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Preserving history for next generation

Women's club members dedicate time capsule

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It will be interesting to see how people react when they read these words 25 years from now.

Members of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club dedicated a time capsule March 11 that will be opened by their successors March 11, 2033. This was a joint effort between the club and Morale Welfare and Recreation.

OCWC historian K.C. Bertling originated the idea, supported by top Redstone officials. About 15 people gathered in front of the Officers and Civilians Club for the dedication ceremony. The ammo box, with OCWC in red lettering on one side and MWR on the other, will be buried in front of the club.

Its contents include a note from each OCWC board member to their successor, a newspaper article about the organization's garden club, Morale Welfare and Recreation information, and a copy of today's *Redstone Rocket*. Bertling has also left a special note inside for the future historian with instructions to rebury the box with additional items from 2033.

"I personally feel this is a privilege to live in a country where you have freedom to do whatever your heart's desire to do good things for people," Bertling said. "And I think we should leave a legacy to future generations why we are here and that they will know why they are there as well, the purpose of our existence. We're not here just to have social activities, we're here to support our country. And I think that is most important."

OCWC president Lori Smith pointed out the significance of the time capsule during the March observance of Women's History Month, which celebrates the historic accomplishments of women.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DEDICATION— K.C. Bertling, left, historian for the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, and president Lori Smith celebrate the time capsule March 11.

"Throughout our history, the vision and determination of women have strengthened and transformed America," Smith said. "This morning we recognized and celebrate the rich and varied contributions women make to our society."

"We ladies of the Redstone Arsenal Officer and Civilian Women's Club support the mission here on Redstone Arsenal. We hold our head high as we continue a long military tradition of supporting the military and their families," she said. "Today, as we celebrate the many contributions women make to our society, we OCWC ladies are leaving behind in this

time capsule our accomplishments and our dreams for the future OCWC ladies. Thank you, K.C., for your vision of preserving our ladies club for the future leaders of the Redstone community."

Ronnie Chronister, deputy to the commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, recalled participating in a time capsule event while in grade school.

"The problem was when we went to dig it up nobody could remember where we buried it," Chronister quipped.

He praised the OCWC and Morale Welfare and Recreation for their role in supporting this country during the ongoing

Global War on Terrorism.

"I think when history looks back they're going to look back on the things we did and how we came together as a nation," Chronister said.

Robert Schumann, general manager of the Officers and Civilians Club, noted the 25th anniversary of the club building.

"Twenty-five years from now," Schumann said, "I'd like to see this organization (OCWC) and this building still here."

Editor's note: The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

An open lane random survey

What's your most embarrassing moment?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Pvt. William Smith
Bravo Company

"I got caught with my pants down one time by my stepmother. That was pretty embarrassing."

Pvt. Joseph Burnham
Bravo Company

"I was about 12 years old. I was at this crowded swimming pool. And I dove in off the high dive and my shorts came off. And I didn't realize it and I got out of that pool. And yeah, that was a fun time."



Angie Smith
Recreation specialist

"While walking toward a high school football star in Birmingham, wind caught my skirt and wrapped it around my head like an umbrella. It was hideous (laugh). He was a complete gentleman about it, though. It was horrible then

but it's funny now."

Donald Lewis
Recreation assistant

"When I was a little boy, I used to whip this sissy every day. And I had my brothers and uncles and stuff (with me), I was going to show out in front of them. And that sissy whipped my tail like I don't know what. It was embarrassing (laugh). I was about 12 years old."



Quote of the week

'Freedom isn't free at all. It comes with the highest cost, the cost of blood.'

— Queen Gorgo of Sparta in the 2006 movie "300"

Motorcyclist gives parking suggestion

As a new arrival at Redstone Arsenal, I'm truly enjoying our decision to relocate here. This area has provided numerous outdoor activities. But I'm especially pleased that I can ride my bike (motorcycle) year round. I also enjoy riding to work but have noticed that there is no designated parking area for bikes. Parking among cars, trucks and SUVs can be a risky situation that most riders avoid if possible. Damage can and has occurred from vehicle doors, bikes are hard to see parked between large vehicles, and pulling out in the Sparkman Complex is a risky venture.

I recommend some areas be set aside for motorcycle parking. I estimate we only need 40-50 spaces spread out among the eight or so

entrances (20-25 current car spaces) to meet our needs. And you don't even need to reduce current car spaces that much if you improvise in other areas. As an example, the handicap parking area next to the Cafeteria entrances have many more spaces than are needed by demand. I've noticed 10-15 spaces empty daily that could be switched to motorcycle parking and still satisfy the handicap demand needed.

In closing, I thank you for looking into this issue and considering my request. And all you riders out there, let authorities know how you feel. Heck, I'll even do the stripping if that's what it takes.

Michael Dale Rose

Soldiers depart before game's end

On March 8 at the Military Appreciation Night at the Huntsville Havoc game, the Soldiers were marched out of the arena about three minutes before the game ended. Word was they had to make a formation. I can't believe the Army has gotten so inflexible that it could not slip the formation time to accommodate the Soldiers. The game was in honor of our Soldiers and they should have been allowed to enjoy the entire game.

Lawrence W. Bayer
Retired lieutenant colonel

Editor's note: Redstone's Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates provided the following information. By Training and Doctrine Command regulation, those Soldiers have to be back in their rooms by 9:30 p.m. Other contributing factors that night were the change to Daylight Savings Time and the logistics of getting the Soldiers back on their buses. "But in the future we will leave them there till the end of the game," Yates said.

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Guntersville

What do you like about your job?

It's never the same thing one day after the next. It keeps it interesting.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to read, spend time with my family (wife Denita, 18-year-old daughter Victoria, and 22-year-old son John, a corporal in the Marine Corps), and church activities. I play drums in my church's worship band.

What are your goals?

I want to complete a successful career as an Army civilian. And spend time in retirement doing whatever God calls me to do.

What's your favorite type of music?
Rock 'n' roll



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Fox Army Health Center earns accreditation

"Inspiring those who serve our nation, past and present, and their families, to live a lifetime of wellness." That is the vision of Fox Army Health Center and that vision, along with all aspects of the healthcare delivery system, was evaluated and fully accredited March 4-6 by three surveyors from the Joint Commission, a nationally recognized healthcare accreditation organization.

Two surveyors focused on the health center itself while the third surveyor concentrated on the Behavioral Medicine Division.

The health center was evaluated, as an outpatient facility,

against the Joint Commission's standards for ambulatory care to determine if the care provided complies with strict guidelines related to provision of care, medication management, infection control, and the environment of care, as well as other critical areas related to patient safety and quality care.

Surveyors conducted "patient tracers" that followed randomly selected patients' visits from their entry to the health center until departure to review all aspects of the patient care process. In addition, they met with staff, reviewed policies and procedures, and evaluated data

to determine compliance with standards.

Fox received full accreditation which is a culmination of three years of monitoring and reporting information to the Joint Commission via electronic means. The goal of this process is to ensure that healthcare facilities maintain "continual readiness" and compliance with all applicable standards all the time.

Each year, Fox must evaluate and forward to the Joint Commission its own compliance with more than 2,000 separate standards and include a plan of corrective action for any deficiencies. As such, the unannounced triennial survey validates the information that Fox sends forward each year.

Health center leadership received the surveyors' report listing areas on which to focus for improvement. Fox must report its plan for corrective action back to the Joint Commission within 45 days.

Dr. Gregory O'Brien, lead surveyor, advised the Fox leadership that their survey had confirmed that Fox Army Health Center was providing excellent

care to their patients in an environment that was safe and comfortable and that staff were well-trained to provide this care. Fox will continue to use the accredi-

tation process as a tool for improving healthcare for the Redstone Arsenal community. (Fox Army Health Center release)



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Always faithful

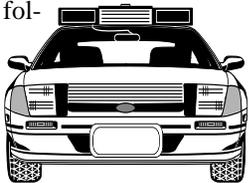
Cledus K. Bar, mascot at the Marine Detachment from 2004-07, died March 8. The English bulldog recently celebrated his 11th birthday. "This Devil Dog will be missed," Nicole Gaines, his handler, said. "In lieu of flowers, please send any photos of Cledus to nicole@athomeincuzumel.com. Thank you all for your support."

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

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

Violation notices issued: 12 speeding, 6 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 failure to yield right of way, 3 expired tags.



Support office celebrates 15th anniversary

Members change, mission remains

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**
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Organizations can have short life spans in the Army. They are stood up to fulfill a mission and when it is completed, they clear the way for the next organization and the next mission. The Lead AMC Integration Support Office is getting ready to celebrate 15 years on the job and looks forward to many more.

"We still have the same mission today," director Dan Rhodes said. "The environment has changed. The structure of the Army has changed. The way we manage programs has changed. The tools we use have changed. The basic mission hasn't."

The organization was originally chartered to consolidate efforts previously being done on a smaller scale across the Army.

"LAISO was originally chartered to provide a single Army face to a joint service systems modernization organization headed up by the Air Force, known as the Joint Logistics Systems Center," Kathy Wachs, director of enterprise integration, said. "In a joint service environment, reaching agreement and standardizing all of logistics proved to be a huge challenge and eventually those efforts were discontinued after very limited success."

The organization carried on with a new mission — one they are still fulfilling today.

"LAISO, however continued its work to identify and prioritize functional systems requirements across all of AMC, and we continue to serve as the single requirements integrator as we modernize and standardize our logistics capabilities within the Army," Wachs said. "Our analyses and recommendations are the key drivers behind the logistics automation capability that gets delivered to all AMC (Army Materiel Command) elements."

As the years have passed, Army business practices are not all that have changed. The Army itself, and the organizations within it, have continued to change and restructure. Keeping



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

LOOKING AHEAD— Dan Rhodes, director of Lead AMC Integration Support Office, welcomes employees past and present to the 15th anniversary celebration April 2.

up with the ever-evolving nature of the Army and its needs hasn't been easy. LAISO is uniquely geared to handle that job, according to Wachs.

"No other organization has the background or specialized expertise to perform the mission we have. It has long been recognized that AMC and the Army needed to take steps to modernize its business practices and support systems, and with the current programs under way, we are achieving that vision," she said. "But it is a tremendously difficult task because it involves re-examining every business process to determine how to get from an 'as is' method to a 'best business practice.' It often means changing the way you do business today to achieve a common method with lower operating costs. It is also a tremendous challenge to keep our business processes in step with the huge transformation going on within the Army, especially while at war. There are many elements to be considered and integrated, and LAISO is unique in its ability to perform that work."

A reception will be held 9:30 a.m. April 2 in building 5300, first floor conference room 5140. During the hour event, guests can have some cake while each of the three directors LAISO has had will speak about where they

have been as an organization, where they are and where they are headed. The first director, Mike Ivey, is now the director for AMCOM G-6. His successor was Ronald Lewis, now the deputy G-3 for enterprise integration at headquarters Army Materiel Command.

"We will also talk about the challenges and sacrifices of the people who came together to form LAISO, reminisce about the past, enjoy a slide show of the last 15 years, take pictures and have cake," Wachs said.

Rhodes is inviting all former employees of LAISO to come back for the reception and the organization day picnic that will follow in the NASA picnic grounds.

"They are part of the heritage here," Rhodes said. "They are part of the growth and success over the years. They help make it and we want them to help celebrate it."

Current LAISO employees spend a lot of time traveling. Combining the anniversary celebration with an organization picnic is one way to ensure everyone is home together for the event.

"The folks here spend an awful lot of time TDY. Most of our jobs carry at least 50 percent TDY. A number of them carry 75 percent," Rhodes said. "This is a

way we can bring people in and keep them home for a couple days. We can participate as an activity instead of just a small part of us."

LAISO is a smaller organization, with fewer than 100 employees. Terry Pelkey, logistics management specialist, looks forward to seeing those who have retired or left the organization over the years. She was one of them for a short time. Pelkey joined the organization early in her career.

"In April 1991, I started my Redstone career as a clerk in the Travel Pay section of Finance and Accounting," Pelkey said.

One year later, she joined the month-old LAISO as a secretary. She rose through the ranks over the years and left in 2000 to take a job as a system analyst at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. After three years, she went back.

"I was given the opportunity to return to LAISO and I felt I could achieve my professional

goals by coming back to this organization," Pelkey said. "I feel very comfortable with the work I do and the people I work with. This organization has allowed me to grow with them and I really enjoy my job."

Pelkey looks back over her 13 years at LAISO fondly. Her favorite memories are of the time spent with her co-workers.

"I especially liked the holiday time because as an organization we would have potluck breakfasts or lunches where we had the time to enjoy each other's company," she said. "I think LAISO is one of the best organizations that a person could work for. It has allowed me to grow and enabled me to be more than I could have envisioned."

She also acknowledges how things have changed with time and will continue to do so.

"Although many faces have changed over the years," Pelkey said, "one thing has remained constant — there's plenty of work yet to be done."



Courtesy photo

Forward transition

Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of the Army Materiel Command, visits Headquarters AMC-Forward on March 11. From left are Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal; Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, AMC deputy chief of staff for operations, G-3/5; Jeff Parsons, Army Contracting Command executive director; Tom Vajentic, AMC Transformation Team chief; Ronald Lewis, AMC deputy G-3/5 for enterprise integration and senior leader on site at Headquarters AMC-Forward; and Griffin. They gather around the HQ AMC-Forward sign in front of the organization's newly-renovated transitional facilities at building 7612. HQ AMC-Forward moved there from the Sparkman Center last week in preparation of the arrival of more AMC employees this summer.

Headquarters AMC adds two members

Hires first active duty, civilian employees at Redstone Arsenal

As the Army Materiel Command prepares for its permanent transition to Redstone Arsenal, Headquarters Army Materiel Command-Forward is expanding the AMC family with the hiring of the first civilian and active duty employees at Redstone.

Brian Harrington came to HQ AMC-Forward in January from the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Aviation Engineering Directorate. He now serves as a program analyst for the Office of Command Contracting.



Brian Harrington

Harrington has 23 years in civil service and 31 years as an Army Reservist. As a lieutenant colonel (promotable) with 8th Army Korea, Harrington's



Maj. Roderic Spencer

assignments have stationed him all over the world.

"I am extremely excited to be part of AMC. When I first learned about (AMC's) BRAC while I was with TACOM in Michigan, joining the organization became one of my long-range goals. I am happy to be here and look forward to spear-

heading this move for the rest of the organization," Harrington said.

Harrington, a native of Little Rock, Ark., holds a bachelor's degree in business from Northwood University and a master's from the University of Central Michigan.

Maj. Roderic Spencer (promotable) joined HQ AMC-Forward in February. Spencer previously served as the secretary of the general staff for the Space and Missile Defense Command, and has 22 years of military service.

Spencer's assignments have included Fort Carson, Colo., Fort Polk, La., Germany, Bosnia and the Army Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Washington, D.C. where he served under then Lt. Gen. Benjamin Griffin.

Spencer, an Alabama native, now serves as a force developer for AMC Deputy Chief of Staff

for Operations, G-3/5.

"I'm excited (to be with AMC)," Spencer said. "When I was assigned to SMDC as force structure chief, I worked some of the BRAC issues as we were transitioning our headquarters to Huntsville so I'm looking forward to working some of those same issues at AMC. AMC is going through some changes with BRAC and standing up new commands so I am looking forward to being a part of all that."

Spencer earned a bachelor's in industrial technology from Alabama A&M University and a master's in acquisition and procurement from Webster University.

Spencer has been married to his wife, Mary, for 15 years and they have an 8-year-old daughter.

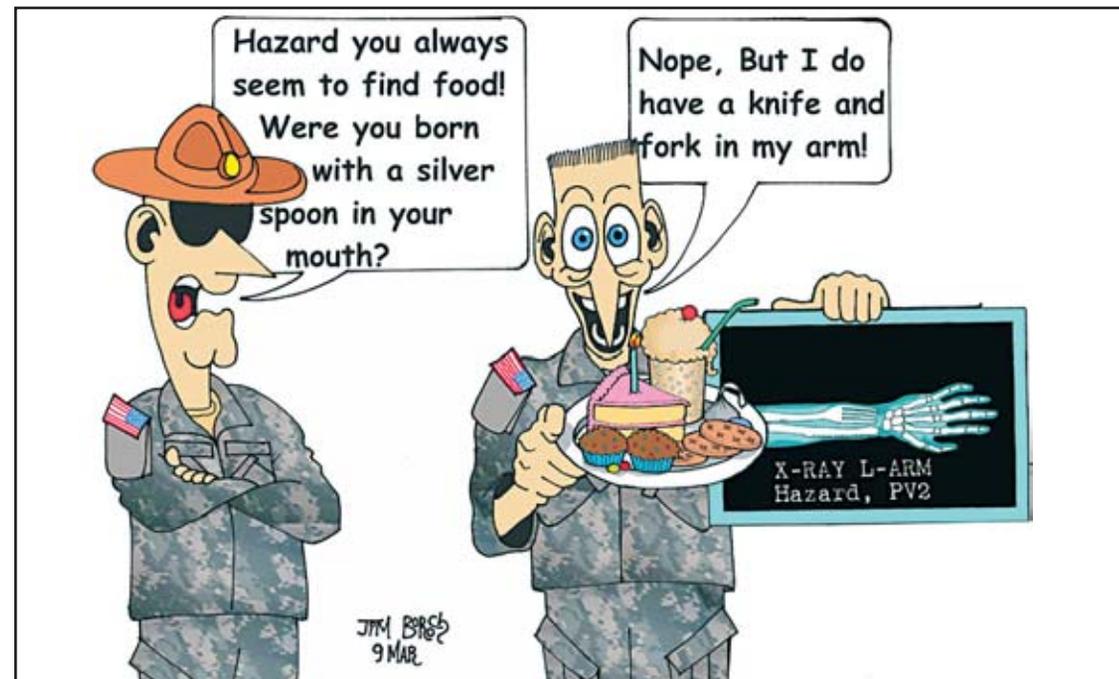
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Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

Getting settled

Beth Clemons, public affairs specialist for Army Materiel Command, settles into her new office while Josh Day, a contractor service technician for the Garrison, checks the phone line. Clemons is part of the Army Materiel Command advance team settling into the organization's temporary home just off Redstone Road. AMC will be housed in the old SAMD location until its permanent home is completed on Martin Road. Construction begins this summer and completion of the new site is slated for summer 2010.



Vets memorial becoming reality brick by brick

Headquarters site opens
for fund-raising efforts

By KARI HAWKINS

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The historic house was hard to miss on Franklin Street. The red-white-and-blue bunting was draped everywhere along the front porch and a sign outside proclaimed it as the Madison County Veterans Memorial Headquarters.

As people gathered on the morning of March 11 for the ribbon cutting opening the memorial's new fund-raising headquarters, the sidewalk soon became crowded with a "Who's Who" lineup of Soldiers and civilians who have close connections with the soon-to-be-built veterans memorial and the wars it will recognize.

Leading the event were veterans David Carney, president of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, and Bill Stender and Bob Drolet, who are spearheading the establishment of the memorial. Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer as well as representatives of the Madison County Military Heritage Commission, Huntsville-Redstone Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Patriot Guard Riders, Madison County Veterans Affairs Office and Sen. Richard Shelby's local office were in attendance.

"The entire community is involved in making the veterans memorial an outstanding memorial," Stender said.

But the main attraction was the veterans and families who gathered to celebrate the headquarters opening. Among them were Vietnam veteran Everett Carter, Operation Enduring Freedom veteran and Reserve Sgt. Chad Perry, Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and National Guard Sgt. Hubble Hainline and his family, Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and National

Guard Sgt. Jessica Newey and her mom, Rachel Gentle, and the family of National Guard Sgt. Russ Spry, who is serving in Iraq with the Alabama Army National Guard's 1203 Engineer Group.

"This is a 'Hooah!' day," Drolet said. "The theme of our memorial is courage, sacrifice and duty. Duty will be represented by the large flag raised in the center of the memorial. Courage and sacrifice will be depicted by Soldiers in two statues."

Carter, a decorated Vietnam veteran; Hainline, who received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service in Iraq; and Newey, who received a Purple Heart for her service in Iraq, have been chosen as the models for the "Sacrifice" statue. Perry and Spry have been chosen as models for the "Courage" statue.

Prior to the ribbon cutting, the crowd recognized Hainline's wife, Shannon, for her service in caring for her husband during his recovery from a sniper bullet in Iraq that ripped through his neck and caused serious injuries. She was presented with a declaration from the Adjutant General's Office and Gov. Bob Riley that named her an honorary colonel in the Alabama Army National Guard.

The memorial headquarters at 403 Franklin St. will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The headquarters will be managed by veteran Tom Dunn of the Madison County Military Heritage Commission and staffed by volunteers who will be working to raise \$4 million for the memorial prior to a groundbreaking ceremony on Veterans Day 2008. Plans call for the memorial to be completed by Veterans Day 2009.

Since planning for the memorial began in 2001, about \$200,000 has been raised toward its construction. Memorial board members hope to use several different avenues, including community programs, corporate donation programs and a brick purchasing campaign, to help raise funds.

The memorial will have a six-fold purpose:

- To recognize all Madison County veterans, and the wars and conflicts these veterans have service in;
- To inspire visitors and instill a sense of pride and respect for all U.S. veterans;
- To provide an incentive to visitors to serve their country;
- To educate visitors, especially the young, of the sacrifices for American freedom;
- To recognize Madison County veterans who gave their lives in service; and

- To recognize the Madison County veterans who are recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

"This memorial is important for the entire community," said Drolet, who envisions it as not only an educational tool for school children but also as a patriotic statement for a city that has enjoyed a longtime relationship with the military and as a tourist attraction for all visitors to Madison County.

See Memorial on page 7



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BUILDING FOUNDATION— Children of local heroes and Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer celebrate the grand opening of the Madison County Veterans Memorial Headquarters at 403 Franklin St. With the mayor are the families of National Guard Sgt. Russ Spry, who is serving in Iraq with the 1203 Engineer Group out of Dothan and National Guard Sgt. Hubble Hainline, who was seriously injured while serving with the 128th Military Police Company in Iraq. From left is the Spry family – including 11-year-old Russell, mom Tenise holding 2-year-old Sarah, 8-year-old Nathan and 6-year-old Susanna, and the Hainline family – including 5-year-old Kalib (in the military uniform) and mom Shannon holding 1-year-old Wyatt. Behind the mayor are several local officials who are supporting efforts to build the Madison County Veterans Memorial.

Signup under way for senior service college

Civilians encouraged to seek fellowships

By **DIANE P. WILLIAMS**
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There's an Army civilian Senior Service College Fellowship program right here in Huntsville. And now is the time to apply.

The Army announcement is on the web for the 2008-09 class, which starts in July. You might be asking yourself what is a SSCF program? How will it help my career and enhance my ability to make a positive impact in organizations of the

future?

The Huntsville SSCF Program is a 10-month program managed by the Defense Acquisition University, South Region. A pilot class was conducted in Huntsville beginning in August 2006, with nine Fellows in the initial class. For civilians, the SSCF program is equivalent to the Army War College. The SSCF program meets a critical need for senior civilian training. As the Global War on Terrorism continues, active duty officers are called on to support these efforts. This results in positions which are usually filled by military officers being filled by senior civilians.

This is a full-time training program

conducted at the DAU-South and University of Alabama-Huntsville campuses.

In less than a year after graduation, the 2007 Fellows are already making an impact at higher levels of responsibility within their organizations. The leadership and acquisition skills gained in the program helped prepare them for greater challenges within the Department of Defense acquisition work force.

DAU, in partnership with the Army Acquisition Support Center and the University of Alabama, is proud to offer a premier Senior Service College Fellowship program dedicated to providing the Army and the future acquisition force with trained effective senior leaders.

For application information, refer to the Army Acquisition Support Center site at <http://asc.army.mil/> or visit the following: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/project/active/opfam51/ambmain.htm>.

Former missile targets find new homes

Obsolete items transferred to museum and training

By **ERIC HOFFMAN**
Targets Management Office

Targets Management Office has provided testing targets to the Department of Defense and contractors for many years. TMO has acquired and created many different types of targetry for meeting the demands of the DoD community. Two such targets, the Hokum and a fleet of QUH-1 Huey drones, have outlived their usefulness as viable assets for TMO. With changing technology and new mission requirements, the need to carry a fleet of rotary wing aircraft has diminished.

TMO started looking at ways to re-utilize the targets. The Hokum, an AH-1 Cobra modified to simulate a Russian attack helicopter, found a home with the White Sands Missile Range Museum, N.M. The museum collects displays of projects that have impacted the history of the range.

"The WSMR Museum is very pleased to have the Hokum target helicopter," museum curator Darren Court said. "Its importance, once it is placed into Missile Park, is that it will allow our museum visitors to see just how the Targets Branch can take a U.S. vehicle and modify it to resemble a Soviet vehicle, providing realism in missile testing. It will be a welcome addition to the WSMR Museum's collection of target vehicles."

Eleven Huey drones will be transferred to the 5th Armored Brigade. The 5th, stationed at Fort. Carson, Colo., is a Reserve training brigade providing pre- and post-mobilization specific training to Reserve and active duty units. The helicopters will be placed at the unit's training ranges at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"These actions have ensured that the Hokum will not be forgotten and the Huey drones will provide the war fighter with the opportunity to train on real equipment, ensuring success on the battlefield," Al Brown, acting director for the Targets Management Office, said. "At the same time we have eliminated the cost of keeping the aircraft in a serviceable condition. It is a win for the all parties."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Tomorrow's leaders

Penny Koger-Thomas of AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources) speaks during the Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders presentation March 11 for the North Alabama Society for Human Resource Management. She was the first chairman of TACL in 2004. In the foreground is Mark Mizell, the fourth and current chairman. The workshop, held in the Von Braun Center's South Hall, was in collaboration with the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce with the theme "Attracting, Developing and Retaining a World Class Work Force." Most of the attendees were human resource professionals in the local community.

■ Memorial fund-raising based in downtown office

Memorial

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Spencer praised the volunteers who are committed to building the memorial, and recognized the efforts of Stender and Drolet.

"Their heart and passion is for the military and making things happen so we don't forget," she said.

For more information about the memorial or to make a donation, visit the memorial web site at www.madisoncountyveteransmemorial.org. Anyone wanting to volunteer to assist at the memorial headquarters should call Mary Jane Caylor at 424-0020.

March into wellness at the Commissary

By Maj. **KAREN FAUBER**
Defense Commissary Agency dietitian

Trying to lose five pounds or more, manage your diabetes or other health conditions or just learn more about how to make healthy choices while shopping in the Commissary? Then "Walk into Wellness" in your Commissary in March during National Nutrition Month.

The U.S. Dietary Guidelines recommends 30 to 60 minutes of physical activity a day, for good health. Walking, along with making healthy, informed choices can help you achieve your personal fitness goals.

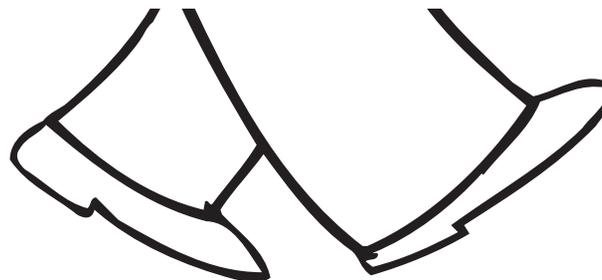
The Commissary wants to help you reach your individual wellness goals along with making informed choices while shopping. And, along with health and wellness, you will also find savings of 30 percent or more. Remember to shop the perimeter of the store to choose fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh lean meats, and low fat dairy products. Also, while shopping the center aisles, read labels to choose foods that meet your health and wellness needs.

Walking tips:

- Park the car at the back of the parking lot and walk more.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator.

- Make physical activity a part of your family's daily routine.
- Break your physical activity down into 10-15 minute sessions throughout the day.
- Walk each aisle of the Commissary and circle the perimeter (where the savings are especially high). See you in the Commissary!

For more information on heart healthy foods or other nutrition topics, visit the DeCA dietitian at <http://www.commissaries.com> and post your questions on the DeCA Dietitian Forum and be sure to look for other useful information in The Dietitian's Voice archive.



Leadership class connects worker with city's youth



Photo by Kari Hawkins

ON CAREER CAROUSEL— Cedric Pollard, of the Program Executive Office for Aviation, says he enjoys working with Huntsville's youth. Recently, he provided high school students with career advice during the first ever career day at Columbia High School.

Pollard committed to education effort

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Cedric Pollard's recent venture into local leadership training tasked him with a volunteer job he found both inspirational and challenging – connecting with high school students and talking to them about future career opportunities.

That volunteer job took Pollard to Columbia High School, where he and other professionals created a "Career Carousel" program that allowed students to talk to professionals about job opportunities and qualifications in a variety of fields.

And, talking to students about their future and educating them about the possibilities is a task that happens to be "dear to my heart," Pollard said.

Pollard is a logistics management specialist/inventory manager on the Apache attack helicopter for PEO Aviation who mentors young black men

in his spare time. Recently he participated in Connect Huntsville/Madison County, a leadership program sponsored by the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce for young professionals who want to serve their community.

Pollard, 38, applied to Connect Huntsville/Madison County last summer, hoping to gain the skills and connections needed to be a future community leader.

"The program intrigued me," he said. "I believe in supporting the community at large and volunteering. I saw Connect as a way to enhance my life personally and professionally."

Pollard's Connect class ran September through January, with a retreat both opening and closing the class experience. In between the retreats, the class of about 40 young professionals met three times to learn about the community's growth, employment and quality of life.

Class members were also divided into six groups to work on community projects. Pollard was assigned to the Education group.

"Education is very important to me," Pollard said. "I think education is very fundamental to life as a whole and to society. I have a lot of educators in my family – a sister, aunts, cousins, my mother-in-law and my father-in-law. I believe in the whole educational system."

In their group meetings, one member who worked at Columbia told the group that the high school didn't have a career day where students could learn about the requirements of different career fields. The group quickly picked up on the need.

"There was a real need to better inform students at Columbia High School about their future career options," Pollard said. "But we didn't want to just have a traditional career day. We wanted more like a recruitment day where we could interact with students one-on-one and share our knowledge. We wanted to give them personal information that would help them make decisions that would affect their careers, like the books we've read and the classes we took in college, how the people we

encountered helped shape our careers and the mistakes we've made."

The group's Career Carousel involved setting up professionals at their own stations in the school's gym. Small groups of students were assigned to each station based on their interests. They were given about five minutes to talk with the professional and then they were rotated to a different station. The event lasted about four hours and involved about 150 students.

"The students were engaged," Pollard said. "Everything we said they absorbed like a sponge."

"They asked a lot of questions, like 'Did college prepare you for what you are doing in the workplace?', 'Do you enjoy your work?' and 'What other kinds of jobs have you done?'"

The students were given information on what careers are available to them, what different careers require in terms of education, experience, abilities and interests, a list of resources

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Top co-op

Melissa Jean, of the AMCOM Acquisition Center, Aviation Systems Acquisition Division, has been named the University of Alabama-Huntsville's Co-op Student of the Year for 2008.

■ Pollard helps start career carousel at local school

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they can use to further investigate a career choice and a step-by-step guide on how to get the job of their choice.

"The Career Carousel gave me the opportunity to share with the students what is really going on in my day-to-day operations at work," Pollard said. "I was able to share how I got to where I am today, some of the mistakes I made in preparing for my career, and what I would do differently if I had the opportunity."

Pollard said not only did the students learn from the experience, but, so, too, did the professionals.

"It was fun and interesting," he said. "It gave us an opportunity to see and talk to today's students. Some have goals already set up. One student was already an entrepreneur. I can't begin to explain the type of reward I experienced from talking to those students."

The Career Carousel isn't Pollard's first volunteer venture in Huntsville. A disabled veteran and former Alabama Army National Guard Soldier, Pollard is a

member of the local alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and works with the group's Guide Right Program for young men. He is also a member of the fraternity's Political Action Committee and Scholarship Ball Committee. Pollard is a member of the Athletic Booster Club of Huntsville and the E.D. White Men's Fellowship at Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He also mentors male college students.

And now Pollard plans to continue his experience with Connect as a volunteer, working on the employment program for the next class.

"I participated in Connect because I wanted to develop lifelong collaborative and meaningful relationships with other young professionals in the area," he said. "Also, I desired to learn more about this beautiful community in which I live and have hopes of making my own impact ... Now, it's my turn to help other young professionals with those same goals."

Editor's note: For more information on Connect Huntsville/Madison County, visit its web site at <http://www.leadershipsv.org> or call 535-2017.

Helping hands

Huntsville Havoc show their support for military

Auction benefits AER campaign

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The action didn't stop after the Huntsville Havoc's hockey game against the Columbus Cottonmouths on their fourth annual Military Appreciation Night on March 8 at the Von Braun Center.

The Havoc players' jerseys were auctioned to raise money for Army Emergency Relief. With Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates looking on, the auction raised \$41,650 for AER.

Military Appreciation Night, with an announced crowd of 6,827, made the Havoc's 2-1 win over Columbus even more special.

"It's a big night for us, too," Havoc coach John Gibson said. "We don't want to disappoint, and (we'll) battle just like our troops do, so to speak."

"It speaks for itself," Havoc captain James Patterson said. "With the Arsenal here in town and so many military personnel, it's good to show our appreciation and show our respect for what they're doing for us."

"It's huge," defenseman Jonathan Lounsbury said. "The crowd's going to be here and being able to support our military is just fantastic. My fiancée (Air Force Staff Sgt. Julie Coulter) is in Iraq right now so it's a little bit more important to me that we come out on top with a win."

With two goals from Dan Buccella, the Havoc did win. And so did Army Emergency Relief and the entire military community.



PREGAME CEREMONY— Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles drops the puck between the Columbus Cottonmouths' Craig Strahl, left, and the Huntsville Havoc's James Patterson on Military Appreciation Night on March 8 at the Von Braun Center.

Michael Misianowycz/Harvest Action Photo

Research center workers receive first aid training

Defibrillators and CPR instruction provided

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Since conducting the first training session Oct. 31, some 113 employees of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center have been trained and certified in administering Standard First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and operating the Automated External Defibrillator for Adults.

The seven hours of training is accompanied by four tests and is being conducted in the SELA Auditorium in building 5400, room S114.

Ken Stacy, AMRDEC safety engineer intern, said that in addition to the employees who have been trained through this program, there are 112 workers who were trained and certified through other local programs.

AMRDEC's goal is to train 213 government employees by September in order to have the recommended amount of qualified people to operate the 71 AEDs that have been installed throughout the center.



Courtesy photo

CLASS ACT— Russ Miller, left, chief of Technical Data Management Division, Engineering Directorate, and Lt. Col. Michael Theodoss, project leader, Advance Technology Division, Applied Sensors, Guidance and Guidance Directorate, conduct hands-on CPR and Automated External Defibrillator-Adult training using a mannequin designed for learning and practicing resuscitation and compressions. Theodoss is telling everyone to stand clear as the AED analyzes the patient while Miller awaits his turn to operate the AED.

To be eligible for the Standard First Aid, CPR/AED-ADULT training provided by the center you must be an AMRDEC government employee, be approved by your division chief, and not be retiring before the end of the 2008. Additionally, you must not be a frequent traveler or attend daily meetings away from your place of duty.

Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- Candy Bouquets are available now. Brought to you by Depot Maintenance Army Branch, Integrated Materiel Management Center. For more information and to view the bouquets, call Sherry McCory 842-6772, Pat Reilly 876-0209, Pamela Dykema 842-6642, Sandra Swartz 876-1605 or Muriel Jones 842-6788.

- Coupon Books are for sale from the ILS/Manprint Office, Integrated Materiel Management Center. The \$20 books have coupons from more than 60 businesses and restaurants in the Huntsville area. For more information and a complete list of coupons offered, call Cheryl Baker 842-3157, Ranny Vinson 842-8793 or Kim Sharp 876-8696.

- PEO Aviation, Aviation Systems, will hold "The Great American Pastime" Cookout to raise money for AER and celebrate the opening of the Huntsville Stars baseball season. The cookout is April 2 at the front of building 5309. For information call Jo-Ann Rice 313-3742.
- A barbecue cookout, held by Lower

Tier Project Office, is April 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5309. Call Roosevelt Pitts Jr. 313-1068.

- Command Analysis Directorate, IMMC annual Book Sale is April 12 through May 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sparkman Center building 5300, first floor corridor between buildings 5303 and 5304. If you have items to donate (books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotape), call Brian Barry 876-8563 to arrange for delivery and pickup.

- The "Spring into Action for AER" walk, held by the Business Management Directorate, Acquisition Center, is April 15 at 9:30 a.m. in front of building 5303. Requested donation is \$5. For information call Deana Boyer 842-7224 or Larry Crandall 842-7576.

- National Maintenance Program Office, IMMC will hold a Brat/Hot Dog Cookout on April 16 and 17 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in front of building 5302. Cost is \$4 for a brat or hot dog, chips and drink. Extra brat or hot dogs will be available



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Civilian in Iraq sees changes firsthand

Co-workers give to Iraqi children

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Beanie babies, soccer balls, children's clothing, books, crayons and hygiene products can speak more than a thousand words of caring and concern when they are given to families who have survived the harsh realities of war.

Phillip Schamp has seen the difference a gift from America can make in Iraq. He has seen the joy on a child's face as they hug a stuffed animal or kick a new ball. He has shared quiet moments of gratitude with Iraqi parents who know U.S. Soldiers and civilians are working for the same thing they want — a future of freedom and opportunity for their children.

Schamp, 22, left his job as a human resources specialist with the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (Branch 5, PEOs and SMDC) at Redstone Arsenal in October to spend a year in Baghdad as an administrative assistant for the Human Resources Department in support of the Corps of Engineers at the Victory Base complex. During his long days, he works primarily to fill staff positions on engineer teams who are building new roads, schools, hospitals, clinics and community facilities, and who are working to provide clean water, sewage services and electricity in the Al Anbar Province and Baghdad area. And, thanks to the help of his co-workers at the Arsenal's CPAC, Schamp also has the pleasure of providing Iraqi families with gifts from America.

"What I've seen here is, well, amazement," Schamp said. "Iraqis are amazed at the generosity of Americans, amazed at the number of things given, the different things given.

"Seeing the look on a father's face when you give his child a Beanie Baby ... that's something you carry with you for the rest of your life. It is a face that doesn't require any response from me more than what a simple 'you're welcome' will do. They need not say any words of grati-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

DESTINED FOR IRAQ— Employees of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (Branch 5, PEOs and SMDC) pack another box to be sent to Iraqi children via co-worker Phillip Schamp, who left his job at CPAC to take on a one-year assignment in Iraq as an administrative assistant for the Human Resources Department in support of the Corps of Engineers. From left are Sherry Delancey, Kelly Dimitri, Marilyn Hudspeth, Angie Speegle, Billie Hayes and Debbi Frenn.

tude because there are no words for what they feel at that moment. It is something that is very difficult to describe exactly what they are feeling. The best way to put their feelings ... is overwhelming joy."

Sherry Delancey and Debbi Frenn of CPAC have done a "phenomenal job" organizing the employee donations, said Schamp through an e-mail from Iraq. About 25 employees have been donating items for care packages sent to Iraqi families via Schamp since late November/early December.

"When we started getting his e-mails back we saw there was a need for what we are doing," said Frenn, who served as a civilian HR specialist in Kuwait in 2004.

"Whenever you deploy you really get into your mission. You embrace it. Part of the Corps of Engineers' job includes a bit of PR. They are the 'friendly force' that is there to help Iraqis rebuild their country. The Corps of Engineers has done amazing things. Phillip is contributing to the coun-

try on a broader scale and through the boxes of supplies and things we are sending to Phillip we feel like we are contributing, too."

In those first e-mails, Schamp described being located close to a hospital.

"He saw a lot of kids brought in with nothing but a blanket or a towel or a scrap of cloth," Delancey said. "And, they were just left there at the hospital. So, we asked 'What can we do?', 'What do you need?', 'How can we assist you?'"

"We had to prod Phillip. He went to the commander and talked to the people at the hospital. From that, we decided to focus on the children."

Schamp often comes into contact with Iraqi civilians. He describes them as "very friendly" and the children as intelligent despite their "hard-knock life, one that most of us will never know and hope our children will never know."

The good feelings Schamp and other

civilians and Soldiers have created on a personal level with Iraqis through their gifts are an extension of the work the Corps of Engineers is doing to build relationships in the war-torn country. As new buildings and services are provided by the Corps of Engineers, Iraqis can see the U.S. commitment to leaving the country better than it was prior to the war.

"Electricity is very scarce here, schools were very rundown and had little to no real material, and hospitals were in horrible disrepair," Schamp recalls from his early days in Iraq.

"We have an enormous amount of projects at all times, and we are constantly completing and moving on. We are giving Iraqis what they need to really get their country out of the horrendous tyrant's lifestyle he gave to his people. If you could see what he gave to himself, and how little he appreciated his people ... That is what makes a tyrant a tyrant."

Schamp also believes Americans have been given the wrong impression of Iraq through the national media. Rarely are the good things happening in Iraq reported in the news.

"I believe if anyone in the U.S. could actually see what is happening here, their hearts and minds would change because of it," Schamp said.

"What we do here is bigger than ourselves. We are showing this country why we are one of the greatest countries in the world. We are bringing a sense of purpose back to the people here. They have aspirations. They no longer fear. They are fighting back the insurgents. We are merely a stepping stone to a large change in their way of life. Nothing more. We don't have the manpower to do it all here. But we do have the ability to show them what they can do if they want it bad enough. A lot are wanting more now."

Every day Schamp sees how the U.S. is making things better for Iraqis.

"Others may argue, but what we are doing here is changing these people's life for the better," he said. "Don't believe the

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horrors you read and hear about through news agencies. They only report the bad because bad news makes them money. The good here in country vastly outweighs the bad. And I have already seen big changes since I've been here. I see change every day. It's amazing."

Schamp was approached in late August 2007 about an assignment in Iraq after CPAC determined he had the qualifications. A young, single professional, he didn't hesitate to take the assignment, seeing it as an opportunity to experience a different part of the world and to provide assistance to people who are struggling for freedom.

"I enjoy seeing other countries," he said. "Iraq has a lot of culture and history to it.

"I also wanted to be able to look back on my life when I am an old man and tell my grandchildren about my time spent here, and about the differences we have made and are still making. I want to be able to look back at my life as an old man and say 'I volunteered to help.' I want to be that person someone could count on. I have always volunteered to do things for others. I have and will always volunteer to do what is necessary to help this world for the future."

Schamp is responsible for recruiting "highly motivated engineers" to Iraq and then placing them in jobs where they can make a difference.

"I work with Soldiers and commands every day," Schamp said. "I work with Iraqis every day. But I also see Iraqis on a personal level. I've done everything from enjoying a game of soccer to helping survey an area for future constructions."

Schamp recruits engineers from the Corps' Huntsville, Mobile, Norfolk, Va., and Walla Walla, Wash., districts. There are also employees from the State Department, Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Pentagon, Veterans Affairs,

and Park Service who are working with the Corps of Engineers in Iraq. Some general contractors also supply engineers for the Corps' work.

"By law, I am only allowed to recruit DoD civilians because of conflict of interest laws," he said.

"However, I do work closely with our contractor HR person. He is highly skilled and knows what it takes as well. He is a German national. We work closely together to implement better introduction and adaptations to things once employees get in country."

Engineers and other civilians taking on an Iraqi assignment choose to do so for several reasons. Some are drawn by the adventure and challenges of working in a foreign country while others are attracted by the monetary benefits.

"The money makes a big difference in the people's lives who work here," Schamp said. "We work a lot of hours, and any one of us easily does more than two times the work as you would in the states. And for many of us, it pulls us out of debt. Many have left with the statement being they changed their family's life by volunteering to work hard here."

But, to be successful at a job in Iraq, civilians have to be committed and focused on their work, and they have to be able to work long hours with little contact with their families.

"I don't try to make anyone's decision for them," Schamp said. "Everyone has their own circumstances, and we would never want to take someone who doesn't want to be here due to family constraints or personal fears. I always make it a point to share a quote we devised here with each person - 'Fear is temporary, regret is forever.' We use this as our creed here."

Once engineers arrive in Iraq on assignment, Schamp is responsible for arranging their housing and meals, and taking care of anything they need to do their job. HR specialists also brief the engineers on the current environment and maintain regular contact with the engineers working in Iraq's Gulf Region Central.

When he does return to the U.S., Schamp plans to resume his job with CPAC at Redstone Arsenal. Schamp has also considered working in Germany, where he once lived with his parents, who now reside in Annapolis, Md.

"I enjoy working anywhere to be honest," he said. "After working here, you kind of learn there isn't much to complain about anywhere else. I'd have weekends, my bed, my house, work 100 hours less every two weeks and, best of all, no sand!"

As long as Schamp is in Iraq, the workers at the Arsenal's CPAC plan on continuing to send their support to him and the children of Iraq.

"We want to keep this alive until Phillip comes back," Frenn said. "I think we should all be part of this or find another way to help our Soldiers if we are committed to focusing on the Army mission. Finding ways we can individually help in Iraq is part of the heart and part of the professional ideology of the Army mission."

Schamp hopes that support and the work being done to rebuild Iraq will eventually transform it into a stable country that can be visited by foreigners.

"I hope that in the future, Iraq will be an actual safe area to be in. I would like to come back in 10 or 15 years to really see the changes in the country," he said. "I believe it will be a tourist attraction. The country is beautiful, and has such history. It really is a gorgeous country when you get the problems cleaned up a little. I wouldn't hesitate to bring my family here if things continue the way they are."

"But, as the Soldiers don't have the ability to say 'O.K., I've had enough. Time for me to go home,' then I won't. I'm here serving with my military brothers and sisters every day. I won't go home because I can. I will stick out the fight with them. You learn a whole new respect for them when you see just exactly what they endure here."

But that doesn't mean there haven't been times that have been tough for Schamp and his co-workers. They face a lot of challenges in their work - long hours, constant contact with different types of people, working and living in a combat zone (Schamp has been close to two car bomb and a few mortar shell attacks) and being away from loved ones. It is inevitable that the stress can cause co-workers to experience emotional breakdowns.

"Usually, breakdowns end with someone venting for a few minutes," he said. "We all understand what is going on, and that sometimes you just have to vent ... It does get to you over time. But when you look at the differences being made, it makes it all worth it."

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for \$1 each. For more information, call Jesse Price 313-2083 or Kathy Seibert 876-1743.

- Program Executive Office for Aviation will hold the PEO Aviation AER Golf Tournament on April 17 at the Links at Redstone. This is a four-person scramble with shotgun start at 8 a.m. For more information, call Maj. Mark Stiner 876-1271.

- IMMC will hold its annual AER Golf Tournament on April 17 at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. This is a four-person scramble with shotgun start at 8 a.m. Registration deadline is April 11. For more information call David Newton 876-2585, Robert Bray 876-0186, Cletis Severs 876-7125 or Ken Lomax 313-

1585. Registration is limited to the first 36 teams.

- The sixth annual Cars and Camouflage Car Show, hosted by Vets with Vettes, is April 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Museum, Airport Road. For more information, call Tom Perkins 464-0346.

- IMMC, Fleet Management Branch will hold a Hot Dog Sale on April 24 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Sparkman Center building 5302 parking lot. For information call Kay O'Brien 842-8614.

- The annual AER Garrison Fun Day is April 30 at the NASA Picnic Area. For information call Gaylene Wilson 842-2574.

- A barbecue cookout, held by Lower Tier Project Office, is May 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 106 Wynn Drive. Call Roosevelt Pitts Jr. 313-1068.

Soldier story

Command keeps quality noncommissioned officers

AMCOM recognized with retention honor

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In a brief awards ceremony meant to recognize AMCOM's top commander for the NCO Retention Award, Maj. Gen. Jim Myles did what he has been known for doing throughout his military career – he passed the accolades and awards on to the Soldiers and DoD civilians who are doing the work.

As Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of the Army Materiel Command, prepared to present two awards to Myles, the major general quickly deferred recognition to Master Sgt. Odri Hastings, who recently took on AMCOM's NCO retention responsibilities from retired Master Sgt. Timothy Carlisle.

So, it was Hastings who found herself at the center of attention, accepting the top producer award and an NCO award in support of AMC's Retention Program.

In presenting the awards, Griffin said he has recently traveled to places like Alaska, Hawaii, Korea and Utah to talk with AMC staff and Soldiers, and "everywhere we've went people have spoken highly of



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TOP RECRUITER— Master Sgt. Odri Hastings is presented with two retention awards by Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commander of the Army Materiel Command, as AMCOM Maj. Gen. Jim Myles looks on. The awards recognize efforts by AMCOM DoD civilians and military personnel to re-enlist its Soldiers.

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That high praise also involves Soldier retention.

"There's nothing more important than re-enlisting great Soldiers and everyone here plays a key role in that," said Griffin to a standing-room-only crowd in the fifth floor

conference area of building 5300.

"People, leaders and co-workers are many reasons why Soldiers re-enlist. It's the people they're working with that matter. Ninety-nine percent of the reason Soldiers re-enlist is their environment. So, you've earned this. I hope you feel you have 110 percent support from me and the leadership here."

The Army is only as strong as the Soldiers and the experience and skills they gain as they continue their military career past their first enlistment. AMCOM benefits from the experience and knowledge of Soldiers who continue to re-enlist to serve their country.

"This award reminds me again how fortunate we are to have great Soldiers in the AMCOM formation," Myles said after the ceremony. "This includes superb retention NCOs and Soldiers who still want to serve our country during a time of war. We are truly a blessed Army and nation because of them. I encourage all to continue to thank our Soldiers for keeping us free."

Hastings has only been on the job for two weeks. She will manage the responsibilities of AMCOM's NCO Retention Program along with her current job at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. She was assigned to Redstone Arsenal two years ago.

"Part of being in the Army is about keep-

ing quality Soldiers," said Hastings, who has served in the Army for 22 years. "I'm working with a great bunch of people. It's unbelievable."

Hastings said the benefits the Army offers – lifelong career opportunities, funds for college and the recent addition of monetary bonuses – have made it easier for the Army to retain good Soldiers. She completed her first re-enlistment recently, re-signing Staff Sgt. William Peden, who was assigned to Redstone Arsenal but attached to the Aviation Center Logistics Command at Fort Rucker. Peden received a \$27,000 bonus for his six-year re-enlistment and an assignment to the 160th Special Operations Command at Fort Lewis, Wash.

"Soldiers know once they reach that re-enlistment window 12 months out that it's time to consider their options," Hastings said. "He knew that and he also knew that he wanted to re-enlist."

"As the recruiting officer, I let them know what their options are, I find out what they want and then I see if I can get it for them. It was exciting to be able to help Staff Sgt. Peden because I was taking care of the Soldier, and the Soldier was getting what he wanted and he wanted to continue his career in the Army."

Headquarters & Alpha takes post title

Gators beat 59th in tourney final

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Headquarters & Alpha basketball coach Terry Hamil wasn't surprised his team reached Monday night's final.

"These guys don't give up," he said.

The Gators advanced by beating Charlie Company 55-46 on March 12 at Pagano Gym. They led 28-26 at halftime and pulled away in the game's closing minutes.

"It was a lot of hard work," Hamil said. "We lost some key players (because they left Redstone for other assignments). But we've got some really gifted players, too. So it was a lot of

hard work, perseverance. Our team equals one of the Warrior Ethos which is we don't quit, we never quit."

In Monday night's final, Headquarters & Alpha edged HHC 59th 47-46 for the championship. The Gators trailed 19-0 early and 29-14 at halftime, but won on Marcus Bradley's two free throws with two seconds left.

"It was a total team effort," Hamil said. "They played their hearts out."

James Walker had 25 points, 10 rebounds and four steals for the Gators (12-2). Bradley finished with nine points, most importantly the tying and deciding free throws at the end.

"We practice free throws all the time in the mornings," said Bradley, a 6-foot guard. "It's just a matter of getting yourself together and making them."

LaQuaine Bess had 16 points and six steals for HHC 59th (10-6). Jeff Reuter, the 6-foot-8 center, added 14 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks. Amos Jackson had nine points on three 3-pointers, including a 3 that put the 59th up 46-45 in the final minute.

"That was a good, hard-fought game," 59th player/coach Bobby McSwain said. "We left it on the floor. A couple of missed free throws and a couple of questionable calls, that's the game. But overall our team left it all on the floor. I wish that we could play without a questionable call at the end of the game."

The 59th had advanced from the losers bracket March 13 by beating the top-seeded Marines 58-56 and then Charlie 68-53.

Josh Poe and Walker scored 15 points apiece for Headquarters & Alpha against Charlie. Walker also had nine rebounds, four steals and three assists. Poe grabbed 10 rebounds. Owen Headman added 10 points.

Headman took a pass from Walker and hit a 3-pointer for a 48-42 lead with 2:25 left against the Wolfpack. The Gators stayed ahead with free throws down the stretch.

"It was just heart," said Walker, the shooting guard. "We wanted it more than them in the second half. And we pulled together as a team and got the job done."

Lamont Ford scored 15 points for Charlie (7-7). Humberto Miranda had 10 points, 11 rebounds and three steals for the Wolfpack.

"We got in foul trouble early and they were hitting their free throws," Charlie player/coach Ricardo Resto said. "That's what it boiled down to."

Said fellow player/coach Kevin Thomas, "We just ran out of steam at the end. That's all. We ran out of steam."

Tournament results were:

- **March 6** – Marines def. 375th Engineers 84-34; Charlie



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CRASHING BOARDS— Headquarters & Alpha's Josh Poe, left, captures a defensive rebound in the second half of the Gators' 55-46 win over Charlie Company on March 12.

def. Bravo 58-55; and Headquarters & Alpha def. NCO Academy 50-45.

- **March 10** – HHC 59th def. 326th Chemical 68-46; Charlie def. Marines 50-42; and Bravo won by forfeit over 375th Engineers.

- **March 11** – Headquarters & Alpha def. HHC 59th 47-35; and 326th Chemical def. NCO Academy 57-56 in overtime.

- **March 12** – Headquarters & Alpha def. Charlie 55-46; HHC 59th def. Bravo 68-63; and Marines eliminated two-time defending champion 326th Chemical 78-68.

- **March 13** – HHC 59th def. Marines 58-56; and HHC 59th def. Charlie 68-53.

- **March 17** – Headquarters & Alpha def. HHC 59th 47-46 in final.



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Rockets roll

The Redstone Rockets age 13-14 basketball team has completed a successful season. "These young men and women work really hard to improve every aspect of their game. I am really proud of them," coach Gregory Knight of PD TMDE said. In the front row from left are coach Michael Smith, David Conyers, Tiffany London, Brittany Morris, Ben Smith and Knight. In the back row are coach Ernest Kirkland, Keith Ricks, Darius Jones, Chris Perry, Andre Kirkland, Joshua Knight and Taji Mekki. Maurice King, not pictured, also played.

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Sports & Recreation

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.

Bass tournament

AAAA Spring 2008 Bass Tournament is April 26 on Wheeler Lake, River Walk Marina, Decatur. For information call Bob Vlasics 881-4144, Chuck Ogle 883-7974, Matt Boenker 313-9117, Gaylen Bush 313-3373, Terry Hortter 313-5362 or Tom Geoffroy 876-5359.

Adult baseball league

The Men's Southern Senior Baseball League will conduct its "Open" Spring Training practices at John Hunt Park, Field 1, during March and April. The open practice schedule is as follows: March 23 (2-4 p.m.), March 30 (6-8 p.m.), April 6 (6-8 p.m.), April 13 (6-8 p.m.), April 20 (2-4 p.m.) and April 27 (2-4 p.m.). The SSBL is an amateur men's baseball league in Huntsville, currently with two age divi-

sions (over-48, over-35). Provisions are being made to allow some over-25 players to play in the over-35 division. Teams come from Decatur, Huntsville and Madison. Games are played in Huntsville and Decatur. The league is affiliated with the Mens Adult Baseball League/Mens Senior Baseball League. The season begins the first week of May and ends the last week of August. Contact John Means (jmeans57@aim.com) or Kirby Gaudin (KirbyG@aol.com) for more information about the league. The over-48 division commissioner is Bill McArdle (b-rmcard@ix.netcom.com) and the over-35 division commissioner is Jim Crum (jim-crum10@yahoo.com). Commissioners should be contacted by new players interested in joining teams in their respective divisions.

Nordic walking

Rick Stock, health promotion educator at Fox Army Health Center, will conduct a training class in Nordic walking April 9 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Wellness Center at Fox Army Health Center. Nordic walking exercises the entire body; burns from 20-46 percent more calories and increases your heartbeat 10-15 beats more per minute than ordinary walking, and takes damaging stress off your joints. Call Stock at 955-8888, ext. 1443 for more information or to register to attend the class.

Basketball skills

The U.S. Junior Olympic basketball skill competition, for ages 8-13, is Friday at Harvest Meadows Community Playground, 320 Lockhart Road in Harvest. Registration starts at 10 a.m. and the competition begins at noon. For more information, call 520-3748 or visit www.usolympicteam.com.

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.

Memorial golf benefit

The 2008 Carmen Gum Memorial Tournament, to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Alabama, is April 21 at Huntsville Country Club. Entry fee per player is \$200 for this four-man scramble. For more information, call Kevin Kennoy 603-1079.

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.



Conferences & Meetings

Bible studies

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

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Controllers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon is April 7 at 11:30 a.m.

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at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. Scheduled speaker is congressman Artur Davis from Alabama's 7th congressional district. For ticket information, call Marlene Clemons 313-2378 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Catholic women

Our Lady of the Valley Parish at Redstone Arsenal invites all ladies with military/civilian IDs to the April 4 meeting of the Military Council of Catholic Women at 9 a.m. in the assembly room at the old Chapel on Patton Road. For more information, call Phyllis at the chapel office 842-2175 or Chris Johnson 701-6490.

Logistics training workshop

The Logistics Support Activity's Worldwide Logistics Training Workshop is April 21-25 at the Sparkman Center. The

workshop offers attendees with different strategic and tactical backgrounds an opportunity to receive instruction and obtain a wide range of information on logistics systems, programs, capabilities and initiatives. Also, LOGSA has created more space to allow more exhibitors at the workshop to canvas their products. The theme for this year's workshop is "Logistics Support on the Move." Soldiers, civilians and contractors are welcome to register online by completing the 2008 WLTW Registration Form at <https://www.logsa.army.mil>. Registration is open through April 18. Seating is limited, so sign up soon. For more information, e-mail logsa.wltw@conus.army.mil.

Rotary breakfast

Col. Tim Crosby, PEO Aviation executive officer, will speak at the Madison Rotary

breakfast March 27 from 7-8 a.m. at the Radisson on Highway 20 in Madison. Crosby, to be promoted to brigadier general, will speak on the future of aviation in North Alabama. Cost is \$8.50. For information call Bob Drigger 313-4243.

Parent council

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet March 25 at 11 a.m. in the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500, Redstone Room (phone 876-7952). All parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance – 5 points equals a 10 percent discount on childcare fees. "Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Child and Youth Services facilities and to voice your ideas, opinions or concerns," a prepared release said.

Space/missile defense

The 11th annual Space and Missile Defense Conference and Exhibition issues a call for papers with deadline April 30. The conference is Aug. 11-14 at the Von Braun Center. For information call 533-6986 or e-mail smdconf@smdconf.org.

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/>.

Security professionals

The Mid-South Chapter of NCMS, the Society for Industrial Security Professionals, and the Defense Security Service will hold the ninth annual NCMS/DSS Security Seminar April 10 at the Von Braun Center. The theme this year is "Transitioning From the Greatest Risk to the Greatest Asset." To register call Paul Malone 428-

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1308. The web site is <http://www.ncms-midsouth.org/>.

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 Beville 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.

Project institute

The Project Management Institute, North Alabama Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Kenneth Merwin, president of Polaris Systems Inc. is the featured speaker. The cost is \$20 for PMI members, \$25 for non-members. Register at the following: <http://www.northalabamapmi.org/ChapterMeetings.htm>.

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.

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Photo by Capt. Rob Dewberry

Sparking interest

Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon represents the Army and Redstone Arsenal during Career Day on March 13 at Sparkman Middle School. The event was sponsored by the Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama, which is led by program director Kathy Ciliax. Participants called the event a big success.

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 Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology/Joint Advanced Concepts. For more information, visit www.JIAMDsummit.org.

Electromagnetic course

The 12th DoD Electromagnetic Windows Short Course and Symposium is April 28 to May 1 at the Sparkman Center. Registration is under way. Events qualify for TIPS credit. For more information, contact

Angie.Cornelius@us.army.mil or visit <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/EMWS08/>.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will meet Thursday at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the old Regimental Room. In celebration of Women's History Month, networking topics will include "Famous Women Who Made History" and "Significant Federally Employed Women at Redstone Arsenal, Past and Present." The public is invited. The buffet line may be used for those eating lunch. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association will hold its monthly

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Courtesy photo

New friends

Capt. Ahmed Abou El-Hag from Egypt poses with the statue of Dr. John S. Pemberton, inventor of Coca-Cola at the World of Coca-Cola in downtown Atlanta. The International Military Student Office took 20 international students to Atlanta March 8-9 to learn more about America. Students were from the Netherlands, Belgium, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Egypt and Pakistan.



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.

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Photo by Laura Metzger

Crafts honoree

What's happening at your Arts & Crafts Center? Just ask Dwight Bruinsma, right, as he receives a certificate and cash prize for placing third in the Armywide Art Contest in the Stained Glass category-novice division. Making the presentation is Mike Chemsak, chief of Recreation Division.

luncheon meeting March 26 at 11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 237, 2900 Drake Ave. Guest speaker is Steve Roser, vice president of Defense and Aerospace Systems Division, Sanmina-SCI. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast this Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

Women's luncheon

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will have its monthly luncheon March 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. northwest. Cost is \$15. Susan Hines of Pelham will speak on "Planning for a Successful Life." For reservations call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339 by Thursday.

Engineer society

The Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers meets Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The speaker is Col. Frederick Wolf, who will discuss his recent deployment to Iraq. The cost of the buffet lunch is \$10. Make reservations by calling 895-1834 or e-mailing amber.d.martin@usace.army.mil.

Defense industry

Attention program managers and DoD contractors, a Unique Identification industry event will be held April 8-9 in Huntsville. "Sponsored by the Department of Defense UID & eBusiness Policy Office, the UID & eBusiness Forum will educate you on how to achieve successful UID and eBusiness implementation through step-by-step instruction, expert guidance and technology demonstrations," a prepared release said. "The forum will help you sort through the technical, policy, standards and business process details." For more information and to register, visit www.UIDforum.com.

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/>.

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Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

Self-paced computer classes are offered at Army Community Service to assist military spouses in learning or enhancing their computer skills. Classes are available in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Publisher and Windows XP. All classes are free and are offered Monday through Friday anytime between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Certificates will be given after successful completion. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

Motorcycle safety

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

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.

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 Friday. Requests can be delivered or mailed to Thrift Shop, Attn: Mary McCarthy, welfare chairperson, building 3209, Hercules Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

Bookkeeper job

The Thrift Shop has a job opening for bookkeeper. Requirements include a thorough knowledge of Quick Books financial program and proficiency with bookkeep-

ing procedures. Applications can be picked up during business hours at the Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road. Deadline for applications is April 14. For information/applications, call Belle 881-6992.

Association scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$1,000 annual scholarship awards to a local high school and college student majoring in a business field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is March 31. For more information and a scholarship application, call Hillary Clay 313-1349. The application can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/iaaprsa/home.htm>.

AER book sale

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

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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.

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 Thursday 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-ala-



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Boating safety

A certificate of appreciation is presented to Wes Allen, manager of Gander Mountain, Huntsville store, by John Mabry, left, and Larry McFall, members of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 082-24-06. The certificate recognizes the Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program partnership that has been established between those two entities. This nationwide program is designed to promote boating safety to the boating public and Gander Mountain has joined that program. This action does not constitute a U.S. Coast Guard endorsement of the Gander Mountain products or services.

bama.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 Thursday.

Easter egg hunt

Join Child and Youth Services for its Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Vincent 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 Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, call 830-2582.

NARFE scholarships

The National Active and Retired Federal

Employees Association offers \$1,000 college scholarships to eligible high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of NARFE members. The Federal Education and Assistance Fund administers the program through contributions to the NARFE/FEEA Scholarship Fund. The deadline to apply is April 30. For more information or to obtain an application, call Jerry Cox 536-6057, Barbara Boomershine 519-3327 or visit www.natvp@narfe.org.

Spring fashion show

A display of colors will be taking the runway at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711, for the Spring Into Action Fashion Show. The clothing line will soon be available at the Post Exchange for you to purchase. Join a night of entertainment April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the recreation center. Purchase your tickets at the Commissary office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All tickets must be purchased by April 9. The first 50 tickets come with a free Domino's pizza card.

Easter services

Bicentennial Chapel will hold all its Easter Services on Sunday at Bob Jones Auditorium. The Easter Sunrise Service is 6:30 a.m., Catholic Mass at 9:15 and the Protestant Service at 11. For more information, call 842-2964.

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Orchid society

The Heart of Dixie Orchid Society will hold its annual spring event March 29-30 at the Holiday Inn-Research Park, 5903 University Drive, in front of Madison Square Mall. The March 29 times are sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and show noon-5 p.m.; and the March 30 schedule is show and sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 534-3332.

Space lecture

HAL-5 (local chapter of the National Space Society) presents a free public lecture May 1 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Stephan Davis, deputy mission manager for Ares I-X at Marshall Space Flight Center, will speak on "Ares I-X: First Flight of a New Generation." A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 509-3833.

Health center renovation

Fox Army Health Center says due to renovations being made to the Pathology Department all lab specimen collection will be performed in the Radiology Department through April 1. "We apologize for any inconvenience this short term renovation may cause," a prepared release said.

Commissary sale

The Redstone Arsenal Commissary Case Lot Sale is scheduled May 14-17. "We

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will also be sponsoring an 'On-Site' Case Sale April 24-26 in Birmingham Air National Guard Base, 5700 East Lake Blvd., Birmingham," a prepared release said.

Butler High reunion

S.R. Butler High School Class of 1983 is planning its 25-year reunion Oct. 11 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. If you are a member of the Class of '83, e-mail belle-cambron@yahoo.com or call 509-6014 with your latest information or visit <http://www.classreport.org/usa/al/huntsville/bhs/1983/>. An invitation is also extended to the Classes of 1982 and 1984.

Logistics council

The Council of Logistics Engineering Professionals, a newly-formed national society for logisticians, seeks assistance from SME logisticians from each of the Space Logistics and Commercial Logistics disciplines. These senior logisticians are needed to help design the space and logistics portions of the CLEP web site which is under construction (www.logisticsengineers.org). The site also requires inputs on applicable bibliographies, articles of interest, and educational materials that would be of particular interest to Space and Commercial logisticians. CLEP will provide free, no obligation one year membership to those willing to help. If interested call Mike Osborne 842-1207 or (931) 433-6271.

Acquisition career day

The Acquisition Support Center, Regional Customer Support Office at Huntsville announces the Army Acquisition Work Force Career Day conference April 15-16 at Redstone. No pre-registration is required. Registration will be held 8-9 a.m. April 15 at Bob Jones Auditorium. Various acquisition career development topics will be discussed that day until 4:30 p.m. One-on-one counseling sessions with acquisition career managers will be held April 16 at building 5206 off Martin Road. There is no cost and attendees will earn 8 Continuous Learning Points. For more information, call Branigan Carter in the ASC Regional Customer Support Office 876-8067.

T&E scholarship

The Rocket City Chapter of the International Test & Evaluation Association will sponsor a \$500 scholarship to a high school graduate. The theme for submission of the paper is "Innovation: My Role Over the Next 10-15 Years." Nomination/entry information can be obtained from Janice Isbell, janice.isbell@us.army.mil, 955-6705. Deadline for submission is April 7.

Small business day

Small business owners from throughout the state will get a chance to speak out on issues affecting them at the National Federation of Independent Business' Small Business Day on March 26 in Montgomery. Small Business Day will be 9-10 a.m. on the sixth floor of the state Capitol at 11 S. Union St. Small Business Day is free and includes breakfast with state legislators and other officials. Small business owners who want to attend may call Jennifer Rome (866) 398-8784 or register online at www.NFIB.com/AL.

Space day camp

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center's Day Camp offers weekly sessions June 2 through Aug. 1. The "Dreamers" group is for ages 7-8; and the "Innovators" group is for ages 9-11. Youngsters can go hiking, make crafts, swim at the lake, build campfires, play group games, participate in skits and group activities, visit the Botanical Gardens, and enjoy outdoor activities including simulators and swimming. Tuition is \$275 for one week, \$250 per week for two to four weeks, and \$225 per week for five or more weeks. U.S. Space & Rocket Center members can save \$50 from these rates. To register call (800) 63-SPACE or visit www.spacecamp.com/daycamp.

Commissary news

The Commissary is closed Easter Sunday, March 23 and will reopen March 25.

Bake sale benefit

A bake sale is under way this morning at SMDC building 5220, Von Braun Complex. Donations will benefit the HHC SMDC/ARSTRAT Family Readiness Group in support of the troops.

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Space jam
Yuri's Night Huntsville 2008 is April 12 from 7:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. at LeeAnn's, 415 E. Church Street, Suite 13 downtown. Huntsville AL L5 Society (HAL5), a chapter of the National Space Society, and Huntsville Alive are hosting the Rocket City's first Yuri's Night Party. It is an opportunity to celebrate the first human being in space, Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin. The evening will feature live music (Boogafunk), space-themed door prizes, special guests (including members of the Dixie Derby Girls), and the debut of the "Yuritini," a concoction LeeAnn's created just for this event. For more information, visit the HAL5 web site <http://www.HAL5.org/yuri>.

Civilian of year

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will sponsor the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award Dinner at 7 p.m. April 2 at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. This award and dinner recognizes local Army civilians who have demonstrated exceptional performance as members of the Army team. It will recognize nominees from three groups: Management/Executive Award, Professional/Technical Award, and Supporting Staff Award. This year's nominees are Barry Pike, Michael Krause, Michael Ragoza, Tim Owings, James Kelton, Richard Lewis, Robert Branin, Ronnie McDaniel, Theresa Falcetano and Linda Cosgray. The chapter nominee selected will be announced at the dinner and advance to the AUSA Third Region (Southeast USA) competition in the summer. The region winners are recognized nationally at the AUSA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in October. Plan to support the outstanding civilian nominees by attending the recognition dinner. Tickets may be purchased directly from the AUSA event coordinator, Jerry Hamilton. Individual tickets are \$30 and corporate tables of eight are available for \$240. For more information, call Hamilton 971-7065.

Building photographs

The Non-Line of Sight Launch System Project Office is renovating building 112 (old hospital) for its new office facility. The project office asks that anyone with pictures or articles of building 112 from any eras to send them electronically to Lyndsey.Shelton@us.army.mil or mail them to NLOS-LS Project Office, ATTN: Lyndsey Shelton, building 5250, Martin Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

**ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA**

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE		WHO CAN APPLY?															
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																								
SCBK08591206	Contract Spec	19-Mar-08	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X															
SCBK08606856	IT Spec (OS)	19-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-2210	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X															
SCBK08617079	Logistics Mgmt Spec	19-Mar-08	AMCOM, Comp Mgmt Ofc	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X															
SCBK08592768	Logistics Mgmt Spec	19-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X															
SCBK08638170	Engr.Civil Engr	19-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830, 0850, 0810	2	2	45,458 - 101,913																	
SCNAFBK0820	Recreation Asst	19-Mar-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	2	2	7,61 - 13,97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08593371D	Secretary (OA)	20-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DK-0318	2	2	30,001 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08581158	General Engr	20-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08581158D	General Engr	20-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK0836698	Medical Records Tech	20-Mar-08	MEDDAC	GS-0876	4	4	26,815 - 34,865	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
WTST08535404	Security Spec	20-Mar-08	GARRISON	GG-0080	11	12	54,494 - 84,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08574906	Mgmt Services Spec	21-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0341	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08611763	Aerospace Engr	21-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08611763D	Aerospace Engr	21-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08619279	Legal Asst (OA)	21-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08626871	Legal Asst (OA)	21-Mar-08	AMCOM, Legal Ofc	GS-0986	5	5	30,001 - 38,997																	
SCBK08607635	General Supp Spec	21-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08612037	Admin Supp Asst (OA)	21-Mar-08	SMDC	GS-0303	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X																
SCBK08608580	Equip Spec (General)	21-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,468																	
SCBK08616231	Equip Spec (Aircraft)	21-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,468																	
SCBK08497674	Supv General Engr	24-Mar-08	PEO AVN, Tech Mgmt Div	YF-0801	2	2	65,278 - 126,442																	
SCBK08608045	Oper Research Analyst	24-Mar-08	Acq Supp Cnt	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08601340	Supv Public Affairs Spec	24-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-1035	2	2	65,277 - 126,442	X																
SCBK08603382	Logistics Mgmt Spec	24-Mar-08	LOGSA	GS-0346	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07376755DR1	Aerospace Engr	24-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK080YA201B	Human Resources Spec (Staffing or Classification)	24-Mar-08	CHRA	YA-0201	1	2	29,709 - 75,075																	
SCBK08595851	Housing Mgmt Asst	24-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-1173	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X																
SCBK080326SH	Office Automation Clerk	24-Mar-08	AMCOM, Team Redstone	DK/YP/GS- 0326	1/2	3/4	19,472 - 34,865																	
SCBK080802SH	Engr Aid/Engr Tech	24-Mar-08	AMCOM, Team Redstone	DE/YP/GS- 0802	1/2	3/4	19,472 - 34,865																	
SCBK080303SH	General Clerk	24-Mar-08	AMCOM, Team Redstone	DK/YP/GS- 0303	1/2	3/4	19,472 - 34,865																	
SCBK08634128	Logistics Mgmt Spec	24-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X																
SCBK08607441	Police Ofcr	25-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-1083	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X																
SCBK08607230	Sys Mgmt Analyst	25-Mar-08	AMCOM, G8 (Res Mgmt)	GS-0541	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X																
SCBK08613530	Supply Tech	25-Mar-08	USAOEMMS	GS-2005	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08615281	Acq Business Spec	25-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DE-0301	2	3	30,001 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08607455	Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	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	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	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																
SCBK086050332	Lead Program Analyst	26-Mar-08	Acq Supp Cnt	NH-0343	4	4	92,633 - 141,657																	
SCBK08644557	Police Ofcr	26-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK086045	Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X																
SCBK08588801	Mgmt Analyst	26-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0343	2	3	30,001 - 85,701	X																
SCBK08623245	Aerospace Engr	26-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08623245D	Aerospace Engr	26-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SSCBK08625612	Human Resources Tech (Staffing/A)	27-Mar-08	CHRA, CPAC	YB-0203	2	2	36,801 - 65,080																	
SCBK08634139	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	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																	
SCBK08619311	Supply Tech	28-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-2005	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X																
SCBK08037773D	Civil Engr; Environmental Engr; Geologist	31-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810,0819; 1350	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08608192	Info Oper Spec	1-Apr-08	GARRISON	GS-0301	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08589165	Lead Electronics Engr	3-Apr-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X																
SCBK08589480	Lead Electrical Engr	3-Apr-08	AMRDEC	DB-0850	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X																
WTST08592832	Aerospace Engr	3-Apr-08	TSMO	GG-0961	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK0816998	Asst Chief Engr	3-Apr-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0901	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
WTST08574957	Prgm Analyst	7-Apr-08	TSMO	GG-0343	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08611801	Supv Materials Engr	7-Apr-08	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08611801D	Supv Materials Engr	7-Apr-08	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08619722	Supv General Engr	10-Apr-08	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	87,978 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08619722D	Supv General Engr	10-Apr-08	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	87,978 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08586418	Mechanical Engr	11-Apr-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08612230	Lead General Engr	11-Apr-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	0	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08585341	Equip Spec (Aircraft & Electronics)	29-Apr-08	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,701					</												