family affair for the Steinhausers. In addition to the tool gifts he receives, most of his family has gotten their hands dirty in one or more of his projects.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**MAKING DIFFERENCE—** David Steinhauser, program manager for the Hardware in the Loop program, draws satisfaction from serving with construction-based charities.

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Photo by Doug Kim

## Deployed reps

Lt. Col. Richard Poole, center, commander of the Theater Aviation Maintenance Program-Iraq, presents certificates of appreciation Feb. 20 to logistics assistance representative Bobby Ratliff, left, and AMCOM senior staff technical representative Bob Oneil for their outstanding service to deployed Aviation units.

### ■ Worker returns favor by contributing to others

## Volunteer

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“My father, son, daughter, nephew and brother-in-law have all been on mission projects with me and that is a great family activity,” he said. “But my wife, Susan, is the one that encourages me the most, keeps everything together around the house and patches me up when, not if, I get hurt so I can do this.”

He stays busy. Steinhauer volunteers with several groups. He does everything from wheelchair ramps to roofs and new construction. He hopes to expand his already full schedule this year.

“This year I will probably work on a few CASA wheelchair ramps, Serving the City as One, World Changers Huntsville, Rebuilding Together, BRICK Layers and CASA TEMPS,” he said. “In the immediate future I am headed to Pearlington, Miss., for the weekend to do electrical, plumbing and maybe some trim carpentry for Katrina relief efforts with BRICK Layers. Next on the list is a wheelchair ramp for CASA in March and doing some electrical work for an elderly member of our church. After that, we have Rebuilding Together and Sowing Seeds of Hope, and then World Changers. Our church wants to do a construction mission trip to Guatemala, too.”

He urges others to find a group looking for extra hands. While construction knowledge is helpful, the desire to help is

more important. He praises Huntsville’s efforts to coordinate volunteering in the area.

“The city of Huntsville is great, from Mayor (Loretta) Spencer to Rodney McCallie with community development who comes out and volunteers his own time working on the projects for the city. They have developed a program, open to all volunteer groups, to assist low income and elderly people who need emergency home repairs,” he said. “The city supplies all the materials and all that is required by the volunteers are the tools and the time to make a huge difference in people’s lives. The city saves money by using volunteer labor to help more families in the area.”

In addition to repaying the volunteer debt he received all those years ago, Steinhauer also finds fulfillment in the immediate and visible results of volunteering. In his line of work, the end product is not always as obvious. He also finds satisfaction in the people he helps.

“I have been developing software for over 20 years and I have always enjoyed it. But it is hard to see accomplishments in software development,” he said. “But at the end of the day when you have a wheelchair ramp built and see the smiling face of someone that has been freed from the confines of their house, it is much easier to see the results of your efforts. I will continue to help people as long as I can and then hope someone will do the same for me if I become unable to do things for myself.”

# Program executive officer praises Lean Six Sigma

## Continuous improvement at work in PEO for Missiles and Space

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"Almost all quality improvement comes via simplification of design, manufacturing... layout, processes, and procedures." — Tom Peters

The words of the bestselling author, Seabee and Vietnam veteran rang true then and are ringing true today in the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

"When I sit down and talk to folks about Lean Six Sigma, I tell them that it affects them personally," Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer, said. "That is, every report card or appraisal system that is used — military or civilian — should have one or two sentences that talk about LSS. Those sentences should reflect that person's activity and the results achieved."

A career personal record track and trend then shows how that person thinks.

"For example, if a person has a black belt, then that person has options," he said. "I would pick somebody on how they can get results and how they think;

addressing problems objectively and instituting change."

On a resume, being a black belt is a sought-after skill set that can result in a five-digit salary delta.

"We are finding in the PEO that we have a lot of positive spinoff in this iterative process," Dellarocco said. "This means that the culture is changing, slowly. When fear is mitigated, there is an atmosphere where change can thrive.

"Leaders need to embrace change in a deliberate, objective, fact-based approach to get buy-in and understanding. As a result, we take care of our people and our customers. LSS is continuous improvement by another name, and it works."

As the PEO's LSS journey continues, project managers are using the tried and true, five-step DMAIC formula as follows:

- Define — The define phase seeks to

understand the current state of a process. For example, in a recent should-cost study, a small team that reviewed a contract, developing a spreadsheet — like a process map — in a format that was not only visual but also made it easy for the team to define areas of concentration.

- Measure — Using the spreadsheet and the contract, the team was able to look at the work breakdown structure to determine associated costs. For this study the cost of three major components: labor, management and travel were reviewed to assure that costs rolled up to equal the total cost of the contract.

- Analyze — The team then went through the process of site visits. During these visits, PEO engineers and experts were able to gain better knowledge of the tasks being performed and the amount of management oversight need for each item in the WBS. These findings were loaded

into the spreadsheet to represent the ideal state. This ideal state becomes the base line for the government's negotiating position. By using the same roll up method that verified the WBS cost-to-contract cost relationship, the team rolls up the government's opinion of the costs, developing an overall should cost for the contract.

- Improve — Before contract negotiations, the team provided insight as to how they reached each of the costs in the WBS to key members of the contract negotiation team. This step allows government negotiators more leverage to help lower weapon system costs.

- Control — By providing the baseline of the cost and locking in a contract, the should cost study is able to control costs of systems to be purchased in the future.

## Logistics modernization focus of meeting

Aviation and Missile Command Logistics Modernization Program communications teams and public affairs officers met last month at Redstone Arsenal to discuss common communication strategies that support business transformation activities under way within the command.

The communications summit led by Chris Swart, LMP Integration Office executive officer and AMCOM communications team lead, included communications resources from Corpus Christi Army Depot (Texas), Redstone Arsenal and Lettorkenny Army Depot (Pa.).

"With so many activities happening

in support of the deployment of LMP, it became a business imperative for those of us who have some form of communication responsibility supporting the integration to get together and discuss common communications themes and support activities," Swart said. "LMP is one of the Army's largest and most comprehensive business transformation and technical modernizations efforts occurring and everyone needs to understand the impact this effort will have not only on systems and processes, but on the organization overall. The communication summit was meant to set communications expecta-

tions and align planning and execution strategies."

Communicators at the day-and-a-half meeting discussed team development, communications planning and execution, collaboration efforts and communication feedback and evaluation tools.

LMPPost readers should continue to read LMPPost to get updates on LMP project initiatives and for ways to query LMP project managers on business transformation topics of interest to them and their work groups.

The LMPPost web site is located at <https://www.wlmp.com/ex/cm/LMPPost>.

# Coalition honors those who care for Soldiers, families

## Army Community Service gets special recognition

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The Soldier and their family – that’s who are at the heart of all the activities sponsored every year by the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition and its 48 member organizations.

And the coalition’s annual awards and recognition reception Feb. 20 at the Veterans Memorial Museum was an opportunity to thank the local organizations and companies who have donated special services to the coalition’s Soldier and family-friendly events, including Operation Christmas Bear, the Veterans Day Parade and several Welcome Home programs.

“We’re all here because we love our troops. We really do,” said coalition president and retired National Guard sergeant David Carney. “All the programs and activities we do are done because our hearts are into helping Soldiers and their families. That’s what we’re all about.”

With the displays at the museum as a backdrop for the awards program, Carney presented organizations and companies with a token of appreciation. The program also included a review of coalition highlights from 2007, an induction of 2008 officers, an update on plans for the new veterans memorial, patriotic music sung by Huntsville firefighter Danny McNeal and refreshments served by members

of the DuMidi Women’s Club.

The coalition was started more than 30 years ago. But several events have redefined its mission in recent years and increased its significance to the community, Carney said.

In its earlier years, the coalition was involved in the Veterans Day Parade and focused its efforts primarily on supporting veterans and retirees. That role expanded substantially 10 years ago when it began hosting a Veterans Day Dinner in conjunction with the parade. That event grew through the years to include several other activities planned around the patriotic holiday.

Four years ago, the coalition began Operation Christmas Bear and, at about the same time, became more involved in supporting military deployments from North Alabama.

“When our Soldiers started going to war we became more aware that supporting them needed to be a major part of our mission,” Carney said.

Not only did the coalition’s members support its expanded role with Soldiers and their families, but so, too, did corporate sponsors and the community in general.

“Operation Christmas Bear gets bigger and bigger every year ... The Blue Star Service Banner program became important to us because it was a way for us to give our support to families and show our appreciation for the sacrifice they were making,” said John Perry, the coalition’s executive vice president and a retired Reserve command sergeant major.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**NEW OFFICERS—** Madison County Circuit Judge Laura Jo Hamilton, far right, administers the oath of office to new officers of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition in a most auspicious place – the Veterans Memorial Museum. The location served as a backdrop for the coalition’s annual awards and recognition reception Feb. 20. The officers are, from left, Beverly Lowe, retired Sgt. 1st Class Russell Kimball, National Guard Capt. Jeff Owen, retired Col. Bob Wilke and retired Reserve Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry. Also pictured is coalition president Dave Carney, who is serving the second year of a two-year term. Treasurer retired Col. Joe Paddock is not pictured.

## Memorial volunteers organize ‘ambitious campaign’

*Drolet heads fund-raising to collect \$4 million*

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In mid-January, retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet and a group of volunteers made a public announcement that ground would be broken for Madison County’s new veterans memorial on Nov. 11 of this year.

The Veterans Memorial Foundation also committed to updating the public on its fund-raising and community events after a few weeks of planning.

Drolet and the group were true to their word. Speaking at the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organization’s awards and recognition reception Feb. 20, Drolet used the event as a public forum to announce several plans for its now nine-month fund-raising campaign.

Describing it as an “ambitious campaign,” Drolet acknowledged he was, at first, “a little apprehensive” about raising \$4 million in a matter of months.

“But this town is ready. We’re going to get there,” he told the coalition audience. “We have

recognized a variety of funding sources. We are still in the process of getting organized. We are very soon launching into a community campaign.”

Since announcing in January the formation of the fund-raising committee under community volunteer Cathy Anderson, a 32-member committee to run a community-wide campaign has been formed under the direction of retired National Guard Sgt. David Carney.

“We’re getting ready to attack the town,” Drolet said. “We are making sure to touch every resident of Madison County to give them an opportunity to participate in this memorial.”

The community campaign will reach out to schools and youth groups such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

“We want young people involved. We are going to be very aggressive in that area,” Drolet said.

Community fund-raising efforts, which augment corporate/private sector fund-raising efforts, will include a brick paver campaign and a memorial license plate campaign.

The foundation has also opened an office at 403 Franklin St. in downtown Huntsville. The office space was donated by veteran Bill Stender,

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**COMMUNITY SERVICE—** Sue Paddock, director of Army Community Service, accepts a special award from the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition for providing support to Soldiers and their families. With Paddock are, from left, retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, coalition president Dave Carney and Paddock’s husband, retired Col. Joe Paddock.

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“And, the Going Away and Welcome Home ceremonies also became an important mission for us. Everyone (from this community) that goes over (to a deployment) we send over knowing these Soldiers are going to return and we’ll give them a big welcome,” Perry said.

“The support of the military is what makes this community great. One of the things that I think drives us all on is that we want to make sure the welcome home that we received (after Vietnam) is not going to be the same welcome home our Soldiers receive today.”

The coalition – with the help of the Patriot Guard Riders — has made it a point to publicly welcome home every returning Soldier as a hero. During 2007, the coalition welcomed back Soldiers from the 108th Reserves, and the National Guard’s 128th Military Police Company and 1169th Engineer Group along with other airport Welcome Home events

for smaller groups of Soldiers and Marines.

“We want them to know we appreciate their sacrifice,” Perry said.

Such events couldn’t be accomplished without special sponsors that make donations of needed services.

“We couldn’t do it without our corporate sponsors and all of you here,” Perry said to the coalition audience. “A lot of these things, like Christmas Bear, have a huge budget.”

Those corporate and community sponsors who received special recognition were: AAAA-Tennessee Valley, Aero-Thermo Tech, American Legion Post 229, American Legion Post 237, ASMDA, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA, Cahaba Shrine Temple, City of Huntsville, City of Madison, Domino’s Pizza, DuMidi, Enchanted Masquerade, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Fraternal Order of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary No. 3263, Gray Research Inc., Huntsville Fire Department, Huntsville Police Department, Inergi, INFROPRO, Krogers, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Co., Madison County Military Heritage Commission, Military Order of the

N&L Enterprises, NDIA, Redstone Recognition, Regions Bank, Shearer & Associates Inc., Sparta, Tennessee Valley Voiture 1012 (Clown Unit), Wal-Mart (Sparkman Drive), Heart of the Valley YMCA, Woody Anderson Ford and volunteers Bob Quire, Madison County Circuit Court Judge Laura Jo Hamilton, Linda Crutcher, Judy Johnson and Darlene Jolly.

In addition, Sue Paddock, director of Army Community Service, accepted a special award from the coalition on behalf of ACS “in grateful recognition of your support to our nation’s Armed Forces and their families.”

The coalition’s 2008 officers were also sworn in at the banquet. They are: Executive Vice President – retired Reserve Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry; Treasurer – retired Col. Joe Paddock; Secretary – Beverly Lowe; Vice President for Finance – National Guard Cpt. Jeff Owen; Vice President for Corporate/Military Affairs – retired Sgt. 1st Class Russell Kimball; and Vice President for Membership – retired Col. Bob Wilke. Carney is serving the second year of a two-year term as coalition president.

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and it will be managed by the Madison County Military Heritage Commission under the direction of commission board member and decorated Vietnam veteran Tom Dunn. The foundation’s web site is [www.madisconcountyveteransmemorial.org](http://www.madisconcountyveteransmemorial.org).

In other news about the memorial, Drolet announced that three local military heroes have been chosen to pose as models for the Soldier statues that will be part of the memorial. They are Vietnam veteran (Army) Everett Carter, Operation Enduring Freedom veteran and Reserve Sgt. Chad Perry, and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and National Guard Sgt. Hubble Hainline.

“They give us a great connectivity to the community in that the models will come from our community,” Drolet said.

That connectivity is important, he said, to get the community’s support and to get veterans involved with the memorial.

“This memorial will ensure the community does not forget the service, the sacrifice and the courage of those deployed,” Drolet said. “Veterans will play a prime role in the design, building and fund-raising ... We believe that the veterans can serve as an interface with the community. We need veterans out front articulating the need and desire for this memorial.”

## ■ Women’s group recalls origin of Black History Month

### History

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“He was an ardent believer in the power of education and what it can do for you,” Lang said. “He believed in education opening up new worlds and showing how other people have progressed, including the Appalachian poor and black people.”

From 1909-19, Woodson worked to introduce black history in the Washington, D.C. schools where he was teaching, but those efforts were often cut short as he was moved from school to school in the education system. He then took a job at Howard University, thinking he could incorporate black history in school curriculums by “educating the future educators.” While at Howard, Woodson increased history courses from four to 22, and developed the school’s first history graduate program.

His career then took him to West Virginia State College, where he increased the history curriculum and incorporated black history in the school’s history program and through the school’s classes. In 1922, Woodson received two private grants that allowed him to focus his career on his historical research, writings and publications.

Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915, and began publishing the Journal of Negro History (now known as the Journal of African American History) in 1916.

“He borrowed against his life insurance policy to publish it (the Journal),” Lang said. “He gave free copies away to libraries and sold it for only 25 cents.

“He wanted to develop a program for Negro achievements and promote Negro history. He’s dedicated to this cause. This is what his life is. He wanted to get the publication out to people. He wanted to collect and preserve documents of collective history.”

Woodson believed black Americans as well as all Americans should have an understanding of black history. He established the Associated Publishers in 1922 to publish the writings of blacks, and authored many books and magazine articles on the positive contributions of blacks to the development of America, and the role of black Americans in society. He started the Negro History Bulletin in 1937 for school age children. But, his most influential publication, even today, is the Journal.

“The Journal never goes out of print. It never misses an issue, despite two World Wars and the Depression,” Lang said. “It has very wide appeal. Even the USO adopted it and provided copies to USO libraries during World War II.”

In 1928, Woodson donated more than 5,000 historical documents, manuscripts, exhibits and artifacts to the Library of Congress. He urged all people to find value in their history, Lang said, and his charismatic efforts led to other historical efforts, such as the federal government’s collection of oral history in Kentucky during the Great Depression.

“He was about encouraging people to recognize the importance of their history,” Lang said. “The purpose of his publications was to correct racial bias in works published by white scholars. But he also encourages other people to collect and document their history, such as women

and the women’s movement. He believed everyone has a different perspective” and that perspective is important to the history of a culture and people.

Woodson was fiercely independent and was often described as cantankerous. Lang prefers to think of him as a man who was determined to reach his goals in his lifetime.

Woodson first declared Negro History Week in February 1926. It grew to include parades, breakfasts, banquets, poetry readings and lectures. By the 1940s, states were signing proclamations declaring Negro History Week, and the movement was expanding to Latin America, the West Indies and the Virgin Islands.

“Woodson gives a lot of this credit of popularity to the school teachers,” Lang said. “The things he did helped blacks overcome their feelings of inferiority and instilled pride.”

Woodson died in April 1950, long before the civil rights movement of the 1960s turned Negro History Week into Black History Month. His home in Washington, D.C., was recently purchased by the U.S. Parks Department and is being renovated for public viewing. The city of Huntington has a statue of Woodson on display. And, as early as the 1930s, Woodson saw for himself state after state adopting a week of black history recognition in February.

“Much of his life was his work,” Lang said. “If you could see his list of publications, it’s quite tremendous. We celebrate Black History Month every year because of him. He is the man behind Black History Month.”

*Editor’s note: Women working on Redstone Arsenal who are interested in joining the North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women can call*

*president Mary Peoples at 955-4275 or visit the web site at [www.few.org](http://www.few.org). The chapter will hold its annual membership drive in March.*

# Education program boosts Soldier opportunity

## Higher scores add options

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Sometimes in life it's who you know that matters. But often, it is what you know. In the Army, what you know translates to test scores. That's where the Basic Skills Education Program comes in.

"BSEP is a part of the Functional Academics Skills Training (FAST) program. BSEP supports career and personal goals," Charles Williams, education services specialist, said. "Also FAST supports the Noncommissioned Officer Education System and the Army's goal to retain quality personnel."

Without test scores within required ranges, a Soldier may find that they can't take their careers in the directions they want to go. That's where BSEP, which dates back as far as the Korean War, comes in. It is geared toward Soldiers whose Test of Adult Basic Education scores are below 10.2 and who



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**DAY JOB— Sgt. Chris Payne, left, teaches Soldiers like Pvt. James Cook the 94 Yankee integrated test equipment during the day and studies by night.**

have a General Technical score below 110.

Sgt. Chris Payne had set his sights on being a warrant officer. However, his GT score wasn't where it needed to be to make that dream a reality.

"It would help me better my career to see things from both the officer side and the enlisted

side," Payne said. "I'm ready to move to the next step."

He knew about the BSEP. In fact, he had gone through a version of it at his first duty station in Korea. At the time, however, Payne said he lacked the maturity to really get any true benefit from it.

"I was new to the military and

I wasn't thinking about the future," Payne said. "I didn't have the mindset to accomplish the mission."

After eight years in the green suit, Payne decided to take responsibility for the direction his career was going. He knew that if it wanted to succeed in the goals he had set for himself, he would have to give the program another try.

"I thought it was time to put more time into studying and preparing myself for the future," Payne said.

The program is self-paced. The Soldier attends in two-hour increments for a total of about 60 hours, Williams said. It uses a combination of instructor led and computer based studies to give each Soldier as much or as little help as they need. At any given time there are usually four Soldiers enrolled in each course, Williams said. Maximum enrollment is eight Soldiers.

"It takes about 30 days of uninterrupted training to complete the course," Williams said. "The student is provided a variety of modules including pencil and paper, and computer aided with assistance from the instructor."

Payne spends his mornings as an instructor for the 94 Yankee integrated test equipment and his afternoons as a squad leader with Charlie Company. Due to his demanding schedule, it took him about six weeks to complete the course. Finding a two-hour block of time wasn't always easy, he said, but instructors at the Education Center kept him motivated.

"With my teaching I didn't always have the dedicated time," he said. "But their dedication to me made me go forward in what I had to do. They took the time out to help me and I appreciate that. The one-on-one interaction was the best part."

It was a labor that paid off for Payne. After completing the BSEP in December, he saw a 20-point jump in his GT score. Having surpassed the requirement, he is working on the paperwork that accompanies his quest for warrant officer.

"I got what I need to apply for warrant officer school," he said. "I'm still working on my resume and letter of recommendation."

If he hadn't raised his score sufficiently, Williams said that

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# Distance learning professionals share ideas

## DAU-South holds forum

Defense Acquisition University-South and dean Jim McCullough kicked off a regional forum last December aimed at bringing area eLearning practitioners together to share good ideas, lessons learned and best practices.

Targeted initially at local colleges and universities, the Tennessee Valley eLearning Consortium has the potential to expand to include high schools, industry and local government bodies as well – basically any institutional user of electronic teaching and learning technologies.

The inaugural launch of the TVEC concept featured chief learning officers, vice presidents of student affairs or deans of instruction from eight regional col-

leges and universities. Participating in the first TVEC session were the University of Alabama-Huntsville, Athens State University, Calhoun Community College, Drake State Technical College, Northeast Alabama Community College, Northwest Alabama Community College, Wallace State Community College, and Oakwood College.

Billed as an “informational/get-acquainted session,” the 2007 forum was used to share presentations from each participant institution that covered its unique background and student population, the current state of its distance learning program and its top 3-5 eLearning challenges.

Facilitated by DAU-South’s director of program development, Mark Lumb, the TVEC discussions touched on a wide range of eLearning topics including

social networking web sites, tablet technologies, the economics of help desk operations and cutting edge eLearning technologies such as “Wimba” and “Tegrity.”

South’s associate dean for academics, Marshall Eubanks, said it became “very obvious, very soon that all of us are dealing with the same kinds of distance learning challenges ... and that there was some comfort in knowing that we were all facing these challenges together.”

Every one of the attending institutions voiced similar concerns about balancing the requirement to stay current with the latest in eLearning technologies and at the same time keep costs under control. Additional concerns ranged from the challenge of serving student populations that vary from typical college freshmen to adult learners in mid-career to discerning which content is best suited for a virtual environment and which is best reserved for the brick and mortar classroom.

With each of the attendees voicing a strong desire for continued participation, the inaugural TVEC meeting drew to a close with DAU-South taking on the task of drafting a mission statement and attendant goals for review and adoption.

Organizations interested in being part of the Tennessee Valley eLearning Consortium should call Lumb at 722-1072 or e-mail mark.lumb@dau.mil. (DAU-South release)



Photo by Master Sgt. Odri Hastings/AMCOM retention NCO

## Re-up with bonus

Staff Sgt. William Peden, left, of the Aviation Center Logistics Command at Fort Rucker, re-enlists for six years with a \$27,000 bonus. He will be assigned to the 160th Special Operations Command at Fort Lewis, Wash. Administering the oath Friday at Redstone is 1st Lt. Thomas Dull of the Pathfinder School at Fort Campbell, Ky.

## ■ Soldier’s goal within reach through education program

## Education

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Payne could have gone through the program again. While how much improvement a Soldier shows varies by individual, Williams said every Soldier who comes through sees some improvement.

Payne’s success in the program has motivated him to continue his civilian education. He plans on using the educa-

tion center to find a local engineering graduate program. He urges all Soldiers to make good use of the programs available to them, like BSEP.

“Anybody who has a low GT needs to do this,” Payne said. “Everybody there (at the education center) is dedicated to teaching Soldiers to be productive and in better shape for their future.”

Entering an education program is easy. An education counselor at the center will guide Soldiers through the

process. They can request more information as a walk-in at the Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Road, or call 876-3465.

“Soldiers need only to speak with a counselor to take advantage of the training,” Williams said. “Commanders and counselors may refer Soldiers to participate in the FAST program. Also, Soldiers may refer themselves to participate in FAST. Counselors evaluate referred Soldiers to see if they require BSEP instruction prior to enrollment in other FAST components.”

# Test your home fire safety awareness

Score a fire safety home run — do a home fire safety inspection, says the Redstone fire department. Striking out fire in your home requires a little homework. Take about 20 minutes to inspect your home.

As you go from room to room, answer the following questions. For each question you answer “yes” to, give yourself a point.

When you’re finished, add up the points to find out your score. Youngsters should have an adult help them complete this checklist.

## First Base — Cooking Safety

- Yes  No ... Does a grownup always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- Yes  No ... Are stove tops and counters clean and uncluttered?
- Yes  No ... Are there pot holders within easy reach of the stove?
- Yes  No ... Are pot handles turned inward so they can’t be bumped?
- Yes  No ... Are curtains and other things that can burn well away from the stove?
- Yes  No ... Is there a “kid-free” zone of 3 feet around the stove when grownups are cooking?

## Second Base — Heating Safety

- Yes  No ... Are portable space heaters always turned off when adults leave the room or go to sleep?
- Yes  No ... If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least 3 feet away from anything else that can burn, including people, furniture and pets?
- Yes  No ... Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- Yes  No ... Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the past year?
- Yes  No ... Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?
- Yes  No ... Are propane tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?

## Third Base — Electrical Safety

- Yes  No ... Are extension cords used safely? (Are they not under carpets or across doorways?)
- Yes  No ... Are electrical cords in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas?

(A grownup should unplug lamps and appliances before inspecting the cords.)

- Yes  No ... Are kitchen appliances — such as the coffee-maker, toaster oven, and microwave — plugged into separate receptacle outlets?

## Home Plate — Smoke Alarms/Home Fire Escape

- Yes  No ... Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area?
- Yes  No ... Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms? (A grownup should help by pushing the test button to find out.)
- Yes  No ... Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys and clutter?
- Yes  No ... Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits, usually a door and a window, from each room?
- Yes  No ... Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside after you exit your home?
- Yes  No ... Have you and your family practiced a home fire drill within the last six months? (Why not do one tonight?)
- Yes  No ... Do you know the fire department’s emergency phone number (which should be called from a neighbor’s or nearby phone once you get outside)?

What’s your fire safety batting average? If you answered “yes” to all of the checklist questions, congratulations! You scored a fire safety home run.

If you answered “yes” to 15 to 20 questions, you’ve made it to third base. Just make a few adjustments, and you’ll easily hit a fire safety home run.

If you answered “yes” to 10 to 14 questions, you’ve hit a double. You’re going in the right direction, but you’ve got some work to do before you get to home plate.

If you answered “yes” to fewer than 10 questions, you’ve reached first base, but you need to make many changes around your home in order to reach home plate.

For all questions to which you answered “no,” make sure your family takes the steps needed to make them a “yes” so you can all score a fire safety home run.

*Editor’s note: Garrison fire inspector Jason Berlin provided this checklist from the National Fire Protection Association.*

## Cargo helicopter pilots get lift with training

*Flight simulators delivered on time*

By BARBARA NASH

*For the Rocket*

Flight training is reaching new heights without ever leaving the ground. The Army has moved into a new era in proficiency and safety, and Redstone's PM Cargo is leading the way.

With the new model of the CH-47F heavy lift helicopters comes the need for equally-sophisticated training equipment. In order to maintain mission readiness at a pace equal to that of current operations, PEO Aviation and PM Cargo developed a bold vision for meeting the critical training needs of the future.

The program began at Patuxent River, Md., at Manned Flight Systems with design and prototyping of the CH-47F Transportable Flight Proficiency Simulators with software developed by NavAir. Then full-rate production moved to Huntsville to WestWind Technologies. With on-site engineering, manufacturing and aviation integration facilities, WestWind set about to meet the accelerated production schedule designed to get the new equipment to the Soldiers faster than ever before.

The build-to-print TFPS package required a bill of material of over 2,000 line items, the manufacturing and assembly of approximately 1,000 metal components, modification or



Courtesy photo

**LIKE REAL THING—** The simulators contain the most current cockpit and provide Soldiers with a dynamic training environment that increases operational readiness and ensures that the pilots are fully prepared to fly the actual aircraft.

manufacture of more than 500 wire harnesses and/or cable assemblies, and complex installation of all electrical and mechanical components. Through hard work, long hours, weekend work, and dedication of the entire design and production team, the vision of PEO Aviation and PM Cargo became a reality.

Barely six months after opening the simulator facility, WestWind Technologies deliv-

ered the first two TFPS units to PM Cargo ahead of schedule, under cost, and without waiver – one for shipping to Fort Rucker Flight Training School, and one for deployment to the combat arena. It marked the first time that CH-47F simulators have been built in Alabama.

The simulators contain the most current cockpit and provide Soldiers with a dynamic training environment that increases operational readiness

and ensures that the pilots are fully prepared to fly the actual aircraft. The new simulators are easily transported and include a judicious combination of commercial off-the-shelf and aircraft components as well as realistic graphics, saving considerable flight training costs while providing unprecedented safety for the Soldiers.

“The TPFS program is monumental – not only for the Army, Army Aviation, and the

Tennessee Valley, but more importantly for our Soldiers going into harm's way,” Cargo Helicopters project manager Col. Newman Shufflebarger said. “These simulators will train the Soldiers much better for the future and increase their chances of mission success and a safe return home.”

Because of the success of the CH-47F program, WestWind Technologies was presented with the Joseph A. Cribbins Aviation Product Symposium Award at the recent event in Huntsville. WestWind was selected by PM Cargo as the company “most instrumental in assisting the organization” based on the delivery of the CH-47F Transportable Flight Proficiency Simulators ahead of schedule, below cost and without waiver.

Said WestWind Technologies president Daniel Petrosky, a retired lieutenant general, “Accomplishing the mission of PEO Aviation, PM Cargo, and the Logistics Support Facility took a team effort of hard work, expertise and commitment by many people in Army Aviation, at WestWind Technologies, our industry partners, PAX River and NavAir. Because of the dedication of the entire team, the CH-47F crews are the winners.”

*Editor's note: Barbara Nash is president of Barbara Nash & Associates in Huntsville, with specialization in space and defense organization positioning and public relations programs.*

# How to handle computer damage from moves

## Owner claims require backup

By ERIKA McPHERSON  
For the Rocket

Computers are often one of the high value items shipped with household goods during a government-sponsored move. Once the owner attempts to use the computer again at the new duty station, the computer may not work. If the computer owner files a claim with the military claim office, there are certain factors that must be considered in determining whether the claimant's request for payment will be approved. The mere fact that a computer worked well before shipment is not a sufficient basis to pay a claim.

First of all, computers are sensitive and do not last forever. Parts and batteries wear out or develop loose connections; disks and drives develop bad sectors over time. When a computer accumulates enough internal problems, it stops working. If this occurs following a government-sponsored move, the claimant may genuinely believe the computer was damaged by rough handling in transit. Sometimes internal computer problems following shipment are due to rough handling,



Often, however, they are caused by inadequate maintenance or defects in computer components. Temperature fluctuations, humidity, static electricity, problems with power sources, foreign objects and airborne contaminants such as cigarette smoke all affect operation. Consequently, a computer that worked at point of origin may not work after shipment.

Secondly, a major cause of computer problems is the expansion and contraction of components due to changing temperatures. Computers are affected by changes in the external temperature; they also heat up when they operate and cool down when they are turned off. Repeated heating and cooling create problems, mainly in memory boards, the hard disk drive and the power supply.

The greatest expansion problems are

caused by turning the computer on and off; the quick temperature change causes a great amount of sudden stress. Marginal components manufactured poorly to begin with often simply fail when the system is turned on. This happens especially frequently when the system has not been turned on for an extended period of time and the computer has cooled down more than usual. Because computers are not turned on during shipment and are also subject to outside temperature extremes, shipment is often the last straw. When the computer is turned on again, chips stop working and poorly manufactured hard drives refuse to boot. Many computer owners leave their computers on continuously to avoid expansion problems, but this is not an option during shipment.

Third, in order to pay a claim for internal damage to computers a claimant has the burden of establishing the damage was due to rough handling in shipment. The amount of damage other items in the same shipment sustained may indicate rough handling; however, the claimant should seek the written advice of a repair firm. The information a good repair firm provides is essential in determining whether or not a claim is payable.

A claimant should obtain a written statement from a reputable computer repair firm addressing the internal com-

puter damage. The repair shop must adequately document the cause of damage. Knowing the precise nature of the damage is critical. The fact that the repair estimate states "shipment damage" is of little evidentiary value. Instead, the repair shop should specify the damage and what may have caused it. For example, cracked or broken boards and components may be deemed to be the result of rough handling. However, when parts work themselves loose and stop functioning or burn out, payment is not allowed. When considering whether damage to the hard drive is incident to shipment, factors to consider include: the type of hard drive, whether reformatting was attempted by the repair firm, and whether the drive automatically parks the heads whenever the system is turned off.

Finally, when rough handling cannot be substantiated the claim will not be payable. Private insurance companies similarly will not cover internal computer damage without substantiation of rough handling during shipment. If possible, to avoid computer repairs or replacement, consider alternate methods of transporting computers outside of a government-sponsored shipment. If you have additional questions or want to file a claim, call the Redstone Arsenal Claims office at 876-9006.

# Scientists search for trends in Iraq violence

## Local university researchers develop computer models

Adversaries the U.S. currently faces in Iraq rely on surprise and apparent randomness to compensate for their lack of organization, technology and firepower. If one could find some method to their madness, however, the asymmetric threat could be made significantly less serious, according to scientists at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

These UAH scientists hope to help provide a better intelligence posture on these asymmetric threats by developing computer models that identify trends in the behaviors of the adversaries.

“One way to combat these attacks is to identify trends in the attackers’ methods, then use those trends to predict their future actions,” UAH researcher Wes Colley said. “Some trends from these attacks show important day-to-day correlations. If we can draw inferences from those correlations, then we may be able to save lives by heightening awareness of possible events

or changing the allocation of our security assets to provide more protection.”

UAH teamed with a Virginia-based company, Mymic LLC, to receive an Air Force contract for the six-month study.

A four-step process was used in this research, according to Colley. Researchers reviewed the behavior signatures of terrorists on 12,000 attacks between 2003 and mid-2007 to calculate relative probabilities of future attacks on various target types.

The four steps were: create a database of past attacks; identify trends in the attacks; determine the correlation between attacks and use analysis to calculate the probabilities of future attacks and their location.

The goal was not to try to predict exactly when and what type of attack was going to happen next, but rather, which target types were more likely to be attacked next, according to Colley. “Our research won’t predict that an attack targeting civilians at a public market will take place tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.”

Instead, he said military commanders

could make choices from various options to reduce risk. “A commander with limited intelligence and security assets can concentrate resources at those locations that have higher probabilities of attack.”

This study considered two aspects of each attack: the target of the attack, and the time of the attack. Using careful statistical techniques, the team identified correlations between attacks on various target types as a function of time. For instance, if there were an attack on a government target, that somewhat increased the chance of an attack on a police target over the next several days. Armed with this knowledge, commanders could allocate greater than usual resources to protect police assets more carefully for several days after an attack on a government target. The team also observed other significant correlations such as attacks on civilian targets with other attacks on civilian targets.

One finding that surprised Colley involved sectarian violence. He said when members of the Shiite sect would attack a Sunni, other attacks on Sunnis were like-

ly to follow. However, the converse was not true. When Sunnis attacked Shiites, there was no greater incidence of a follow-on attack than normal. Also, there seemed to be little evidence of regular retaliatory attacks from one group on the other, although that dataset was too limited to say for sure.

“Despite many difficulties with the dataset, we did find that our trend analysis very successfully provided enhanced predictive capability when compared to the broader attack rate,” Colley said. “Our concept has proven successful in identifying trends and correlations in the attacks.” Colley said the university is seeking additional dollars to further develop the concept with more complete and reliable data.

“Ultimately, we were limited by the data, which we gleaned from public Internet sources. Their information, particularly with respect to attack location, was hit-and-miss, at best,” he said. “With more and better data, perhaps including classified data, we expect a dramatic improvement in the predictiveness of our method.” (UAH release)

# New Afghan program graduates first police

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The first class of 259 Afghan National Police from Zabul province graduated Feb. 21 from the new Focused District Development eight-week training initiative in Kandahar and on the same day the first class of 143 graduated in Herat.

On the outside, they look like any other policemen in Afghanistan, but if Col. James Klingaman is right, this group of newly trained Afghan National Police might prove to be the best in the country.

Klingaman is the commander of Afghanistan Regional Security Integration Command-West and addressed the graduating police Feb. 21 in Herat, the hub of western Afghanistan’s Bala-Beluk district.

The FDD initiative is a reform by the Afghan Ministry of Interior which aims to improve policing in Afghanistan, district by district. It was developed by the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan to address issues of inadequate training,



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class David Votrubek

**ON GUARD—** A color guard of Afghan National Police from the Bala-Beluk district listen to a speaker during their graduation Feb. 21 from the new eight-week Focused District Development training.

poor equipment and corruption that made it difficult for the police to provide public safety and internal security.

The ANP officers in Herat graduated from phase three, where their entire district was reorgan-

ized, re-equipped and retrained during an eight-week training course. The courses are taught by civilian police instructors at the eight Regional Training Centers throughout the country.

Phase Four will involve rein-

serting them back into their district, which should take about a week, officials said.

This will be the true test of FDD, according to Col. Peter W. Foreman, deputy to the commanding general, Police Development for CSTC-A.

“The real test will be this next week when the police go back to their districts and we see how the people perceive them,” Foreman said.

The policemen won’t go back to Bala-Beluk alone. A Police Mentoring Team comprised of U.S. Soldiers will be there to help them use their newly taught policing skills. The senior enlisted mentor for that team is Army Master Sgt. John Welgos, who reminded the graduating class of their responsibility to protect the public.

“The eyes of the people will watch you closely,” he said. “Stay on the path of good.”

In Kandahar, Governor Assadullah Khalid told the class “with you graduating, it gives us hope and peace; you are the ones

who stand against the bad people.”

Maj. Gen. Marc Lessard, Regional Command-South, offered words of inspiration and support to the new graduates, who had recently completed the FDD cycle one training. “Today will bring great stability within Afghanistan.”

“As policemen you represent the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan; there is no higher honor,” Lessard said. “The contributions of every one of you is vital to the ordinary Afghan; you uphold the rule of law.”

The eight-week FDD cycle one training initiative is the first of three training initiatives and it offered essential skills training to the police elements throughout the districts of Qalat, Shahjoy, and Tarnak va Jaldak in Zabul province. The tasks included mounted/dismounted patrols, urban/village operations, and district coordination center and station security tasks.

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# Headquarters & Alpha playing hard and having fun

## Gators improve to 7-0 by beating Academy

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Headquarters & Alpha basketball coach Terrence Hamil realized his team's talent at the third practice before the season. Eight of the 12 members had played at the college level or higher.

"I was really tickled because it was fairly easy to start implementing some defenses and offenses because of the level of understanding," Hamil said.

He wasn't surprised that his Gators became the league's only unbeaten team.

Headquarters & Alpha improved to 7-0 by beating the NCO Academy 65-20 on Feb. 19 at Pagano Gym.

"It's what I expected because these Soldiers here are very dedicated," Hamil said. "When we practice we practice hard. We're very blessed with the type of Soldier we have."

The Gators understood before the sea-

son that their goal was to play hard and have fun, he said. "And obviously that's what we've been doing."

Headquarters & Alpha fell behind 5-0 to the Academy before scoring the next six points. The Gators trailed 12-11 with 11 minutes left in the first half and forced a flurry of turnovers to lead 27-14 at half-time. They kept control in the second half, holding the Academy scoreless until 6:39 left. By then it was 56-14.

James Walker led the way with 22 points, 13 rebounds, four steals and three blocks. The 6-foot-4 shooting guard played high school ball in Greenville, S.C., and in the post league in Baumholder, Germany. He arrived at Redstone Jan. 4.

"We pressured the ball," Walker said, "and kept attacking on offense."

Reggie Camp, the 6-4 center, had 16 points, four rebounds, three steals and a block. Josh Poe added seven points, five rebounds, three assists and two steals.

"We hustled, we didn't look at the score," Camp said. "We got out there and played like this was the last game we were going to ever play."

Kurtrell Jackson and Benjamin Morse scored five points apiece for the NCO Academy (2-4).

Said Academy player/coach John Butler, "We kind of got something going (early). This is the first time we got chemistry. And then we kind of fell apart."

Standings after last week's games had Headquarters & Alpha (7-0), Marines (5-1), HHC 59th (4-3), Bravo (3-3), Charlie

(3-3), NCO Academy (2-4), 375th Engineers (1-6) and 326th Chemical (1-6).

Here are results from week five of the season:

• **Feb. 19** – HHC 59th def. Bravo 63-56; and Headquarters & Alpha def. NCO Academy 65-20.

• **Feb. 21** – Marines def. Charlie 60-42; and 375th Engineers def. 326th Chemical 49-47.

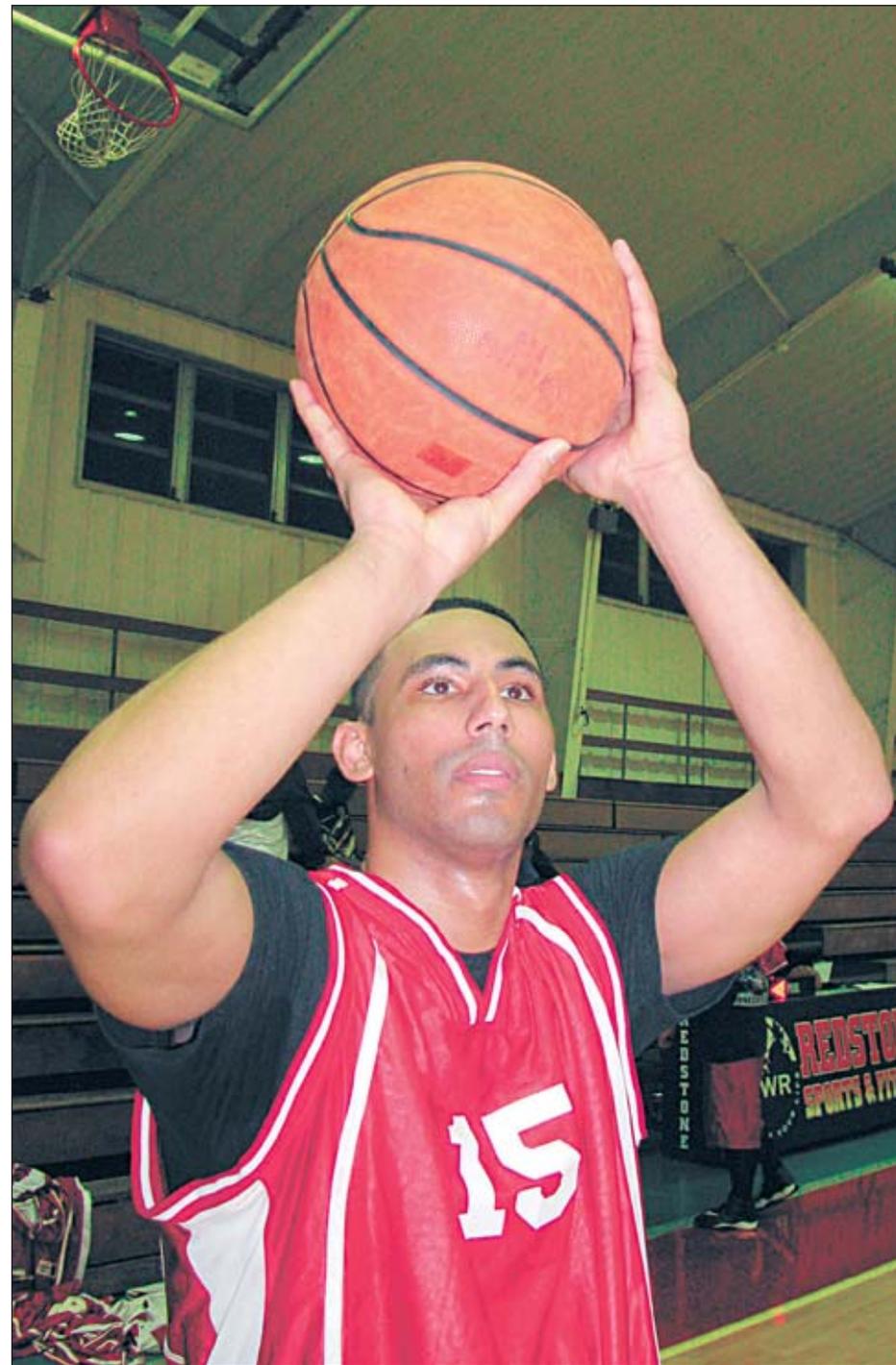


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**DOUBLE THE PLEASURE**— James Walker led Headquarters & Alpha against the NCO Academy with 22 points, 13 rebounds, four steals and three blocks.

# Defense official a familiar face in Huntsville

Created annual forum  
for test & evaluation

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In 1998 Dr. John Foulkes was managing the Army's test and evaluation at the Pentagon when he picked Huntsville as the site for the first Test & Evaluation Days conference.

When he moved to the Department of Defense in December 2004, Foulkes took the conference with him but he kept its location here. In 2005 T&E Days became Test Week. And the conference has expanded within the last three years.

"It's the only DoD-sponsored conference on test and evaluation," said Foulkes, director of the Test Resource Management Center under the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He was in Huntsville on Thursday to speak at a luncheon of the Rocket City Chapter of the International Test & Evaluation Asso-

ciation. The event was held at Scientific Research Corporation.

Test Week 2008, June 2-5 at the Von Braun Center, is sponsored by the Test Resource Management Center. The 120-worker center is in Arlington, Va.

The conference's creator, Foulkes, continues to ensure it all comes together and serve as emcee.

"We bring together all of the test and evaluation professionals across the Department of Defense and the private sector to one large forum to share ideas," he said. "The other aspect is we use the Von Braun Center for exhibits. One of the highlights of the conference has been the strength of our exhibits."

Foulkes, 58, was born in Cambridge, Mass., and grew up in New York City. He has 28 years government service.

He told the luncheon's 40 attendees about the Defense Department's efforts toward shared testing capabilities among the military services.

"As a shameful plug for Test Week," he said in closing, "I expect to see all your faces in June."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**TEST UPDATE—** Dr. John Foulkes, director of the Test Resource Management Center under the Office of the Secretary of Defense, speaks to the Rocket City Chapter of the International Test & Evaluation Association.



# Rocket Announcements



## Sports & Recreation

### Hockey night

The Huntsville Havoc will face off against the Columbus Cottonmouths at 7:30 p.m. March 8 at the Von Braun Center on "Military Appreciation Night." Free tickets are available to military, retired military and their family members. All others can get tickets for \$9 (youth/seniors), \$11 (adults) at the box office at the VBC. For military tickets come to building 3206 or call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969. For group information, call the Huntsville Havoc 518-6160.

### Babe Ruth league

The Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registration for the 2008 spring season on March 1, 8 and 15 from 9 a.m. to noon. Players ages 13 to 18 as of May 1, 2008 are invited; and 12-year-olds are eligible to sign up as well under the Local Swing Player Option. Registration forms will be accepted after March 15 on an individual basis upon park approval and team availability. A copy of the player's birth certificate is required for all new players. Persons interested in coaching a team are encouraged to apply as well. The Babe Ruth parks and their primary contacts are: Northern Division, Mastin Lake Park, call Emile Jones 990-5902; Southern Division, Sandhurst Park, call Tim Harrison 544-3180; and Eastern Division, Optimist Park, call T. Poe 527-8763.

### Ladies golf group

Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold a Signup Coffee on March 5 at 9 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. All women 17 and over who meet the eligibility requirements for the use of the Redstone golf course may apply for membership in the association. If you plan to attend, e-mail katn@knology.net.

### Tennis association

The Huntsville Women's Tennis Association has the following weekly events at the Huntsville Tennis Center at John Hunt Park, 2305 Airport Road: men's round robin, Monday at 9 a.m.; women's round robin, Tuesday at 9 a.m.; and mixed round robin, Thursday at 9 a.m. Just drop in and play; no reservations required. Cost is \$5 for non-members. For more information, call 883-3986. The association will have a membership social March 4 from 4-6 p.m. at the home of Kim Mims, 2805 Trevor Drive in southeast Huntsville. For information call 509-1437.

### Golf league

The OMMCS Golf League will have its 2008 season second meeting March 13 at 4:30 p.m. at the Links at Redstone golf course clubhouse. "It appears that we may have a team vacancy for the 2008 season," a prepared release said. "We are also looking for individual golfers to participate with some of our teams that have lost a player or two." League play is April 1 through the first week in September, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:45-4:52 p.m. Each four-member team will play one day per week. Each team roster will have from 6-12 players. The \$110 team entry fee is used to pay to winning teams for the first and second parts of the season, as well as individual and team wins each week. For more information call Dean Anderson (home) 852-3531, (cell) 797-3531 or Dave Parker 313-4196.

### Golfing for tots

Golfers are invited to the first Toys for Tots Golf Tournament on May 5 at the Ledges golf course. Four-member teams can register by calling Gunnery Sgt. Arthur Jordan 213-9683 or e-mailing him at jordanar@mfr.usmc.mil. Registration deadline is March 14. The tournament fee is \$1,000 per team or \$250 per member. The tournament is also seeking sponsors.

### Motorcycle run

Elks Lodge 1648, at 725 Franklin St., invites everyone to the Fallen Officers' Memorial Motorcycle Run on May 10 (rain date is May 24). Cost is \$15 per rider, \$10 per passenger. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with the first bike out at 10 and last bike in at 3 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the Huntsville Police Foundation to help build the Fallen Officers Memorial. For information call Doug Smith 503-3454 and James Henley 882-3406.

### Golf tournament

Honor Flight, Tennessee Valley Chapter will sponsor an 18-hole golf tournament March 28 at the Links at Redstone. For more information, e-mail Nick Leone at nleonegolf@comcast.net.

### Youth baseball

Youth Sports is registering youth ages 5-12 for little league baseball, now through March 3. The registration fee is \$50, which includes the uniform, plus the \$18 central registration fee if not already paid. A late registration fee of \$10 will apply after March 3. To register, stop by Child and Youth Services' Central Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain

Road, with a copy of the child's birth certificate and a current sports physical if not already on file. For more information, call 313-3699 or 876-3704. Registration paperwork can be found at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).



## Conferences & Meetings

### Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invites you to study God's word each Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. at building 3466 on Snooper Road. This is the temporary location because of Bicentennial Chapel's major renovation. Free childwatch is available at the Child Development Center on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call Erica Hobbs 325-3152 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404. "Bible studies this semester are: Covenant by Kay Arthur and Parables of Jesus, both taught in the morning session; A Heart Like His by Beth Moore, taught at the noon session for the working sisters; Revelation by John MacArthur, taught at the 6:30 p.m. session," a prepared release said.

### Toastmasters

Anyone interested in improving their speaking ability is invited to attend the Lunar Nooners Toastmasters Club, which meets Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the building 4610 cafeteria. For more information, call Ellen Jones 544-6616.

### Savannah State alums

The Savannah State University Southern Region Conference is March 7-8 at the Holiday Inn downtown, 401 Williams Ave. "Workshops will provide a wealth of information on critical tasks of recruitment, volunteering, lobbying and finances for growth and development," a prepared release said. "Supporters are also welcome to attend." For more information, call Elizabeth Smith 859-4464.

### Electromagnetic course

The 12th DoD Electromagnetic Windows Short Course and Symposium is April 28 to May 1 at the Sparkman Center. Registration is under way. Events qualify for TIPS credit. For more information, contact Angie.Cornelius@us.army.mil or visit <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/EMWS08/>.

### Defense summit

The Tennessee Valley Chapters of the National Defense Industrial Association and Women In Defense, and the Huntsville Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association are planning the third annual Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Summit

from March 24-27 in Huntsville. The summit is co-sponsored by the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology/Joint Advanced Concepts. For more information, visit [www.JIAMDsummit.org](http://www.JIAMDsummit.org).

### Catholic women

The Redstone Arsenal and Our Lady of the Valley MCCW (Military Council of Catholic Women) invites all ladies with a military ID to its March get-together on March 7 at the old Post Chapel on Patten Road. MCCW will host the Friday evening Stations of the Cross (the Stations of Peace) at 6 p.m. followed by a Lenten Soup Supper. There will be no morning MCCW meeting. The chapel will, however, still hold first Friday Holy Hour at 11 a.m. and Mass at noon. For more information, call Phyllis Gibat 842-2175 or Chris 701-6490.

### Test/evaluation papers

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

### University women

American Association of University Women will present the Legislative Committee's "A Thick Book," a 45-minute movie about Alabama's Constitution and need for constitutional reform, on March 4 at the Beville Center, UAH, 550 Sparkman Drive. This is open to the public. Meet and greet begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner (\$19) at 6 and the program at 6:30. Seats are available for non-diners. Reservations should be made by Feb. 28 for both diners and non-diners with Lois Gruenel 880-8643.

### Civil War debate

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. "Separating the Man from the Myth, the Great Stonewall Jackson Debate" is the topic for the first TVCWRT debate. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. Call 858-6191 for more information.

### Computer users

Huntsville PC User Group will meet March 8 from 9:15-11:30 a.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. The "latest and

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greatest" from the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas and the Association of PC User Group's Conference will be presented by Rod Rakes, the Huntsville PC User Group newsletter editor and the group's representative to the conference. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

### Women's history

March is Women's History Month; and the Huntsville Branch of the American Association of University Women is sponsoring a luncheon at Carrabas Restaurant at Parkway Place Mall on March 7 at 11:30 a.m. to benefit the AAUW Educational Foundation. Dr. Ann Roy Moore, superintendent of Huntsville City Schools and 2008 Superintendent of the Year for the State of Alabama, will speak on the future of public education in North Alabama, "Leadership and Change." The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$20 each and can be obtained by calling Elaine Eyer 881-2254 before Friday.

### Space society

HAL5 (local chapter of the National Space Society) presents a free public lecture, "Is the Dream Still Alive?" by Dr. Marty Kress, executive director of the National Space Science and Technology Center, on March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library, 915 Monroe St. A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie 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](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### Surplus sales

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

### 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.

### 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 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](http://www.aerhq.org). Assistance is available for spouses and children of active duty and retired Soldiers. All applications and supporting documents must be sent to AER headquarters and postmarked by March 1. For more information, call AER officer Kristi Foster 876-5397.

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

# Rocket Announcements

### 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 Saturday. To download a packet and application form, go to [www.redstonewarrants.com](http://www.redstonewarrants.com).

### 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.

### ID card section

Military Personnel Office ID Card Section will be closed through Friday for upgrade of 7.2 DEERS/RAPIDS computers. Effective Saturday, 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.

### Orchestra benefit

The Huntsville Youth Orchestra invites everyone to join it at Cheeburger Cheeburger restaurants Thursday. "While you enjoy your meal, you can also enjoy

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beautiful live music performed by some of our area's most talented young musicians," a prepared release said. "At various times throughout the day and evening, small groups and soloists from the Youth Orchestra will be playing some of their favorite pieces. On Thursday, Cheeburger Cheeburger is generously donating a portion of all profits from both of their restaurants to support the Youth Orchestra. So come on out, have some great food, listen to some great music, and support a great cause!" Cheeburger Cheeburger has two locations: 5000 Whitesburg Drive in south Huntsville (at the corner of Airport and Whitesburg), and 7 Town Center Drive in northwest Huntsville (just north of 72, in Providence Town Center).

### Garden plots

All personnel desiring garden plots for the 2008 planting season must contact the MWR Membership Sales Office in building 1500, on Weeden Mountain Road, during the scheduled request periods. Priorities have been established to better serve all interested personnel. The procedures for requesting and assigning garden plots are as follows: First priority – Active duty military must request their plots now through March 1; second priority – retired military must request their plots March 2-16; and third priority – DoD civilians must make their request March 17-31. If there are plots left over, assignments will be on a first come, first serve basis. The 2008 planting season will be utilized at Vincent Drive. There are 54 garden plots available at Vincent. Due to the limited number of plots available, only one plot will be assigned per family until March 31. For more information, call Stephanie Stone or Chris Carter 830-9175.

### Symphony concert

The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra will present a family concert "Carnival of the Animals" at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Carlos Miguel Prieto is the conductor; and Susanna Phillips is the soprano.

### Quarterly retirements

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is March 20 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are required to participate in one of the quarterly retirement ceremonies. Please call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969 or Sgt. Kenneth Speegle 842-2625 to make arrangements for participation. Deadline for signing up to participate is Friday. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled June 19.

### Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus is now registering for the spring term, March 17 to May 18. Classes offered include Aviation/Aerospace System Safety; Concepts of Integrated Logistics; Technical Report Writing; Basic Algebra; and Organizational Behavior. Deadline to register is March 14. Call 876-9763 or visit ERAU

Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222.

### Management curriculum

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus is adding a graduate certificate of completion in Project Management to its offerings at Redstone Arsenal. The courses required for the certificate of completion in Project Management may be taken as a stand alone program or in conjunction with the master's of science in management under the general management option. For more information, call the Embry-Riddle Huntsville campus 876-9763.

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open 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-noon. The shop will be open for sales this Saturday from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Association scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$1,000 annual scholarship awards to a local high school and college student majoring in a business

field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is March 31. For more information and a scholarship application, call Hillary Clay 313-1349. The application can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/iaaprsa/home.htm>.

### Job seekers seminar

Tennessee Valley Advertising Federation will hold a job preparation seminar, "Land Your Dream Job in a Competitive Market," Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redstone Federal Credit Union's Education Center, 220 Wynn Drive. Michael Lebeau, director of career services at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, will share tips on earning and maintaining one's job of choice. The event is open to college students for \$10 and to the community at-large for \$25. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Call 714-5454 or register online at [www.tvaf.org/upcomingevents.php](http://www.tvaf.org/upcomingevents.php).

### Space Camp scholarships

The Army Community Service Volunteer Committee announces the Space Camp, Space Academy, and Aviation Challenge Scholarship Program for 2008, open to active and retired military family members. Children of Guard and Reserve members having served on active duty from March 14, 2007 to March 14, 2008 are also eligible. Applicants must reside within a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal and present a copy of their military ID card (or military orders), along with their completed application and a handwritten one-to-two page essay titled, "Why I

want to attend Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge." Children must be ages 9-11 for Space Camp, and ages 12-14 for Space Academy and Aviation Challenge. Applications are available at the Post Exchange, local schools, Army Community Service (building 3338 on Redeye Road), and at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com). They must be returned by noon March 14 to ACS. Previous winners are not eligible. For more information, call 876-5397.

### Older drivers

AARP Driver Safety Program, a driver improvement course designed for older motorists, will be held March 4-5 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Hospice Family Care, 3304 Westmill Drive in Huntsville. This eight-hour course will be taught in two four-hour sessions. There are no tests. Tuition is \$10. Graduates may be eligible to receive a multi-year discount on their auto insurance premiums. Class size is limited to 30 participants. For information and registration, call AARP certified instructor Vince Guarin 880-6928.

### Black History program

Team Redstone's African American/Black History Month program is Thursday at 10 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. This year's theme is "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism." The keynote speaker is James Lambright Jr., director of equal employment opportunity, education, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon 876-8648.

### AER book sale

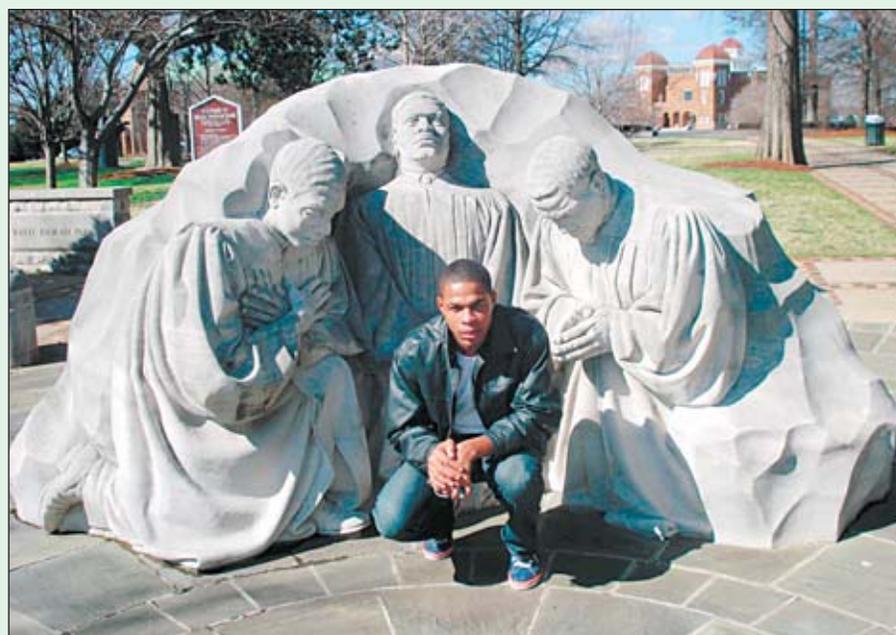
The Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for the Army Emergency Relief campaign is April 21 through May 2 at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Sparkman Center building 5300, the first floor corridor between buildings 5303 and 5304. "As in the past, we accept donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotape," a prepared release said. Donations will be accepted until April 29. If you have items to donate, call Brian Berry 876-8563 to arrange delivery and pickup.

### Luncheon program

Logistics Support Activity will hold an African-American History Month Program/Luncheon today at 11 a.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. The speaker is Madison City Councilwoman Cynthia McCollum. Huntsville Police Department's Blue Notes Five will sing. Tickets are on sale for \$5. For information call Renata Walker 955-9038 and Reena Strong 955-0676.

### CFC applicants

Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from non-profit charitable human health and welfare organizations for 2008. Under federal law, the charitable organization must be a current 501(c) (3) organization. The open period for accepting applications is March 3 through April 10. On behalf of federal donors, the CFC is responsible for overall management,



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## Solemn moment

**Cpl. Eon Irving from Guyana pauses at the sculpture of three ministers praying, which is in Kelly Ingram Park across the street from the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. The International Military Student Office took four international students to Birmingham Feb. 18 to tour the institute and park. The students also watched a film titled "Mighty Times: The Children's March" which was produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center. The trip was to learn more about the civil rights movement and Birmingham's impact in it. The students were from the Philippines, Guyana, Pakistan and Egypt.**

