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Veterans reconnect at orientation

Honor Flight event resembles reunion

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In a room of 125 World War II veterans, it was hard not to find a long-ago friend. And, Henry Hood found several.

The Feb. 26 orientation for the next group of WWII veterans going on Honor Flight to see their memorial in Washington, D.C. was somewhat of a reunion for Hood, who lived in Huntsville for 30 years before moving to Killen. At the orientation, he reconnected with fellow veterans Gil Crain, who had been in his 1952 wedding; Don Worrell, who he worked with while at NASA in the 1970s; and Horace Bibb, who he used to go to church with.

"I was just looking to see some old folks. Then, I saw him," Hood joked as he talked with Bibb and his wife, Harriet.

Hood served as a Navy seaman with the 3rd Fleet on a destroyer in the Pacific, attacking Japanese warships, rescuing pilots who had missed their carrier landings and often going two months without seeing land. Bibb was a Soldier serving in the southern Philippines.

"I was one of the grunts," said Bibb, who is now confined to a wheelchair and whose medical care requires access to an oxygen tank.

"I was drafted right out of high school in Greenville, S.C. In fact, my whole high school class in 1943 was drafted. I reported for duty two weeks after graduation."

Hood and Bibb weren't the only veterans having a good time mixing and mingling at the orientation. So, too, was Chick Wann, who volunteered for the Army during WWII, served with the 151st Combat Engineers in the Asiatic Pacific and European theaters, and then went on to complete a full military career.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

GETTING READY FOR TRIP— World War II veteran, retired Soldier and now Honor Flight honoree Chick Wann of Sheffield jokes around with volunteer Jesse Stutts as he waits in line to get his picture taken. Each veteran scheduled for the April 19 trip of Honor Flight had to write their name on a white board and hold it up in their photograph so they would be properly identified. With Wann are, center, wife Marie, and daughter Liz Nunley.

He is now living in Sheffield, where he is the founder of the local National Guard unit. He is also the uncle of retired Brig. Gen. Bob Stewart, a former astronaut and deputy commanding general of the former Strategic Defense Command at Redstone Arsenal.

For Wann, who will turn 90 tomorrow, the orientation was more like a party.

"I'm so excited about this honor and opportunity," Wann said, with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes. He was accompanied by his wife, Marie, and his daughter, Liz Nunley, who signed him up for Honor Flight.

WWII veterans from across North Alabama attended the

Honor Flight orientation in preparation for their April 19 flight to Washington, D.C. The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight began transporting WWII veterans to their memorial in 2007, and will continue to do so throughout 2008. The veterans travel for free.

"I can't tell you how proud we are that you are here today," said Joe Fitzgerald, president of the local Honor Flight chapter and the key organizer of the program, as he opened the orientation.

"Our youngest World War II veteran is 79, and he probably lied about his age to fight in the war. Most veterans are in their 80s or 90s. It gets harder and harder to take you on these

flights because 1,200 to 1,500 World War II veterans die each day."

That's why Honor Flight is in a hurry to get WWII veterans to their memorial. Last year, the local chapter hosted 131 veterans on Honor Flights. This year, that number will increase to about 500 taken on flights planned for April 19, May 31, Sept. 13 and Oct. 18.

Fitzgerald told the veterans to "prepare for a wonderful trip ... You're going to have the time of your lives. You will see what's been built to honor you.

"You've served faithfully and honorably. You've shown your commitment to community and

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An open lane random survey

What are your retirement plans?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Larry Ridgeway
AMCOM Security Assistance
Management Directorate

"I'm retired from the government. I just started working for UAH (Feb. 25). I need to build up more savings before I retire. And then I've always wanted to work in computer graphics.

And I'm going to learn web page design to work part time in that after I retire (laugh) – after I build up more savings. That's what I've always wanted to do."

Bran Skipper

Phoenix Services

"I'd like to retire comfortably. I'm hoping to retire by the time I'm 60, 65. I just have to see what's in store for me, though. I have to build up some savings to make that possible."



Jamie Cain
Jacobs Technology

"I'm planning for age 55 to be done here. And I'd like to do something with kids as far as like a boys and girls club type thing – something mentoring younger kids."

Mickelle Penn

Jacobs Technology

"I just retired from the Army after 21 glorious years, nine months, eight days. I plan to work here at LOGSA, plan to stay here in Huntsville and work — because if you sit around you get bored. That's what I did the first three months out of the Army, and that's not me. As far as I'm concerned (I won't retire again) until I'm a young 81 or 82 – God willing if I live that long."



Quote of the week

'Americans will put up with anything provided it doesn't block traffic.'

— Dan Rather

Kudos to returning heroes

The letter Feb. 27 regarding the picture of the seven Marines is completely out of line. I assume he was in the military but then again maybe he wasn't. If he was he should be ashamed of himself; if he wasn't, he should be ashamed of himself.

I would ask this guy "why not say how happy we are to have these heroes home and how proud we are of them?" But no, he would rather comment on their stance and compare them to some hip-hop group or rock band. It really says thanks for a job well done! Yep, his appreciation really comes through in his words. They don't in my estimation reflect anything but negative thoughts on his part.

It's nice to stand back and watch the parade if you don't have to march. I will probably get some response from this gentleman and will certainly ignore it as my first impression of his comments is enough.

Robert Davenport
retired military

Looking for a parking space

One cannot help but notice the number of reserved parking spaces showing up all around the Arsenal, especially at the Commissary/PX area. There are general officer, warrant officer, and master sergeant, just to name a few. I understand handicap spaces but are all the others legal? Why are these special? Do regulations not prohibit the use of rank, position, etc., for reserved parking?

It is frustrating to park in the back of the lot and walk past all these reserved spaces, especially when they are mostly empty. I guess I am complaining about something minor but mostly I just don't understand and I've heard retirees complain as they walked past.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The regulations that govern reserved parking on Redstone are AMCOM Regulation 2102-B and AMCOM Regulation 420-3. However, these regulations do not apply to the PX/Commissary, Officers and Civilians Club, Golf Course, Bowling Center and other facilities that do not house AFGE bargaining unit employees. The installation senior commander and the Garrison commander govern the parking for these facilities. The current reserved parking arrangements at these locations are the culmination of various agreements that have been reached in the past.

"In answer to the question of regulations prohibiting the use of rank or positions, for the buildings that are covered by the regulation, AMCOM Regulation 420-3 G-9 states 'The use of titles, positions, rank/grade is prohibited on signs and curb markings.'"

Concerned over wild game

The purpose of my e-mail is my concern over this exotic food event. I understand you are the messenger, but I am very distressed by the need for such an event. I have been an animal welfare advocate for 20-plus years and I have seen the fingerprints of man on our creatures. Most are too gruesome to describe. The event may seem harmless because the sponsors are "ordering" the products, but their sources in most cases will not use humane methods to fulfill the orders. Our society is not so deprived of consumable resources we are require to seek other prey to nourish our bodies. In fact we are finding more and more impurities with the basic meats we purchase in this country. It hasn't been so long we feared bird flu, mad cow disease and now my home state is dealing with neurological diseases from their exposure to porcine meat products.

Promotion of this kind can increase the public's appetite for exotic meat, increasing the risk of extinction of some species. The public shouldn't be encouraged to experiment because it will be harder to rein in the desires once they are ignited. I fear one day someone will suggest we include dog or cat. What would prevent this request since it is a delicacy in Asia? It is time to be proactive. ...

Gayl D. Catt-Glenn
DMPO/Redstone

Enjoyed wild game cookout

In my various travels I have always enjoyed sampling the local cuisine. Poke salad in Arab, Ala., and blood sausage in Barcelona, Spain come to mind, as well as Shoo Fly Pie in the Pennsylvania Dutch region. However, my wild game dining experience has been limited mainly to the small fry I hunted as a boy – quail, doves and an occasional rabbit or possum. It was with great anticipation, therefore, that I

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Calendar year pay-days count in system

There should be broader publication of the 27 pay days for this calendar year. My concern is that Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) employees who calculate their maximum contribution based on the normal 26 pay days by dividing the \$15,500 by 26 will have their maximum contribution paid into TSP one pay date too soon and will lose matching funds on the 27th pay date this calendar year. This occurs because Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009 is a holiday and some are paid the day prior — which falls in this calendar year. It is an anomaly that can hurt FERS employees and perhaps others who plan their tax year very closely. It will apply to some other employees in other years, so it is possible that a person who transfers from one command with 27 pay dates this year will have it occur again in a later year when they go to a different command.

Herb Hayes

Editor's note: AMCOM G-8 (Resource Management) provided the following response.

"Thank you for your question about all FERS employees who are eligible for Agency Matching Contributions of up to 5 percent of employee's basic pay contribution made to their Thrift Savings Plan. As the writer indicated, if an employee's pay date is on the second Thursday of the pay period, they will have 27 pay periods for 2008. The 27th pay date will be on Dec. 31, 2008 since the second Thursday falls on Jan. 1, 2009 which is a holiday.

"The main issue is ensuring that employees who wish to contribute the maximum amount (\$15,500) to their TSP for calendar year 2008 have the opportunity to do so. Employees can contribute the maximum amount (\$15,500) as soon as they would like, however, it will/can affect their Agency Matching Contributions.

"Therefore, eligible FERS employees who wish to contribute the maximum amount of \$15,500 in 2008 may want to ensure that they are contributing at least 5 percent of their basic pay for every pay period in 2008 (Dec. 9-20, 2008) in order to receive the Agency Matching Contribution for each pay period. If you reach the maximum contribution amount (\$15,500) before the last pay period of the year, then the FERS employee will only receive the 1 percent Agency Automatic Contribution to their TSP and not the other 4 percent (which make up the maximum of 5 percent per pay period).

"Below is only an example of how an employee may want to change their TSP contribution amount for 2008. This example shows how to contribute the maximum amount of \$15,500 and receive the Agency Matching Contribution of 5 percent of the employee's basic pay. Note: Each FERS employee will need to make his or her own decision as to whether or not this is beneficial to them.

"The pay calendar year for 2008 started on Dec. 9, 2007 (because you did not receive this pay check until Jan. 3, 2008). Between Dec. 9, 2007 and March 15, 2008, we have already had seven pay periods. In this example, we assume you are contributing \$597 a pay period. Therefore, you have already contributed \$4,179 (\$597 times 7) toward your TSP. Take \$15,500 maximum TSP contribution for 2008, subtract \$4,179 (already contributed in 2008 from Dec. 9, 2007 through March 15, 2008; and that equals \$11,321 which you can still contribute in 2008.

"There are still 20 pay periods left in pay year ending 2008. Therefore, take the \$11,321 and divide by 20 which results in \$566.05 or \$567 a pay period.

"In this example, you will then need to change your TSP contribution amount to \$567 for the rest of 2008. This example is only true, if you are currently contributing \$597 a pay period and that you make this change in order to be effective pay period March 16-20, 2008.

"Note: In this example, the payroll system will automatically reduce your last payment by \$19 in order for you to not contribute more than \$15,500 for 2008.

"Please remember that if you change your TSP contribution for 2008 to accommodate for the 27 pay periods, then you will need to make another change in 2009 to accommodate for the normal 26 pay periods in a year.

"For more information on TSP, please go to the TSP web site at www.tsp.gov. To get more information on the limits on TSP contributions and what happens to your Agency Matching Contribution, please go to the TSP web site as follows: <http://www.tsp.gov/forms/oc91-13.pdf>.

"If employees wish to change their TSP contribution, whether for this situation or for any reason, then the employee will need to go to the ABC web site at <https://www.abc.army.mil/>. At the ABC web site the employee will click on the "Benefits/EBIS" icon and enter their AKO user ID and password in order to make any changes to their TSP contribution."

Turning up a safety issue for drivers

This letter is more of a safety issue; I am concerned with the intersection of Vincent and Goss Road, at the light. When making a left from Vincent onto Goss Road, there are two lanes that can turn left. The problem is when cars are in the far left lane; they don't stay in their lane and cross over into the right lane around the turn. This is a problem for those of us who are in the right lane also making the left turn.

This has happened to me on more than one occasion. I think the solution may be to paint white dotted lines on the road around the turn to indicate that two lanes are turning. This has been done in the city to indicate the turning lanes and I

feel this may be an answer to the problem and possibly avoiding potential hazard.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "We have a maintenance plan to reapply the thermoplastic striping to all traffic lines in the area of Vincent Drive/Goss Road. The skip lines across the intersection to divide the two left turn lanes from Vincent Drive onto Goss Road are included in this plan. The application of these new lines will enhance the efficiency and safety of the intersection."

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Name: Kurt Knapp

Job: Project manager for Missile Defense Agency's Chief Information Office, employed by Advanced Systems Development Inc.

Where do you call home?
Evansville, Ind.

What do you like about your job?

It is never boring. The challenges — every day is a brand new issue. Every day, it keeps changing. I've been here (at MDA) over four years now — since August 2003. You get lots of experiences and lots of different portions of MDA. Prior to that, I was military retired Army.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I have lots of hobbies — avid fisherman, hunter and woodworker.

What are your goals?

Complete my master's (in project management at Florida Institute of Technology). I'm currently in school again for that. And then to move on to program management.

What's your favorite type of music?

Probably country.



Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Feb. 25: An individual was observed selecting two DVDs and then departing the Main Exchange without rendering proper payment. The individual was stopped and the police were called. The subject was processed and released. Investigation continues by the investigations section.

Feb. 26: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after stopping and requesting a pass at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 28 speeding, 4 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving with a suspended/canceled/revoked driver's license, 1 failure to yield right of way, 3 expired tags.



Civil Air Patrol cadets change meeting site

The Redstone Civil Air Patrol has transferred its Cadet Program to a new home at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, next to Aviation Challenge.

The CAP Cadet Program was meeting at Redstone Airfield. But the cadets moved because they outgrew their previous facility and also due to the "sometimes inconvenient access to Redstone Arsenal," according to a Civil Air Patrol release.

An open house will be held March 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the new location. The community is invited.

LOGSA workers gather to remember past

Luncheon celebrates black achievements

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Cynthia McCollum of the Logistics Support Activity is making history herself. So, it was only fitting that she delivered the keynote address at LOGSA's African-American History Month Luncheon.

McCollum is president of the National League of Cities, the nation's oldest and largest organization representing municipal government. The Madison council member, who previously served as NLC's first and second vice president, is the first black woman to become its president.

She works at LOGSA in the office of the chief of staff.

McCollum spoke during the luncheon Feb. 27 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center before a filled room of about 250 people. She traced highlights from black history and the achievements of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a black author and



Photo by Skip Vaughn

KEYNOTE SPEAKER— Cynthia McCollum of the Logistics Support Activity is president of the National League of Cities. At right is luncheon emcee Victor Luna, a logistics management specialist.

educator of the 1900s who established the first ever Negro History Week (forerunner of Black History Month).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

MUSICAL PRESENTATION— Members of the Blue Notes Five singers include, from left, Thomas Kelly, Eric Newby, Charles Draper and Timothy Kelly, Thomas' twin brother.

"While much progress has been made," McCollum said, "we must continue to work together to achieve the promise and hope of our great nation."

The Blue Notes Five, a singing group of Huntsville police officers, entertained during the luncheon.

LOGSA commander Col. James Rentz welcomed the attendees and gave presentations of appreciation to the Blue Notes Five and to McCollum.

"I want to thank each and every one of you for coming out here," Rentz said.

Equal opportunity educator issues challenge

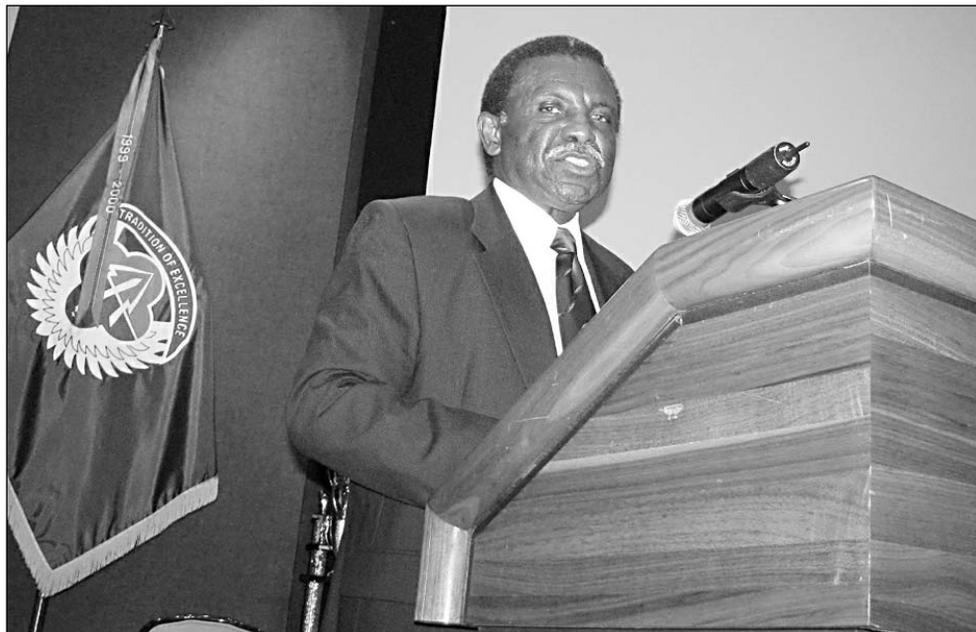


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HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE— James Lambright Jr., director of equal employment opportunity education at the Defense Equal Opportunity Institute, describes Dr. Carter G. Woodson's legacy during Thursday's program in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Addresses estimated 350 people at Team Redstone observance

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Dr. Carter G. Woodson would be proud if he were alive today, according to the keynote speaker at Team Redstone's African-American/Black History Month program.

James Lambright Jr., director of equal employment opportunity education at the Defense Equal Opportunity Institute, described Woodson's legacy during Thursday's program in Bob Jones Auditorium. Woodson, a black author and educator of the 1900s, established the first ever Negro History Week (forerunner of Black History Month).

"Dr. Woodson laid the foundation for the rethinking of the nation's identity," Lambright said.

Lambright issued a challenge to the estimated 350 attendees.

"I challenge each of us to work to ensure the vision of Dr. Woodson is not dimmed," he said.

Gena Scofield of the Garrison sang the national anthem; Horace Wilson of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center gave a poetic presentation; and the Singing Men of Oakwood College Church did musical selections.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, reminded everyone of their role in the war against terror, the importance of individual freedoms and not repeating past injustice.

"If we don't remember where we came from we will repeat it," Myles said.

Team Redstone sponsored essay writing and static display contests in support of African-American/Black History Month. Here are the winners:

• **Essay contest** – first place, Renata Walker of Logistics Support Activity.

• **Static display contest** – first place, NCO Academy; second, Space and Missile Defense Command; and third, Logistics Support Activity.

Footpaths of past generations lead to success today

Black achievers in history credited with paving way

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All the while, as he was growing up in Huntsville, Hundley Batts knew what he wanted to do with his life.

When asked, the young newspaper delivery boy would tell people "I'm going to be a businessman."

And because of the progress made by blacks who came before him, Batts was able to fulfill that dream.

Today, Batts is the successful owner of an insurance company and two radio stations, he is a member of several local community and civic organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Huntsville Heritage Foundation and Rotary Club, and was recently recognized as one of five 2008 Northern Alabama Business Hall of Fame Laureates by Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama.

"We owe a debt to our forbears, to the fancy footwork of those who came before us," he said.

Batts spoke about the "footpaths, footprints, foot falls and fancy footwork" of past generations of blacks at a Black History Month Celebration at the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command on Feb. 26. The event was hosted by the SMDC/ARSTRAT Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

"This is more than just an ethnic objective," Col. John Hamilton, chief of staff at SMDC/ARSTRAT, said in opening remarks at the celebration. "This is an opportunity to talk about what we're all about, an opportunity to recognize African-Americans and reflect on what's important in life."

Hamilton said blacks have done a "tremendous job in contributing to our nation and, particularly, to our military ... They contribute to what makes us great, what makes us stronger as a nation."

Each year, the Association for the Study of African-American Life and His-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

REMEMBERING— Civic leader Hundley Batts speaks Feb. 26 at the SMDC/ARSTRAT Black History Month Celebration.

tory (ASALF) chooses the national theme for Black History Month. This year's theme was "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism."

Woodson, a black author, historian, educator and civic leader established the forerunner of Black History Month – Negro History Week – in 1926. He was also the founder of ASALF. Batts said he remembered celebrating Negro History Week when he was a young boy.

"We realized a week was not enough time to study black history," he recalled. "In realizing this, we realized black history is the study of the footprints of mankind. Sometimes the path was narrow ... and the narrow paths unknowingly

helped us in spite of our fears, our uncertainties and the odds."

Batts said Woodson knew that "to know ourselves we must understand our contributions to black history and world history. This is not the history of only black people, it's also the biography of unsung heroes, the forgotten souls who dared to dream dreams for their children and grandchildren."

In his presentation, Batts named several historical black figures who have contributed to national and world history.

Historical figures like Benjamin Banneker, a black mathematician, astronomer, clockmaker and publisher who redrew the survey of the nation's capital from memo-

ry after its French-American Peter Charles L'Enfant creator resigned and took his original plans for the city with him, leaving no copies behind.

And, Dr. Alexander T. Augusta, the first black Civil War doctor, the highest ranked black officer during the Civil War and the first black to hold a medical commission in the Union Army.

And, George Washington Carver, an agriculture educator and researcher at Tuskegee Institute whose scientific discoveries included more than 300 different products derived from the peanut, more than 100 from the sweet potato, about 75 from pecans and the crop rotation system.

And, Rosa Parks, a black woman in Montgomery in 1955 whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus to a white man on a public school bus made her known as the "mother of the civil rights movement."

And, Sonnie Hereford, the first black student to integrate Huntsville City Schools.

And, Dr. Mae Jemison, the first black female astronaut in space and the fifth black astronaut in NASA history.

"We celebrate black history," Batts said. "Some may ask if it is necessary to do so. It's our duty."

Describing black history as "the story of one of the greatest struggles of all time," Batts said that to honor and redeem the past "we must study and celebrate the footpaths, and understand the foot falls and fancy footwork of those before us."

Historical black leaders in many fields "have opened doors nailed shut. We're here because of their sacrifices," he said.

"Each of us is not only tied to our past, we're indebted to it. We must know our history and we must honor our heritage."

Batts also challenged his audience to make some footprints of their own in black history.

"What footsteps are we leaving for those who come behind us? Are we building a base today so others can advance? Are we building a legacy that future generations will celebrate and embrace?" he asked.

"We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road."

Coalition forces kill seven terrorists in Iraq

WASHINGTON — Multinational Division North Soldiers killed seven terrorists during a firefight east of Khan Bani Saad, Iraq, early Feb. 25, military officials reported.

Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, were ambushed while conducting an operation to capture a known al Qaeda operative. Three of the Soldiers were injured by small-arms fire in the initial attack, but were taken to coalition hospitals, where they were reported to be in stable condition. Seven terrorists were killed and two were detained during the operation, officials said.

In other news from Iraq, paratroopers with the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, captured a suspected Iranian-supported "special groups" commander in Baghdad's Shaab neighborhood. The suspect is accused of being involved in multiple roadside-bomb attacks. Several other suspected criminal members, some with explosives in their possession, were captured with him, officials said.

Editor's note: The American Forces Press Service compiled this article from Multinational Corps Iraq news releases.

■ Wild game cookout pleasing to this taste

Cookout

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trekked across the Arsenal to the Officers and Civilians Club second Wild Game Cookout on Feb. 22, looking forward to catching up on a neglected part of my Southern heritage.

The Wild Game Cookout did not disappoint. Besides a buffet with assorted edibles (including non-wild exotics such as ostrich and goat) the get-together featured a wild game cooking demonstration, a chili contest, and keg of free beer. I started the evening by watching the cook pan-fry strips of buffalo flank, trying not to get in the way of the camera men while sampling the hors d'oeuvres. The rabbit and rattlesnake sausage (R&R?) was quite good, sliced into quarter sized sections and fried to give a slight crispness. Tastes are notoriously hard to describe but this reminded me somewhat of creamed chicken with a mild fish overtone. The cook wisely used a light hand on the spices so as not to overwhelm the delicacy of the tastes.

The smoked quail was like fine grained chicken, generally tender but there was one bite that took a lot of chewing. This brings up an important point about sampling game: take small bites. The buffalo flank strips were firm but not tough and had some extra flavors you don't find in beef that were not at all

unpleasant. The cook's philosophy on wild game was that it should taste of what it is. Don't marinate game to leach out the wild taste and turn elk into beef. Venison should taste like venison. On the other hand, don't overcook game, since that will make the distinctive flavors too strong.

After my appetizer at the cooking demo, I toured the chili contest and sampled several venison and venison/wild boar chilies. The ground venison in the chilies tasted like high quality hamburger. My favorite entry was the Elvis style chili featuring peanut butter and bananas as ingredients, which were present at levels designed to contribute to the overall flavor experience without being overly assertive on the palate. In other words, you couldn't really taste the peanut butter or the banana, but the chili was slightly sweet and flavorful.

At the main buffet, rabbit was available but I have had that often enough to pass on it in favor of something new. However, one of the best meals I ever had was at a restaurant near Cullman called "The Hutch" run by a family who also raised rabbits commercially. I'll take their fried rabbit over fried chicken any day.

Of the buffet entrees, ostrich was one of my favorites, a poultry which definitely does not taste like chicken. These ostrich strips had been fried and were a savory red meat but with a flavor and texture that was somewhat different than

beef. My other top choice was the barbecued wild boar, sweet, smoky, and with a pronounced pork flavor. The turkey was pretty good although there were some stringy parts. Of course, this is a wild bird, the ultimate free range fowl. The venison that I tried was bland, good with barbecued beans but not too exciting by itself. All in all, the only thing I did not like was the goat. It looked good but the piece I tried was tough — real tough, as we say back home. A stew pot might have been a better destination for this one.

Although there was an abundance of riches at the buffet, I never saw the bear or the beaver which had been advertised. Missing the latter was a disappointment since Meriwether Lewis thought beaver tail was the best meat on the Missouri river, even better than buffalo tongue. The gator had also run out by the time I got through the line. But I have eaten fried gator tail and barbecued gator ribs before, so I did not feel deprived. Gator tail is a white meat but is closer to chicken in taste than in texture.

The cookout was well attended, perhaps too well attended. The buffet line was long and there were not enough tables and chairs for everyone. The organizers might consider an arrangement in the future with multiple buffets to divide and shorten the lines. I hope the wild game cookout will become a yearly tradition that will last a long time.

William H. Stevenson III
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Don't fall for tax return phishing scam

Tax season has arrived, and the phishing attacks are ramping up faster than the IRS auditors.

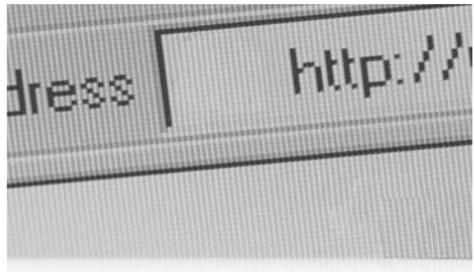
The Internal Revenue Service is reminding consumers of a recent annual tradition: bogus e-mail that tries to trick victims into revealing personal and financial information.

There are many variants to tax-time phishing attacks, but the common theme is that recipients are promised a super-quick refund, then directed to an official-looking (but phony) web site where they're asked for their Social Security number, banking information, and other sensitive data.

The IRS is warning that not all the scams are conducted through e-mail; some may rely on phone or fax.

To spot a scam, the IRS says you should watch out for:

- Requests for personal and/or financial information;
- Bait, such as a tax refund or offering to pay you to participate in an IRS survey, to get you to respond;
- Threats to block your access to funds for not responding;
- English usage errors, such as



spelling the IRS' name incorrectly; incorrect grammar and spelling; and odd phrasing;

- Really long addresses in any link in the e-mail message, or links that don't include the IRS web site address.

As a rule, the IRS does not ask for personal information or share information about tax accounts via e-mail. The only genuine IRS web site is IRS.gov, and all IRS.gov web addresses begin with <http://www.irs.gov/>. To be extra secure, type the IRS address into the search engine rather than clicking on any link in an e-mail.

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■ Honor Flight passengers prepare for April trip

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country. Now, it's our turn to serve you. You are in for a very special day. All of us in Honor Flight will do everything in our power to make sure that day is absolutely wonderful for you."

Mentioning the worries that family members often express in regard to sending their veterans on the one-day trip far from home, Fitzgerald stressed that medical care is always accessible on Honor Flight. There will be 12 medical personnel on the trip along with five AEDs and medical kits. A guardian will be assigned to each veteran and will be responsible for watching over the veteran during the trip. And wheelchairs will be available for any veteran who needs one.

"We promise we're going to return your veteran safer, happier and younger," Fitzgerald said, getting a laugh from the audience.

The day will start with a flight to Reagan National Airport on a Boeing 757. The veterans will then be transported in five coach buses to visit the World War II memorial, and then the Arlington National Cemetery and Iwo Jima Memorial. The veterans will participate in a special ceremony at their memorial.

Max Bennett, Honor Flight vice president, urged the veterans to keep themselves healthy for their flight.

"Please stay healthy," he said. "It's very sad when a veteran can't make the trip because they have gotten sick or they've passed away. We want you to have your trip. We want to honor you for this one day."

Bennett also told the veterans that the

trip will bring back memories – some they want to remember, and others that they may not.

"You may feel like crying. Or, you may want to tell a buddy that's there a story about something that happened and that you can't tell your family about because they don't get it," he said. "We're going to bring back memories."

Honor Flight does not accept donations from veterans. The trips are paid for by community and corporate donations.

"You paid your dues," Fitzgerald said to the veterans. "Your community rent is paid in full. You paid that a long time ago and we want to honor that. This is a small token of our appreciation for your service and sacrifice."

Prior to the orientation, veterans were given information packets. They signed an Honor Flight poster and had their official photographs taken.

While waiting in line, Kecia Pierce, granddaughter to W.C. Ford Jr. of Lineville, appeared just as excited as her grandfather about the trip. Pierce will travel on Honor Flight as a guardian, providing one-on-one care to a veteran on the trip.

"I cried. The hair on the base of my neck stood up when they called and said my grandfather was going on Honor Flight," she recalled.

Though filled with plenty of emotion and excitement, the trip isn't easy on guardians.

"I guarantee you, you are going to feel younger when you get back," Fitzgerald told the veterans. "But your guardians will be tired."

For more information on Honor Flight or to make a donation, check out its web site at www.honorflight.net.

Army unveils new field manual for operations



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Pryor, 2nd BCT, 82nd Airborne Division Public Affairs

STREET SECURITY— Pfc. Jacob Jonza, left, and Sgt. Daniel Grime of Company B, 2-325th Airborne Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, provide security for their platoon during a patrol through a business district in Baghdad's Sha'ab neighborhood Jan. 15. Stability operations are elevated to the same level as offense and defense in the new FM 3-0.

Emphasizes human dimension of command and leadership

By JOHN HARLOW
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FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — The Army's new field manual for operations, FM 3-0, brings the first major update of Army capstone doctrine since the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

"This change in operational doctrine is designed to ensure that our Soldiers have the very best tools, training and leadership they need to succeed," said Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, commander of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth.

Gen. William Wallace, commander of the Training and Doctrine Command, was scheduled to unveil the 15th edition of the field manual at the Association of the United States Army Winter Symposium in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in late February.

"Today's Army is about half the size it was in 1970, but the U.S. military's involvement around the world has tripled since the collapse of the former Soviet Union," Wallace noted in the foreword to the TRADOC information pamphlet for FM 3-0. "The next several decades, according to many security experts, will be an era of persistent conflict that will generate continuing deployments for our Army."

"We must emphasize doctrine as the driver for change," said Army chief of staff Gen. George Casey Jr. "You can't cement change in the organization until you adapt the institutions. That change begins with doctrine."

The rise of transnational terrorist networks, religious radicalism, ethnic genocide, sectarian violence, criminal networks and failing nation-states all imperil the United States and its national interests.

"A tremendous amount of change in FM 3-0 has come from lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan," Caldwell said. "It was important for us to go back and take those lessons that we have learned over time and incorporate them into our doctrine, training and leader development."

There are several changes in the new operations manual:

- The operational concept and the operational environment;
- The stability operations construct;
- The information-operations construct;
- War fighting functions;
- The spectrum of conflict;
- Defeat and stability mechanisms;
- Joint interdependence and modular forces.

FM 3-0 institutionalizes simultaneous offensive, defensive, and stability or civil-

support operations as the core of the Army's doctrine. The concept of full-spectrum operations, first introduced in the 2001 manual, still represents a major shift in Army doctrine – forces must be able to address the civil situation at all times, combining tactical tasks affecting noncombatants with tactical tasks directed against the enemy.

According to Caldwell, FM 3-0 is revolutionary. There are four specific points in the manual that he calls revolutionary:

- The importance of stability operations is elevated to co-equal with combat (offensive and defensive operations);
- The critical nature and influence of information on operations;
- An operational concept that drives initiative embraces risk and focuses on creating opportunities to achieve decisive results;
- The critical role of the commander in full-spectrum operations, bridging battle command and operational art in leveraging the experience, knowledge and intuition of the commander;

Stability operations are viewed as important – if not more so – than offensive and defensive operations in the new operations manual.

"Whatever we do and wherever we go in the world today, fundamentally, the operations are going to be conducted among the people," said Lt. Col. Steve Leonard, chief, Operational Level Doctrine, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate, and one of the lead authors of FM 3-0. "The operations are going to be focused on the well-being and the future of the populations we are operating in. The lesson that we all brought home was that the mission we completed was a little bit different than the mission we set out to do. We all had a much greater appreciation of the importance of stability operations and the need to integrate stability operations with the traditional combat operations that the Army performs."

Winning battles and engagements is important but not decisive by itself; shaping the civil situation in concert with other government agencies, international organizations, civil authorities and multinational forces will be just as important to campaign success, according to the new FM.

The new operations manual institutionalizes the need for cultural awareness, which is critical to understanding populations and their perceptions to reduce friction, and prevent misunderstanding, thereby improving a force's ability to accomplish its mission.

Soldiers and leaders must master information. To the people, perception is reality. Altering perceptions requires accurate, truthful information presented in a way

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that accounts for how people absorb and interpret information with messages that have broad appeal and acceptance. This is the essence of information engagement in the new FM.

“We have come to recognize that in the 21st century, the information domain is a critical component,” Caldwell said. “It is how you perform information operations, how you perform psychological operations, how we take and embed and link all of these together while we are performing non-lethal forms of stability operations. This is a major change and one of our key elements of combat power.”

The new operations manual asks leaders to embrace risk, focus on creating opportunities to achieve decisive results and take initiative. With Soldiers fighting door-to-door one minute and rebuilding schools the next, they have to be able to adapt and make the right decisions in any given situation.

“We’re not teaching Soldiers what to think in the school and centers; we’re teaching them how to think, how to think critically and how to think creatively,” Caldwell said. “There is no way that we can properly prepare Soldiers for the challenges and diversity of the threats they will face on the battlefield today. They are too diverse. The asymmetrical threats are absolutely unpredictable and will continue to be in the 21st-century battlefield. Therefore, we must ground Soldiers in the principles and the art of creative and crit-

ical thinking. That has been what we are pushing back into the school houses.”

FM 3-0 brings a philosophical shift of how Soldiers and commanders are empowered to complete their mission and adapt to their surroundings.

“This manual moves away from the focus of the ‘90s which was more on process, science and technology,” Leonard said. “It emphasizes the human dimension of command and leadership. One that focuses instead on the commander as a leader who draws on experience, intuition, knowledge and the human aspect of what leadership is about. When this is applied in an operation, it provides the flexibility, adaptability and creativity that are necessary to operate in what we recognize as a fundamentally dynamic and volatile operational environment.”

The Army’s senior leadership has been hands-on with the creation and writing of FM 3-0.

“This manual was shaped by the senior leaders of our Army,” Leonard said. “It has the flavor of combat. It has the experience of mid-grade officers who can communicate between the senior leaders and the junior leaders and noncommissioned officers. It was fundamentally shaped by senior leader engagement. With a manual of this importance, we made sure that what we presented to the force was something that rings true from that new Soldier coming off the street, to the most senior leader in the Army, the chief of staff.”

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Hail and farewell

Brewer retires as Garrison deputy commander

Government career spans
31 years, eight months

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The retiring deputy to the Garrison commander related the story of how his father once told him to carefully choose the company he kept, that if he ran with dogs, people would think he was a dog. And if he went with eagles, he'd soar with them.

Darrell Brewer went on to say he'd flown with eagles throughout his government career which spanned 31 years and eight months.

Brewer, who served 10 years as deputy commander, was honored during his retirement lunch Friday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"I thank each and every one of you for giving me a little bit of your precious time so I can say thank you for all you've done for me," he told the 200 attendees.

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski announced that the commander's conference room has been renamed the Darrell Brewer Conference Room.

"If you really want to know what right looks like in a deputy to the Garrison commander in the United States Army," Olshefski said, "you're looking at him."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ALL THE BEST— After his retirement lunch, Darrell Brewer receives a hug from Kathy Watkins of the Garrison's Plans Analysis and Integration Office.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

EMOTIONAL TIME— Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski shares a quiet moment with Darrell Brewer, his retiring deputy commander.

Operations center says see you later, Gator

Shift leader returning
to home state Florida

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As if seeing your favorite team lose wasn't enough, this really stunk.

University of Florida fan Maj. Mike Fernandez, a fitness buff, rode his bicycle soon after his beloved Gators lost to Auburn 20-17 in football this past season. While riding, he had an unfortunate encounter with a skunk in the woods.

But he went to work anyway, much to the chagrin of his co-workers at the AMCOM Operations Center.

The incident was remembered Feb. 27 at his going-away event at the center, located in a vault in the basement of Sparkman building 5300.

"That just stinks," Fernandez quipped.

He received remembrance plaques from Col. Walt Lorcheim, chief of plans and exercises with AMCOM G-3 (Current Operations), and a Meritorious Service Medal from center director Col. Bill Marro.

Fernandez, who served the past 22 months as a shift leader in the center, is returning to Lakeland, Fla., to be a property appraiser.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GEE, THANKS – Florida fan Maj. Mike Fernandez receives a going-away memento of his unfortunate encounter with a skunk. At left is Col. Walt Lorcheim, chief of plans and exercises at AMCOM G-3 (Current Operations).

Fox Army Health Center undergoes inspection

Accreditation survey on agenda this week

Providing the best possible care in the most efficient manner is a top priority of any health care facility. As the Army's premier medical activity, Fox Army Health Center is committed to maintaining a reputation of excellence in health care delivery, according to a Fox release.

To ensure that its customers are in fact receiving just that, Fox will participate in a triennial accreditation survey this week.

Three examiners from the Joint Commission, a nationally recognized health-care accreditation organization based outside of Chicago, will visit Redstone Arsenal March 4-6 for Fox's triennial accreditation. Two surveyors will focus on the health center itself and the third surveyor will concentrate on the Behavioral Medicine Division.

The Joint Commission reviews both military and civilian facilities in order to ensure that high standards of care are being provided. The Joint Commission surveys health care facilities in the United States as well as internationally.

Because it is an outpatient facility and not a hospital, Fox Army Health Center falls under the accreditation standards for ambulatory care facilities. The standards evaluated include those related to medication management, provision of care, infection control, patient safety, and environment of care as well as leadership, data management, and other critical areas related to patient safety and quality care. Surveyors conduct "patient tracers" that essentially "trace" a patient's visit from entry to the health center until departure.

This is Fox's second time being

evaluated in this manner. Previously, surveyors would evaluate numerous health center policies but had limited interaction with the patient care process. Under the current system, surveyors randomly select patients visiting the health center on the dates of the survey and follow their progression through the various clinics and labs. When possible, the patients themselves are interviewed about their experience during their visit that day to the health center. Key concerns are that standards and policies are consistent throughout the facility and that staff provide appropriate health care. In addition, they evaluate the facility to ensure that it complies with fire codes and safety regulations.

One significant change for the current survey is that it is unscheduled in accordance with the new Joint Commission guidance that health care facilities maintain continuous survey readiness. Previously health care facilities, including Fox, received a notice several months prior to their survey date. Due to security concern, DoD facilities are allowed a five-day notice prior to their survey. Rather than dread such an experience, Fox staff members look forward to the feedback they will receive on methods to improve delivery of safe and quality health care. Not only will this allow Fox to deliver better quality of care for their patients but it provides them the opportunity to show surveyors what staff members are doing to provide a safe facility for patients and ensure patients receive appropriate care and treatment. (Fox Army Health Center release)

Fort Bliss Soldiers ordered to avoid Juarez

Continued violence poses safety hazard

The Army has declared Juarez, Mexico, temporarily off limits to servicemembers because of continued violence.

Maj. Gen. Howard Bromberg, commander of the Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, Texas, issued the order in a memorandum Feb. 1.

Here is the memo's text:

"Based on the continued violence in Juarez, Mexico, I will keep Juarez off limits to servicemembers assigned to Fort Bliss. Current conditions in Juarez continue to present an unacceptable risk to the health, safety, welfare and morale of military personnel.

"Servicemembers are ordered not to travel to, enter or be in Juarez, Mexico, until further notice. A violation of this order may result in disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or adverse administrative action.

"I will periodically re-evaluate this restriction based on updated assessments by the installation's Antiterrorism/Force Protection officer. Once the restriction is lifted, please note effective Jan. 31, 2008 all U.S. citizens, including Soldiers, must have either a passport or an original/certified copy of their birth certificate and a government issued photo ID to re-enter the United States. For additional information, refer to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs web site found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html.

"Brigade level commanders may approve travel to Juarez for emergency situations. Brigade commanders will not delegate this approval authority.

"I strongly urge family members, DA civilians, and all other members of Team Bliss to include foreign military students to not travel to Juarez although they are not restricted by this order.

"This order does not affect travel to other areas of Mexico. Servicemembers will follow the requirements of AR 600-8-10 and AR 525-13 for travel to other parts of Mexico."

Keeping workplace safe is easier through teamwork

So says Garrison's safety guru, who wins award for his efforts

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Mike Moore has a message for Redstone Arsenal employees that can ensure a safe, productive and effective work environment while also enhancing a happy lifestyle.

And that message involves identifying and managing risks so they don't cause undue hazards for people, equipment or the environment.

"Composite Risk Management is a five-step process looking at hazards and risks, and then coming up with a plan of controlled measures to make sure people don't get hurt, equipment doesn't get damaged and the environment isn't affected," said Moore, the Garrison's safety manager.

"Whether on duty or off duty, whether in combat in Iraq or taking a family trip to Disney World, the same five-step process can be applied to keep safe."

Moore, who recently received the Department of the Army Composite Risk Management Award from Brig. Gen. William Forrester, director of Army Safety, is working to make sure safety awareness and CRM have a higher profile in all activities on Redstone Arsenal.

And, as changes come to the Arsenal resulting from growth related to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations, Moore sees a need for all employees to be more diligent when it comes to safety and CRM.

"There will be challenges with BRAC," he said. "Redstone's footprint is not getting bigger. In fact, it is shrinking as more people come to work here, as more equipment – both ground and air – are brought here and as more missions are managed here.

"Everyone is excited about BRAC and the people coming here. But we also need to look at future base risk and how we are going to safely manage an increase in people, equipment and missions. We need to use composite risk management so that incoming agencies and current agencies continue to operate safely."

For example, in upcoming years, additions to Redstone Arsenal – such as the 40 additional helicopters with the move of the Aviation Technical Test Center, the 4,700 new Department of Army civilians and the unknown number of contractors who will be added to support new missions – could cause crowding. Executives, planners and managers can use CRM, Moore said, to ensure safety problems associated with growing numbers of



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WORKING FOR SAFETY— Garrison safety manager Mike Moore is hard to catch in his office. He is often working with various organizations on Redstone Arsenal to ensure safety awareness and the use of Composite Risk Management in creating a safe, productive and effective work area. Moore has received the Department of the Army Composite Risk Management Award from Brig. Gen. William Forrester, director of Army Safety, for working to ensure safety awareness and CRM have a higher profile in all activities on Redstone Arsenal.

employees and equipment will be at a minimal.

"CRM is not just another safety slogan. It's a process that really works," Moore said. "A lot of programs and models come and go. But this works if people just take a few minutes to think about it and implement it. It can prevent a lot of accidents."

It's easy to incorporate CRM in any situation, Moore said, by following its five steps — Identify the hazard; Assess the hazard; Develop control measures; Implement control measures; and Supervise and evaluate.

Often, people won't follow these steps because they are too busy, they get in a hurry or they think nothing unfortunate can happen to them.

"Eighty percent of accidents are caused by human error," Moore said. "CRM can reduce that percentage. You can't get rid of all risks, but you sure can mitigate to lessen the chances."

For example, people can incorporate CRM into a business or pleasure road trip by checking weather, traffic and travel

conditions on their route, and then taking steps – such as adding time to the trip to compensate for time lost due to conditions, finding out different routes they can take if there is a traffic problem, practice changing tires and getting the car's engine checked — to make sure conditions don't cause a safety risk.

Preventing risks is a team effort, especially in the workplace. For example, in a hazardous walking area, cones are often put out and warning signs are posted. But that doesn't mean an accident won't take place.

"The control measures were put in place. The visual cues are there," Moore said. "But people ignore them and, lo and behold, someone slips and falls. Safety starts with people."

Incorporating CRM and safety measures within an organization must begin with senior management.

"The job of a safety professional is not to write accident reports, but to work to prevent accidents," Moore said. "The AMCOM safety staff works at the direc-

tion of (Maj.) Gen. (Jim) Myles and the Garrison safety staff works at the direction of Col. (John) Olshefski. Safety professionals give technical advice and assist the commanders in managing safety programs. Safety has to be a team effort."

Moore participates in several activities to communicate the safety message both at Redstone Arsenal and in the community. He has taught a CRM training course for the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works, provided CRM courses for NASA employees, spoken about safety impacts on Redstone Arsenal at the Tennessee Valley System Safety Society's annual meeting, and been involved in investigating and mediating safety situations on the Arsenal.

Most notably, Moore works with John Blandemer, the Garrison's environmental director, to ensure chemical storage areas at old test and weapon firing areas on the Arsenal don't become a hazard. One such incident in March 2007 was a major unexploded ordnance event involving the safe handling and disposal of 18 live mortar rounds. Another incident in June 2007 involved the safe neutralization, transport and disposal of hazardous chemicals and explosives discovered in an old bunker on the Arsenal.

Moore, who jokes that he wants to be the "Johnny Appleseed for CRM," said the CRM award from the Department of Army recognizes the entire Redstone Arsenal community.

"Safety takes a team effort and it is a team effort at Redstone Arsenal," he said. "This award is a good reflection on what we are doing at Redstone Arsenal."

Moore is available to Redstone Arsenal groups who want to learn more about incorporating CRM and safety measures. Workers can call Moore at 313-3297 or Bobby Taylor at 313-3294 for more information.

The Garrison Safety Office, which includes Moore and three other safety professionals, recently moved into a renovated facility (building 3687) on Neal Road, where Moore hopes to establish a Safety Training Center.

"I want to spread the safety message. I want this facility to be the central hub for safety on the Arsenal," said Moore, a retired Soldier whose career has included working at the Reagan Test Center on Kwajalein Island and training Saudi Arabian defense forces during Gulf War I.

Redstone Arsenal workers can also learn more about CRM by visiting the Combat Readiness Center web site at crc.army.mil. Soldiers, DoD civilians and contractors with Army Knowledge Online access can take the CRM course offered at this web site.

Program develops Army's senior leaders

The second year of the Defense Acquisition University, Huntsville Senior Service College Fellowship program is coming to a close with 11 Fellows expecting to graduate in May.

SSCF began as a pilot program for Army civilians at GS-14 and 15 in the Huntsville community. After the first year the program was evaluated by the Army, the pilot designation was removed and the Huntsville/Redstone SSCF became the "model program" for all Defense Acquisition University fellowships. Senior lead-

ers from Army and DoD have indicated the fellowship is just what is needed at other defense sites. The university has deployed the SSCF fellowship to Warren, Mich., this year and will start a SSCF program in Aberdeen, Md., in 2009.

It is time to apply for the next classes of SSCF to be held in Huntsville and at TACOM in Warren which are scheduled to begin on July 28. The announcement from Acquisition Support Center to the Acquisition Corps members for these upcoming classes was posted Feb.

6. The applications are due to Acquisition Support Center by April 7. Applications for this extensive leadership program can be obtained at AMB's web site <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/project/active/opfam51/ambmain.htm>.

A central selection board will meet in April to review applications and select the next classes.

The fellowship is designed around the leadership development of Army civilians in order to offer them the opportunity to achieve higher levels of leadership

responsibility. For example, the DAU/SSCF mission prepares the Fellows for program manager, program executive or similar levels of responsibility in the Army community.

SSCF core areas are as follows:

- Leadership (multiple classes);
- Mentoring (mentors at Senior Executive Service/General Officer levels);
- Research (research project required, some topics are from sending command);
- National speakers program (GO/flag level, last year 55 speakers);
- Meeting the war fighter (Fort Campbell, Ky., Redstone Arsenal, etc.);
- National security (national level experts);
- Graduate classes at University of Alabama-Huntsville in leadership (degree option);
- Community service to Huntsville.

The program has proven successful in the Redstone community and many of the SSCF graduates have already assumed higher levels of responsibility in their commands or have been selected for positions in other commands in the area.

For more information on the Senior Service College Fellowship program, call acting director Dr. David Newberry at 895-5207 or SSCF coordinator Ann Lee at 895-3238. (Defense Acquisition University release)

Report injury, illness for workers' compensation

The Injury Compensation Office of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is here to assist you if you have suffered an on the job injury or illness.

Its mission is to assist injured workers in applying for Workers' Compensation Benefits following an on the job injury or illness and in returning to duty as soon as possible.

Report the injury or illness to that office as soon as possible by completing a CA-1 Form, Federal Employee's Notice of Traumatic Injury and Claim for Continuation of Pay/Compensation, or a CA-2 Form, Notice of Occupational Disease and Claim for Compensation.

For quicker claim processing, visit the CPAC home page and use the Electronic Data Interchange System to submit these forms. The EDI system allows you or your supervisor to complete the CA-1 or CA-2 and submit it electronically to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. This electronic process also expedites all benefits to the injured worker.

The injury compensation specialist is Debra Hammond. The Injury Compensation Office is in the Sparkman Center, building 5308, room 8119. For more information, call 842-8850 or e-mail debra.hammond@us.army.mil. (Civilian Personnel Advisory Center release)

More than 2 million flight hours achieved in war

With just over five years of continuous combat operations in support of the Global War on Terror, Army aviation has flown more than 2 million flight hours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom as of November 2007. These flight hours are a combination of both manned and unmanned aircraft systems. During the same period, operational tempo was four to seven times that of the peacetime rate and operational readiness rates in theater met or exceeded the Department of the Army standards. This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of the men and women in uniform and the government employees involved in Army aviation around the world, according to a prepared release from the Program Executive Office for Aviation.

These 2 million flight hours were achieved while transforming the Army aviation force structure into Combat Aviation Brigades, incorporating the latest Aviation Survivability Equipment and training hundreds of new Army aviators, support personnel, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operators.

The high OPTEMPO of combat operations does not come without a toll on the structure and components of the aircraft system. Two key AMCOM LCMC managed programs continue to play a big part in keeping the fleet flying. The first program is the Reset program. As of November, the Army has reset almost 2,500 aircraft, a process which has proven to be critical to continued readiness of the Army aviation fleet.

It is important that aircraft returning from the harsh environments of Iraq and Afghanistan go through the reset process expeditiously. Every day an aircraft is down for maintenance is another day aviators are disadvantaged in training for the next rotation. AMCOM and PEO Aviation are working to coordinate the turn-in of aircraft for induction into the reset line, the distribution of available aircraft in the inventory to maximize training, and ensure they are ready to deploy for any contingency.

Pressure on an already strained fleet is being relieved by the continued procurement of UH-60 Black Hawk, CH-47 Chinook, AH-64 Apache, the UH-72A Lakota Light Utility Helicopter and the new ARH-70A Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter. The Army also continues to introduce unmanned aircraft into the battle. Today, the Army has more than 1,600 unmanned aircraft deployed in OIF and



Apache in flight

OEF that accumulate roughly 10,000 hours of flight time per month. The past five years of war has taught the Army that Unmanned Aircraft Systems will play an increasingly prominent operational role for combatant commanders.

In addition to reset, the Army is also preparing the aircraft for theater by installing critical modifications prior to deployment. The installation of these Mission Equipment Package modifications, mandated by the Army, is part of the overall process termed "Preset." Preset is a team effort by the AMCOM LCMC and supporting project managers to ensure deploying aviation units have the latest available aircraft configurations and aviation ground support equipment to perform their combat mission and it is in the highest state of readiness. MEPs installed on all deploying aircraft include best available filtration systems and aircraft survivability equipment – for example, common missile warning systems, ballistic armored protection systems, engine/APU air filters, rotor blade erosion protection and windscreen mylar laminated tear offs (similar to NASCAR).

In Iraq and Afghanistan, Army aviation is flying cover overhead, providing force protection for Soldiers on the ground, conducting attack operations in support of ground forces and medical evacuation of injured Soldiers. Commanders in many cases will not conduct ground operations without aviation support. The Army expects aviation assets to continue to be in high demand to continue support of the Global War on Terror. As one unit commander recently said, "When aircraft fly, Soldiers live." (Program Executive Office for Aviation release)

March is nutrition month: 'It's a matter of fact'

Practice food safety, beware of food myths

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Chicken and beef have the same amounts of cholesterol. Fact or fiction? Most hot dogs have half the cholesterol of a chicken breast. Fact or fiction?

Both these statements are true facts — with a caveat.

It is most important to know the complete facts before making food choices. The theme for the 2008 National Nutrition Month, "Nutrition: It's a Matter of Fact," emphasizes this.

So do the complete facts about the food choices in the examples above. Even though chicken and beef have the same amount of cholesterol, beef is higher in total and saturated fat. This added dietary fat stimulates more cholesterol production in the body. Similarly, since hot dogs contain less fleshy meat and more filler byproducts, the cholesterol content of a hot dog is half of that of chicken or beef ounce per ounce. But the total fat content of a hot dog is much higher and ultimately stimulates the body's natural cholesterol production. Knowing the complete facts will help you make more informed decisions.

Soldiers are redeploying from theater with higher cholesterol levels and additional body weight. It's hard to resist the full dessert bars, available around the clock, provided by Army-contracted food service operations. But overweight in the Army is not just associated with those who deploy: DoD's most recent survey of health-related behaviors among active-duty personnel (taken in 2005) shows the Army considers 49 percent of its service-members as overweight

and 10 percent as obese, according to Body Mass Index measures. Even allowing for possible BMI errors in measuring, having 59 percent of the Army overweight or obese indicates there could be significant performance or longer-term health consequences among these Soldiers.

National Nutrition Month is a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually in March by the American Dietetic Association. To prevent increasing cholesterol levels and weight gain, the ADA recommends the following guidelines:

- Make a personalized health plan. Eating right doesn't have to be complicated. Use Mypyramid.gov to develop a personalized plan for better selections at the dining facility and for lifelong health.
- Know the complete truth. The best advice about nutrition is based on science. Before adopting any changes to your diet, be sure the changes are based in scientific fact. If a product claims that it can help you lose weight or bulk up without much effort, don't believe it.
- Contact a registered dietitian. Get the facts about food and nutrition from an expert — a registered dietitian, or RD. RDs are uniquely qualified to translate the science of nutrition into reliable advice you can use every day. There are more than 130 active-duty RDs in the Army. Many of them work with installation dining facilities as food-service advisers.
- Focus on balance. Balancing physi-

cal activity and a healthful diet is your best recipe for managing weight and promoting overall health and fitness. Balance physical training with your intake at the dining facility.

- Consider nutrient density: Think nutrient-rich rather than "good" or "bad" foods. The majority of your food choices should be packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients — and lower in calories. Choose salads over rich desserts, or baked potatoes over french fries. Installation dining facilities always have healthy choices; it's up to you to select them.

- Take a total diet approach. Look at the big picture; no single food or meal makes or breaks a healthful diet. Your total diet is the most important focus for healthful eating.

- Practice food safety. Prepare, handle and store food properly to keep you and your family safe from food-borne illness. Keep cooked leftovers refrigerated.

- Beware of food myths. Don't fall prey to food myths and misinformation that may harm rather than benefit your health (for example, "bread makes you fat").

- Read nutrition labels. Read food labels to get nutrition facts that help you make smart food choices quickly and easily. Make sure you pay attention to the number of servings per container. Make sure your perception of a serving is taken into consideration when selecting an item.

- Look for fats in foods. Find the healthy fats when making food choices. By choosing polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fats, you can keep your saturated fats, trans fats and cholesterol low. An example would be choosing the fat-free hot dogs over regular hot dogs and limiting the amount of all meats to 5 to 7 ounces a day. This is one way to control cholesterol and weight.

During National Nutrition Month, the ADA urges consumers to look beyond the myths of nutrition and focus

on the facts. Remember, the theme for 2008 is "Nutrition: It's a Matter of Fact."

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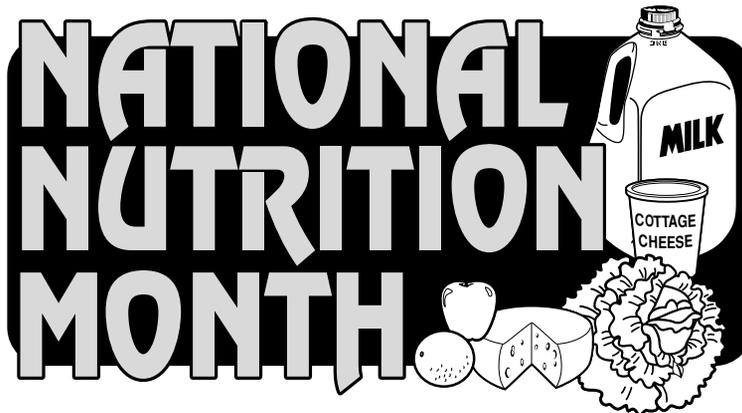
Be good to heart with whole grains

Eating as little as two and a half servings of whole grains daily can reduce the risk of heart disease, according to research.

A serving is about one slice of bread or a half cup of a whole grain such as brown rice, oatmeal, wild rice, quinoa, barley or buckwheat. Choose whole grains while shopping and save 30 percent or more at the Commissary. Look for the words "whole grain" in large letters on the package.

On foods that have 51 percent or more of whole grain ingredients by weight and limited amounts of fat, cholesterol and sodium, there may also be the FDA-approved health claim: "Diets rich in whole grain foods and other plant foods, and low in total fat, saturated fat and cholesterol, may reduce the risk of heart disease and certain cancers."

Whole grain oat or psyllium foods may contain the claim: "Soluble fiber, as part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, may reduce the risk of heart disease." On the list of ingredients shown on the package, look for the word "whole" in front of a grain to find a food that is high in whole grains, such as "whole wheat." For more information on nutrition visit the DeCA dietitian at <http://www.commissaries.com>. (Defense Commissary Agency release)



High-fives order of day at Special Olympics



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

LET'S ROLL— Special athlete Bill Lacy gets some last-minute encouragement from Pfc. Bob Brizzi.

Soldiers help participants in bowling tournaments

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In the grand tradition of partnership between the Army and Special Olympics, Soldiers served as coaches and cheerleaders during the bowling tournaments Feb. 28 and March 3.

"We're excited to have the Soldiers here again this year," Natalie Taylor, Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member coordinator, said. "We have a fun time. We look forward to it every year."

Close to 40 Soldiers made the bus ride to Plamor Lanes in Huntsville on each of the two days. During the three-hour events they help with things as small as tying shoes and as large as self-esteem and good sportsmanship. It's something the Army has been doing as far back as anyone seems to remember.

Debbie Lewis has been coming to Special Olympics events for quite awhile. She attends now in support of her granddaughter Brittany, but her involvement began years ago. The one consistent and positive thing from year to year, she said, has been the Soldiers.

"I had a son that was in Special

Olympics when he was younger. He loved his 'Soldier boys,'" Lewis said. "They are so good to these kids. You see their faces light up when they (Soldiers) walk through the door. It's wonderful that they let the Soldiers come out to do this."

In exchange for the joy Soldiers bring to the athletes, Lewis said she hopes they learn from the example the kids set.

"When you see these kids playing sports, their sportsmanship is amazing," she said. "Their capacity for compassion will take your breath."

In fact, many of the Soldiers in attendance feel that they are learning lessons from events like these that they couldn't get anywhere else. It is a training exercise for the spirit, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker, Garrison Operations, said.

"It shows the Soldiers that there is another side to the Army other than training and a job," Walker said.

It is training that never becomes obsolete. It also sticks with them as the years go by, said Master Sgt. John Kennedy, Garrison Operations NCO.

"It's a good experience for them. They see how the community comes together to help these children," Kennedy said. "At the end of the day I always hear the comments from the Soldiers about how heartwarming it is to have been able to help. I feel the same way. It is an honor to be able to come do this."

The lesson was well received. Within moments of meeting, Soldiers and bowlers overcame their initial shyness. By the time the events ended, hugs and high-fives were the order of the day.

"It's so much more than what I expected," Sgt. 1st Class Amanda Wall, Charlie Company, said. "I didn't know it would be so wonderful. The Soldiers love it so much. You can see it in their eyes. They're nervous at first, but once you get up close with the bowlers you really take a personal interest in these kids."

Many expressed plans to continue participating at such events on their own time once they leave Redstone, ensuring the future of the relationship between Special Olympics and the armed forces.

"Many of these Soldiers have never had experience working with children who have disabilities," Taylor said. "It's their first exposure to it, but they go on to enjoy doing activities like this. It's their first time, but it doesn't end up being their last. When they go on to their next duty station, they look for Special Olympics there. They want to be a part of it. They get the other Soldiers around them involved, too."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

THANK YOU— Pfc. Jason Maxwell gets a hug from Hope Williams for all his help.

Redstone residents helping clinic in Mexico

*Gifts of eyeglasses
shine ray of hope*

By ISABEL SCHMITT
For the Rocket

Anastacia came into the clinic in October 2006. She had lost both of her legs to diabetes and was wheeled in by her daughter.

As she approached the eye exam table, it became apparent that Anastacia had no vision in either one of her eyes. She did, however, have light perception and that led to a glimmer of hope. Because of her physical limitations, Anastacia's case took priority. She was wheeled into the operating room and 30 minutes later she was wheeled back out to her daughter, patiently waiting in the crowded room that serves as a waiting area, work space, optical shop, etc. She was told to return the following morning for her post-operation appointment.

The next day greeted the volunteers of the clinic with a new "patient load" crowded around the entrance to the clinic and Anastacia was there. As her eye patch was removed, I believe something magical happened. Not magical in the card trick sense, but truly magical in the sense that volunteers worked in concert to improve the life of this woman.

The hope that we had just one day before came to fruition in the form of Anastacia's newly restored vision. Her eye patch fell to the ground and her smile was intoxicating and unmistakable. This was the smile of a woman who was truly happy. She cried, I cried, we all cried ... and this woman who had been blind for longer than she could remember asked me for one thing. She wanted a Bible to read because she believed in miracles.



Photo by Isabel Schmitt

VISION QUEST— A patient emerges from her cataract surgery in October 2007 at the clinic in Guerrero, Mexico.

People travel great distances in search of the "miracle" doctors. They come from all parts of Northern Mexico in search of the small clinic nestled in a town at the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains. The town is Guerrero, Mexico and the doctors they seek are part of an army of volunteers, who travel to Guerrero twice a year, out-of-pocket, to provide free medical treatment to people with negligible to no income.

As I prepare to make my third trip to the clinic in the last two years, I cannot

help but feel an overwhelming sense of support for the clinic coming from the Redstone Arsenal community. The RSA community became personally involved in helping spread charity to our neighboring country. I mentioned the clinic at an Officer and Civilian Women's Club luncheon and the ladies of RSA graciously agreed to take up a collection of winter outerwear and glasses at the March luncheon. Father Ray Kopec of the Post Chapel offered to place a donation box in the chapel and the support just keeps coming.

For the past two weeks, people affiliated with Redstone Arsenal have dropped donations of new and used eyeglasses, sunglasses, frames and lenses in the drop box at the community chapel. These donations will make their way to the clinic in late March in preparation for the clinic that is to be held April 1-5.

Donations benefit the Eye and Dental clinic hosted by the Guerrero Surgery and Education Center. Specifically, the donations make it possible to provide glasses to the indigent peoples of Mexico. Over the span of five days, the team of volunteers complete an almost unimaginable number of medical procedures. Last October volunteers completed 224 cataract surgeries, 1,092 eye exams, 299 dental procedures, and dispensed 773 pairs of eyeglasses.

It would be an understatement to say that the people of Mexico appreciate what the "Americanos" do for them. It takes a special community to come together in the service of helping others. For those of us who already understand selfless service, it's pretty easy.

For more information about the clinic, please visit www.guerreroclinic.org.

If you would like to make a donation, the drop box at the chapel on Patton Road will remain through March 16. This drop box is for new/used glasses, sunglasses, frames or lenses. We are in great need of youth frames. You may also donate winter clothing and outerwear at 286 Skinner Road on Redstone Arsenal through March 16. If you would like to make any other donations, please visit the clinic web site and click on wish list for items that are needed. You may also call me, Isabel Schmitt, at 529-0822 or e-mail isabelschmitt@yahoo.com with questions or for pickup of a donation.

Marines rebound against Bravo Company

Second-half surge subdues Bulldogs

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The Marines turned up the heat in the second half of their basketball game against Bravo Company on Feb. 25.

As a result they earned a 74-68 win at Pagano Gym.

"We picked up our defense and just started basically playing man (to man) second half," shooting guard Craig Johnson said. "We pressured them and got a lot of turnovers and ran."

Johnson finished with 27 points, eight rebounds and a block as the Marines improved to 6-1. Damian Cason had 29 points, six rebounds and two steals. Maurice Cottman added 12 points, four rebounds, two blocks and a steal.

"We just played together as a team," Cason, a forward, said. "Got rebounds and played defense. It was a bad game but we'll take it."

The score was tied 33-all at halftime. Bravo led 38-36 and 40-38 early in the second half, but the Marines built a 58-45 lead with nine minutes left. It shrunk to 71-67 at 21.7 seconds, but the Marines held on.

Forward/coach Brian Walker fouled out midway through the second half.

"We were getting killed by the refs," said Walker, who blocked two shots. "We managed to pull it out at the end. We hit free throws at the end. And that's what did it - rebounds and free throws. (Maurice) Cottman was getting key rebounds to get us some second shots."

Bravo's Mathew Sovinski had 26 points and seven rebounds. King McCul-

lum had 18 and five rebounds. Jarvis Payton added 17 and three steals as the Bulldogs fell to 3-4.

"We just let the game get out from underneath us," shooting guard Payton said. "We didn't do the basic things: guys were rushing their shot, we weren't blocking out and we weren't playing much defense. The Marines can win. We have a lot of guys in the field right now, we were under strength. A couple of guys played the whole game. We were just tired."

The last games were scheduled March 4 before the postseason tournament March 6-13.

The Marines moved into first place because Headquarters & Alpha lost two games last week. Headquarters & Alpha (7-2) lost to 326th Chemical 63-24 on Feb. 26 and to HHC 59th 66-51 on Feb. 28.

"My star players are out in the field," Headquarters & Alpha coach Terrence Hamil said. "We will have 100 percent of all our players back (for the playoffs). We'll be 100 percent."

Standings after last week's games had Marines (8-1), Headquarters & Alpha (7-2), HHC 59th (6-3), Charlie (4-4), NCO Academy (3-5), Bravo (3-5), 326th Chemical (2-6) and 375th Engineers (1-8).

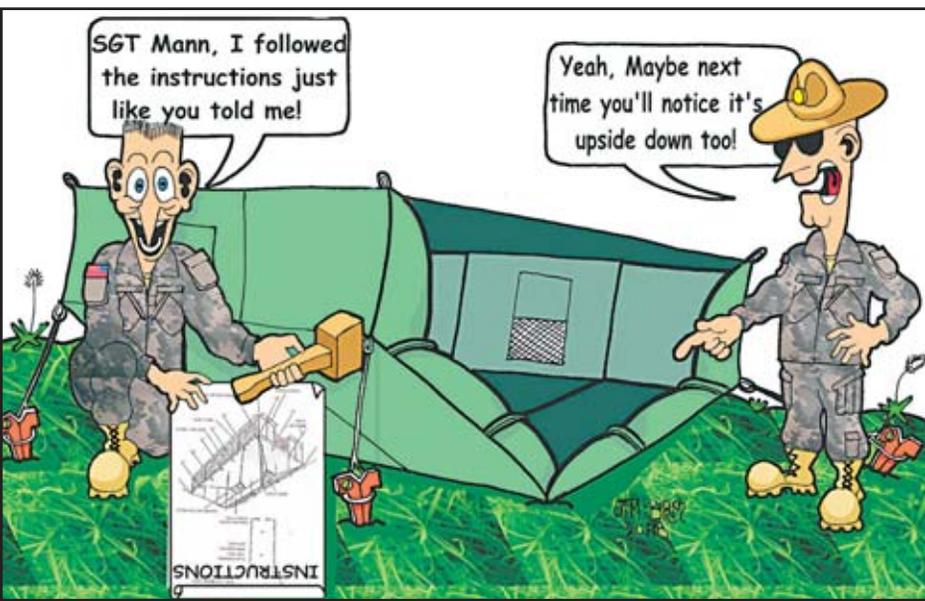
Here are results from week six of the season:

- **Feb. 25** - Marines def. Bravo 74-68; and NCO Academy won by forfeit over Charlie.
- **Feb. 26** - HHC 59th def. NCO Academy 45-43; 326th Chemical def. Headquarters & Alpha 63-24; and Marines def. 375th Engineers 52-41.
- **Feb. 28** - Charlie won by forfeit over 375th Engineers; Marines def. Bravo 81-53; and HHC 59th def. Headquarters & Alpha 66-51.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BATTLE UNDER BOARDS— Marines forward/coach Brian Walker (14) tries for a defensive rebound over Bravo's King McCullum (30) during the Marines 74-68 win on Feb. 25.



Wild game fills O' Club for annual cookout

Evening serves exotic foods

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The Officers and Civilians Club was packed Feb. 22 for the Wild Game Cookout. A veritable herd turned out to sample exotic and local game prepared by club chef Ben Howard.

“We’ve had a lot of compliments,” Howard said. “It’s my first time for something like this, but I think it has gone well.”

Kids in particular seemed to delight in the offerings not readily available locally, such as ostrich and kangaroo. Some, however, preferred the items closer to the norm.

“The potatoes were really good,” Nicky Brandt, 11, said. “I like the wild turkey, too.”

Displays from local sponsors were interspersed throughout the dining room and filled the grounds. Some of the animal decoys were so lifelike that people could be seen bending over to touch them and see if they were, in fact, real. The trucks and ATVs, many with special sportsman features, were popular attractions.

Perhaps the most popular items, though, were the tents and hunting blinds on exhibition. Every tent had its share of occu-

pants. Many found a comfortable spot inside to have a conversation or relish a bowl of chili from the competition. Regardless of age, everyone sitting cross-legged inside had the happy look of a child.

The chili contest pitted cook against cook in a heated competition. As if wild game wasn’t exotic enough, many of the entrants added other eyebrow-raising ingredients to catch the taster’s attention. One recipe featured venison and chocolate. Another offered tequila and lime. However, the pot that would take home first place honors sported alligator meat. James Pons’ “Gator Chili” not only took home the judge’s award, it also garnered the People’s Choice plaque for the most votes from attendees. When he’s not turning large reptiles into soup, Pons can be found working at Fox Army Health Center.

“It only took one taste,” emcee Donny Mac said. Mac hosts HuntFishCook, a television show that covers wild game from its acquisition to its debut on a plate.

As the evening came to a close, door prizes were drawn. Lucky recipients took home assorted outdoor goods, including fishing tackle, clothing and various hunting items. With the book closed on this year’s event, Outdoor Recreation and the Officers and Civilians Club are already looking forward to next year.

“It was great,” recreation specialist Tom Pyburn said. “We can’t wait to do it again!”



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley
TASTE FOR ADVENTURE— Staff Sgt. James Edwards samples a mix of the usual and the exotic at the buffet table.



Hockey night

The Huntsville Havoc will face off against the Columbus Cottonmouths at 7:30 p.m. Saturday 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 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.

Nature hikes

The Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama holds its 2008 "Spring Burst" guided hike series. These hikes are free to the public; and donations will be accepted. In case of rain, hikes will be canceled. The next event, approximately 1.5 miles at a moderate pace, is 10 a.m. March 29 at Monte Sano's Old Railroad Bed Trail. For more information, call 534-LAND.

Baseball beginners

Youth Sports is registering for "Start Smart" baseball. This is an introductory baseball program for children 3-5. The program is Saturdays from March 29 through

May 3 from 10-11 a.m. at the Youth Center. Registration is \$35. Call 313-3699.

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.



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.

Admin professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals monthly meeting is March 18 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. June Pockrus will present the program "Successful Seminar Planning." For more information, call president Amanda Medley 313-4970 or membership chair Elise McWilliams 876-4515.

Engineering tutorials

IEEE will hold tutorials during IEEE SoutheastCon 2008, April 3-4 at Embassy Suites in Huntsville. For more information, call Keith Jadus 955-6029 or visit the web site <http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/secon/08/>.

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 Friday and Saturday 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.

University women

American Association of University Women will present Dr. Ellin Jimmerson, historian and theologian, speaking on "Messages From the Border," a program on illegal immigration, April 1 at the Bevell Center UAH, 550 Sparkman Drive. The lecture is free and open to the public. A meet and greet starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner (\$20) at 6 and the program at 6:30. Seats are available for non-diners. Reservations should be made by March 27 for both diners and non-diners with Lois Guendel 880-8643.

Young business leaders

Young Business Leaders will hold its spring breakfast with Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, chief of engineers and commander of the Corps of Engineers. The breakfast is April 3 at 6:30 a.m. in the North Hall of the Von Braun Center. Tickets are \$13 each or tables of eight for \$100. Pre-registration is required by March 28 by calling the YBL office 882-6003. YBL is a workplace ministry to men.

Federal employees

Chapter 443 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments and social begin at 9:30 a.m. and the business meeting at 10 with the program to follow. Scheduled speaker is Rusty Russell, director of the Huntsville/Madison County Emergency Management Agency. For more information, call 519-3327 or 539-1333.

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.

Announcements

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 Friday at the old Post Chapel on Patton 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.

Electromagnetic course

The 12th DoD Electromagnetic Windows Short Course and Symposium is April 22 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/>.

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 Saturday from 9:15-11:30 a.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. The "latest and 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.

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 Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library, 915 Monroe St. A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 509-3833.

Autism support group

Making Connections, Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group, will meet Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Huntsville Public Library's Main Branch, 915 Monroe St. Scheduled speaker Tuwana McGee, senior case advocate with Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program, will present "Writing effective IEPs (Individual Education Plans), where to get help and how to address problems concerning your child's education." Bring a brown bag lunch. For directions to the library, call 532-5949.

Emerging technology

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



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions

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

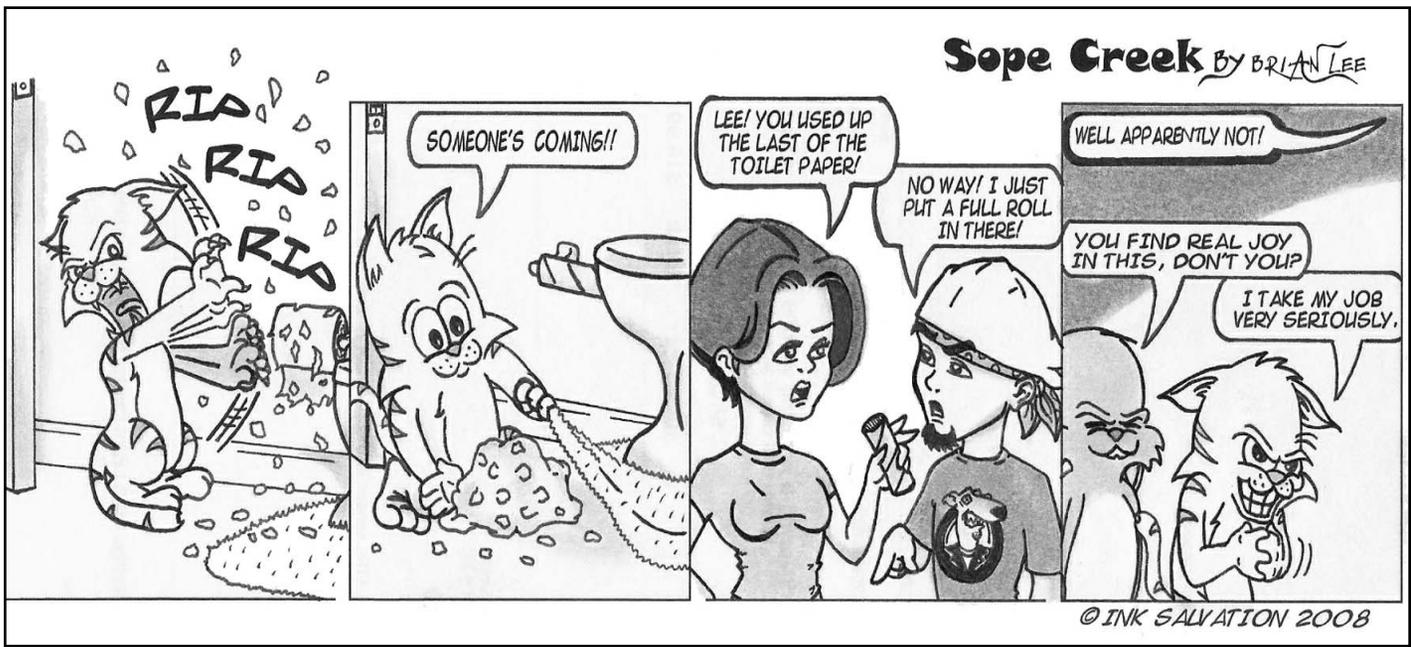
Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

Self-paced computer classes are offered at Army Community Service to assist military spouses in learning or enhancing their computer skills. Classes are available in

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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.

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 infor-

mation, 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. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop will be open for sales Saturday, April 5 from 10-2. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 881-6992.

Welfare requests

The Thrift Shop is accepting written requests for donations. It can only accept requests from charitable organizations that have a federal tax exemption number. Include your federal tax exemption number, point of contact, telephone number, the amount requested and the specific use of this donation. The deadline for requests is March 21. Requests can be delivered or mailed to Thrift Shop, Attn: Mary McCarthy, welfare chairperson, building 3209, Hercules Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

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>.

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



Courtesy photo

Winning singer

Audrianna Davis won the third annual Sparkman Idol Contest, sponsored by the Sparkman High School Choral Department, on Feb. 12 at Sparkman High. She sang "I Need You Now" by Smokie Norful. Audrianna is the daughter of Curtis and Deon Davis. Deon is a contract specialist with the AMCOM Acquisition Center.

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. They must be returned by noon March 14 to ACS. Previous winners are not eligible. For more information, call 876-5397.

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 Cen-

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ter 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.

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 continues through April 10. On behalf of federal donors, the CFC is responsible for overall management, collection and disbursements of donor designations from federal, military and Postal personnel within the Tennessee Valley area. A copy of the 2008 CFC package may be acquired by calling Donna Johnson, Local Federal Coordinating Committee chairman, or Melinda Seigler, CFC director, 842-1037 or on the local web site <http://cfc.redstone.army.mil>.

Scholarships for youth

Youth Friendship Foundation Inc. and the Investing in Our Youth Partnership are accepting scholarship applications for 2008. All high school seniors are eligible. Applications are available to download at www.youthff.com (go to "Documents"). Deadline to submit application and all required documentation is April 21. For more information, call 655-9616.

Volunteer family award

Nominations for the 2008 AUSA Rubbermaid-Irwin Volunteer Family of the Year Award may be submitted only through Association of the U.S. Army chapters. Applications can be downloaded from www.ausa.org. For more information call Jim Rountree, the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter's family programs chairman, 337-4905.

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Scholastic awards

The 100 Black Men of America's Greater Huntsville Chapter announces its 2008 Scholarship Awards. Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The program is for high school graduates who plan to enroll in fall 2008 at an accredited two- or four-year college or university, regardless of race, sex, creed or religious preference. Scholarship applications must arrive in the 100 BMOA-GHC business office by March 10 at 5 p.m.; and scholarship letters will be delivered by March 31. Scholarship awardees will participate in the 100 BMOA-GHC Scholarship Awards program scheduled April 27. Applications can be obtained from local high school counselors or by calling Freeda McDowell 536-8050 or Kenneth Anderson 679-4241.

Public concert

The Valley Conservatory 10th anniversary Lyceum Series presents a Baroque music concert featuring Quartet Rosa Bella recorders and the Valley Conservatory Chamber Players. The concert is free and open to the public at Roberts Recital Hall on the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus Sunday at 3 p.m. For more information, call 534-3131.

Military pay system

The Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System is scheduled for implementation Oct. 1. DIMHRS is a fully integrated web-based, all-service, all-component, military personnel and pay system that will support military personnel throughout their careers. In addition to personnel functions, Soldiers will be paid through DIMHRS (no longer through Military Pay) beginning Oct. 1. DIMHRS will provide accurate and timely data on personnel assets, standard data for comparison across services and components, properly track Soldiers for both pay and service credit, track all military personnel, including those in theater, providing integrated personnel and pay functions. All military personnel must become familiar with the system and its functionality regarding maintenance of personnel records. For more

information and monthly updates, visit www.armydimhrs.army.mil.

Contracts seminar

NCMA Huntsville Chapter will present a seminar on "Solicitations, Bids, Proposals and Source Selection" Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Call 830-2222.

Cancer awareness class

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. How much do you know about this disease including diagnosis and treatment, prevention, and your personal risk factors and how to lower them? Bring

your lunch on March 20 at noon to the Wellness Center Classroom at Fox Army Health Center and learn the newest information. This class is open to all active/retired military, their family members and DoD/Army civilians. Class size is limited to 24 people. To sign up, call 955-8888, ext. 1026.

Autism fund-raiser

April is Autism Awareness Month. The Autism Society of Alabama is supporting a fund-raising walk April 12 at Chapman Middle School. Sponsors, walkers and donations are sought for this event. The walk gets larger every year and will include a moon bounce, goody bags, and crafts for the kids, plus a resource fair for the parents. Pre-registration is \$25 and includes a T-shirt (\$30 day of the walk).

To sign up call 1-877-4AUTISM or visit www.autism-alabama.org. All donations are tax deductible. The ASA also asks local companies to become sponsors. If you wish to be a sponsor, call the Autism Society of Alabama (205) 951-1364 by March 20.

Job opportunities

Are you looking for a full-time permanent position that suits your personality, talent, and career ambitions or some short-term projects to keep your skills current? Then don't miss the Aerotek Recruiting Event at Army Community Service on March 13 at 9 a.m. They have positions in accounting and finance, administrative, architecture, automotive,

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Photo by Bob Borden

Volunteers on roll

Members of the Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office volunteered to build a wheelchair ramp Feb. 2 for Robert Garrett of Athens in support of the Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound (CASA) of Limestone County. The volunteers include, from left, Jim Holaway, Steve Carter, T.J. Thomas, Rebecca Thomas; Landon Carter and David Carter, sons of Steve Carter; Michael Brown, grandson of Bob Borden; and site supervisor Dick Kennemur.

aviation, clinical, construction, construction center, energy, engineering, environmental, labor, manufacturing, mortgage and science. This event is open to all military identification card holders over age 18 who have routine access to get on post. Come dressed professionally with a polished resume. For more information or resume writing assistance, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Train rides

The North Alabama Railroad Museum will kick off its 2008 season March 15 with the Peter Cottontail Express. The train rides will be at 10 and 11 a.m. and 1, 2 and 3 p.m.; and the tickets are \$12 for all riders. These 40-minute trips are designed for children 10 and younger. Peter Cottontail will be on the train to meet with the kids, make pictures and hand out some Easter goodies. For tickets call the Chase Depot 851-6276 on Saturday and Wednesday mornings. Reservations are recommended. The Chase Depot, at 694 Chase Road, can be found by taking Highway 72 east of Huntsville to Moores Mill Road and then to Chase Road. Or local traffic may wish to take Meridian Street north to Chase Road.

Vibration course

A vibration training course will be held March 17-19 at Wyle Laboratories, 7800 Highway 20 West. The presenter is Wayne Tustin from California. Participants will learn to measure in-flight vibrations and how to develop and conduct appropriate tests. For more informa-

tion, visit www.equipment-reliability.com/course5.htm.

Red Cross blood drives

American Red Cross blood drives this month include the following: March 6 from 7 a.m. to noon at building 4488, contact Julia Story 842-7954. March 13 from 7-noon at 5220, Dorothy Sandifer 955-5895; and from 7-noon at 5308/5309, Holly Hagler 842-9696. March 14 from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers, 4820 University Drive, Ray Waits 895-1583 or Wanda Griffin 895-1225. March 21 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316, Rick Wallace 544-8885. March 27 from 7-noon at 5400, Jan Martin 842-0691. March 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive, Marty Richardson 955-1845.

Musical comedy

UAH Theatre and the Department of Music will present the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" today through Sunday in Chan Auditorium on the campus of the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Show times are 5:30 p.m. today and Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults. Tickets are available at the University Center Information Desk and will be available at the door. For information call 824-6909.

Easter egg hunt

Join Child and Youth Services for its Easter Egg Hunt on March 22 at 1 p.m. at Vin-

cent Park. All Redstone community children through age 10 are welcome. Children will be divided into age appropriate groups at this free event. Call 955-6114.

Easter brunch

Join the Officers and Civilians Club will have its annual Easter Brunch on March 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, call 830-2582.

Remembering Bankhead

The life and times of Hollywood legend and Huntsville native Tallulah Brockman Bankhead will be discussed during a University of Alabama-Huntsville honors forum March 11 at 11 a.m. in the Frank Franz multipurpose room on the UAH campus. The guest speaker is Dr. David Bowman of Sewanee, Tenn., president emeritus of the Tallulah Bankhead Society and former columnist and writer at The Huntsville News. Bowman's talk is titled "Remembering Tallulah Bankhead." For more information, call the UAH Honors Forum office 824-6451.

Doughnut fund-raiser

The Maintenance Information Operations Branch is sponsoring a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale in support of Army Emergency Relief. Preorders will be taken through March 17. Preordered boxes are \$5 per dozen; and your boxes can be reserved by

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calling 842-6665 or e-mailing kenneth.hudson@conus.army.mil. If you preorder, you will need to go to building 5301, second floor, cubicle 12D130 to pay for your doughnuts. If you order 10 or more boxes, the organizers will come to your location to pick up your money. When ordering they will need your name, phone number, e-mail, and how many boxes you want to purchase. The doughnuts will be available for pickup March 19 from 7-9 a.m. in the building 5300 corridor between buildings 5301 and 5302. There will also be boxes of doughnuts for sale at that time for \$6 per dozen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK08593675	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	5-Mar-08	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	77,018 - 110,691	X	X										
SCBK08593675D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	5-Mar-08	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	77,018 - 110,691	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08515393	Lead Budget Analyst	5-Mar-08	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-0560	13	13	78,390 - 101,913			X									
SCBK08492816	General Engr	6-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08505064	Architect	6-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0808	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08505064D	Architect	6-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0808	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08497675	Lead Prgm Analyst	6-Mar-08	PEO AVN, Bus Mgmt Div	NH-0343	4	4	92,633 - 141,657							X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08602909	Pay Entitlements Spec	6-Mar-08	AMCOM, G8 (Res Mgmt)	GS-0501	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X											
SCBK08412778R	Prgm Spec	7-Mar-08	USAOMEMS	GS-0301	12	12	65,921 - 85,701							X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08609266	Mgmt Analyst	7-Mar-08	LAISO	GS-0343	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X											
SCBK08594153	Secretary (OA)	7-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-0318	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X											
SCBK08533394	Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Mar-08	PEO, Surveillance and Target Acq	YA-0346	2	2	45,015 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08392661DR	Supv Prgm Mngr	7-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-0340	3	3	91,728 - 148,470	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08512154	Electrical Engr	9-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08512154D	Electrical Engr	9-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08568079	Opers Research Analyst	10-Mar-08	USAASC	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08568079D	Opers Research Analyst	10-Mar-08	USAASC	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08516186	Eloelectronics Engr	10-Mar-08	PEO, TSMO	GS-0855	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08570535	Budget Analyst	10-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DE-0560	2	3	30,001 - 85,701	X											
WTST08538777	Industrial Property Mgmt Spec	10-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	GG-1103	12	12	65,921 - 85,701				X								
SCBK08567056	Admin Supp Asst (OA)	10-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DK-0303	2	2	30,001 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08592095	Org Resources Spec	11-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-0301	9	11	45,458 - 71,500	X											
SCBK08604738	Supv Opers Research Analyst	11-Mar-08	AMCOM, G3	YF-1515	3	3	87,978 - 148,740	X							X				X
SCBK08512894	Contract Admin	11-Mar-08	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,315 - 84,913							X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08604480	Prgm Analyst	12-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DE-0343	3	3	50,060 - 85,701	X											
SCBK08534693	Lead General Engr	13-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08534693D	Lead General Engr	13-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08534687	Lead General Engr	13-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08534687D	Lead General Engr	13-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08550810D	Physicist (Metrology)	13-Mar-08	AMCOM, TMDE ACTVTY	GS-1310	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08599353	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	13-Mar-08	SAMD	YC-0346	2	2	65,278 - 126,442							X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08477118D	Civil Engr	13-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	63,958 - 98,872	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08618842	Cataloging Spec	13-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-2050	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X											
SCBK08587347	Budget Tech (OA)	13-Mar-08	AMCOM, G8 (Res Mgmt)	GS-0561	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X											
SCBK08607970	Munitions Destroyer (Forklift Oper)	13-Mar-08	GARRISON	WG-6505	8	8	17,97 - 20,99	X											
SCBK08533396	Prgm Analyst	13-Mar-08	PEO, Surveillance and Target Acq	YA-0343	2	2	45,015 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08584288	Logistics Mgmt Spec	13-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X											
SCBK07288188R	Electronics Engr	14-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07288188DR1	Electronics Engr	14-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08555456	Civil Engr; Electrical Engr; Mech Engr	18-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810;0850;0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,912			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08497674	Supv General Engr	24-Mar-08	PEO AVN, Tech Mgmt Div	YF-0801	2	2	65,278 - 126,442							X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08591572	Mechanical Engr	26-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08591572D	Mechanical Engr	26-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08597567	General Engr	26-Mar-08	SMDC	GS-0801	15	15	108,964 - 141,657	X											
SCBK08597625	Electronics Engr	26-Mar-08	SMDC	GS-0855	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X											
SCBK080347561	Supv Civil Engr; Supv Electrical Engr; Supv Architect; Supv Mech Engr	28-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YF-0810;0850;0808;0830	3	3	87,977 - 148,740							X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0813	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.88 - 9.88	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV																			
SCBK08593675D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	5-Mar-08	IMMC	YA-0346	3	3	77,018 - 110,691	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08505064D	Architect	6-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0808	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08392661DR	Supv Prgm Mngr	7-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-0340	3	3	91,728 - 148,470	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08512154D	Electrical Engr	9-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08568079D	Opers Research Analyst	10-Mar-08	USAASC	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08516186	Eloelectronics Engr	10-Mar-08	PEO, TSMO	GS-0855	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08550810D	Physicist (Metrology)	13-Mar-08	AMCOM, TMDE ACTVTY	GS-1310	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08477118D	Civil Engr	13-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	63,958 - 98,872	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07288188DR1	Electronics Engr	14-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08591572D	Mechanical Engr	26-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK0734797D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																			
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																			
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).																			
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																			
U - All U.S. citizens																			
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																			
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.																			
Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee.. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil , search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 &																			