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Golf course on par for growth ... naturally

Three new holes to open this fall

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Armed with architectural plans, Larry Underwood is on a mission to shape three new practice holes at the Links at Redstone.

This spring, golfers are enjoying the natural setting of three practice holes — a par 3 and two par 4s — that opened last summer. Come this fall, they will be able to enjoy the second set of three practice holes — a par 3, par 4 and par 5 — that are under construction by Underwood and his crew of four employees.

"We're moving dirt and doing a lot of dozer work," said Underwood, course superintendent at the Links at Redstone. "It's all about shaping the holes just right. We are taking the architectural drawings and shaping the holes the way they are designed, even down to the design contours on the greens. The greens are built to USGA specifications so they will have the proper drainage, green mix and irrigation."

The six-hole practice course will expand the 27-hole golf course now offered by the Links at Redstone, further enhancing its reputation as one of the best golf courses in Alabama. Currently, it is the only 30-hole golf course in the Army.

"Right now, the golfers who are using the first three practice holes are loving them," Mark Germonprez, business operations manager for Morale Welfare and Recreation, said. "We aren't letting golf carts on them yet because we want to protect the grass. It is still so young. So, that is keeping the play down a bit."

But, for those who do venture onto the three practice holes, they not only get to experience the unique design created by the IPG Design Group of Georgia,



Photo by Kari Hawkins

GLIMPSE OF WILDLIFE— Ducks, hawks and other wildlife are a common sight along the practice holes at the Links at Redstone.

but they also can enjoy the sights and sounds of plenty of wildlife. Mallard ducks, ring-necked ducks, meadowlarks and a hawk were all visible on a recent day at the practice holes. Quail whistling is often heard along the practice holes.

"This is still a wetlands," Germonprez said. "We've maintained the area so that wildlife can still be part of the golf course."

Preserving the natural habitat for wildlife is characteristic of a links-style golf course.

"With links style there's not a lot of trees. There's a lot of tall grass and thick rough. There are a lot of small, deep bunkers," Germonprez said.

Links golf courses, first developed in Scotland, often rely on the natural setting of the land to dictate design. They are challenging because of the natural setting of the course and

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

MOVING DIRT FOR GOLF— MWR's Mark Germonprez, left, talks with Larry Underwood, course superintendent at the Links at Redstone, about the three new golf practice holes under construction. The design for the practice holes will offer new challenges for golfers while also ensuring a natural habitat for the area's wildlife.

An open lane random survey

What's your favorite pet and why?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Barbara Cummings
AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs
"My dog Dylan, a Welsh terrier, because he's always happy to see me and he makes my day every day."

Sharee Miller
AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs

"My favorite dog is the dog I have now, Shiloh. She's been my favorite forever. I've had others but she's my favorite, and she's a stray. It's because she's got a great personality. She's really funny."



Mitchell Delk
Aviation Reset Project Office
"My dog Mackie. He's an AKC (American Kennel Club)-registered Miniature Schnauzer. He is incredibly cute and full of personality. He also minds pretty well and he's beautiful."

Jason Bray
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center
"I would have to say a Shih Tzu. I have two of them – Snickers and Baby Girl. They're always waiting for me when I get home. They never leave my side or my wife's side. They're easy to train, and overall just lovable."



Quote of the week

'I don't like spinach, and I'm glad I don't, because if I liked it I'd eat it, and I just hate it.'

– Clarence Darrow
Famed attorney

Appetite for large-screen televisions

I have noticed for a long time that we have small monitors in the lunch area in the Sparkman Center. I have worked in other places that have shown that people that listen to the news and such have a larger vocabulary and are able to articulate the issues of the day. The problem is the monitors are too small. I wanted to know if there was a way that we could upgrade to get larger screens that everyone could see at all angles? I believe it would be welcomed.

Marty R. Adams
Senior tech lead/ITSS
PEO Aviation Systems

Editor's note: Sparkman Cafeteria manager Bill Bullen provided the following response. "Your idea is an excellent one. Funding the televisions has presented a challenge. It is one that we hope to resolve in the future so that everyone can enjoy this service."

Center for education testing, programs

The Army Education Center offers a variety of examinations under two programs, Army Personnel Test and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support.

The Army Personnel Testing program uses standardized tests to determine eligibility for specialized training and to support the Army's personnel selection and classification process, including language proficiency testing. There are very few situations in which test control officers are authorized to administer APT tests to civilians.

The APT program consists of multiple examinations. The most requested examinations are: the Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test which evaluates enlisted candidates for MOS 93B as well as warrant officers and officers applying for admission to the Army flight program. The Armed Forces Classification Test is used to re-evaluate in-service personnel who wish to improve their ASVAB scores to qualify for reenlistment, a MOS change, warrant officer training, officer candidate school or Reserve Officers Training Corps. The Defense Language Aptitude Battery evaluates the aptitude of in-service personnel nominated for language training. The Defense Language

Proficiency Test is given to military personnel who have received foreign language training at government expense, who claim knowledge of a foreign language as a result of civilian education, residence in a foreign country, or family usage, or whose records indicate previous language study. Certain DLPT may be use for college credit after evaluation by an academic institution. Military personnel may retake any APT which resulted in an unsatisfactory score. The retest may not be taken sooner than six months after the previous test date. Individuals wishing to take an APT must submit a completed DA 4187 prior to the desired testing date.

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The following examination programs are provided to DANTE'S Military Test Centers under contract with various testing agencies: tests for college credit (college level examination program and DSST formerly DANTE'S subject

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Fellowship program makes high grade

I would first like to say thank you to the senior leaders both inside the government and within private industry who have made possible the Senior Service College Fellowship. Without your participation in the Defense Acquisition University Senior Service College Fellowship, this program would not be possible. I want to also thank our organizations, who allowed us to participate in this senior leadership program.

The Defense Acquisition University's Senior Service College Fellowship's vision is to be a nationally recognized program developing strong effective civilian senior leaders for the Department of Defense acquisition community. The SSCF program's goal is to develop the future civilian acquisition leaders in preparation for roles as product managers, program managers, program executive officers, and other key acquisition positions. As a current fellow, I can say they are meeting their goal.

This year's class of 11 Senior Service College Fellows is eight months into the 10 month fellowship program. I would highly recommend this program to any government employee. I still have two months left in this program which will include an arrested landing and catapult launch on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, presenting an acquisition paper at DAU's Acquisition Community Symposium, and a trip to Gettysburg, Pa., to relive some of the challenges faced by the Union and Confederate leaders.

Yes, there is a reading list, but the books are sequenced throughout the program. Each book focuses on different types of leadership skills and experiences. You will also be required to write a research

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Getting to know you

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Name: Chris Pittman

Job: Education services officer, Education Center, Garrison

Where do you call home?
Willamina, Ore.

What do you like about your job?

Lots of things. I guess the underlying reason I do this is to provide higher education opportunities to Soldiers and others in the community. I like being able to do that. I'm an educator. That's my goal. Right here I have a fantastic team; the staff of the Education Center is a fantastic team. They all work together to provide exceptional service to the Redstone Arsenal community.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

For one, I spend time with my family – my wife (Miriam) and daughter (Tara, 3). I'm a musician; I play the drums. I like outdoor activities like mountain biking and hiking. I also try to stay in shape.

What are your goals?

Career-wise, it's to keep moving up the ladder. Continue to live in different parts of the world. Of course right now I'm trying out Huntsville for a while. I guess my ultimate goal is to retire in 20 years.

What's your favorite type of music?

Rock's my favorite.



Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

March 16: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after stopping at Gate 9 requesting a pass. He did not have his driver's license with him. A check through NCIC revealed that he was driving with a suspended license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

March 16: An individual was illegally parked at the Child Development Center; and during the course of being cited, it was discovered that the subject's license was suspended. The subject was



issued two citations and released. **March 17:** An individual was stopped for speeding on Goss Road. During the course of the stop, a check of his license revealed that it was suspended, and he was in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. He was issued one citation and two court summons and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 11 speeding, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 no driver's license, 7 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired driver's license, 3 driving with a suspended license.

■ Links on course for three more practice holes

Course

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unpredictable winds, making them favorable for players who are able to play low accurate shots.

"These practice holes are built in a low area. But, the way we designed them, the playable areas are built up and other areas are low and require low maintenance," Germonprez said.

Like the existing three practice holes, the new holes will be seeded with Tifton 419 grass on the fairways and Mini-Verde on the greens. Once Underwood's crew gets them shaped, they will be graded, irrigated and seeded.

"What he's doing here is pretty amazing," Germonprez said. "He's building these holes without any extra crew. We wanted to do all this work in-house so that we could keep costs down while still providing quality. We're not sacrificing at all."

Post Library to open for big event

An open house celebrating this year's Big Read will be held April 1 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Post Library.

Everyone at Redstone Arsenal is invited to come by and visit, receive a free copy of "*The Maltese Falcon*" (while supplies last), have their pick of any book from the library's gift book selection, eat snacks, and pick up information on this year's Big Read program.

The library has also sent copies of "*The Maltese Falcon*" to Soldiers in Iraq along with brownies.

Sam Spade, the model for future hard-boiled private detectives, is the main character of "*The Maltese Falcon*," and was further immortalized by Humphrey Bogart in the 1941 movie production of "*The Maltese Falcon*." It is reported that the falcon statue made for that film was sold for \$398,500 at a Christie's auction in 1994. The book itself was first serialized (1929) in the pulp magazine *Black Mask* beginning September 1929.

"*The Maltese Falcon*" by Dashiell Hammett was chosen as the 2008 Big Read book for the Post Library participating in partnership with Huntsville/Madison County Public Library. The Redstone library is one of a select number of military libraries taking part in this program



Photo by Gail Alden/library director

SELECT BOOK— Library staff member Leia Knapp holds a copy of the "*The Maltese Falcon*."

which encourages all the people in one community to read the same book at the same time, and then talk about it, offering an opportunity for a shared literary experience.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts with support from the Boeing Company for the military libraries. For more information on the countywide program, check out hpl.lib.al.us/bigread. For more information about the open house, call the library at 876-4741.

Construction on rise throughout Redstone

Arriving organizations bring building influx

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Fueled by base realignment and closure, construction is booming at Redstone Arsenal.

Funds have been appropriated for 13 projects, most BRAC-related, totaling \$543 million. A typical year would have \$40 million to \$50 million worth.

"It's a phenomenal amount of construction but we're up to the challenge," Joey Skinner, chief of the master planning division in the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works, said.

"That's a little over half a billion dollars in construction we've got going on," public works director Joe Davis said. "That's pretty impressive."

Some are under construction and others are being designed. Most are for newly arriving organizations while others are Department of Justice-related or congressional additions.

"I would say all of this will be completed by 2011," Skinner said.

John Green and Kevin Burleson, Military Construction, Army program managers, are assigned projects within the master planning division.

Said Green, "This'll be the biggest amount of construction we'll probably see unless there's another BRAC. And so far we have not had any trouble with either primes or subcontractors. The work force in this region has been able to support the construction projects."

The biggest previous construction project was the Sparkman Center, which cost about \$118 million. The main part was built from 1992-94 and an addition for BRAC 1995 was constructed from 1995-97.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

RECRUITING SITE— The headquarters for the 2nd Recruiting Brigade and the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion should be finished by August. This \$8.2 million BRAC project is at the corner of Aerobee and Vincent roads.

"In the amount of pure dollar expenditures this (current construction) is five times the cost of the Sparkman Center," Davis said. "And we're doing it all at one time. The Sparkman Center was spread out over a few years. Obviously we're looking forward to the challenge. It's obviously the biggest thing that any of us have experienced."

Davis, who has been here 22 years, points out the level of experience of the people working these projects. This includes his organization, Corps of Engineers area engineer Steve Arendale and Ron Kalifeh, project manager at the Corps' Mobile district for Redstone construction.

"We've been the same team since the early '90s working on construction proj-

ects out here and that will go a long way in making us successful," Davis said. "That really is the key to success with all this work going on at one time."

Ongoing projects include the following:

- Headquarters for the 2nd Recruiting Brigade should be finished by August. This \$8.2 million BRAC project, at the corner of Aerobee and Vincent roads, represents 30,000 square feet. It's for 114 people arriving from Fort Gillem, Ga. This also includes the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion.

- Missile Defense Agency, phase 3 of the Von Braun Complex, is a BRAC project for 2,649 people, most arriving from the Washington, D.C. area. "This is by itself the largest of the construction projects we've had on Redstone," Skinner said. "It's going to be around 850,000 square feet." This \$227 million project will include an auditorium, cafeteria, fitness center, and office space. The first phase of this project should be finished by April 2010, for 800-1,000 people, and the second phase should be done by October 2010. A contract has been awarded and work should begin by the end of April.

- Army Materiel Command headquarters, for the BRAC move from Fort Belvoir, Va., will be built on Martin Road (at the site of the current Photo Lab building 4489). This \$128 million project represents 412,000 square feet. The two buildings, probably adjoining, will house AMC's 1,340 people and 340 others from the U.S. Army Security

Assistance Command. A contract should be awarded sometime in June.

- Rotary Wing Center is a BRAC project for the newcomers from the Aviation Technical Test Center at Fort Rucker. This \$46 million project includes a hangar and aircraft parking at the Airfield, and a headquarters building on Martin Road. It's for 373 people. Officials hope to award a contract by December.

- School Age Services, a \$6 million project on Goss Road, should be finished by August.

- A child development center, for 60 children, will be built for \$2 million on Mills Road. A contract has not been awarded; officials are writing the request for proposals.

- Another child development center project, for 124 children, has awarded a \$4 million contract and construction should begin by May.

- Software Engineering Directorate construction has begun for the first phase of its building and represents \$20 million. It should be finished by midsummer.

- The second phase for SED has been proposed and represents \$21 million.

- A project for the FBI is under construction for \$3.5 million. It's called the Secure Training Facility and will be incorporated into the Hazardous Devices School off Redstone Road. Completion is expected in July.

- Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center, a multi-agency facility, will be constructed off Patton Road. Some \$45 million is currently appropriated with an additional \$165 million anticipated in fiscal 2009. Projected contract award is December 2009 with completion in March 2012.

- A classroom and river range is under construction for a new customer here, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. This \$3.5 million project should be finished in July.

- The ATF's National Center for Explosives Training & Research will be built for \$28.5 million in the old "Tin City" Quonset hut area off Corporal Drive. A contract will be awarded in May with projected completion in August 2010.

Master planners have a wish list for more construction in future years including a building here for the 600 members of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space who are working in leased space off-post on Wynn Drive, and widening Martin Road from Rideout Road all the way to Zeirdt Road.

"We want to start looking past BRAC," Skinner said. "There are over \$150 million (in projects) that we are working to getting approval for construction following BRAC."

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 McCrory 842-6772, Pat Reilly 876-0209, Pamela Dykema 842-6642, Sandra Swartz 876-1605 or Muriel Jones 842-6788.

- For a list of events held by IMMC, visit <http://immcweb.redstone.army.mil/aer/index.htm>.

- 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.

- Whole smoked barbecue pork shoulders are offered by the Logistics Support Activity. Presale continues until March 31. Pickup of your barbecue shoulder is April 16 from 2-3:30 p.m. at building 5307, first floor breakroom. Cost per shoulder is \$35. Call Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Perrin 313-2469 or Randy Bigler 955-0505.

- Do you have what it takes to be "AMC's Super Loser"? Over six weeks, beginning April 1 and ending May 13, if you lose the most body fat percentage, you will be named AMC's Super Loser. Signup and initial weigh-in is March 31 or April 1 from 6-8 a.m. at the Sparkman Fitness Center. Suggested donation of \$5 will go to AER. The winner will receive a grand prize donated by Embassy Suites Spa, Mac Makeup and Monaco Theatre. A kickoff walk to start the event is April 1 at noon on the walking trail outside building 5302. This event is sponsored by AWCF Hardware and Acquisitions Branch, IMMC. For information call Jaimie Nemeth 842-6939.

- Engineering Directorate, AMRDEC will hold a "Jailopoly." Send someone (anonymously) to jail for five minutes for \$5. Bail is \$10 and "Get out of Jail" free cards are also available. Tickets go on sale April 1. Call Charlotte Jones 313-6541, Lorene Matkins 876-6112 or Mary Burnett 876-1501.

- 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, sponsored by the Depot Maintenance Division and Transportation Division, is April 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside building 5302. For more information call Deborah Asberry 842-6026, Rickey Dorsett 876-1157 or Aubrey Fencher 876-4009.

- Come out and play Elementary Trivia on April 8-9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Sparkman Cafeteria. This is sponsored by AWCF Hardware and



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CANDY LAND— Candy bouquets are being sold by members of Depot Maintenance Army, AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center. From left are Pat Reilly, Marina O'Kraski and Cynthia King. Not pictured is Sherry McCrory, their AER coordinator.

Acquisitions Branch, IMMC. For information call Jaimie Nemeth 842-6939.

- SMDC will have a bake sale April 8 at building 5220. For information call Sarah Trial 955-3352.

- 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.

- The third annual No-Limit Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament, sponsored by System Simulation and Development Directorate, AMRDEC, is April 16 at 10 a.m. at the Rustic Lodge. Participation is limited to the first 100 people to pay the \$20 entry fee. Call Pat Hopper 876-4273.

- 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 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.

- AMRDEC Engineering Directorate will hold its annual Golf Scramble on April 24 at the Links at Redstone. This four-person scramble has an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Registration fee is \$200 per team; and the deadline is April 10. Call Chris Farmer 313-6553 or Carolyn Farmer 876-3810.

- 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.

- A picnic, sponsored by Aviation Engineering Directorate, AMRDEC, is April 24 at the NASA Picnic Area. Cost is \$13. Call Vonnie Shelton 313-9089.

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

- A rummage sale, held by members of Depot Maintenance Division, IMMC, is May 8 at building 5300, room 5140. They're looking for items you have that are in good condition that you would like to donate for the sale. For information e-mail Lynn Moore lynn.moore@conus.army.mil or Nina Cox tank.cox@conus.army.mil.

- 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.

- SMDC is having a turkey sandwich and pizza lunch May 13 at 11 a.m. Call Sarah Trial 955-3352.

- A barbecue cookout, sponsored by the Depot Maintenance Division and Transportation Division, is May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside building 5302. For more information call Deborah Asberry 842-6026, Rickey Dorsett 876-1157 or Aubrey Fencher 876-4009.

Program participants see command's perspective

People Empowering People ends sixth 6-month cycle

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This is job training you can't get in a classroom.

For six months, participating members of the AMCOM work force are proteges to top level officials in the command who serve as their mentors. It's called the People Empowering People mentoring program.

The program's sixth cycle, with 13 proteges and their mentors, culminated with a ceremony March 17 where certificates were presented.

"This is an important part of the leadership development program out here at AMCOM," said Ronnie Chronister, deputy to the commander of the Aviation and Missile Command. He presented certificates to the participants from Sept. 17, 2007 through March 16.

Chronister stressed the importance of people finding mentors to help them as they progress in their careers. "I still have mentors," he said.

He also pointed out that the mentoring program is among a number of leadership development tools, and that the participants should know the other programs and see what works best for them.

"This is a good starting point for you as you go forward in accomplishing your career objectives," Chronister said.

AMCOM human resources director Tim Grey encouraged the proteges to share what they learned by becoming mentors in the future. "Don't let it end here," he said.

Caville Blake, a software project lead in the AMCOM Chief Information Office G-6, was a protege to command chief of staff Col. Tom Newman. He has worked at G-6 (Information Management) five and a half years. His 14 years of government service include nine years as a Soldier.

"One of the things I feel was very important to me was getting the big picture," Blake said.

Blake was able to shadow the chief of staff and accompany him to meetings throughout the command.

"Having that exposure lets you know what's critical to the command," Blake said. "It lets you understand how important your job is and how it ties in to what everybody else is doing."

AMCOM human resources specialist Megan Smith, administrator for the People Empowering People mentoring program, provided the following list of participants from the sixth cycle:

• **Mentors** — Mike Achord, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; Bill Andrews, Integrated Materiel Management Center; Ronnie Davis, IMMC; Tim Grey, G-1; John Kelly, IMMC; Bryan

Lorge, Safety Office; Col. Tim Newman, chief of staff; Tom Pieplow, Security Assistance Management Directorate; Steve Rainsford, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment; Lori Reynolds, G-1; Greg Spolarich, G-3; Margaret Tribble, G-2; and Rick Turner, TMDE.

• **Proteges** — George Cash, PEO Aviation; Sharon Schuff, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center; Queen Utley, IMMC; Nicole Barnes, TMDE; Brooke Griffith, IMMC; Tom Mailey, OCI; Caville Blake, G-6; Debra Lively, SAMD; Bruce Kyle, G-3; Tamara Williams, Inspector General Office; Glenn Guillen, IMMC; Tonya Aldridge, G-2; and Sara Northcutt, IMMC.

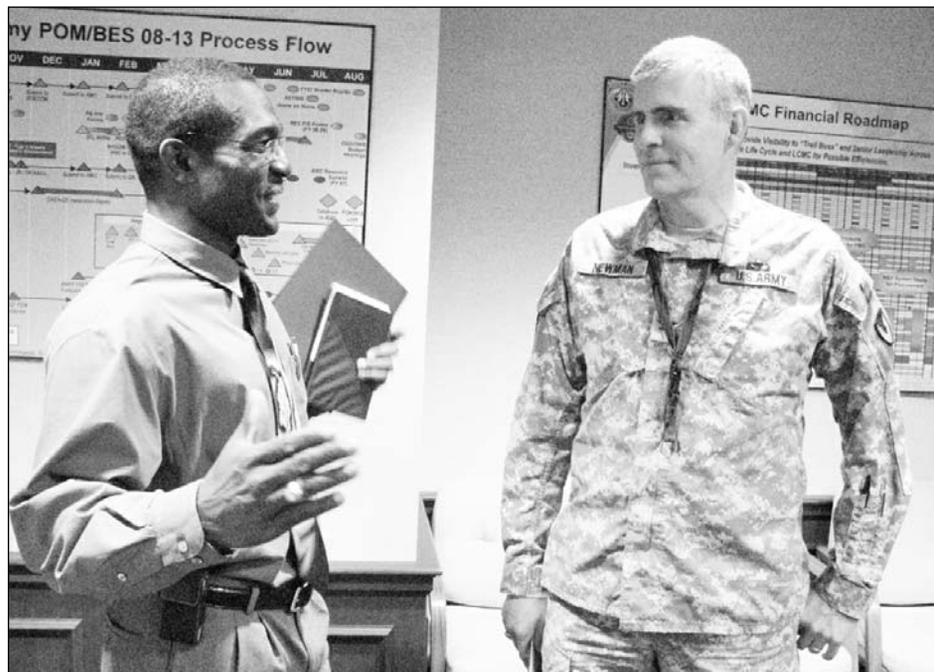


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SHARING INFORMATION— Caville Blake of AMCOM Chief Information Office G-6 talks with command chief of staff Col. Tom Newman, who was his mentor for six months.

Local director runs worldwide testing network

Thomason receives top award from Joint Forces Command

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Two years ago, Bradley Thomason's job didn't exist.

But today, his job – leading the Information Operations Joint Management Office for the Department of Defense's Joint Forces Command – touches every combat command and joint war-fighting capability.

"We work in support of the Joint Warfighting Center at the Joint Forces Command," Thomason said. "Our job is to execute all the Information Operations programs for the Joint Warfighting Center. The Joint Forces Command makes sure all forces are trained, equipped and ready to fight. In support of that mission, we provide non-kinetic warfare operations for the combat commands."

Since 2006, Thomason, who works out of offices at both AMRDEC and the Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, Va., has led efforts to establish joint Information Operations in the areas of electronic warfare, computer network operations, military deception, operational security and psychological operations. And, with JFCOM's IO network growing in both capacity and the number of government customers it serves, Thomason was recently recognized with the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award, presented by Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya of Joint Forces Command.

"Receiving the award was very flattering. It surprised me," Thomason said. "It

recognizes a lot of work that has really made a difference for the combat commands. There isn't a blueprint anywhere of someone doing this before us."

Under Thomason's direction, nine AMRDEC workers and about 90 employees representing the Army, Navy and Air Force work in offices at Redstone Arsenal and in Suffolk, Va., Tampa, San Antonio, Baltimore and Las Vegas "to provide a truly joint effort, a truly distributed (computer networked) program involving all services. In two years, we went from being nothing to being a worldwide operational network that annually supports over 60 classified events."

IO employees work in every major theater, performing tasks involving everything from mission rehearsal to testing capability. The organization has 40 sites, but that will grow to about 100 when at full capacity.

"We provide the support capability that allows Information Operations to be integrated into combat commands," Thomason said. "Our team provides support so that combat commands can work jointly in testing methodologies and capabilities used to go in and defeat the threat."

These joint tests, training and experimental opportunities are done with the use of computer network simulations rather than with the actual movement of Soldiers and equipment, thereby minimizing testing and training time, speeding up processes, reducing costs and reducing risks. And, since they are joint operations, there is also a reduction in the duplication of efforts and an increase in unity of effort throughout DoD.

Thomason has worked at Redstone Arsenal for about 20 years, 16 of those with the Simulation and Training Command's Threat Systems Management Office. He was working for Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center when he was asked by JFCOM to stand up IO capabilities. That led to the formation of the IO Joint Management Office under JFCOM.

"We have several projects, but our most significant program is the Information Operations Range," Thomason said. "This is a worldwide classified network that allows us to provide real time support to combat commands during simulations and tests.

"For example, we can have a non-kinetic weapon in one area of the world firing at simulated targets in another area, and we can provide information to the combat command in real time. The command can use that information to test even more capabilities and rehearse actual operations. We will set up the test range for the command and they can use it to rehearse different scenarios so they have an idea of what would happen in real combat."

The IO range is a valuable tool for joint research and development, modeling and simulation, developmental and operational test and evaluation, technical analyses, training, battlefield and technology demonstrations and other computer-based missions.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BIG THINGS FROM SMALL FOOTPRINT— Bradley Thomason, director of the Information Operations Joint Management Office for the Department of Defense's Joint Forces Command, leads the IO network and its support staff from a nondescript AMRDEC office. He also maintains an office at the Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, Va. The lean-and-mean philosophy of the IO office is providing low cost, high quality simulated testing environments via a computer network for the Department of Defense's combat commands throughout the world.

Before the IO range was established, executing an exercise to support the combat commands could take up to nine months, and involve building test equipment and hardware along with a testing environment. With the IO range, the test environment is always in place, cutting preparations for a testing or training exercise to a few weeks and reducing costs that once ranged between \$250,000 and \$1 million to \$50,000 to \$100,000.

IO also provides a program called VISION (Virtual Integrated Support for the Information Operations Environment) that supports all command operations.

"A lot of people call us a test network because we test a lot of different things and we do support a lot of programs in the training center," Thomason said. "But we actually support a system's entire life cycle. We can provide support for all the life stages of a system used by a combat command. VISION is an acquisition program where we build all of the tools needed for integration, analysis, planning and assessment of systems."

Though IO was developed in support of JFCOM's goal to sustain the operational readiness and rapid availability of the military services and to provide capabilities needed in joint operations, Thomason said JFCOM's IO will continue to expand outward to other government users.

"We're still a long way from being complete and where we want to be," he said.

"Our investments have been with the combat commands and services to date. But, at full capacity, the range of the network will extend worldwide and to all commands and to NATO and our international partners. We also envision providing IO services to other agencies both within DoD and without, such as the FBI and the State Department."

But the organization will continue to have a small footprint, a lean and mean philosophy of operation.

"We will always provide support in a cost effective manner," Thomason said. "We will always run the network the way it was envisioned – distributed in nature."



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RECOGNITION FOR SUPPORT— Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya of the Joint Forces Command presents Bradley Thomason of AMRDEC with the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award. Thomason received the award for his work in leading the development of the Information Operations capabilities in support of JFCOM's mission to ensure all Department of Defense forces are trained, equipped and ready to fight.

Returning Iraqi families receive aid

By Sgt. 1st Class TAMI HILLIS
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FOB KALSU, Iraq — Waving their flags of peace, members of the Mamouri and Khazraj tribes walked toward the Gharani tribe, led by Sheikh Muhammed.

Sheikh Muhammed and the Gharani tribe welcomed the returning displaced tribes with open arms.

Tears rolled down the faces of some tribe members as famous poems were recited. The Arab custom being performed was a welcoming home tradition. First to recite a poem was the Gharani tribe, followed by the Mamouri and Khazraj tribes. All tribes sang and danced in a display of acceptance and welcome.

“Those feelings and poems are important to the Arab culture,” said Lt. Col. Dane Barksdale, commander of 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

The recitation of poems and meeting of the three tribes marked one of their first gatherings since the families were displaced more than three years ago due to sectarian violence in the area.

“There were a lot of problems in the area we call the Golden Hills and the Obeidi region,” Barksdale said. “Now with the security structure there, with the Sons of Iraq, the Iraqi Army and us, it’s safe for these families to come back home. They all want peace.”

Coalition forces and the Iraqi Army helped these 260 families get back on their feet through a humanitarian aid mission March 11 just outside Patrol Base Copper.

Editor’s note: Sgt. 1st Class Tami Hillis serves with 4th BCT, 3rd Inf. Div. PAO.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Tami Hillis

FOOD ASSISTANCE— Members of the Mamouri and Khazraj tribes receive food assistance bags March 11 just outside Patrol Base Copper, Iraq. One bag can sustain a family of four for a week’s period and contains rice, beans, sugar, cooking oil, tea, tomato paste and spices.

Kiowa helicopter pilots describe fire fight in Iraq

Unmanned aerial systems give target information

By Spc. MICHAEL HOWARD
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IRAQ — Minimizing your aerial exploits must be a part of possessing the right stuff. As four pilots of Thug Troop, 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment sat down to dine after one of the biggest and most dangerous missions of their deployment, conversation revolved around a missing box of pencils and who might have hidden them.

Engaged with the box of pencils and their unknown thief, the standout Thug Troop Kiowa Warrior pilots practically ignored the mission that resulted in seven enemy KIA, three enemy WIA, and hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage to the insurgents. For the Kiowa pilots, Dec. 30 may as well have been any other day.

The mission started out in sheep's clothing, seeming as mundane as most of the hundreds of missions the pilots had flown during the six months they had been deployed. The pilots were on a daily patrol when they were tasked to destroy a van that 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment's Unmanned Aerial Systems platoon had seen firing a large caliber weapon from its rear doors and that had been involved in an arms transfer. The pilots received clearance to fire and headed off toward the vehicle.

The pilots fired at the vehicle, momentarily scattering the occupants. In response, a number of armed locals rushed in toward the vehicle and fired in concert at the two Kiowas above. This was the point when the once routine mission exploded into one of the biggest firefights of Thug's deployment.

Calling on instincts developed over hundreds of engagements, the pilots reacted well-nigh instantaneously. Thug Troop pilots Cpt. Peter DiGiorgio and 1st Lt. Robert I. Sickler dived with .50-caliber machine guns blazing, closing the distance between themselves and the insurgents while Chief Warrant Officer 3 Thomas Boise and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Susan



Photo by Jason Kaye

TRAINING MISSION— A 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment OH-58 Kiowa Warrior fires a Hellfire missile at the Yakima Training Center, Wash.

Weathers hovered above and provided cover.

Though the Kiowas inflicted heavy damage on the insurgents, the insurgents scored as well, hitting Sickler's and DiGiorgio's aircraft.

"As we came in, we were taking fire from our 12 o'clock. We engaged with our .50-cal. We broke left and as we broke left we caught some more rounds, we heard 'ping-ping-ping-pong-pong-ping.' The pings were the rounds going through the airframe and the pongs were the rounds hitting the yoke, which is a major junction in the flight controls," Sickler said.

Sickler and DiGiorgio swooped even lower, hugging the ground to avoid further damage, which could have easily been fatal. Sickler tried their radios, but they were no longer operational. As Sickler performed a damage check, the results boded ill for the remainder of the mission.

"Both of the screens in the aircraft went blank so we started checking engine parameters and they were all green. We started pulling power and we got on the other side of a nearby building. Then one of the screens came back up and we started getting warnings about low engine oil pressure, and a number of other warning messages," Sickler said.

With their communications out, Sickler

and DiGiorgio flew back around the building, and attempted to get Boise and Weathers' attention so that they could return to base. Sickler decided to throw smoke out of the aircraft door.

"It was a shot in the dark but it worked," DiGiorgio said. Boise and Weathers saw the smoke, got the message and accompanied Sickler and DiGiorgio back to the airfield. They contacted the tower and got Sickler and DiGiorgio cleared to land.

Making it back to the base was in itself nearly a miracle.

"The way we were flying, we actually were pretty sure the engine was going to quit at some point," Sickler said. "We could smell burning, we weren't sure what was going on. We actually considered landing outside the FOB because we didn't know whether there was a fire in the cockpit or what was going on. It was pretty hairy."

Even with the mission's inherent danger underlined in the damaged aircraft they piloted back to base, the pilots never considered abandoning the mission when they were safely back. The pilots rushed into a new aircraft while Thug maintainers worked frantically to bring the aircraft off the ground in record time.

To save time, Sickler, previously the gunner, jumped into the pilot seat on the

new aircraft as DiGiorgio shut down the damaged Kiowa.

"So when we landed, Capt. DiGiorgio shut down, I was in the left seat so he was shutting down in the right seat," Sickler said. "I ran over to the other aircraft and got it running. And as I was getting it running, Capt. DiGiorgio came running up and jumped in."

The Thug maintainers refueled Boise and Weathers' Kiowa while Sickler and DiGiorgio got the bird ready, and the pilots flew back into action, utilizing the revolutionary new sensor-to-shooter link to find the insurgents effortlessly.

"UAS was still tracking the guys who hit us," Sickler said. "They tracked them into a sedan and they still had eyes on the vehicle. So we went back out and they talked us back onto the sedan."

The pilots had clearance to fire on the sedan when they arrived, so Boise and Weathers wasted no time in engaging it with a Hellfire missile.

"The Hellfire missile hit the roof of the sedan and detonated just beyond the vehicle, causing severe damage to the vehicle, enough that it could no longer be driven," Boise said.

The sedan swerved violently off the road and came to a stop. "Everybody got out of the car and started running in different directions," Boise said. "Then we were told to engage with rockets, so we went in with rockets, and engaged in close quarters.

"On the third pass, Sickler engaged a guy with a rocket and got a direct hit," Boise continued. "At this point we went with M4 out the left door and engaged another guy. We wounded the individual, and he ran until he linked up with a family. There were women and children, and he mixed right in with them. We ceased fire on that cowardly (individual). Then we went back, and continued to fire at the car until it ceased to exist. The command wanted us to destroy the vehicle completely."

Reflecting on their successful mission, Sickler and DiGiorgio said that much of the credit went to the radio transmission operators in the Tactical Operations Center and the Unmanned Aerial Systems Platoon, 66th Military Intelligence Company, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment out of Fort Hood, Texas.

Javelin users won't forget first meeting

International users of the Javelin missile system converged on Orlando, Fla., this year.

They attended the first Javelin System International Group meeting Feb. 5-7 at the Wyndham Orlando Resort. The event was conducted by the AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate, the Close Combat Weapons Systems Project Office, and the Javelin Joint Venture.

The purpose of the meeting was to bring Javelin international users together and to share with them

information on past, present and future issues and events concerning the system. Information was provided on the plans for future growth of the Javelin, operational and improved maintenance capabilities and reducing operating costs.

Attendees included representatives from Ireland, Norway, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, Jordan and the United Kingdom. There were also representatives from the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Cen-

ter, DASA (DEC), Marine Corps, Army Security Assistance Command, and the Training and Doctrine Command's Capability Management Office.

The meeting also gave the Army the opportunity to offer the group its insights into future capabilities that users might wish to include in their arsenals.

Javelin is a medium range, man-portable, shoulder-launched, fire-and-forget, anti-armor weapon system.

Letterkenny depot plans building

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Construction of a multi-million dollar missile complex, known as a Missile Monitoring and Certification Facility will soon be under way at Letterkenny Army Depot.

The depot was notified Feb. 14 that funding for \$11.6 million was released to the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers who have awarded a contract for construction of the new missile complex on depot. Lobar Inc., Dillsburg, Pa., was awarded the contract that contains a spring construction start date. October 2009 has been targeted as the anticipated completion date. *(Letterkenny release)*

■ Variety of education programs available

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standardized test), undergraduate admissions tests, graduate admissions tests, certification, guidance and interest tests.

Most tests are offered on a funded basis for all eligible military personnel including Coast Guard. Some programs may be offered to civilians on an unfunded, space-available basis. Military personnel who fail to achieve the recommended score may take a funded retest after waiting 180 days. For individuals attending classes through distant learning, the Education Center provides test proctoring services.

Personnel desiring to test at the Education Center must speak with a counselor then schedule an appointment with the test examiner. Current test center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Effective April 1, test center hours will be from 7:30-3:30 Tuesday to Friday. Also individuals will be able to view a test schedule posted on the Education Center's web site. For more information on testing or other programs and services offered at the Education Center, please call 876-9761 or e-mail redstone.edcenter@us.army.mil.

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■ Program participant enjoys experience

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paper on a topic of your choice. A research class and English class are provided to assist you in writing the research paper. The English class wasn't as intimidating as I first thought it would be.

Each fellow was assigned two senior mentors. These mentors provided individual guidance about leadership skills or your topics of interest. I had two great mentors who gave me the opportunity to attend a Huntsville Chamber of Commerce federal agenda meeting as well as several Von Braun Center for Science & Innovation board meetings. These meetings have allowed me to meet many business leaders who are serving the Huntsville community. We also enjoyed many distinguished guest speakers during the program such as AMCOM commander, deputy commander, PEOs, NASA deputy director, presidents and CEOs of companies. These meetings are labeled non-attribution which allows all the freedom for candid discussions.

Courses that we have completed include the program managers course (PMT 401). This course teaches critical thinking concepts and provides the opportunity to practice those concepts. Another benefit of the course is media training. We were videotaped while participating in a friendly and hostile interview. Witnessing yourself during a hostile interview will certainly give

you something to reflect about. We also completed a crucial conversation course that I would recommend to all supervisors. In fact, my organization the Joint Attack Munition Systems, had DAU teach this course to our supervisors. While attending a Capitol Hill workshop in Washington, we met with our congressman and the deputy secretary of the Treasury. These meetings require you to think a little broader, more strategically, and to understand some of the issues that our nation is currently facing.

This program will definitely sharpen your leadership skills, and it will also allow you the time needed to reflect on these skills. In addition, valuable friendships and partnerships are formed among the fellows. I would not hesitate to call one of the fellows during a dilemma or tough decision to receive a second perspective.

Another important part of the fellowship is supporting the community. Our class chose to support two nonprofit organizations: the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Foundation, and Habitat for Humanity.

As you may have already guessed, the DAU Senior Service College Fellowship Program is a five-star leadership program and I will always be a strong advocate of this program. If you have questions, please call me (895-3240) or one of the other fellows.

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Joint Attack Munition Systems

New system on block makes grade

Air-to-air missile passes field test

By Maj. JOHNATHAN HURWITZ
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The Surface Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile has achieved a testing milestone.

Block I system field integration and testing of the SLAMRAAM cruise missile defense system was conducted March 3-14 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Two integrated fire control stations, two launchers and two Sentinel radar groups underwent critical system level integration tests at White Sands. The system successfully acquired, tracked single and multiple threat representative targets and conducted simulated engagements.

This is the first of three blocks of system level field integration and tests that SLAMRAAM's prime contractor Raytheon will conduct prior to its specification compliance developmental testing and missile live firings next year.

The start of the system field integration



Courtesy photo

PROVEN PRODUCT— Testing of the SLAMRAAM cruise missile defense system is conducted March 3-14 at White Sands Missile Range.

is a key event for the program currently in system development and demonstration.

"Moving the system out of the laboratory and to the field for system level integration and testing marks significant progress for the program and brings us

one step closer to fielding this capability to the war fighter," SLAMRAAM product manager Lt. Col. Mike Tice said.

SLAMRAAM is the Army's next generation medium range advanced air and missile defense system providing protection against a variety of cruise missile threats, unmanned aerial vehicles, fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. The program is managed by the Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project Office under the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

The system consists of a missile launch platform mounted to the Humvee M113, an Integrated Fire Control Station for command and control, an organic external sensor (currently the Sentinel radar) and the Air Force AIM-120 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile interceptor. Block I of the system field test conducted at White Sands provides evidence that the hardware-in-the-loop integration efforts of the launcher, IFCS, Sentinel and AMRAAM are successful in a field environment, with Block II and III taking place over the next 12 weeks.

Continued success will move the pro-

gram to its next critical test of demonstrating full capability scheduled for second and third quarter of fiscal 2009.

"This success marks a significant milestone, demonstrating the commitment of the government and contractor team," deputy product manager Susan Christensen said.

This is an affordable, state-of-the-art air defense system that defeats current and emerging cruise missiles and a wide range of air breathing threats. It does this by integrating surveillance, command and control, fire direction, fire distribution, and engagement capabilities using an open, distributed and networked architecture.

The system provides interoperability by participating on the Joint Data Network, with data sources that include adjacent Air Defense Artillery elements and higher echelon elements. SLAMRAAM elements provide their own unit location and receive ground situation awareness by participating in the Force XXI Battle Command, Brigade and Below network.

SLAMRAAM's milestone-C decision is scheduled for fiscal 2010 with first unit equipped in FY '11.

Armor and Infantry to train together

Fort Benning officer provides update

By JUDY WILSON
For the Rocket

"The first time these guys see each other on the battlefield shouldn't be the first time they meet." In other words, brothers in war should be brothers in training.

So states Col. Frederick Wolf at the recent Society of American Military Engineers meeting at the Officers and Civilians Club. Wolf is now the deputy Garrison commander for transformation, Fort Benning, Ga., just after returning from Iraq.

He commanded the Gulf Region Northern District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, headquartered at Speicher, Iraq until coming to Benning last August.

Wolf is in the thick of creating the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, a concept that has Infantry and Armor training side by side. Target date is 2011.

To make that happen, as the Armor school relocates from Fort Knox, Ky., to



Photo by Judy Wilson

ENGINEER PRESENTATION— John Rivenburgh, left, president of Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers, introduces Col. Frederick Wolf, deputy for transformation, Fort Benning, Ga.

the largely rural Army installation which covers thousands of acres in western Georgia and east Alabama, requires a huge accomplishment in infrastructure.

Several Corps of Engineers entities are hard at work to support this transformation. Mobile District is handling the Environmental Impact statements, Huntsville Center is buying the furniture and furnishings, while Savannah District has construction responsibility.

Taking time to make difference in child's life

Volunteer mentors serve community

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Sometimes children need more than they are getting from home or school to flourish. A person with a different viewpoint who shows an interest in them can make all the difference in their world. Mentorship is a small commitment that can yield big results for local kids.

"A lot of our kids don't have anyone at home to do more for them, to encourage them," Ruby Turner, Alcohol and Drug Program manager, said. "It gives them a sense that school is important."

The mentorship program began a little over 10 years ago. It is not a large program, but it tries hard to make a large impact on the community it serves, Turner said. The sizeable and varied work force on the installation makes Team Redstone an ideal pool from which to draw mentors.

"I'd like to see more Soldiers and retirees involved," Turner said.

The process to become a mentor is easy. Once they sign up to be mentors, volunteers go through a brief training process. Checks are also in place to ensure that mentors are suitable for the school environment.

"A background check is conducted," Turner said.

After that is completed, they are connected with school officials, who match them up with a child. Currently the program works with two elementary schools in the area, Williams and University Place.

"We want to work with younger children," Turner said. "If we start at a young



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

WILLING TO SERVE— Sharron Schuff, left, and Nancy Readus give their time to schoolchildren as mentors.

age, I think we can keep a lot of these kids out of trouble as they become teenagers."

The time commitment is small. Mentors are required to spend one hour a week with their designated child. The time is scheduled during school hours when it is mutually convenient for the mentor and child. Some, like Sharron Schuff, time their hour in conjunction with their lunch break.

"It kept me from taking too much time off from work," Schuff, a secretary in AMRDEC, said.

In the past, supervisors and commanders have allowed mentors to schedule their weekly time as part of their regular work hours. Turner hopes to see that continue.

"The commander at the time we started, which was Maj. Gen. (Jim) Link, authorized four hours a week for community work," Turner said. "I think it encouraged people to give back."

Different kids have different needs. Some are struggling to keep up with their classmates in certain subjects. A mentor

taking a little extra time to work with them in those areas not only helps their grades, but also their self-esteem.

"Whatever the teacher thought the child needed, I would do," Schuff said. "We'd go to the library. I even made my own flash cards to help him with reading and simple math."

Other kids just want someone to talk to about the issues they face in their personal lives, longtime mentor Nancy Readus, who works in AMRDEC Tech Data, said. Knowing they have a confidant with a ready ear allows them to talk about the things that are bothering them.

"My child didn't need help with her schoolwork. She was having family problems," Readus said. "I just talked to her. Her parents were going through a divorce. We talked about the things she liked to do. We just talked. That's what she needed."

The main requirement of any mentor is consistency. If they make a commitment to a child, they must honor it. This means being punctual and dependable. Knowing their mentor will be there without fail each week builds confidence within the child.

"They look forward to you coming. When they know that you will be there it means something to them," Schuff said. "They count on you."

For more information or to become a mentor, call Turner at 842-9895, Schuff at 876-3483 or Readus at 876-6990.

"It's important for these children to know we care about them," Readus said. "They need to know that someone cares about them other than their parents or their family. It means a lot to a child that you are coming from your job and saying to them 'I want to help you. Let me help you.' They respond to that."

War fighter returns home for full recovery

National Guard's Jessica Newey says experience made her stronger

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At first glance, Jessica Newey seems like any typical student at Columbia College on Redstone Arsenal.

Young, serious and focused on her studies, she comes and goes just like other students who juggle college part time while also working or taking care of their family.

Yet, Newey has lived through experiences as a Soldier serving in Iraq that set her apart from other young college students.

"I'm still the same person. My personality hasn't changed," she said. "But my views are different. I appreciate things a lot more. I'm more mature than most 20-year-olds. I don't feel 20. It's just changed my outlook on things."

Alabama Army National Guard Spc. Jessica Newey is a hero by any military standard. She is the recipient of a Purple Heart, a symbol of the months of hospital and medical care she has endured from injuries she sustained in war. She is an Iraqi war veteran who is still very much committed to the Army that sent her off to war.

Newey served in Iraq as a gunner for the 128th Military Police Company, an Alabama Army National Guard unit based in Huntsville and deployed to Iraq from October 2006 until October 2007. However, Newey returned early from the war due to repeated concussions after attacks to her Humvee by improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades.

"I was injured several times, but it wasn't noticeable," Newey said. "We went through a ton of IEDs. The biggest explosion – from the rocket-propelled grenade attack – was on April 24 (2007). I was the rear gunner on the rear vehicle. I fell out of the turret that day."

Newey suffered from a concussion from that attack. Two weeks later, her Humvee was hit by an IED and Newey suffered a second concussion. That's when the headaches, short-term memory loss, insomnia, nausea and vomiting began.

"After a concussion, you're not supposed to be put back in situations where you can get another concussion," Newey said. "But I couldn't stay on the FOB. They were shorthanded to begin with and you think you are fine. And you feel an obligation to your squad."

Her mom, Rachel Gentle, at home in Huntsville, was worried for her daughter. "I could tell something was wrong,"



Photo by Kari Hawkins

RECOVERING TOGETHER— Alabama Army National Guard Spc. Jessica Newey leans on her mom, Rachel Gentle, during her recovery from traumatic brain injuries and back injuries she sustained while serving as a gunner with the Guard's 128th Military Police Company in Iraq. The support Newey has received from the Community Based Health Care Organization and Fox Army Health Center and from the local military community has helped her on her road to recovery.

Gentle said. "I would e-mail her about things and then I would talk to her and she wouldn't remember anything I had e-mailed to her."

With her problems persisting, Newey went to the sick hall. From there, she was sent to Balad for medical treatment and, in June, she was sent to Germany where an MRI showed a swollen frontal lobe. She also had ruptured discs in her back and an annular tear.

Newey was returned to the U.S., where she was treated at Fort Bragg, N.C., before returning to Huntsville in September to undergo additional treatment through the Community Based Health Care Organization on Redstone Arsenal.

"I was so glad when she came home," her mom said. "She could get better faster with her family and with doctors who knew her and in a community that knew her. This is just a great city for Soldiers. There's so much support here."

"It took so much pressure off me. I knew once she got home she would be on the road to recovery."

Besides the CBHCO, Newey and her mother said many Soldiers at Redstone Arsenal – especially Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center, and AMCOM's Command Sgt. Maj.

Ricky Yates – along with military retirees have provided tremendous support.

"She is taking things one day at a time," Gentle said. "But she is doing so much better than before. When she first came back from Iraq, it was one minute at a time and one hour at a time. So, one day at a time is great. She is way better than she was when she got off the plane at Fort Bragg."

And, Newey's classes at Columbia College are serving a two-fold purpose – one, to help her obtain a college degree and, two, to help her regain the use of her short-term memory.

"The neurologist thinks college is going to be cognitive therapy for me, that it will benefit me in more than one way," Newey said. "It's making my brain work trying to remember."

"Before this, I was always a quick learner. I had a great memory. It's frustrating and disappointing in a big way."

It was college that led Newey to join the Alabama Army National Guard in the first place. She signed up on Feb. 16, 2006 after completing two semesters as a criminal justice major at Troy University.

"I really didn't know what I wanted to do with my life," she recalled. "I was thinking I wanted to work for the FBI or

CIA. I was told that having some military experience would help me with that down the road.

"I had, like, a plan, and it was to join the National Guard. And I stuck with that plan even though I knew my unit would be going to Iraq. I talked to my chain of command and they told me there was a big chance that I was going to go to Iraq."

Newey graduated from her military police advanced individual training course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on Aug. 24, 2006, spent 10 days in Huntsville on leave and then joined the rest of the 128th at Camp Shelby, Miss., for training in preparation for deployment.

"At Fort Leonard Wood, I was the first in my training unit to find out I was going to Iraq," she said. "So, my drill sergeant and my trainers put me in charge of a lot of things to make sure I had the training I needed. They rushed me through."

"I felt I was ready. But I didn't know what to expect. At Fort Leonard Wood, we would wake up at 4:30, go to bed at 8 and train all day. That's the Army I knew."

At Camp Shelby, Newey fell in with her platoon pretty quickly. While there, she trained even harder for her deployment.

"It was awful going through the training. But, looking back, we all made pretty good friends and it wasn't as bad as I thought," she said. "All the hard training and everything we did made us better Soldiers for Iraq."

On Oct. 16, 2006, Newey and the rest of the Soldiers of the 128th Military Police Company had "boots on the ground" in Kuwait. They spent almost two weeks undergoing further training and getting adjusted to the time change, heat, sun and sandstorms.

The 128th arrived in Iraq just two days before the verdict in the Saddam Hussein trial and near the time for the country's recognition of Ramadan – not a good time to be a U.S. Soldier in Iraq.

"The day the verdict came out that sentenced Hussein to death was not a good day," Newey recalled. "We were not allowed off the FOB (forward operating base)."

Newey's platoon was assigned to Tikrit, where their mission was to work with and train the Iraqi police. During her first months of deployment, Newey was a trainer on the .50-caliber machine gun. But, as time went by, the platoon became shorthanded and she was also assigned to serve as a gunner on missions.

"Our primary mission was training Iraqi police. But there's a ton of other stuff going on in a war zone. The joke was that MP stood for multi-purpose. We would do anything," Newey said.

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■ Soldier recovering from her injuries in Iraq war Fighter

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“On missions, I spent most of my time in the turret scanning my sector. Most of the time, when we went out on missions, we weren’t with the Iraqi police. They didn’t want to be seen with us because of the danger of association. We only patrolled the city with them once or twice.”

Newey was chosen to serve as a gunner because of her keen eye.

“I qualified high and it’s known that females have a quicker reaction time,” she said. “The only thing I didn’t like about it was the weather. When it rained, I had to sit there. Then, I’d be freezing and soaking wet. Then the sun would come out and I’d start to dry. Then, it would rain all over again.”

On the day of the April 24 attack, Newey remembers brushing her injuries off and going on with her duties as a gunner.

“When something like that happens, your training and instinct takes over and you instantly know you have to get back up and protect your fellow Soldiers,” Newey said. “You don’t have time to think. You just do what you are trained to do.”

“Everybody has a specific job and if you don’t fulfill your job or if you are not completely alert then that affects everybody else. If I hadn’t returned fire, then there’s no telling what would have happened.”

In fact, gunners often live for attacks like the ones Newey survived.

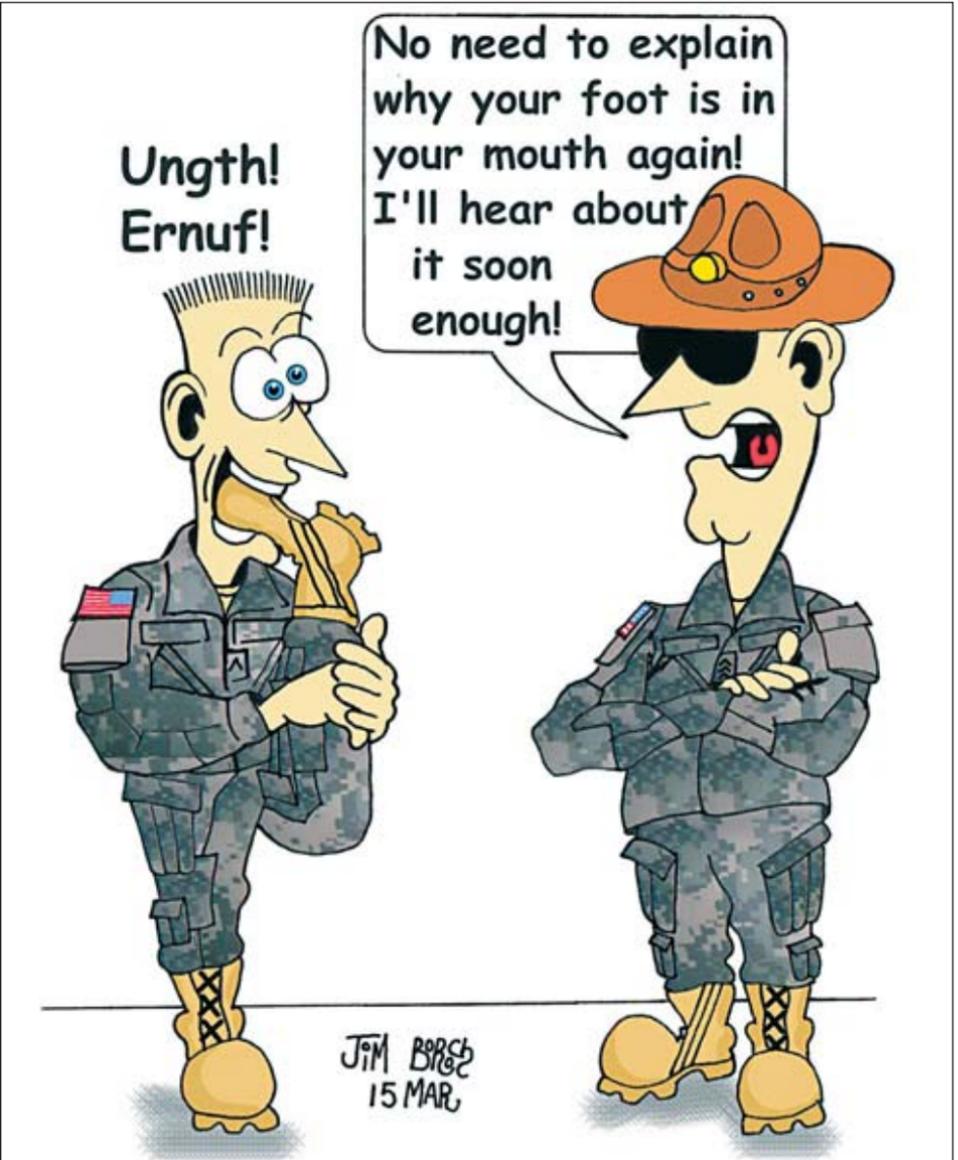
“Most gunners want a chance like that,” she said. “Every time you go down the road, you are role playing in your head, you are asking yourself ‘What if a guy starts shooting right now from that direction or another direction?’ You are looking and searching for someone who might attack or for an IED. You want to be the one who says ‘Stop! I see a wire!’ You want to use your training.”

Today, as Newey recuperates from her injuries, she says her experience in Iraq has made her a stronger person.

“I would do it over again,” she said. “Everybody has a role in this world, and a Soldier is trained and that’s their duty.”

Although her mom isn’t sure how she feels about her daughter’s future military career, she is there to support Newey through her recovery.

“Regardless of how long, I’m committed to her,” Gentle said. “Not only is she my daughter, but she’s served our country. And any Soldier who has served our country deserves a lot of support.”



Worker puts life-saving training in practice

Research center engineer assists accident victim

By MERV BROKKE
 AMRDEC Public Affairs

For one member of Team Redstone, recently trained and certified in administering Standard First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and operating the Automated External Defibrillator for Adults through an Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering program, the test of his newly acquired skills came sooner than expected and he was more than ready to help during an emergency life-threatening situation.

Hal Aycock, electronics engineer, System Simulation and Development Directorate, Advanced Experimentation Branch, APEX I Laboratory, while traveling on Research Park Boulevard on the morning of Feb. 15, came upon an accident scene and used his recent training to help save a life and prevent others from being injured.

"I was on my way to work and was the first car to come upon the scene of an auto accident. I did not see what happened, but it appeared a car had pulled out in front of an oncoming car and was hit hard; square in the passenger door," Aycock said.

In the blink of an eye, Aycock's training kicked in and he took the first of four Red Cross life-saving steps by checking the scene for safety.

"When I arrived, both drivers were out of their vehicles but a passenger was still seated. I turned on my hazard lights, looked around, and got out of the car.

"I knew one of the drivers and I asked if everyone was OK," Aycock said.

He determined that the drivers were unharmed but the female passenger was injured.

"She somehow had ended up in the back seat, was slumped over, but alert. The car seemed safe with several cars protecting it now. There was no need to move her and make things worse," he said.

After checking the scene, Aycock then directed a bystander to call for help; the second of four life-saving steps.

"I had two cell phones and my friend used one to call 911, while I checked on the passenger," he said.

Knowing that help was on the way, Aycock began the third of four life-saving steps – care for the victim — directing his attention and training to aid the injured passenger.

"OK, check for injuries. 'Where do you hurt?'"

"She told me her leg, side and side of her head.

"OK, hard lick to the head, but at least she is answering questions. Her pupils looked normal, same size, her speech was not slurred.

"Obviously she was in a lot of pain, but I saw no blood, so I told her just stay seated and rest," Aycock said.

With three of the four life-saving steps completed, Aycock continued his care of the injured passenger by remaining with her until medical help arrived.

"This all only took about 4-5 minutes until an EMT showed up.

"As we traded places, I told him quickly that she seems alert but has a lot of pain in her leg, side and head," Aycock said.

AMRDEC safety engineer intern Ken Stacy praised Aycock's skills and quick reactions in this emergency situation.

"Hal's actions during this life-threatening situation are indicative of his strong

character and the thoroughness of his training that made him act to help another and do it by the book," Stacy said. "Like the others who have volunteered to take the Red Cross training and become AED certified, he is a tribute to AMRDEC and Team Redstone."

Aycock is one of 112 AMRDEC employees who have been trained and certified in administering Standard First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and operating the Automated External

Defibrillator for Adults since the program started in October 2007.

"I wanted to thank AMRDEC for providing the Red Cross Basic First Aid and AED training," Aycock said. "I'm not sure if I did everything textbook correct but it was a good feeling to have things from class to start popping into my mind."

Editor's note: The female passenger was treated at a local hospital, released the same day and is doing well.



Photo by Merv Brokke

GOOD WORK— Electronics engineer Hal Aycock, left, and AMRDEC safety engineer intern Ken Stacy discuss the life-saving steps Aycock employed during a traffic accident that occurred Feb. 15.

Title doesn't come easy for Headquarters & Alpha

Gators battle back from 19-0 deficit against HHC 59th

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The Headquarters & Alpha basketball team found itself trailing 19-0 early in the championship game March 17 against HHC 59th.

But the Gators battled back. The deficit was down to 29-14 at halftime. And the Gators took their first lead at 44-42 on James Walker's basket with 1:35 left in the game.

Amos Jackson put HHC 59th up 46-45 on his 3-pointer in the final minute. But the 59th was whistled for a foul with two seconds left.

Marcus Bradley made two free throws as Headquarters & Alpha won the title 47-46 at Pagano Gym.

Walker finished with 25 points, 10 rebounds and four steals for the Gators (12-2). Bradley had 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."

"It was a total team effort," Headquarters & Alpha coach Terry Hamil said. "They played their hearts out. The Gators are just dedicated. That's what happens whenever you get Soldiers together. They work hard, they're dedicated, they deserve it."

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. Jackson had nine points on three 3-pointers.

"I wish that we could play without a questionable call at the end of the game," HHC 59th player/coach Bobby McSwain said. "That was a good game."

Active Duty 74, Retirees 52:

The troop all-stars led 36-31 at halftime and pulled away in the second half against their retired counterparts March 18.

"We started off slow," Active Duty coach Brian Walker (Marines) said. "We didn't know if they were in shape or not. Once we saw they were out of shape and got tired, we started pressing them. We started running the ball more. Once we saw they were tired, we took it to them."

Damian Cason (Marines) scored a game-high 16 points. LaQuaine Bess (HHC 59th) had 13 points and seven rebounds. Kenster Shannon (326th Chemical) added 12 points. Jeff Reuter (HHC 59th) had a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Alvin Johnson and Kenneth Ravenel scored 12 points apiece

for the Retirees. William Kelly, a former All-Army softball player, had six steals and seven rebounds.

Retirees coach Al Whitted confirmed that his players got tired after intermission.

"Second half, youth took over from old age," Whitted said. "The retirees gave it a good effort. Two more players and you never know. But they gave it their best."

Sports director Gaylene Wilson was pleased with this first Active Duty vs. Retirees all-star game.

"I'm going to do it for softball, too," she said. "I think it was great. Good sportsmanship, everybody seemed to have fun. I'd like to thank (Active Duty coach) Brian Walker, and retirees Al Whitted and William Kelly for organizing the Retiree team."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GATORS GLOW— Headquarters & Alpha players celebrating their championship include, from left, Jericar Martinez (22), James Walker (15), Marcus Bradley (21), John Tucker (in back), Dwayne Metcalf, Eric Davis (35), Patrick Johnson (in back), Owen Headman (44) and Josh Poe hugging HHC 59th's Jeff Reuter (50).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TROOP HOOP— Kenster Shannon scores for the Active Duty team against the Retirees and Horace Wilson (4) in the all-star game March 18. Active Duty won 74-52.



Photo by Shannon Haston

TV show guest

Guess who's in the kitchen? Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski appears on the "He Cooks, She Cooks Southern Style" television show as the guest of Shirley Dawson. The show was filmed March 18 and will air Saturday morning at 8 on Channel 19 WHNT.

Catholic congregation takes spiritual journey

Parish Youth members perform Stations of Cross

By **DAVE MACEDONIA**
For the Rocket

Parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley Church on Redstone Arsenal were treated to a special presentation of the Stations of the Cross on March 14.

The Parish Youth, guided by Craig and Denise Lindsey, presented the 15 Stations of the Cross, using character silhouettes behind a large curtain. Two speakers, Kilian McGroary and Sarah Macedonia, guided the audience of more than 100 parishioners through the Stations of the Cross.

The speakers explained that Mary, the mother of Jesus, made the first way of the cross alongside her son. Their presentation was an attempt to present through Mary's eyes what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary. Father Ray Kopec closed the evening with a blessing and thanked the Lindseys and the Parish Youth for their presentation.

The Parish Youth who participated in this presentation of the Stations of the Cross included Will Byers, Vinnie and Mariana Delany, Emmanuel Frye, Nick Lindsey, Amanda Macias, Farrah Miller, Brittany O'Driscoll, Jason Ruzicka, Amanda and Joe Schrenk, Drew Sarette, Ashlan Smith and Alexandria Van Rassen.

The Stations of the Cross is a Catholic devotion which commemorates the Passion and death of Jesus Christ. Each of the 15 stations represents an event which

occurred during Jesus' Passion and death at Calvary on Good Friday.

The stations were originally performed many centuries ago by Christian pilgrims who visited the Holy Land and the sites of Jesus' Passion. Promotion of the devotion to the Stations began in earnest with the Franciscans, who were given custody of the Holy Places in the Holy Land in the 1300s. Countless Catholics have all enriched their spiritual lives with this devotion.



Photo by Jena Macedonia

TRUE DEVOTION— Parish Youth present the 15 Stations of the Cross, using character silhouettes behind a large curtain March 14.

Hang up wireless waste through April

Workers encouraged to recycle cell phones

The “Wipe Out Wireless Waste” campaign is under way at Redstone Arsenal, and employees are encouraged to recycle their old cell phones through April for a good cause.

The project was started by Keep America Beautiful, a national, volunteer-based community action and education organization working to improve the environment. The goal of the campaign is to keep wireless phones out of landfills and generate proceeds for community improvement and revitalization projects.

The City of Huntsville Operation Green Team, a city-funded organization that promotes environmental consciousness, is sponsoring the event at Redstone. All campaign proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society’s “Relay for Life,” an overnight event designed to celebrate cancer survivors and raise money for cancer research and programs.

Employees can drop off their old cell phones at the following locations: Gates 1 and 7 on Martin Road, Gate 3 on Redstone Road, Gate 8 on Goss Road, Gate 9 on Rideout Road, and Gate 10 on Patton Road.

For more information, call Bennie Jacks at 544-7848.

Sexual assault awareness focus of month

Sexual assault is a crime that is not compatible with military service. Each April, the Department of Defense and other organizations across the nation observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

This annual event provides the opportunity to highlight the efforts that the DoD and military services are taking to combat the crime and promote prevention through special activities and public education. This year’s theme for SAAM is “Prevent Sexual Assault: Ask! Act! Intervene!”

The theme was chosen as a reminder that your actions can make a difference in someone’s life. Lack of action puts our friends, families and co-workers in jeopardy.

When you see someone who looks like they could use assistance, ask them if they need help. When they ask for help, be sure to step in and assist. If someone

doesn’t recognize trouble, do something to intervene and prevent the situation from becoming worse.

Within the last three years, the DoD and military services have created new policies to address sexual assault prevention.

The goal of this new approach is to establish a climate of confidence throughout the military in which:

- Sexual assault and the attitudes that promote it are not tolerated;
- Victims of sexual assault receive the care and support that they need; and
- Offenders are held accountable for their actions.

Find out more about what you can do to prevent sexual assault by participating in local SAAM events during April. Your efforts could have a long-term effect on one of your fellow servicemembers. (Defense release)

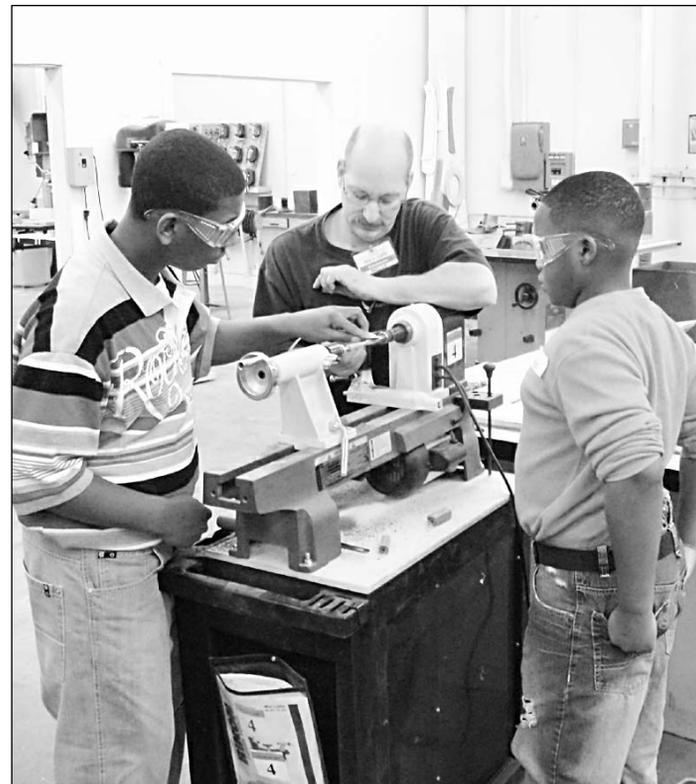


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Crafts lesson

Arts and Crafts Shop volunteer Phil Nichols teaches two youngsters how to turn pens during a mentoring session March 17. The 100 Black Men of America, Greater Huntsville Chapter, brought a group of “Men of Tomorrow” boys to the shop for the session.

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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. Saturday 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 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 divisions (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 (jimcrum10@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.

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.

Turkey shoot

Outdoor Recreation will hold a Turkey Shoot on April 5 at 10:30 a.m. There will be prizes. Cost is \$3 per shot. If you do not have a weapon, Outdoor Recreation can provide one for you. For information call 876-4868.

Football camp

The fourth annual Walter Jones Football Camp is May 24 at the Jones estate, 2699 Jeff Road in Harvest, home for the Seattle Seahawks offensive lineman. This free camp is for ages 8-13 and ages 14-18; and attendees must not yet have finished high school. There are 200 spaces apiece for ages 8-13 and 14-18. Registration is April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dicks Sporting Goods, 6275 University Drive northwest. Parents must accompany their child for registration. Walter Jones will be available for autographs.

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.

Firefighters classic

The sixth annual Huntsville Firefighters Golf Classic is June 14 at Colonial Golf Course. Cost for this four-man scramble is \$60 per player. Proceeds benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For more information, call Glenn Benson 828-7842 or Larry Ayers 651-6312.

Boating safety classes

The Coast Guard Auxiliary provides safety instruction to boaters at all levels, from the fundamental to the advanced. The courses are taught by experienced and knowledgeable instructors committed to the highest standards of the U.S. Coast Guard. For more information about Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety classes or to find a class, visit http://nws.cgaux.org/visitors/pe_visitor/index.html.

Golf tournament

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

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Courtesy photo

Early flight

International student Simona Munda from Slovenia stands in front of the Quick monoplane at the Davidson Center for Space Exploration on March 14. This monoplane was invented by William Quick from New Market and was the first flown in Alabama and the first of its kind in the United States. It was one of the first designs to use a conventional streamlined fuselage and to seat a pilot in an upright position. The International Military Student Office took 19 international students to visit the new center.

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 Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon is April 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. Scheduled speaker is U.S. Rep. 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 both strategic and tactical backgrounds an opportunity to receive instruction and obtain a wide range of information on logistics systems, programs, capabilities



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International grads

Cpl. Eon Irving of Guyana, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Muhammad Shabbir of Pakistan attended the Ammunition Specialist Course from Jan. 8 through March 13. Shabbir was recognized as the Distinguished Graduate.

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 Thursday 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.

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Sister conference

The first Sister Conference, to address women's issues, is April 12 at the Marriott Hotel, 5 Tranquility Base. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and breakfast at 9, followed by workshop sessions. Tickets are \$10. An award banquet, for presentation of Space Camp scholarships to high school females interested in math and science, will be held April 11 at 7 p.m. The banquet ticket cost is \$40. Cost to attend both the banquet and conference is \$50. This is sponsored by the Greater Huntsville Area Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. For more information, call Helen Drake 890-1029 or 704-0005 and Marsha Readus 430-6882.

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.

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 Thursday for both diners and non-diners with Lois Guendel 880-8643.

Engineering tutorials

IEEE will hold tutorials during IEEE SoutheastCon 2008, April 3-4 at Embassy Suites in Huntsville. For more information, call Keith Judus 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 428-1308. The web site is <http://www.ncms-midsouth.org/>.

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

of eight to 100. Pre-registration is required by Friday by calling the YBL office 882-6003. YBL is a workplace ministry to men.

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/>.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today 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. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

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.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assur-

ance, 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.

Bookkeeper job

The Thrift Shop has a job opening for bookkeeper. Requirements include a thorough knowledge of Quick Books financial

program and 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.

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 desig-

nations 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.

Commissary sale

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

Autism fund-raiser

April is Autism Awareness Month. The Autism Society of Alabama is supporting a fund-raising walk April 12 at Chapman Middle School. Sponsors, walkers and donations are sought for this event. The walk gets larger every year and will include a moon bounce, goody bags, and crafts for the kids, plus a resource fair for the parents. Pre-registration is \$25 and includes a T-shirt (\$30 day of the walk). To sign up call 1-877-4AUTISM or visit www.autism-alabama.org. All donations are tax deductible.

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.

Orchid society

The Heart of Dixie Orchid Society will hold its annual spring event Saturday and Sunday at the Holiday Inn-Research Park, 5903 University Drive, in front of Madison Square Mall. The Saturday times are sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and show noon-5 p.m.; and the Sunday 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.

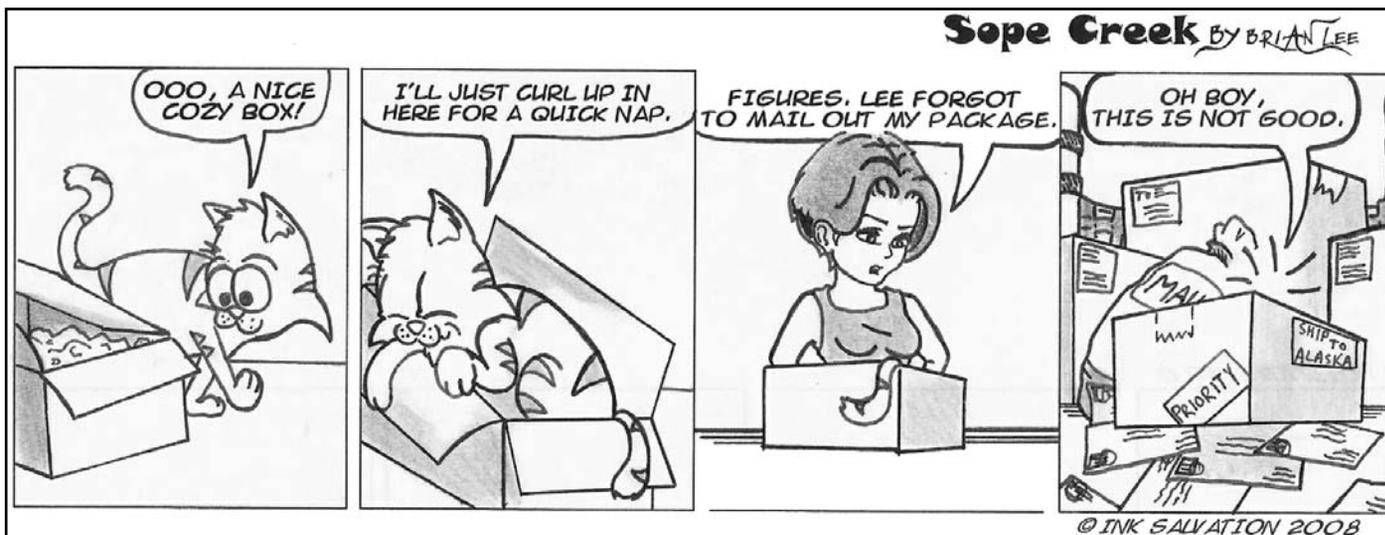
Butler High reunion

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-cambren@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.

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.

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Rocket Announcements

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.

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.space-camp.com/daycamp.

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 McDaniell, 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 at lyndsey.shelton@us.army.mil or mail them to NLOS-LS Project Office, ATTN: Lyndsey Shelton, building 5250, Martin Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

Senior health fair

The Senior Health Fair, presented by the Care Assurance System for the Aging, is April 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Madison Senior Center, 1282 Hughes Road. For more information, call the Senior Center 830-1576 or CASA of Madison County 533-7775.

Red Cross blood drives

American Red Cross blood drives include the following: this Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive; April 10 from 7-noon at Ground Based Midcourse Defense, 5000 Bradford Drive; April 11 from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers, 4820 University Square; and April 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at MDA, 106 Wynn Drive.

Women's history month

The Women's History Month observance program is March 31 at 10 a.m. at Bob

Jones Auditorium. Keynote speaker is Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer.

Crafts show

The Northeast Alabama Craftsmens Association will have its spring show Friday through Sunday at the Von Braun Center. Admission is free. Show times are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation April 1 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call

Barbecue benefits

Barbecue cookouts, sponsored by the Depot Maintenance Division and Transportation Division to benefit Army Emergency Relief, are April 3 and May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside building 5302. For more information call Deborah Asberry 842-6026, Rickey Dorsett 876-1157 or Aubrey Fencher 876-4009.

Employment briefing

A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct a Federal Employment Briefing on April 3 from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. The information provided will help participants to understand the federal application process. Topics will include recruitment sources, Resumix procedures, candidate evaluation, and the referral process. This session is open to all military ID card holders. To reserve a seat, call ACS at 876-5397.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

Emergency vehicle

Redstone firefighter Tom Carr, left, and driver Brian Crampton look over the new equipment that came with the recent delivery of a new Striker 1500 crash truck. They are among 32 fire department workers who have been trained to operate the crash truck. Housed at the fire station at Redstone Airfield, the crash truck will be called into service during aircraft emergencies, including anything from hot brakes at landing to a downed aircraft.

Wine tasting

Join the Officers and Civilians Club on April 4 from 5-11 p.m. for its International Wine Tasting. Tickets are \$15 per person and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, live music, and door prizes. Call 830-2582.

Screenwriting workshop

A screenwriting workshop, presented by

screenwriter Gena Ellis, is April 5 from 4-6 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Arts Center, Lowe Mill, 2211 Seminole Drive in Huntsville. Sponsored by the Alabama Filmmakers Co-op, the cost is \$10. This will be followed at 7 p.m. by a film screening, and presentation about Film Festival Highlights; cost for that is \$5 for those not attending the workshop. See contact information at www.riterwings.com.



Photo by Tim Hipps/FMWRC Public Affairs

Opening night

Cpl. Amber Jones, a parachute rigger from Clifton Park, N.Y., who is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., brings ballet to rehearsals for the 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show at Fort Belvoir, Va. Opening night for the seven-month tour of installations across the United States, Germany, Belgium and Italy is set for April 11 at Fort Belvoir's Wallace Theater.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

March 26, 2008 The Redstone Rocket

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
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
SCBK08591572D	Mechanical Engr	26-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08597567	General Engr	26-Mar-08	SMDC	GS-0801	15	15	108,964 - 141,657		X										
SCBK08597625	Electronics Engr	26-Mar-08	SMDC	GS-0855	14	14	92,633 - 120,421		X										
SCBK08650332	Lead Program Analyst	26-Mar-08	Acq Supp Cnt	NH-0343	4	4	92,633 - 141,657			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08644557	Police Ofcr	26-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X			X	X						
SCBK08636045	Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913				X				X				X
SCBK08588801	Mgmt Analyst	26-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DE-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
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
SSCBK08625612	Human Resources Tech (Staffing/OA)	27-Mar-08	CHRA, CPAC	YB-0203	2	2	36,801 - 65,080						X	X					
SCBK08634139	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X										
SCBK08644934	Mech Engr	27-Mar-08	AMCOM, TMDE ACTVTY	GS-0830	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X										
SCBK080347561	Supv Civil Engr; Supv Electrical Engr; Supv Architect; Supv Mech Engr	28-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YF-0810;0850; 0808; 0830	3	3	87,977 - 148,740					X	X		X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08619311	Supply Tech	28-Mar-08	GARRISON	GS-2005	7	7	37,164 - 48,308		X										X
SCBK080508660R	CAREER Development Prgm Spec	28-Mar-08	AMCOM, TMDE ACTVTY	GS-0301	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X										
SCBK08649407D	Chemist	28-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-1320	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08597977	Sec Spec	28-Mar-08	AMCOM, Security Div	GG-0080	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X										
SCBK08307773D	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
SCBK08607509	Logistics Mgmt Spec	31-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X										
SCBK08654935	Oper Research Analyst	31-Mar-08	SMDC	GS-1515	12	12	65,921 - 85,701			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					
SCBK08634547	Human Resources Tech (Classification/OA)	1-Apr-08	CHRA, CPAC	YB-0203	1	1	19,282 - 43,476						X	X					
SCBK08619195	General Supp Spec	2-Apr-08	GARRISON	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500		X										X
WTST08621834	Security Spec	2-Apr-08	AMCOM, ISD	GG-0080	7	9/11	37,164 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08660235	Staff Asst (OA)	2-Apr-08	SMDC	GS-0303	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X										
SCBK08654407	Prgm Analyst	2-Apr-08	AMRDEC	DE-0343	2	3	30,001 - 85,701		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-0861	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08616969	Attorney	3-Apr-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0905	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08631167	Supv Chief Info Ofcr	3-Apr-08	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	YC-0301	3	3	91,729 - 148,740		X	X			X	X					X
SCBK08623395	Executive Prjct Ofcr	3-Apr-08	AMCOM, Command Grp	GS-0301	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X											
SCBK08616641	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Apr-08	IMMC	GS-0346	11	11	54,999 - 71,500		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
SCBK08611801	Supv Materials Engr	7-Apr-08	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		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
SCBK08573574	Supv Contract Spec	7-Apr-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-1102	3	3	90,373 - 145,107				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08573574D	Supv Contract Spec	7-Apr-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-1102	3	3	90,373 - 145,107	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08662249	Safety & Occup Health Spec	7-Apr-08	GARRISON	GS-0018	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		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
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
SCBK08586418	Lead Industrial Engr	10-Apr-08	AMRDEC	DB-0896	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		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
SCBK08586831	Civil Engr	11-Apr-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	45,015 - 65,921					X	X						
SCBK08586831D	Civil Engr	11-Apr-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	45,015 - 65,921	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08583048	Lead Aerospace Engr	17-Apr-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08558341	Equip Spec (Aircraft & Electronics)	29-Apr-08	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,701				X				X				X
SCBK08608580	Equip Spec (General)	7-May-08	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,468				X				X				X
SCBK08616231	Equip Spec (Aircraft)	7-May-08	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,468				X				X				X
SCNAFBK0813	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.88 - 9.88	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0821	Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.85 - 10.93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0822	Lead Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Outdoor Recreation	NF-0189	2	2	7.61 - 13.97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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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
SCBK08636045	Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Mar-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913				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
SCBK08649407D	Chemist	28-Mar-08	AMRDEC	DB-1320	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08307773D	Civil Engr	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
SCBK08307773D	Environmental Engr	31-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08307773D	Geologist	31-Mar-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-1350	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08621834	Security Spec	2-Apr-08	AMCOM, ISD	GG-0080	7	9/11	37,164 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08592832	Aerospace Engr	3-Apr-08	TSMO	GG-0861	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08616969	Attorney	3-Apr-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0905	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	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
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
SCBK08573574D	Supv Contract Spec	7-Apr-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-1102	3	3	90,373 - 145,107	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
SCBK08586831	Civil Engr	11-Apr-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	45,015 - 65,921					X	X						
SCBK08586831D	Civil Engr	11-Apr-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	45,015 - 65,921	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07347979D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

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

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

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at [www.redstonem](http://www.redstonemwr.com)