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# Celebrating our military children

Month of Military Child brings events each year

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This is a special month for a special group of people.

Every year, the Defense Department celebrates April as the Month of the Military Child. Redstone Arsenal joins in with a schedule of events, planned by Child and Youth Services, for military families.

"Their parents serve the military in war," Evelyn Carnes, training and curriculum specialist at the Child Development Center, said. "They're here 12 hours a day because of longer hours and deployment. Some of them have one parent. Some of them have power of attorney because both parents are deployed. You have situations like that."

The main thing that sets military children apart from the rest of the population today is that their parents are deployed or "could be deployed at any time," she said.

The theme for this year's



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GETTING STARTED**— Jael Kelley 5, a preschooler at the Child Development Center, reaches for flexi-blocks. He's the son of Air Force recruiter Staff Sgt. Jerry Kelley and Arlene Kelley.

observance is "Early Years are Learning Years."

"The Month of the Military Child also demonstrates our

commitment to youth," Carnes said. "I believe we should recognize our youth because they're a very special part of our programs for what they do and what they represent – our country."

"One of our most important resources is our children. Being that the Month of the Military Child is also celebrated around the world, we should recognize that our children are our most important resource because they're our future."

Nilda Daily and her husband, Air Force Master Sgt. Rodney Daily, have a 2-year-old son, Darius.

"(Military children) are more open to other cultures," Nilda Daily said. "They're well-rounded because they travel; they experience things the majority of the civilian people don't see like going overseas and other states and being with different cultures. Compared to other kids, they're well-rounded because they're exposed to different cultures."

Activities – which began with a kickoff parade April 1, weather permitting, at the Child Development Center – include the following:

- Olympic Day is April 18 at 10 a.m. at the ball field at Goss and Hughes roads. The children will have a torch relay. Events include a tunnel crawl, Frisbee throw, football throw, balance beam, basketball toss, and soccer kick.

- Western Day, on April 25 at 11:45 a.m. at the Child Development Center, is for parents, children and staff of the center. It gives a chance for parents to eat with their children.

- Block Party has been moved to May this year because of past experience with weather. It's May 3 from 1-4 p.m. at the Youth Center grounds. The outdoor fun includes food, music and games.

For more information on the Month of the Military Child events, call Carnes at 876-7952.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**JAEL'S ARCH**— Military child Jael Kelley decides what to create March 25 at the Child Development Center.

# An open lane random survey

What's the best thing about spring?

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Cpl. Gerald Gambino  
Marine Detachment

**"Better weather; you can start breaking out the spring clothes. No more of this cold weather."**

2nd Lt. Susana Ash  
Charlie Company

**"The sunny days and warm weather; they brighten the day."**



James Mullis  
Redstone Airfield,  
contractor ERC Inc.

**"The warm weather, because I can't stand the cold weather."**

Larry Marvin

Redstone Airfield operations officer  
**"It's coming out of the house. It's everything turning green. It just feels like everybody has a great spring attitude. I love it. Best time of the year."**



## Volunteers inspire by example

National Volunteer Week was established by executive order in 1974 as an annual celebration of volunteerism. This year, April 27 to May 3 has been designated National Volunteer Week. During this week we take time to thank the many volunteers who contribute their time and talent to improving the quality of life in our community.

This year's national theme is "Inspire by Example." It reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the people they help as well as to inspire others to serve.

Without volunteers, many services we enjoy would not be possible. Volunteers support our community through human services, health care and education.

They help guide our children through mentoring, Scouting, religious education and sports programs. They help beautify our surroundings. Our outdoor life and recreational programs are supported by volunteers, and our civic organizations raise funds for scholarships, Space Camp, special events, disaster relief and welfare in the community.

On behalf of the entire Redstone Arsenal community, I am proud to recognize our fine volunteer force and join others throughout the country who this week celebrate volunteers.

**Maj. Gen. Jim Myles**

AMCOM and Redstone commander

## Officer's lessons learned in war

The following are observations of a staff officer, one in the cast of thousands or as we affectionately become known as a "Nug," "Knuckle Dragger" or "PowerPoint Ranger" that worked with those in the field of contingency contracting downrange in 2007-08. Listed are mere views from one trooper's foxhole or desk fighting position.

This letter and 50 cents will buy you absolutely nothing. At best you take away an info nugget or two, maybe we make some changes to how we do business, I get educated from your feedback and possibly I've entertained you for at least 5.243 minutes of your life.

Way back when dinosaurs roamed the Earth — or approximately 12 months ago — when I arrived in the theater of operations completely unannounced to the command like we do for some reason; despite our ability to zip e-mail about the planet faster than light with every humorous joke and video clip known to mankind as a file attachment. But personnel management and unannounced arrival to a command is for another letter. There, you have the trailer for the next feature film. So, there I was.

We swept in at night in a UH-60 helo, low illumination with chaff and flare popping like machinegun fire as we headed for the landing zone; mortars going off all around and me with four suitcases, three duffel bags, I-pod, laptop, cell phone, PDA, 800G external hard drive of music and not a 110 volt outlet anywhere to be found — it was terrible. Dang it, Jim, someone get me a latte!

I had already been questioning the assignment. I mean we spelled the abbreviation for contracting officer with a "K" versus a "C" — as in "KO" vs. "CO." This was a most interesting info nugget and it set the tone that words are power in the world of contracting. Then the correlation and confusion that would result hit me. If we had the "CO" acronym running about all over the place that would be bad ju-ju as the term

"CO" would represent both Commanding Officer and Contracting Officer. Thankfully the acronym police wrestled this one to the ground quickly before the genie got out of the bottle; propagated and took on a life of its own. Remember the resulting confusion the term Commander-in-Chief verses CINCs and now we have the term Combatant Commanders. So words and acronyms matter.

My goal is to address five points resulting from my observations of contingency contracting, and they are:

- Should a contracting officer be a generalist or specialist?
- Should program managers (51A) and junior contracting officers (51C) be allowed to swim in the same gene pool as Level III KOs?
- Bank tellers and contracting official representatives — do they really have more in common than we imagined?
- KO tour lengths — is shorter better?
- E-mail management — can it be tamed?

**Lt. Col. Russ Dunford**

*Editor's note: This is the first part of a letter from Lt. Col. Russ Dunford, who is deployed. It will continue in next week's Redstone Rocket.*

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## Quote of the week

'A kind word is like a spring day.'

— Russian proverb

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Holly Andries

**Job:** Flight dispatcher at Redstone Airfield, works for contractor Alutiiq LLC

**Where do you call home?**  
Bluff Park, Ala.

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

I like meeting people and seeing all the different aircraft that come in. And being where I can see outside – not boxed in.

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

I like going horseback riding, camping, swimming and just doing things with the kids (son Curtis Riggins, 14, and daughter Dixie Riggins, 12).

**What are your goals?**

Mine and my hubby's goals are to get everything paid off where we can get and go with the kids and not have to worry about all the bills. And hopefully get a house with 40 acres for the horses, and then we'll add to it. Become self-sufficient.

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

Country



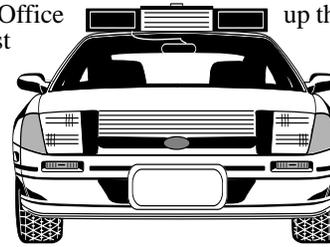
# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**March 23:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after stopping at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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**March 25:** An individual stopped at Gate 9 to obtain a visitor's pass, but did not have his driver's license. A check through NCIC revealed that his license was suspended. He was issued a violation notice and released. His vehicle was secured at the gate awaiting a licensed driver. The individual who came to pick



up the vehicle was checked and their license was suspended; and since they were driving, they were issued a violation notice and released. Awhile later, two more people arrived to pick up the vehicle. When the driver taking the vehicle was checked to ensure her

license was valid, a misdemeanor warrant from Limestone County existed. A check with Limestone County revealed the warrant was active. She was arrested by Redstone Police and released to a Limestone County deputy.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 33 speeding, 7 failure to obey traffic control device, 4 driving with a suspended driver's license, 2 expired tags, 1 failure to yield, 3 improper backing.

# Security Assistance Command starts arriving this summer

*Forty percent of its workers expected to move with jobs*

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The commander of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command says he and his workers look forward to moving to Redstone Arsenal under base realignment and closure.

"This is an exciting time for USASAC," Brig. Gen. Michael Terry said Thursday while visiting Redstone. "This is the next phase I believe in the evolution of the command which was established in 1975."

Coming to Redstone are the command's headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va., and its finance capability in St. Louis.

"We expect about 40 percent of our personnel from Fort Belvoir and St. Louis to make the move to Redstone," Terry said. "We'll be pursuing hires to fill the remainder positions."

"We have a very senior staff, people involved in foreign military sales in the world for many years. For people in D.C., quite a few are coming to Redstone which



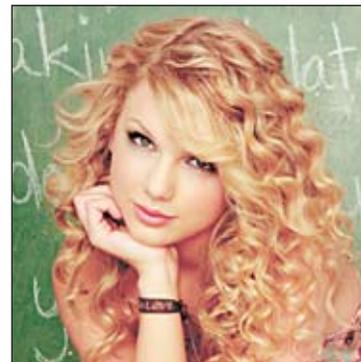
Photo by Skip Vaughn

**READY FOR MOVE— Brig. Gen. Michael Terry is commander of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, based at Fort Belvoir, Va.**

is exciting. We have a good team, very focused, very passionate. They believe in what they're doing and excited about this area and what it offers – affordability, culture, infrastructure. The community is wonderful. They've reached out to us."

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# Redstone Arsenal goes big time with country stars



**Taylor Swift**

*Concert tickets on sale now*

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Country is coming back to Redstone Arsenal.

Established as the largest ticket-selling genre in the history of Army Concert Tours at Redstone Arsenal, country music will once again be the main attraction at the 2008 outdoor concert scheduled for Memorial Day weekend.

And headlining that concert will be country stars Taylor Swift and Rodney Atkins with special guest Kellie Pickler.

"Country music is the perfect fit for us," said Mark Germonprez, business operations officer for Moral Welfare and Recreation.

"We've had two huge years with country music (Montgomery Gentry in 2005 and Carrie Underwood in 2006). And because of that we really decided to stick with the country genre if the talent was available."

This year, that talent was available, with MWR picking up the very first performers who were offered by Army Entertainment.

"We've never had co-headliners before," Germonprez said. "And, with as hot as Taylor Swift is right now and with Rodney Atkins hitting it big with his singles, this was a great offer."

"Taylor is one of the hottest things going in country music and Rodney has four big hits. You can hardly turn on country

stations right now without hearing his hit 'Cleaning My Gun.' And, Kellie Pickler (American Idol, season five) is a pop country star who is sure to bring in a big American Idol crowd."

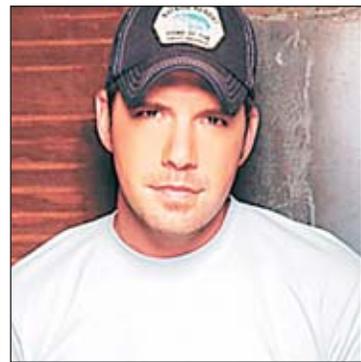
The concert should appeal to audiences of all ages, and to

music fans that enjoy country as well as pop/rock.

"This is a real good music mix for us," Germonprez said. "Taylor Swift will bring in a younger crowd and she also has a big crossover crowd. Rodney Atkins will draw an audience of

fans that he has built over the years of his career. He's a good draw for longtime, mature country audiences. And, Kellie Pickler will be big with American Idol fans."

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**Rodney Atkins**



**Kellie Pickler**

## Portfolios on the country stars

### Taylor Swift

At age 16, country music singer-songwriter Taylor Swift made her debut on the U.S. Billboard country charts with her first-ever single "Tim McGraw." Also in 2006, she released her self-titled debut album that has produced four Top Ten singles on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, including the number one single "Our Song," and "Picture To Burn" and "Teardrops On My Guitar." A pop version of "Teardrops On My Guitar" has also been a top single.

Swift won an award for Breakthrough Video of the Year at the 2007 County Music Television Awards. In October 2007, the Nashville Songwriters Association International honored her with the Songwriter/Artist of the Year Award, making her the youngest artist ever to win the award. That same year, she won the 2007 Country Music Association's Horizon Award. She was nominated for a 2008 Grammy Award for Best New Artist.

Swift has performed on America's Got Talent and Dance Wars. She has been an opening act for Tim McGraw and Faith Hill as well as George Strait, Brad Paisley and Rascal Flatts.

### Rodney Atkins

Country music singer-songwriter Rodney Atkins charted his first single "In A Heartbeat" on the Billboard country charts in 1997. But he didn't enter the charts again until 2002 with the Top 40 single "Sing Along." He landed his first Top Five hit on the country music charts in 2002 with the single "Honesty (Write Me A List)."

In 2006, Atkins' second album, "If You're Going Through Hell," produced four number one hits on the country music charts – "If You're Going Through Hell (Before The Devil Even Knows)," which was the number one country song of the year for Billboard magazine in 2006; "Watching You," which was the number one country song of the year for Billboard magazine in 2007; "These Are My People;" and, most recently, "Cleaning This Gun (Come On In Boy)."

Atkins was named Top New Male Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music in 2006.

### Kellie Pickler

A pop country music singer-songwriter, Kellie Pickler, 19 at the time, broke into fame as the fifth-place contestant on American Idol during its fifth season. After her elimination, she appeared and sang on several television shows, was a guest host of The View and performed with the American Idol Pop Tarts tour ensemble for three months.

Pickler released her debut album "Small Town Girl" in 2006. The album has produced three singles on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs Charts – "Red High Heels," "I Wonder" and "Santa Baby." Her debut album topped Billboard's Top Country Albums and made her the best selling new country solo artist of 2006. She also received a nomination from the Country Music Television Video Awards for Best Breakthrough Artist and from the Academy of Country Music Awards for Top New Female Vocalist, both in 2006.

## ■ Army concert tour returns to Redstone in May

# Concert

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The outdoor concert is scheduled Saturday, May 24 at the Arsenal parade field.

"We think this weekend will work for us because it's a three-day weekend," Germonprez said. "Even though some people will be going out of town, there are others who will stay in town and many who will travel to Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal just for this concert. The acts are strong enough that we will attract a lot of folks."

Tickets for the concert went on sale this week. Ticket prices are only \$20 through Friday. After Friday, tickets will be \$25. They will go up to \$30 the day of the show.

Tickets can be purchased on Redstone Arsenal at ITR, Red-

stone Bowling Center, Post Exchange, Officers and Civilians Club and post restaurants. Off post, tickets can be purchased at TicketMaster and select Regions Bank locations.

In addition, MWR will be selling 240 premium tickets for \$68 each. Premium tickets allow concertgoers to enjoy the concert from a reserved area just right of the stage. They include food and drink as well as access to tables and chairs. These tickets can only be purchased at ITR and Officers and Civilians Club.

**A**t Redstone Arsenal, Swift, Atkins and Pickler will be performing in a part of the U.S. where country music rules. The number one radio station in the area is country megawatt WDRM.

"Country does well for us because country is big here," Germonprez said. "WDRM is

proof of that. And we are really happy to have WDRM promoting this concert for us."

In 2005, Montgomery Gentry became the biggest selling performer in the history of MWR concerts on Redstone Arsenal, selling 7,700 tickets. The next year, American Idol and country megastar Carrie Underwood and country star Josh Turner sold out the concert, selling 10,000 tickets. Last year, country star Dierks Bentley and the country group Heartland sold a respectable 5,000-plus tickets.

"We had some crowd issues with the Carrie Underwood concert that may have caused our dip in ticket sales last year," Germonprez said. "The Carrie Underwood concert was the largest concert we've ever had on the Arsenal. It was huge and we were a little unprepared for the size of the crowd.

"But we've addressed those issues, we fixed those issues last

year and we guarantee a smooth transition into the concert area this year."

**O**n concert day, Gate 10 (Jordan/Patton Road) will open to concertgoers at 3 p.m. Concertgoers must have a valid driver's license or other form of identification if over the age of 16 (those under 16 are not required to have identification). Those driving on post must have a valid driver's license, and proof of tag registration and insurance.

"We really want to stress to everybody who comes on post regularly to use a gate other than Gate 10," Germonprez said. "Use Gate 9, Gate 1, Gate 3, any other gate but Gate 10. Leave Gate 10 for those who don't have regular access to Redstone Arsenal. This will help reduce congestion at Gate 10 and it will make it easier for members of the Redstone Arsenal community to get on post in a timely fashion."

Gates into the actual parade field will open at 6 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7 p.m. There will be plenty of parking, and several food and beverage vendors. Concertgoers should bring lawn chairs, blankets and sunscreen.

"You should come prepared to have a good time," Germonprez said. "And you might want to get there early to get a good seat."

Funds raised from the concert will go to MWR in support of Soldier programs and activities on Redstone Arsenal.

"There's not a more noble cause," Germonprez said.

**S**ponsors for the concert include Budweiser/Bud Light, Bill Heard Chevrolet, *The Huntsville Times*, Chase Credit Card, Knology, Redstone Federal Credit Union, Papa John's Pizza and Fox 54.

For more concert information, visit the MWR web site at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

# Easter fun for all at annual egg hunt

Tradition continues  
at Vincent Park

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"Happy Easter, mommy," Madelyn Rainey said as she gave her mom a little purple flower.

Wearing a princess crown and dressed in pink, 5-year-old Madelyn was happy to wait for the Easter bunny and the fun that she knew would unfold at the annual Easter Egg Hunt on a sunny Saturday afternoon at Vincent Park. She whiled away the time picking flowers, dodging through the growing crowd in search of the Easter bunny, and practicing her techniques for finding and picking up colorful, plastic eggs in the grass.

"She has to get that arm ready," joked Madelyn's mom, Kris Rainey, a NASA contractor.

For Madelyn and many of the children who congregated at the park gate, the Easter Egg Hunt on March 22 is an annual tradition.

This year was Madelyn's third time to participate. While she searched for flowers and pretend eggs in the grass, 10-year-old Gage Watson and his buddies — 9-year-old Tyrese Jemison and 10-year-old Nick Sons — challenged each other to get the most eggs. Gage was hoping for 10 eggs, Tyrese for 15 and Nick for 20.

"I'm the shortest and the oldest and the fastest," Nick said, referring to his buddies. "I can see better. So, I'm going to get the most eggs."

Gage has been attending the Easter Egg Hunt since he was 2. His brother and sister — 4-year-old twins Sarah and Case — also have a lot of experience, making their debut at the Easter Egg Hunt when they were only 2 months old.

"This is a lot of fun for all of us," said their grandmother, retired Redstone Arsenal employee Linda Smith. "We always make sure to come to the Easter Egg Hunt."

As the crowd of more than 150 kids and parents continued to gather in the park, they were given some pointers by Andre Terry, division chief of Child and Youth Services for Morale Welfare and Recreation, which sponsors the annual event.

"There are a lot of eggs and prizes," he said, speaking to the crowd through a megaphone.

"We've split the kids up in three age groups. This is important because, believe it or not, even for a 3-year-old the Easter Egg Hunt gets very, very competitive, and we don't want a 5-year-old to get ahead of a 3-year-old in finding where the eggs are. Everything will start once the Easter bunny gets here."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ENJOYING HER STASH**— Ten-month-old Rylee Heard tries to eat a plastic Easter egg that her mom and dad, Jessica and Sgt. Adam Heard, helped her find during the Easter Egg Hunt at Vincent Park. Her big brother, Jaydn, 4, also enjoyed the fun of the annual family event sponsored by Child and Youth Services.

Areas in the park were designated for children ages 0-3 (who could be escorted by their parents), 4-6 and 7-10.

"Parents can help with the 0-3 year olds," Terry instructed. "But the older kids know what eggs look like. So, parents, stay behind the tape. And, parents, no pushing."

That last instruction drew a laugh from the adults in the crowd. It wasn't long before the Easter bunny drove into the park in a bright yellow convertible, leading the children and adults down into the park's Easter Egg areas.

As the children lined up along the caution tape marking their Easter Egg territory, some of the younger kids — such as 22-month-old Elijah Crutch, son of Staff Sgt. Anthony and Aster Crutch — had a hard time staying behind the line. Many children had to be held back until the megaphone horn was blown to start the hunt.

"I would like to get a whole bunch," said Zoe Leach, 4, as her father National Guard Staff Sgt. Sean Leach talked to her about hunting for eggs.

Once that horn was blown, it only took minutes for Zoe and the rest of the children to collect their own stash of Easter eggs in their baskets. For the little ones — such as 10-month-old Rylee Heard, daughter of Sgt. Adam and Jessica Heard, and 20-month-old Payton Phillips, daughter of Pvt. Kyle Phillips of the 832nd Ord-

nance Battalion and his wife, Jamie — parents were big helpers, pointing out the eggs and showing them how to put them in their baskets. For the older children, the hunt was a mad dash to see who could get the most eggs.

After the hunt, children sat in the grass and at picnic tables with their parents and grandparents, counting out their eggs and getting the candy out of each. John Grimes of the Space and Missile Defense Command helped his two older children — 5-year-old Chiara and 3-year-old Winters count their eggs while holding baby Shepherd in a front baby carrier. Sitting with the Grimes family was Tiffany Johnson, 6, who was eating her candy while her grandmother, Della Evans, counted her eggs and her mom, Charmein Johnson of NASA, helped her 3-year-old brother Cody count his eggs.

But, Easter eggs weren't the only surprises for the children at the event. Many door prizes were also given away, including the grand prize won by Tyler Presley, 11, grandson of Phyllis Spears of Precision Fire.

"He didn't get an egg. But he won an I-pod!" said Spears, whose excitement was just as evident as her grandson's joy at the surprise win.

"I don't have an I-pod, and I've always wanted one," he said, smiling. "I'm the winner!"



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**BUNNY PAT OF FUN**— The Easter bunny gives Braylon James, 3, a pat on the head as they get to know each other at the Easter Egg Hunt. Just behind Braylon is his aunt, Kina Swayney, who works at the Space and Missile Defense Command.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**WORKING TOGETHER**— Trudy Brown helps her daughter, Maya Johnson, 2, find eggs hidden in the grass at the Easter Egg Hunt. Parents and other relatives were only allowed to help the youngest children search for eggs. Brown is retired from the Program Executive Office for Aviation.

# Affirmative claims program serves military families

*Office recovers \$200K annually for damages*

By **ERIKA MCPHERSON**  
*Chief of claims*

The United States is entitled to recover the reasonable value of medical care furnished (or to be furnished) to Soldiers, retirees and their eligible family members as a result of injury from the wrongful or negligent acts or omissions of third parties.

The Federal Medical Care Recovery Act and several federal regulations expressly authorize federal agencies, including the Army, to pursue these "affirmative claims." At Redstone Arsenal, this program is implemented through the Affirmative Claims Division within the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

For the past several years, the Claims Office has put hundreds of thousands of dollars back into Fox Army Health Center and Tricare as reimbursement money for the care provided to Soldiers, retirees and their authorized dependents due to injuries and lost wages caused by the negligent actions of third parties. Each year, the Claims Office recovers more than \$200,000 on average in medical care recovery. This money is returned to Tricare and Fox to improve Redstone facilities and the medical treatment available to authorized patrons.

For example, if a Soldier gets injured in a car accident caused by the negligence of another driver, Fox or an authorized Tricare civilian treatment facility will provide medical treatment for the Soldier. Thereafter, the Claims Office will seek compensation from the negligent driver or his insurance company. The negligent driver will be responsible for paying the reasonable value of medical care as well as the military pay that was provided to the Soldier while he was unable to perform his duties.

If the negligent driver has limited liability coverage that does not cover all the expenses incurred on behalf of the Soldier, the Claims Office may proceed

against the injured Soldier's insurance company for the costs of medical care provided. For instance, if the medical expenses total \$40,000 and the negligent driver had only \$20,000 in liability coverage, the Claims Office is allowed to seek the remaining \$20,000 from the injured Soldier's private automobile insurance policy. This includes non-liability coverage and uninsured (or underinsured) motorists' coverage. In cases where no one is at fault, the Claims Office may seek reimbursement from the Soldier's personal injury protection, medical payments, or no-fault insurance provisions of his private insurance.

There are exceptions to this policy. For example, when a Soldier was acting within the scope of his employment, the Claims Office will not seek reimbursement from his private insurance. Additionally, if the Soldier will suffer undue hardship by having to pay from his own private insurance for his medical injuries, the Claims Office may decline to pursue recovery. In these hardship cases, the Soldier must make a written request to allow a waiver of some or all of the monies owed to the government. Each decision is made on a case-by-case basis.

Servicemembers, civilian employees, retirees and their authorized dependents who have received health care from a government medical treatment facility, or under the provisions of Cham-pus/Tricare, have an affirmative duty to assist the government in recovering the cost of medical care and lost wages in the event they suffer an injury caused by the wrongful or negligent acts of a third party. Individuals in this situation are required to furnish such information as may be requested concerning the circumstances giving rise to the injury for which the medical care has been given. A Report of Injury form should be filled out for each incident where medical treatment has been provided for injuries.

Servicemembers who do not cooperate by providing the necessary information for investigation of the claim are subject

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# 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.

- 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 today in 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 Thursday 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 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.

- A "Flower Power" summer blooming bulb and perennial sale, sponsored by AS&T Directorate, ends April 11. For information call Linda Taylor 876-2883.

- "Jailopoly" is sponsored by the Engineering Directorate. Anonymously send someone to jail for five minutes for \$5. Bail is \$10 or you can purchase a Get Out of Jail Free Card for \$20. Tickets are on sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 11 in the SELA lobby, south entrance of building 5400. For information call Charlotte Jones 313-6541, Lorene Matkins 876-6112 or Mary Burnett 876-1501.

- 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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BAKE SALE— Lower Tier Project Office workers, from left, Larry Smith, Diane Boyett and Patricia Cox sell pastries to customers Gregg Geis and Jason Bray at the Sparkman Center on March 25 for AER.**

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 informa-

tion 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](mailto:lynn.moore@conus.army.mil) or Nina Cox [tank.cox@conus.army.mil](mailto: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.



# Research center fund-raiser cooks-up sweet results

*Kickoff produces \$692 for AER*

By MERV BROKKE  
AMRDEC Public Affairs

Employees of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Center Support Directorate kicked off their Army Emergency Relief fund-raising activities by sponsoring a bake sale.

CSD workers donated cakes, cookies, pies and other items to support this year's Army Emergency Relief campaign which continues through May 30 with a \$225,000 goal.

The results of the bake sale were tremendous," Tommy Harris, AMRDEC AER program manager, said. "We raised \$692 and couldn't have done it without everyone who provided the baked goods and those generous employees who purchased the treats."

Jan Martin, AMRDEC AER lead key worker and financial chairperson, said AMRDEC has a schedule of events and has taken a great first step toward achieving this year's goal.

"I am so blessed with a job that allows me to help people in many different ven-



Photo by Merv Brokke

**BENEFIT ON ROLL—** From left, Akeem Fontenot, Tommy Harris and Jan Martin of the Center Support Directorate take the CSD Bake Sale to employees like Patricia Hooper, right, of the System Simulation and Development Directorate.

ues," Martin said, "but the one that is closest to my heart is the yearly Army Emergency Relief campaign. I just think it's so important to help those who sacrifice so much so that we can enjoy the freedoms that being an American brings."

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to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Retirees, civilian employees and dependents of eligible recipients of medical care are subject to loss of medical care under Champus/Tricare or through government medical treatment facilities for failure to cooperate and provide necessary information for investigation of the claim.

Individuals should not execute a release or settle any claim for which they have received treatment either under Champus/Tricare or from a military treatment facility without first notifying the Claims Office.

Ultimately, the Claims Office wants to ensure a fair outcome while helping Fox continue to provide needed service to the military community. For more information, call Sue Sammons in the Affirmative Claims Division of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 842-2072.

# Hail and farewell

## Fifty years experience retires from Garrison

Horton, Noles  
finish careers

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If you've ever stopped at a traffic light on post or smelled the smoke from a controlled burn, you've been affected by these two men.

Traffic program specialist Bobby Noles and post forester Jesse Horton have retired from Redstone Arsenal and the government. Noles leaves with 27 years service. Horton leaves with 35 years, including 23 at Redstone.

"(That's) 50 years of experience walking out the door," Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski said. "Both of them are experts in their field."

He presented each the Commander's Award for Civilian Service during a retirement reception March 26 at Garrison headquarters building 4488. Their Garrison co-workers took turns relating humorous stories about them and presenting gag gifts – including special traf-

fic signs for Noles and a torch and tree for Horton.

Noles arrived in 1981 after working 21 years in the Huntsville traffic department. When he got here, Redstone had six traffic signals – one of which he took down within his first month. Today the post has 21 traffic signals.

"I came here for the challenge and to get things straightened out," Noles said. "And as I leave all traffic signs, signals and markings are 100 percent in compliance with the (federal) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices."

Noles, 69, said he has no plans now that he's retired from the Directorate of Public Works.

"I've met a lot of nice people. I feel good about what I've done here," he said. "I've enjoyed it."

Horton, who arrived in 1985 after serving as a forester at Fort McClellan, worked at the Environmental Management Division within DPW. He plans to do some part-time work to ensure he has enough Social Security credits. "I lack about 15 credits," Horton said.

He attributes the more than 3,000 hours of sick leave he accumulated to his

healthy daily routine of an apple a day. He and his wife, Diane, have a daughter Katie, 25, and son Brian, 28.

"It's been rewarding," Horton, 58, said of his career. "There've been many interesting challenges, working for the organization, the mission, intertwining with nat-

ural resources to see how they can accomplish the goals. It's been rewarding to see how we can work together, and the educational process.

"It's been challenging and interesting," he said. "If you asked me if I'd do it again, I'd say yes."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HAPPY TRAILS—** Post forester Jesse Horton, left, and traffic program specialist Bobby Noles listen to remarks during their retirement reception March 26 at the Garrison.

## Federal retirement questions answered

The following questions and answers originally appeared in the NARFE Magazine and reprinted with permission from the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association.

**Question: Under the Federal Employees Retirement System, is there a required amount of time you must be in government service before you are vested, with the matching funds placed in your Thrift Savings Plan account?**

**Answer:** You are immediately vested in your own contributions and in any earnings they accrue. If you are receiving matching contributions, you also are immediately vested in those contributions and any earnings they accrue. Agency automatic (1 percent) contributions are subject to vesting. You become vested in these contributions and any earnings accrued generally after you have completed three years of service as a FERS employee. This information can be found at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov); click on Forms & Publications, Publications, Booklets, Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan.

**Question: I am preparing for retirement. Can you tell me how far ahead I**

**should put in my application for retirement? I was told at a retirement seminar that employees should apply six months in advance because the government is behind on processing paperwork. I was wondering if this is still the case.**

**Answer:** The Office of Personnel Management recommends that you submit the application for retirement to your agency two months prior to your retirement date. However, the Department of the Army Guide to Retirement (page 4), found on the Army Benefits Center web site, states: "For all Department of the Army civilian employees, retirements are processed through the ABC-C. The ABC-C strongly suggests that you submit your retirement application package within 90-120 days in advance of your retirement date. Remember, your timely submission will help ensure a timely first annuity payment."

This and other retirement information can be found at [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov), click on Retirement Benefits; and at [www.abc.army.mil](http://www.abc.army.mil), click on Information, Retirements.

# Regional director makes happy return

Worked 1998-2002  
at Redstone Arsenal

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Ray Mehling is right where he wants to be. His golf game is good. His career continues to flourish. He's also back in the region he likes. Mehling, new director of the South Central Region Civilian Human Resources Agency, returns to Redstone from the headquarters Department of the Army's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Prior to the 13 months he spent there as chief, he served in several positions at the West Civilian Personnel Operations Center in Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Before heading west, he actually spent four years here in the office he is now heading from 1998 to 2002. When he was given the chance to return to Redstone, he jumped on it.

"I'm very excited about being back at Redstone. I think it's a wonderful region," he said. "I love the people here and I love this area. I have been welcomed very warmly. I'm glad to be back here and servicing the customers here."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**PAPERWORK**— Ray Mehling, director of the South Central Region Civilian Human Resources Agency, talks with administrative assistant Diana Demirjian.

Mehling began his civilian career fresh from the University of Illinois. He began as a clerk in processing. After years working with the Navy, he made the transition to the Army work force. While human resources is a million miles away from where he thought life would take him, he says it is what he was meant to do.

"I always thought I'd have a job more

to do with numbers rather than people. I love numbers. I have this knack for being able to memorize a number for years and years after someone gives it to me once," he said. "I went to school for engineering, but I moved my major over to business and economics. I came into the HR field by chance, but I have loved it. I wouldn't want to be in any other occupation."

He assumed his new position March 2. He is excited about getting down to business and tackling the challenges his organization faces.

"Not only in the South Central region, but also Armywide, our biggest challenge is to build and recruit a civilian work force that's capable of transforming the Army in such a tumultuous time," Mehling said. "There's BRAC (base realignment and closure) movements, downsizing and organizations moving in. There are a lot of changes in personnel. It is going to require the HR community to develop some strategic plans to help our customers through these times of change."

To introduce himself and discuss the issues on the minds of the HR work force, Mehling held a town hall meeting March 19. There he shared his vision for the South Central region and how the upcoming changes in the area will affect his people. He also wanted to allay their concerns.

"There's going to be plenty of work for

HR people to do here for the foreseeable future," he said. "I know there are concerns about the HR transformations and control being placed with the CPACs away from here. But the folks here don't have anything to worry about."

Mehling acknowledges that he is not what many people expect. Typically, older civilians finishing their careers before retirement have held his position. At age 40, Mehling said he plans to stick around, just like his organization.

"I plan to be here for a long time. I talked about it in our town hall. I'm not here in the twilight of my career ... I chose to come here and I have plenty of years left," he said. "This is a place that's going to be around for a while. I'm going to be here with it."

Forming and maintaining relationships is a large part of the work Mehling does. It's also what he considers his greatest strength.

When he's not at work, Mehling is on the golf course. The Chicago native got his start on the links when he wasn't much bigger than the tee.

"It's been a pastime of mine since I was 7 years old. I'm not as good as Tiger Woods. I think he started a little bit before me," he said, laughing. "I hope to get to that level. But I enjoy sports in general. I like basketball, too."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Logistics update

Cathy Dickens, AMCOM's lead integrator and project manager for deployment of the Logistics Modernization Program, speaks to about 30 alumni of Leader Investment for Tomorrow last Thursday at the bowling center. Homer Reynolds of the Aviation and Missile Command (G-8 Resource Management) serves as president of the LIFT alumni committee.

# Local hero overcoming wounds from war

## Sgt. Hubble Hainline on road to recovery

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The day Sgt. Hubble Hainline was shot in Iraq his wife was at home doing a bit of late spring cleaning.

It was June 5, 2007, and Shannon Hainline was busy swapping out her dining room table and getting ready to set up her children's kiddie pool. Her youngest son, 1-year-old Wyatt, was napping and her oldest, Kalib, 5, was in the backyard.

Her plans for that day changed suddenly when the phone rang.

On the other line — a representative of the Alabama Army National Guard's Family Assistance Center, located in Montgomery.

"The man on the other end of the line asked me 'Have you spoken to your husband in the last 24 hours?'" Shannon Hainline recalled.

She had gotten an instant message from Hubble Hainline the night before, so she answered "Yes." Yet, Shannon Hainline quickly realized the phone call wasn't like the routine "checkup" calls she often received from Guard representatives.

"He said Hubble had been injured, that he'd been shot," Shannon Hainline said. "He said he'd been shot in the neck and was in surgery to remove the bullet, and that he would call back when he got out of surgery. He told me it was classified as a non-serious surgery and he asked me 'Are you there by yourself?' I answered 'Me and two small kids.'"

The phone call left Shannon Hainline confused and unprepared for what would happen in the next few days. There were more calls from Guard representatives and from her husband's fellow Soldiers in the 128th Military Police Company. But she still wasn't sure how serious her husband's injuries were.

"I was under the assumption that Hubble would call me," she said. "The way it sounded, they were going to patch him up and send him back to his unit."

Over the next few days, she was told her husband had been taken to Germany and was intubated to keep his airway protected. On June 8, she talked to a doctor in Germany.

"The doctor said he may have had a stroke and that he needed vascular surgery to put plastic tubing in to replace a section of the carotid artery," Shannon Hainline said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TOGETHER AGAIN—** Alabama Army National Guard Sgt. Hubble Hainline poses with his family recently outside the headquarters of the Madison County Veterans Memorial fund-raising campaign. With Hainline are his wife, Shannon, and sons 1-year-old Wyatt and 5-year-old Kalib. Hainline is recovering from serious injuries he received in Iraq while serving with the 128th Military Police Company.

"I asked the doctor if he would change the classification to serious so that I could go to Germany to be with Hubble. He said it was done. If they had classified him right to begin with, I would have been in Germany when Hubble got there. The way it happened, I didn't get to Germany until June 9."

That trip was only possible because of the help Shannon Hainline received from local National Guard retiree Sgt. David Carney and the staff of U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer's office, who assisted in obtaining an emergency passport and arranging her transportation to Hamburg, Germany. At home, Shannon Hainline's mom and dad, Thomas and Alice Buchholz of Huntsville, took over the care of the couple's two sons.

"Hubble was in a German hospital at Hamburg University when I got there. He was sedated," Shannon Hainline said.

"I had the feeling, though, from being there that it was going to be OK. Of course, I was freaked out. My husband had been shot. My worst nightmare had

come true. But I just knew he would be OK."

Still, Shannon Hainline felt like she had been thrust into a situation she was unprepared for in many ways.

"He was in and out of sedation. His state of mind was still in Iraq," Shannon Hainline said.

"I thought 'What do I say to him?' He couldn't talk back (because he was intubated). I hadn't seen him in a year. And I was expecting that when I did see him again he would walk towards me and talk to me. So, I wasn't sure what to do. But, as soon as I started talking to him, his eyes would open, his vital signs were calmer."

The left side of Hubble Hainline's skull had been removed to alleviate swelling in his brain. He had plastic tubing put in to replace part of the carotid artery.

"I guess I would have been more worried if I had been there for his surgeries and when he had the stroke," Shannon Hainline said. "But, when I got there, he was getting better and he continued to get better. There were no setbacks. He was showing a lot of improvement."

On June 15, the couple flew back to the states on a C-17 military airplane. Hubble Hainline was kept sedated and intubated until he arrived at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center.

Their arrival at Bethesda began their journey to recovery. Shannon Hainline stayed with her husband around the clock.

"If they did a procedure, I was there with him," she said. "I helped him understand what was going on. I was protective of him. I wanted to be involved in all aspects of his care and recovery."

Though his improvement was close to miraculous, the battle to return to normal was frustrating at times.

"For three weeks, he didn't know my name," Shannon Hainline said. "He had trouble with his memory. Whatever was fresh in his mind when he was shot, he remembered. But I wasn't part of that for a year. He knew I was his wife, but he couldn't remember my name. He knew Kalib, but he couldn't remember Wyatt, who was only 6 weeks old when Hubble went to Iraq."

Nineteen days after arriving at Bethesda, Hubble Hainline was well enough to be transferred to a Veterans Affairs hospital in Tampa. Yet, he was kept in ICU at the VA hospital for 21 days.

On July 24, 45 days after being shot, Hubble and Shannon Hainline came home to a cheering crowd of well-wishers, family and friends. Since then, he has made several trips back to Bethesda for medical follow-ups and to put a acrylic plate in his skull.

But, in February, Hubble Hainline's care was transferred to the Community Based Health Care Organization at Redstone Arsenal. He has been home for good since Feb. 20.

"The people here have opened up so many doors for us," Shannon Hainline said. "David Carney has helped us so much. Col. (Mark) Smith (at Fox Army Health Center) and Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates have done so much for us, and so have many others. We have a lot of people who are helping us."

That sense of community is what attracted Hubble Hainline to the Alabama Army National Guard 13 years ago. With the help of us parents, he signed up at age 17 while a senior at Grissom High School.

"I had been in JROTC and loved it," Hubble Hainline said. "I love the people I've worked with in the Guard. They are my buddies, my friends."

Back in those early days, Hubble Hainline first worked with the 20th Special Forces and then his unit became the 1st of the 203rd Battalion in support of the Patriot missile system. His duty took him to the Gulf Coast to assist in recovery efforts after Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Ivan, where he worked closely with the local police force to enforce laws and maintain order.

In 2005, his unit was changed to the 128th Military Police Company and began preparing for deployment to Iraq.

"I was very, very glad," Hubble Hainline said. "I was tired of being a Patriot unit. It was so boring. The state wanted us to be a Patriot unit because of the Patriot missile work at Redstone Arsenal. But we were never able to do training because the state couldn't afford the equipment we needed."

In fact, his unit had prepared for deployment to Turkey at the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism to support the Patriot missile system along the Turkey border. But when Turkey pulled out of the war effort, those plans were nixed.

"When we learned we were being deployed to Iraq as a military police unit, we weren't really glad about it," Hubble Hainline said. "But we had mixed feelings because we felt for years we had been sitting there waiting to go."

Once in Iraq, Hubble Hainline's squad was assigned to train and work with Iraqi police officers in Baquba in the Diyala Province.

"We ran our security for ourselves and we watched Iraqi police to see how well

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they performed their jobs as officers,” he said. “We went to their stations and trained them on different police techniques. Some days the training was great. Some days they just didn’t want to do it. That was frustrating.”

Service in Iraq also involved patrols and missions.

“The front line is the military police,” Hubble Hainline said. “It’s not the infantry, not the tanks. We were out on the

ground seven days a week.”

On June 5, 2007, Hubble Hainline and Sgt. Curtis Lewis were doing surveillance on the rooftop of a police station. Two shots were fired from a nearby second-story window. As Hubble Hainline tried to duck from the fire, a bullet went through the stock of his M4 and into the left side of his neck.

“It should have killed me right then,” he said.

Lewis, who had originally trained to be a medic, quickly applied pressure to slow the gushing bleeding from Hubble Hainline’s carotid artery. Other Soldiers quickly got him down the stairs and to a helicopter.

“So many factors worked in his favor,”

## ■ First 32 workers from USASAC should be here in June

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About 40 percent of the 190 workers are expected to move with their jobs. Terry expects the command to have about 360 people.

“Though we’re a relatively small command our mission is critical,” he said. “We like to consider ourselves the face to the world for the U.S. Army for foreign military sales. We support foreign military sales of materiel, services and training. We have approximately 4,000 cases, valued over \$60 billion. We deal with countries directly. We want to support our

nation’s objectives in this area. We make sure we’re working to have U.S. industry represented. It all adds up to supporting our strategic goals as a nation.”

His first 32 workers are expected to arrive in June. And his command is starting the hiring process for 24 additional people. The goal is to complete the command’s move by 2010.

Terry, 50, is originally from Dickson City, Pa. He received his commission from the University of Scranton (Pa.) and a bachelor’s degree in law enforcement in 1979. He has a master’s in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College, Newport, R.I. His deputy, Richard Alpaugh, is a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Shannon Hainline said. “Curtis Lewis knows how to apply pressure and having his own medical stuff nearby. The other guys quickly coming to his aid. This was not only a guy in their unit that got shot, this was a close friend. This was Hubble, and they were all there to help. Then, there just happened to already be a chopper in flight that was able to respond. Everything was in the right order. It was only 28 minutes from the time he got shot until he was in the operating room.”

The Soldiers maintained pressure on the artery and were able to carry Hubble Hainline off the roof and down the steps to a waiting helicopter. He was conscious the entire time.

“The last thing I remember is getting on a helicopter,” he said. “I told myself ‘I’m not going to die in this country. I don’t care that much about this country to die here.’”

During his initial surgery, a chaplain remained in the operating room in case Hubble Hainline didn’t make it through.

Now, back at home in North Alabama, Hubble Hainline spends his days going to doctor’s appointments, building his strength, spending time with his family and looking forward to the future. He

hopes to make a full recovery and join the National Guard full time.

“It’s really hard being on this side of a Soldier’s life,” Shannon Hainline said. “It’s something they’ll die for. There’s an unspoken bond between Soldiers and the country they serve. As a wife or a mother, you’re proud of them and you want to support them. You’re not going to stop them. But you also know how hard it is for the sacrifices you have to make to support them.”

Many people who know the Hainline couple, including Carney, credit Shannon Hainline with her husband’s recovery. She views the months of medical care as just something they had to go through to return Hubble Hainline to his family.

“Hubble and I have known each other since I was 10,” Shannon Hainline said. “We’re kind of high school sweethearts. We’ve always been a strong couple. No matter what has been thrown at us we come out stronger as a couple.”

“I never imagined my life without him. Honestly, it was just something that wasn’t going to happen. He was going to come home and we were going to have our family again, and nothing else crossed my mind.”

# Railroad club chugs forward in 50th year

*Construction project on track for summer anniversary dinner*

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Building a railroad takes time. Routes must be mapped; elevation and grading must be planned; and supports must be constructed. In this case, the scale is 1-20th actual size.

The Redstone Model Railroad Club has big plans for this year's 50th anniversary — even if the work is tiny.

Members have spent more than two years planning and working on a complete rebuild of their layout, which represents approximately 50 miles of real-world track. That may seem like a long time, but this is not your childhood toy train set.

"We've done a considerable

amount of carpentry work," retired Maj. Gen. George Turnmeyer, club president, said.

"This is no fly-by-night operation. We are using scientific design principles. It's a model railroad, not a toy running around a little circle."

The new layout is designed and built with the same precision of the real thing. Designs were made using CAD software, Turnmeyer said. The plans have been enlarged to the size of the floor plan and translated to plywood so that each piece is an exact translation of the blueprint.

"We glue it down and make the cuts," member Jim Norris said. "Then it's just a matter of putting the jigsaw puzzle together."

Every curve and elevation change is calculated to the smallest detail, just as a real railroad would be. However, a real railroad is designed to cover terrain. Redstone's railroad engineers must build their terrain as well. Even the trees are crafted to the

smallest detail.

"You spray those (the model tree trunks) with heavy duty hairspray," Norris said. "Then we have foam that you sprinkle

on them in different colors. It will stick to that wet hairspray and then you have a tree. A lot of what we do in this hobby is an illusion."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**ON TRACK—** Redstone Model Railroad Club member Jim Norris, left, and retired Maj. Gen. George Turnmeyer, president, discuss progress on rebuilding the club's setup.

The project is built to last. Each section is braced, cross-braced and squared. It is also designed to support a man's weight. While members don't plan to stand on the finished product, they want to ensure that the scenery, track and trains that it will support are secure.

The club is progressing toward its anniversary this summer. While members do not anticipate having the layout completed, the first portion should be ready. They plan to celebrate with a club social and dinner. Not only will it be a chronological and construction milestone, it will also put them at the forefront of model railroading in Huntsville.

"This is probably the biggest layout in Huntsville in just terms of area," Turnmeyer said. "It will be the most complete one."

The Huntsville-area model railroad club is planning a large

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# LOGSA serves as host for top logistics panel

By WILLIAM EDWARDS  
For the Rocket

The Logistics Support Activity held the Army's annual Integrated Logistics Support Executive Committee meeting in March at Redstone Arsenal. The Army's ILS Executive Committee is chaired by the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for ILS and is considered the senior level ILS forum for the Army.

Activity commander Col. James Rentz welcomed the members of the AILSEC to Redstone Arsenal and stressed the importance of integrating key performance parameters during system development and seeing them through sustainment to ensure the Soldiers in the field receive the best equipment possible. He highlighted the key role the members have in developing and influencing life cycle logistics policy for the Army.

The AILSEC serves as the executive level mechanism for representatives of Army organizations to come together to plan, discuss and resolve ILS/Supportability policy issues, concerns and procedures. It ensures that planning, development and implementation of the Army's ILS/Supportability policies and procedures are compatible and consistent with appropriate laws, regulations and guidance. The AILSEC also provides advice and counsel to the Deputy



Photo by Bruce Cotton

**GREETINGS— LOGSA commander Col James Rentz, right, welcomes Larry Hill, the director of acquisition logistics and AILSEC chairman.**

Assistant Secretary of the Army for ILS regarding development and implementation of the Army ILS program.

The AILSEC members are nominated by their parent organization and approved by DASA(ILS) to act as command/organization representatives. They participate in staffing, review and implementation of ILS/Supportability regulations, policies and

procedures, raise and discuss areas for ILS policy and procedure improvement and assist in development of long-range ILS goals and objectives.

The LOGSA PEO Channel serves as the AILSEC secretariat and performs executive secretary functions for the chairman and committee members.

"LOGSA's role as the executive secretary reduces the administrative burden on the committee and increases its ability to respond to ILS issues Armywide," AILSEC executive secretary Bill Edwards said.

This year's meeting discussed issues on many fronts including: emerging Acquisition Policy, Performance Based Logistics, Item Unique Identification, Life Cycle Sustainment Metrics, Condition Based Maintenance, Type Classification and Materiel Release, the S1000D International Specification under consideration by OSD for use in the acquisition and development of technical manuals; a review of Government/Industry Logistics Standards, and an update on the recently deployed DAU-LOGSA LOG-210, Supportability Managers Tools Course.

For more information, contact your command representative or Langston Thomas from the AILSEC Secretariat's Office, DSN 645-9836 or langston.thomas@us.army.mil.

The next meeting is planned for fourth quarter 2008.

■ Model railroad enthusiasts have anniversary plans

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show for July. Turnmeyer said Redstone's club will participate as an exhibitor. Members will showcase the latest in model railroading technology, Digital Command Control. DCC allows operators to control everything electrical with a single controller instead of the maze of wire and switches of years past.

"We think DCC is the best thing since sliced bread," Turnmeyer said. "Since we're going to all DCC here, that puts every other model railroad in the 'ancient' category."

The club has had an influx of new members during the construction project; and members would welcome more.

"This is the ideal time to get into this hobby," Norris said. "You see how it's done from scratch."

Norris is new to the area and the Redstone club, although he has been an avid railroader for many years. He is including a railroad room in the home he is building. He hopes to take what he is learning at Redstone and translate it to his own layout.

"There is nothing better for experience than doing it many times," Norris said. "My first layout that I did, I just bought the books and built a layout. I made a lot of mistakes. When you can see it all being done here, it helps the learning curve."

For more information on the Redstone Model Railroad Club visit its web site [www.rmrrc.net](http://www.rmrrc.net) or e-mail [jlsons@knology.net](mailto:jlsons@knology.net). It meets on Tuesdays and Saturdays for construction at its Zeus Road location, building 3463.

"It's a labor of love," Norris said. "You do it because you enjoy it. You're working with your hands and creating something. It starts with a picture and it turns out to be a picture."



# National Guard up for defending championship

*Softball season opens April 14*

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
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The National Guard could not have had a better first year in softball. It will be interesting to see how the defending champion Guard fares when

the 2008 season opens April 14. Key departures include pitcher Eric Moorman, who left for Fort Campbell, Ky., and left fielder Joe Cox, who deployed to Afghanistan. "We're still going to be good," said National Guard coach Rodney Henshaw, who will either play shortstop or pitch. "We've got people that can replace them. It's hard to replace them but we've got some that can fill in."

Games will be Tuesday and Thursday

nights at 6, 7 and 8 at Linton Field, the corner of Gray and Patton roads. The season, which should finish by mid-June, is followed by a postseason tournament.

"There'll probably be seven (teams)," sports director Gaylene Wilson said. These include the National Guard, Marines, NCO Academy, Bravo, Charlie, 326th Chemical, and Headquarters &

Alpha. The Guard won last year's post championship by beating the Marines 11-1 in the final June 25, 2007. Winning pitcher Moorman helped himself at the plate by going 2-for-3 and scoring a run. The National Guard went 14-1 in its first year. The Marines, the 2006 champs, finished 14-3.

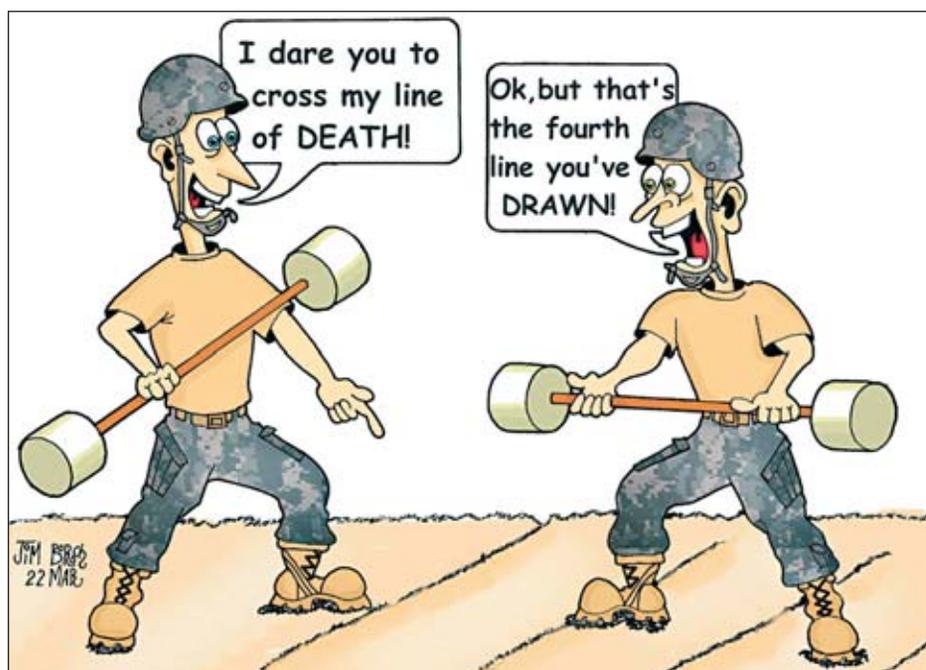


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HE SCORES**— The National Guard's Billy Clark is safe at home as the throw eludes Marines catcher Tim Collins in the second inning of the Guard's 11-6 win June 20, 2007. Five nights later, the National Guard beat the Marines 11-1 for the championship.

# Soldiers trying new protective vests in Baghdad

## Getting accustomed to added features

By Spc. AARON ROSENCRANS  
Army News Service

BAGHDAD — After stomping around for a few days with the new Improved Outer Tactical Vest, 4th Infantry Division Soldiers came back with mixed reviews for the new tactical gear.

The new vest has several design differ-

ences and some added features, which keep the Soldiers in mind when they're in times of trouble.

The first noticeable difference in the vest design is the way Soldiers don the IOTV. Rather than slipping into it like a jacket, as with the Interceptor Body Armor, they lift it over their head and pull down, which sometimes requires another person to help get the vest on properly.

Soldiers can also detach the fasteners on the wearer's left shoulder, and slip into the vest from the side.

Another key design change is the addition of a quick release lanyard that reduces the vest to its component pieces, which allows the wearer to get out of the vest easily in case of an emergency situation.

Though the troops had mixed feelings about the new vest, they ultimately said the IOTV is a new piece of equipment they will work with the best they can.

"I noticed right away how the weight is more evenly distributed with the new vest," said Pfc. Joe Piotrowski, a native of Chicago, who serves as an infantryman with the 4th Inf. Div., Military Transition Team, Multi-National Division-Baghdad. "However, there's more Kevlar on the inside of the vest, so it got twisted easily and made it uncomfortable."

Piotrowski said he managed to fix the twisted Kevlar inside the vest and hasn't had the problem since.

Soldiers also commented on the increased risk of heat rashes that develop from wearing a large, hot piece of equipment.

"The new vests are more ergonomically correct, but they don't breathe very well," said Sgt. Jayme Turner, a native of Salt Lake City, Utah, who serves as a combat medic with the 4th Inf. Div. MiTT. "With the old system, when it's hot out, you get a little rash in the summer; however, with this system you get a much bigger rash all over."

One of the perks of the new design was a flush front, where Soldiers have more room to attach accessories to carry weapon magazines and other necessary equipment.

"Tactically, it's better because I have more places to put my magazine pouches to make them more accessible," Piotrowski said. "Also, you don't have two sides to worry about; you get to work with the whole front flap, which is nice. I like the

built-in side plates as well. They're a lot better than the other ones."

Turner and Piotrowski both said the quick release system was a good feature to have in case of an emergency; however, it needed to be reworked to prevent it from pulling the vest apart when it wasn't intended.

"The quick-release feature was a good idea to help Soldiers get out of their vest in an emergency situation, but I hear it's a pain to put back together," Piotrowski said. "If something does happen where you're submerged under water or something like that, it'll be a lot better to take this vest off rather than the other one where you have to take it off like a jacket. The new system will just fall off of you."

He added that something needs to be done to make the quick-release system not as easy to pull, just to ensure the vest doesn't fall apart during combat operations.

Soldiers have added tape to the cord on the quick release system to prevent it from loosening when it wasn't intended to.

Due to the added components of the IOTV, Soldiers now understand it's not just their weapon and vehicle they need to properly maintain, but their armor as well. Turner said it's more important to perform preventative maintenance checks and services than with the old system. He explained how he had seen a vest malfunction on a Soldier while climbing into a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

The IOTV was issued to Soldiers who initially received the IBA for their deployment and have 120 days or more remaining on their tour. For the most part, Soldiers are adapting to the new system, and they are working with the IOTV to make it better as the days go on.

*Editor's note: Spc. Aaron Rosencrans serves with the Multi-National Division-Baghdad PAO.*



Photo by Spc. Aaron Rosencrans

**FIT TO FIGHT**— Pfc. Joe Piotrowski, with the 6th Iraqi Army Division Military Transition Team, 4th Infantry Division, dons his Improved Outer Tactical Vest on March 14 before a mission in Baghdad. He said the new vest is more comfortable than the Interceptor Body Armor and has a better carrying system for his equipment.

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## Sports & Recreation

### Bass tournament

AAAA Spring 2008 Bass Tournament is April 26 on Wheeler Lake, River Walk Marina, Decatur. For information call Bob Vlasic 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: 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-mcard@ix.netcom.com) and the over-35 division commissioner is Jim Crum (jim-crum10@yahoo.com). Commissioners should be contacted by new players interested in joining teams in their respective divisions.

### Nordic walking

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

### 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.

### Tumbling tryouts

X-Treme Phlips All Star Cheer and Tumbling will hold tryouts for the 2008-09 season Friday and Saturday. Girls and boys of all ages and tumbling ability are welcome to try out. Packets are available at the gym and on the web site Xtremephlips.net. Teams are available for ages 4-18 and age is based on child's age

as of May 31. X-Treme Phlips Cheer and Tumbling is at 289 Production Ave. in Madison.

### Turkey shoot

Outdoor Recreation will hold a Turkey Shoot at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. 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.

### 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.

### Hiking trail

The Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama offers its 2008 "Spring Burst" guided hike series. The hikes are free to the public; and donations are accepted. Hike the Wildflower Trail at 2 p.m. Sunday for one hour with a moderate incline. "Join botanist Lynne Weninegar for a fun tour of the Land Trust trail named for its claim to fame — beautiful wildflowers," a prepared release said. "Bring your camera and learn to identify the stars of this trail." To get to the trail, take California Street to Hermitage Avenue and turn left onto Cleermont. The Wildflower Trail starts at the end of the street.

### 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.

### Boating safety

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights from April 10 through May 22 at Stillwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive. Classes are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621 or cell phone 527-4475.

### 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.

### Walk at work

April 16 has been proclaimed the American Heart Association's second annual Walking at Work Day. A sedentary lifestyle is a major underlying cause of death, disease and disability with approximately 2 million deaths every year attributable to physical inactivity, according to a proclamation from Fox Army Health Center.



### 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



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## Milestone graduate

**Simona Munda from Slovenia receives her diploma Friday as she becomes the first international student graduate of the Army Acquisition Intermediate Contracting Course. She previously attended the Army Acquisition Basic Course in Huntsville. Making the presentation is Dwayne Morton of the Army Logistics Management College Huntsville Campus. Munda will visit Florida for a few days with her host family before returning to Slovenia.**

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 Military Council of Catholic Women meeting at 9 a.m. Friday 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.

### Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Group will meet at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave., on April 12 at 9:15 a.m. with the Windows/Internet Special Interest Group as Kevin Wangbickler, the past HPCUG president, will present a topic of general interest. At 10:45 there will be a short business meeting followed by Jim Offenbecher discussing the identification and removal of spyware and other malware, including rootkits, using free tools and techniques. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

### 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 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](mailto:logsa.wltw@conus.army.mil).

### 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.

### Defense industry

The Tennessee Valley Chapters of Women in Defense and National Defense Industrial Association will host Richard Alpaugh, deputy to the commander of the Army Security Assistance Command at their April industry luncheon on April 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marriott, Tranquility Base in Huntsville. The cost for

individuals is \$25 or a corporate table (seats eight) may be reserved for \$200. Please register online at <http://conferencesbysigma.com/wid/>. If you do not wish to pay online, fax your payment information to Sigma Services 533-4508 or call 533-6986. Reservations are due by April 25.

### Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Scheduled speaker Greg Biggs, an author and tour leader from Clarksville, Tenn., will present "Turning the Tide, The Union Cavalry at Shelbyville, Tenn." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for \$6.95. Call 858-6191 for information.

### Acquisition symposium

The Defense Acquisition University will hold its annual Acquisition Community Symposium on April 15 at DAU's Fort Belvoir, Va., campus. The theme this year is "The Defense Life-Cycle Management Challenge: Innovation in Acquiring, Sustaining and Improving DoD Weapon Systems." The symposium will address one of the major challenges facing the Department of Defense, that of cost effective logistic support of DoD systems. The symposium will include a Service Acquisition Executive Panel, an Industry Panel, four parallel tracks, and will feature a

keynote address by John Young, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics. It will be simulcast live via VTC and will be held at the Raytheon Company's Warfighter Protection Center at 401 Jan Davis Drive, Huntsville (Cummings Research Park). Cost to attend the VTC simulcast at Raytheon is \$40 for Alumni Association members and \$45 for nonmembers and covers the day's program plus breakfast, lunch and refreshments. For information on how to attend the Acquisition Community Symposium at Fort Belvoir, visit [www.dauaa.org](http://www.dauaa.org). For information on how to attend the Huntsville VTC simulcast at Raytheon's Warfighter Protection Center, e-mail [dauaa.south@dau.mil](mailto:dauaa.south@dau.mil).

### 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](mailto:smdconf@smdconf.org).

### Engineering tutorials

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

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## 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 Thursday at 6:30 a.m. in the North Hall of the Von Braun Center. Tickets are \$13 each or tables of eight for \$100. For information call 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/>.

## 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](http://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

clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

## Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volun-

teers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

## Surplus sales

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

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## Fired up in Memphis

Capt. Ahmed Abou El-Hag from Egypt tries out the old fire engine located outside the Fire Museum of Memphis on March 22. Inside the museum, he learned the history of firefighting in the Memphis area, saw educational exhibitions and learned other fire safety information. The International Military Student Office took five international students to Memphis March 22-23 to learn more about America. Students were from Slovenia, Bulgaria, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

## 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



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

## Back on duty

Spc. Thomas Owens, 53, a Vietnam veteran and marathon runner, graduated Thursday as an ammunition specialist at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. He joined the Army at age 17 and has reported for duty as a Reservist in Gainesville, Ga.

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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 this Saturday 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 proficiency with bookkeeping 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.

### 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 designations from federal, military and Postal personnel within the Tennessee Valley area. A copy of the 2008 CFC package may be acquired by calling Donna Johnson, Local Federal Coordinating Committee chairman, or Melinda Seigler, CFC director, 842-1037 or on the local web site <http://cfc.redstone.army.mil>.

### Scholarships for youth

Youth Friendship Foundation Inc. and the Investing in Our Youth Partnership are

accepting scholarship applications for 2008. All high school seniors are eligible. Applications are available to download at [www.youthff.com](http://www.youthff.com) (go to "Documents"). Deadline to submit application and all required documentation is April 21. For more information, call 655-9616.

### 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](http://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](http://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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 [bellecambron@yahoo.com](mailto:bellecambron@yahoo.com) or call 509-6014 with your latest information or visit

<http://www.classreport.org/usa/al/huntsv11e/bhs/1983/>. An invitation is also extended to the Classes of 1982 and 1984.

### 30th reunion

S.R. Butler High School Class of 1978 is planning its 30-year reunion Aug. 9. For more information visit this web site: <http://www.hsv.k12.al.us/schools/high/bhs/alumni.htm>.

### Acquisition career day

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

### T&E scholarship

The Rocket City Chapter of the International Test & Evaluation Association will sponsor a \$500 scholarship to a high school graduate. The theme for submission of the paper is "Innovation: My Role Over the Next 10-15 Years." Nomination/entry information can be obtained from Janice Isbell, [janice.isbell@us.army.mil](mailto: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.spacecamp.com/daycamp](http://www.spacecamp.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 tonight at 7 at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. This award and dinner recognizes local Army civilians who have demonstrated exceptional performance as members of the Army team. It will recognize nominees from three groups: Management/Executive Award, Professional/Technical Award, and Supporting Staff Award. This year's nominees are Barry Pike, Michael Krause, Michael Ragoza, Tim Owings, James Kelton, Richard Lewis, Robert Branin, Ronnie McDaniel, Theresa Falcetano and Linda Cosgray. The chapter nominee selected will be announced at the dinner and advance to the AUSA Third Region (Southeast USA) competition in the summer. The region winners are recognized nationally at the AUSA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in October. Plan to support the outstanding civilian nominees by attending the recognition dinner. Tickets may be purchased directly from the AUSA event coordinator, Jerry Hamilton. Individual tickets are \$30 and corporate tables of eight are available for \$240. For more information, call Hamilton 971-7065.

## 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.

## Barbecue benefits

Barbecue cookouts, sponsored by the Depot Maintenance Division and Transportation Division to benefit Army Emergency Relief, are Thursday 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 Thursday 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.

## Wine tasting

Join the Officers and Civilians Club on Friday 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.

## Reserve unit

If you have several years invested in your military career, you do not want

conflicts between Reserve duty and civilian life to keep you from earning 20 qualifying years. The 184th Individual Mobilization Augmentee Detachment affords you the opportunity to drill for retirement points on Tuesday evenings. You still earn pay for and retirement points for IMA or IRR annual training and other tours, as well as your 15 automatic retirement points for being in the active Reserve. The unit meets at 5:30 p.m. most Tuesdays on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, e-mail Staff Sgt. King jwk108@yahoo.com or visit the web site <http://imad.redstone.army.mil/>.

## Commissary news

The Commissary in partnership with Clem's Seafood & Specialties presents the "Seafood Road Show" on Friday through Sunday. The seafood sale will offer many popular fresh fish that will be available to purchase along with snow crab, king crab, shrimp, and lobster tails. Hours of the sale are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Commissary.

## Voice lessons

Join the Southern Splendor Barbershop Chorus for a Free Night of Voice Lessons on April 10 from 7-9:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Athens Bible School. For information call 233-3893 or visit the web site [www.southernsplendorchorus.org](http://www.southernsplendorchorus.org).

## Vocal ensemble

Lyra vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia, will perform April 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary of the Visitation Church, 222 Jefferson St. The concert is free. Donations will be accepted. For information call Gordon Keene 830-4467 or 679-8133.

## Best 1st sergeants

Nominations are being accepted for the third annual 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award. The award, presented by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, recognizes Army active duty, Reserve and National Guard nominees from the North Alabama area. Anyone can nominate a first sergeant for this award by contacting David Carney at [david.r.carney@us.army.mil](mailto:david.r.carney@us.army.mil) or [david.r.carney@lmco.com](mailto:david.r.carney@lmco.com) or 652-2460. Winners will be selected based on the care they provide their Soldiers and the families of Soldiers, and will be announced at AUSA's annual Army birthday dinner. Nominations must be submitted by May 15.

## Road closure

Effective April 8, Mauler Road will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 5:30-6:45 for Army Physical Fitness Testing. Mauler Road will be closed from Stinger Road to Honest John Road. Road guards will be posted at intersecting streets to allow crossroad traffic to proceed when clear. Drivers are requested to plan alternate routes during this time frame.

## Cancer awareness

A one-hour class on Colorectal Cancer Awareness is April 10 at noon in the Well-



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## Modern meeting

Ronnie Chronister, AMCOM deputy to the commander, opened last week's Logistics Modernization Program Executive Alignment Workshop with "a critical point in our deployment" preamble. He also told Electronic Meeting Facility attendees that with initial data scrubs and transformation discovery labs being complete, the command is at "no kidding" stage. "This is an important session for our command and I appreciate all the hard work that has occurred," Chronister said. In addition to those in the Sparkman Center, video-teleconferrees from the depots and other locations joined the event.

ness Center Classroom at Fox Army Health Center. This is open to all active/retired military, their family members and DoD civilians. Class size is limited to 24 people. To sign up, call 955-8888, ext. 1026.

## Red Cross blood drives

Red Cross blood drives this month include the following: April 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Post Exchange and 7-noon at building 4545. April 10 from 7-noon at Ground Based Midcourse Defense, 5000 Bradford Drive, and 7-noon at building 6263. April 11 from 7-noon at Corps of

Engineers and 7-noon at building 5681. April 17 from 7-noon at the Sparkman Center and 7-noon at building 5400. April 18 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316 and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive.

## Career development

Florida Institute of Technology will hold a seminar in Resume and Career Development on April 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heritage Club in downtown Huntsville. Admission is \$10 per person. To reserve a seat, call 883-5387.

