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Teaching life's lessons to youth

Tiny Soldiers program uses military example

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When the pushing started, Master Sgt. John Butler knew exactly what was going on with his young soldiers.

He also knew how to put an end to it.

"All listen up," he said. "Ain't nobody going to fight. We're going to have a friendly competition. If you're not going to be friendly, then we're not going to do it. Cool?"

With nods all around, Butler ordered the young soldiers to pick teams. One, under Sgt. Andrew Stokes' command, was named Team Good Foot. The other, under Sgt. Alicia Pickens' command, was named Team Bout It, Bout It.

And then Butler put them to work doing push-ups and sit-ups.

After a lot of huffing and puffing, grunting and sweating, Team Good Foot came out the winner.

But with smiles all around – and the threat of pushing long since gone – everyone felt like a winner. The after-school exercise in formations, marching, running and friendly competitions gave both the Soldiers from Redstone Arsenal's NCO Academy and the Tiny Soldiers at Terry Heights Elementary an experience in teamwork, mentorship, leadership and camaraderie.

"It was fun," said fifth-grader Malik Hamlet. "I liked when we did the marching. I liked learning about formations and doing the exercising."

"Seeing these kids and seeing how they react to the kinds of things we do in our everyday life is a great opportunity for us," Butler said. "They have a very positive reaction to us and the things we put them through."

In the midst of the military drills on the school's track, the



Photo by Kari Hawkins

RUNNING DIALOGUE– Fifth-graders in the Tiny Soldiers program at Terry Heights Elementary School get a lesson in running in formation with the help of, from left, Sgt. Christopher Allen, Sgt. Virginia Leal, Sgt. Jose Toribio and Staff Sgt. Andres Lopera. The Soldiers are students at the NCO Academy. Every semester, the academy provides Soldier mentors to teach Tiny Soldiers about teamwork, discipline and leadership in after-school programs at Terry Heights, Lincoln, Lake-wood, Martin Luther King and Rolling Hills elementary schools.

students also remembered the things they were taught in the Tiny Soldiers classroom – life mottos like "Quick to learn, Slow to speak" and "What goes around, comes around" and the meaning behind character words, such as self-discipline, community, cleanliness, self-control, communication and self-confidence.

"It's helping me be a better person," said fifth-grader Shalondra Starks.

"It's helping me do better in school," added fellow student Keasia Battle. "It's teaching us about real life. It helps me improve myself. I will be a Soldier someday. I know it takes a lot of hard work."

Every student in the Tiny Soldiers program will, indeed, be a soldier someday, said Janice Summerhill, a gifted teacher at Terry Heights who developed

and implemented the Tiny Soldiers program in 1996. But they won't necessarily be a Soldier in the military.

"They'll be soldiers in life," Summerhill said. "We are teaching them about character and giving them confidence so that when they go on to middle school and high school and beyond even that they won't fall to peer pressure. They will be who they are and they will know what they want to do with their lives. We want to make them responsible citizens and equip them to be successful in the 21st century."

Tiny Soldiers is an after-school program for fifth-graders in several low income schools in Huntsville. Besides Terry Heights, it is offered at Lake-wood, Martin Luther King, Lincoln and Rolling Hills elementary schools.

"We are trying to be a bridge for fifth-graders as they go into middle school and grow into adults," Summerhill said. "It pulls from the positive and appealing side of a structured military program, but it is no way similar to a boot camp."

"The students in this program have a distinct look, walk and talk. They are empowered to think for themselves, they learn about self-respect, self-discipline and self-confidence, and they learn to make decisions that are morally sound and socially acceptable."

The goals of Tiny Soldiers are to maintain high standards of academic achievement; to utilize volunteer military personnel to provide instruction and mentorship in leadership skills, discipline, orderly conduct and good

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An open lane random survey

What's your all-time favorite military advertising slogan?

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Pvt. Magaly Meza
Charlie Company
"I guess 'Army Strong' because that's the only one that I really know."

Pvt. Elizabeth Mitchell
Charlie Company

"I'd have to say 'Army Strong' because it's more than just me. And you can be strong mentally and physically. But if you're Army Strong, you've got more push, more drive. There's a difference between being strong and Army Strong. Army Strong is like mentally, physically and emotionally strong."



Pfc. Yolan Richards
Marine Detachment
"The Few, the Proud, the Marines' because I'm part of it — part of the few and the proud. It just rolls off your tongue."

Staff Sgt. LaFawn Skipper
Marine Detachment

"Semper Fi, Do or Die' because of that second part — do or die. You either do it or you don't."



Spring clean those cigarette butts

I have wanted to write this letter for a few weeks now and today is the day I am going to do so. First of all, let me state that I am not a smoker, which may actually become clear when you read the nature of my comment.

I use the entrance/exit doors of building 5309 to get into the Sparkman Center. As I walk on the sidewalks to get to or away from the doors, I notice cigarette butts strewn about in the grass. They are not only located in the area immediately outside the doors, but in the grass and bushes toward the parking lots for quite a distance.

The city of Huntsville suggests folks call 53-CLEAN and report the instances when they

see trash, including cigarette butts, being thrown out of vehicles and on to the highway.

Who is expected to police these areas? I certainly don't think it is fair for the folks who perform lawn maintenance on Redstone to remove these items under "other duties as assigned." On the other hand, in defense of the smokers, the only container in that area is a trash can and it is not conveniently located for all smokers to use.

Perhaps several cigarette butt receptacles need to be placed in the area.

In the meantime, the existing butts need to be disposed of properly. Time to spring clean!

Name withheld by request

Getting in line with safety

I am a frequent user, early in the morning before work, of Pagano Gym. The lines delineating the parking spaces in the parking lot are faded and not visible in the darkness of early morning. I inquired of one of the staff about getting the parking space lines repainted. I was informed that Public Works had been notified and responded that they could not repaint the lines.

It seems odd to me that repainting lines is beyond the capability of Public Works. They definitely need painting which would greatly facilitate vehicle parking, especially on those days the schools use the gym for formations and ceremonies, which

causes a crowded condition and potential safety hazards due to parking and not being able to identify correctly parking spaces.

Lynn L. Boyer III
retired

Editor's note: The Directorate of Public Works provided the following response.

"We appreciate the patron's concern and have investigated the issue. Taking into consideration that the facility is in use during other than daylight hours, we have scheduled stripping of the parking lot for the week of April 14-18 and will be complete as weather permits."

Veterans deserve their jobs back

"I'm sorry. You can't have your job back." These words settle like an unexpected storm cloud; and the tough veteran, grizzled from 15 months at war, blinks back tears.

This can't be right. Only a month ago, he was greeted at the airport with banners, smiles, hugs, TV cameras and welcome home

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New tower raises interest

I have noticed a new tower on the mountain going along the power line. What is it? Is it a weather tower or some sort of radar tower? You can see it standing outside of Pagano Gym and traveling along Patton Road along Rideout Road.

Mike Potter

Editor's note: Redstone Technical Test Center provided the following response. "It's a telemetry tower to support aviation and missile testing provided to Team Redstone by RTTC and ATTC."

Officer's lessons learned part three

Recall last week we left our contracting officer scenario with a seven-day delivery promise in a contingency environment.

I learned the following info nugget while working with those in the transportation world and the contracting officer can "flush out a few more facts from the vendor with just a few questions."

Question 1: Vendor, can you fax or e-mail me a copy of your import clearance documentation?

If after you ask this question you hear crickets on the other end of the

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Let's get physical to stay alive

What have you done for your health today? It's a simple question that should be asked by anyone concerned about their longevity and certainly by anyone over 40 years of age. You notice I didn't ask, what have you done for your illnesses? We take lots of meds and do lots of avoidance of things that are difficult

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Quote of the week

'Success is a state of mind. If you want success, start thinking of yourself as a success.'

— Joyce Brothers

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Getting to know you

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Name: Sgt. Joseph Gorman

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Where do you call home?
Lansing, Mich.

What do you like about your job?

Every day is different. I get to meet a variety of people, both good and not so good. I have the opportunity to assist the Redstone community.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

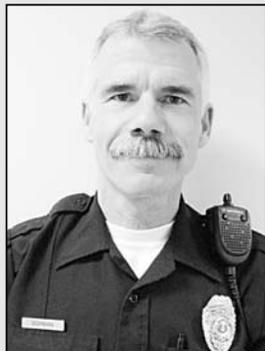
I have a 100-year-old farm house on 20 acres in Petersburg, Tenn., which takes up all my spare time – as well as a good portion of my income.

What are your goals?

To finish working on my house, and to retire within five years. And I'm retired military (Army) as well.

What's your favorite type of music?

Classic rock, but I listen to a lot of talk radio



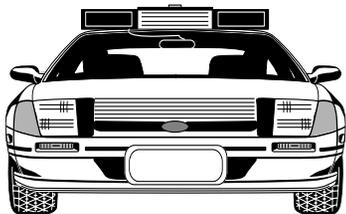
Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

April 9: An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting several items, concealing them and then leaving without rendering the proper payment. She was stopped by PX Security, and the police were notified. She was processed and issued a court summons, then released.

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

Violation notices issued: 18 speeding, 8 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 no driver's license, 2 improper backing, 1 parked in a no parking zone, 1 parked in a handicapped space, 1 failure to use seatbelt.



■ Companies should rehire returning warriors

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wishes from a crowd of people. He was a proud servant of our country – a patriot who actually was willing to lay it all on the line. And now, excited about his future back home, his ability to provide for himself and his family has been denied by eight short words strung into the most terrible sentence he never imagined.

Surely, this can't happen in America, and certainly not in Alabama. It does. As thousands of veterans return from overseas, most of them return to the life and jobs they left behind. Unfortunately, however, too many of them run into employers that will not re-employ them. Typically, however, these companies are wrong.

President Clinton signed the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act into law in 1994. Veterans returning to Alabama and the companies who have the privilege of existing in this state need to know their rights and abide by their obligations under this law.

Generally, you are entitled to your former job if you were in the uniformed services, the company knew you were going into the service, you weren't gone more than five years, you were honorably discharged, and you asked for your old job within 90 days of discharge. But your former employer says it hired someone

else — or says you can't do your old job because the IED resulted in the loss of your arm — or says you were gone for more than five years because of the year you were in the hospital recovering from your injuries. These excuses don't fly.

The rights of veterans to their old jobs override the non-veterans who replaced them because, as one court put it, this law is construed liberally to benefit people who left their private lives to serve this country. If you are disabled, your former employer must find a similar position equivalent in seniority, status and pay. If you can't re-apply for your old job within 90 days because you're in the hospital, you can have up to two years to do so.

This law gives veterans the ability to talk soft and carry a big stick. It requires companies who have benefited from your hard work in the past to abide by your right to continue that same hard work when you return. It lets veterans know that our society values their sacrifice and that we are doing more than just putting a yellow ribbon on our car's rear window. It holds violators accountable for turning their backs on the men and women who serve in harm's way. It is only right, and it makes sense. We can be proud of it. Now let's make sure we comply with it.

Kenneth B. Cole Jr.
attorney at law
Brownsboro



Courtesy photo

Killed in Iraq

Col. Stephen Scott, of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, was killed April 6 in a mortar attack in Baghdad. He was 54. Scott served as the AMRDEC senior program integrator and contracts administrator for the Advanced Systems Directorate.

Health and wellness focus of new center



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GRAND OPENING— Cutting the ribbon for the Health and Wellness Center are, from left, Fox commander Col. Mark Smith, Redstone's Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates, preventive medicine chief Capt. Carly Skarphol and Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski.

Team of health professionals ready to counsel and educate

By **SKIP VAUGHN**

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Fox Army Health Center wants to welcome you to a wellness lifestyle.

Thursday brought the grand opening of Fox's new Health and Wellness Center, which provides health promotion education for active duty and retired military and their family members.

"This (classroom) space was created specifically for a team of health professionals to conduct counseling and classes in regards to health promotion," Capt. Carly Skarphol, chief of preventive medicine at Fox, said.

The 24-seat classroom is larger than the previous classroom next door that only held 15. Five full-time staff members were hired for the new center.

"There are no other facilities like it in the military where we do both primary care as well as preventive medicine in order to take care of our patients," Skarphol said.

Its programs include Welcome to Wellness, a benefit for enrolling patients and their family members. It helps them get a baseline history and physical and teaches them healthy lifestyles. They get enrolled in the self-care program for free over-the-counter medicines and they learn how to book appointments on the telephone and through Tricare online. "We actually teach people how to use the Internet," Skarphol said.

The enlarged classroom enabled an expansion in Fox's tobacco cessation program, weight management and its diabetes seminar.

Added services include Lunch-n-Learn on two Thursdays a month at noon on a variety of topics, based on the participants' interests and each month's observances (such as breast cancer awareness).

"We're trying to target those (Lunch-n-Learn events) and fit the needs of our participants," Skarphol said. "I'm really excited about Lunch-n-Learn."

The full-time staff members include nurse practitioner Maj. Lisa Leazenby, licensed practical nurse Tamrah Harris and three nurse educators: Mary Bouldin (Welcome to Wellness), Valerie Francis (Tobacco Cessation) and Christina Gorff (Lunch-n-Learn).

"And we're looking to expand by (hiring) a part-time dietitian," Skarphol said. "That's in progress."

Preventive Medicine oversees the Health and Wellness Center, environmental health, occupational health, industrial hygiene, and public health nursing.

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Fox commander Col. Mark Smith described the wellness center's evolution from a vision to reality within months.

"I'm just very proud of everybody in the (Fox) organization," Smith said.

The wellness center is for active duty, their family members, retirees and their family members, according to nurse educator Bouldin. "We also put all of our employees through," she said.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. "although we're going to be flexible in the future," Skarphol said. The phone number is 955-8888, ext. 1026.

Time to speak frankly about sexual assault

Awareness campaign aimed at prevention

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April has been designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. You may not realize it, but you know a victim. Statistics show that one out of every four women is a victim of some form of sexual assault during her lifetime, said Colleen Nicholson, sexual assault response coordinator for Army Community Service.

“We’re talking about your mother, your sister, your daughter or your friend,” Nicholson said.

It is a crime that is not limited to women, though. Statistics on sexual assault against men and boys are estimates at best. Numbers vary from 6 to 15 percent of sexual assault victims being male. Men are less likely to report the crime, mostly because of the shame associated with being violated in such a fashion. “They think it makes them less of a man,” Nicholson said. “They don’t want people to think of them that way.”

While many programs focus on helping the would-be victim safeguard themselves, Nicholson



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

SPREADING MESSAGE— Colleen Nicholson, sexual assault response coordinator for Army Community Service, and Sgt. 1st. Class Samuel Cason, equal opportunity officer, hang posters to get the word out on sexual assault.

is striving to stamp out the crime at Redstone by going to the source, the attacker. She works closely with unit victim advocates to teach Soldiers to avoid becoming a perpetrator. She discusses what constitutes sexual assault.

“It isn’t just rape,” she said. “Coercion, trying to convince someone to have sex with you, can be assault. If someone is too drunk to drive, then they are too

drunk to consent to having sex. Force or threat that results in sexual contact is assault.”

Nicholson uses frank language and common slang terms in her training sessions. While having a woman speak to them on such a level may make young Soldiers uncomfortable, Nicholson said it is important for them to understand her clearly. Understanding can avert a tragedy.

“They’re shocked to hear me

say things,” Nicholson said. “But they will remember me saying them. That could stop them or their buddy from making a huge mistake.”

She also works closely with Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Cason, an equal opportunity officer. Sexual assault is not limited to late nights and weekends. They can also happen in the workplace or involve co-workers.

“Some sexual harassment can be assault,” Cason said. “It depends on what happens and how far it goes. That’s where I come in.”

If an assault occurs, Nicholson springs into action. She works as a victim advocate, helping a traumatized person get the help they need and to make difficult decisions in a distraught state of mind. While she would wish that every instance of assault would be reported, investigated and the perpetrator apprehended, Nicholson said many victims never speak up for fear of that. She is glad to see Army policy has changed, allowing for restricted reports.

“Victims are often afraid. They don’t want people to know,” she said. “In the old days if a Soldier went to a medical professional and said that they had been assaulted, then it had to be reported. It went through chain of command and an inves-

tigation began. So some victims weren’t getting the medical or mental care they needed out of fear of that report.”

A victim has the option now of filing a restricted or unrestricted report. An unrestricted report is just as it sounds. Evidence is collected and a criminal investigation is pursued. In a restricted report, knowledge of the crime is on a need-to-know basis. She, medical professionals, mental health providers and a chaplain are the only people with knowledge that anything has occurred. In the case of a Soldier, their unit victim advocate will also be notified. The victim still has the unrestricted access to the help they need, but investigators are not notified.

“Some victims change their mind about prosecuting when their state of mind calms down,” Nicholson said. “They regret not making a report later.”

Making a restricted report gives those victims the option of changing it to an unrestricted one later. Collecting evidence can be harder because the police were not immediately notified, though.

For more information on the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program or to schedule a training program, call Nicholson at 876-5397 or visit www.sexualassault.army.mil.

Keep active lifestyle for longevity

Physical

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blaming them on our illnesses, so no need to discuss that.

A person stops growing in their early 20s, if not before. After that their bodies are replacing cells that die with cells not as good as the ones they replaced, thus we age. There are two aspects of our health that we should be concerned about every day. The first is our diet, what we consume and the second is our physical fitness, keeping the body active and efficient.

Diet is essential to the repair of these cells and the ability of the body to have the nutrients, vitamins and minerals necessary to keep at bay the degradation of the aging cells. So what have you done in your diet today to keep yourself healthy? Are you eating enough fruits and vegetables; eating foods that are not

hard on your digestive system and benefit it; eating enough calories to sustain yourself (10 per pound) and not eating more than enough calories to sustain your lifestyle?

I don’t have to list what foods are good and not good for your health; most everyone has the list. But for general guidance if it tastes really fantastic, not good! Losing weight is, simply put, eating fewer calories than the amount of calories you are burning, in a sedentary lifestyle. If you are more active then you can add more calories. So diet is what you eat and the number of calories your lifestyle needs. One-half calorie less per pound eaten than lifestyle uses will result in 5 percent weight loss over a short time — 35 days for a 200 pound person to lose 10 pounds and 23 days for a 300 pound person to lose 15 pounds. This varies by individual metabolism. Remember drinking a pint of 100 calorie soda-drink and eating a 1,500 calorie pound of chocolate both add a pound to your weight. But to lose that pound of weight with the soda requires expending

seven times more energy, calories.

Counting calories just turns some people off, so there is a short cut. Whatever you are eating, take your normal portion and throw away a 10th to a 5th of it. This will reduce your caloric intake by 5-10 percent. Now this completely upsets some people wasting food, children starving around the world, mother would not understand and insisted I clean my plate, etc.! I ask you to look at the waste of your life expectancy and time lost with your family for the pennies you discard. You can always get a dog and feed them to your benefit.

Exercise, improving your fitness, is the other aspect of doing for your health. Exercise almost exclusively involves moving any or all of four parts of the body, the arms and legs. If you are moving any number of these four appendages, you are exercising. Other parts of the body move in sync with their movement, but these body parts get things moving. So whatever your illness, inability or excuse, just find ways to move your arms and legs,

or combinations thereof. Move them so that you increase your pulse rate by 20 beats a minute and sustain it for 20 minutes. As you improve your fitness it will take more effort to reach this goal, thus improving your fitness. Doing this once or twice a day is the solution to fitness.

This increased pulse forces your body to burn more calories, thus raising the calories needed beyond the 10 per pound. A general guide is 20 minutes of light walk at higher pulse rate is 100 calories. So you can add 95 calories to your diet for each period of exercise. Adding a lot less is counter productive, so the lower limit of calories added per exercise should be 80 percent of calories burned.

So what have you done for your health today? If the answer is nothing then you are at the mercy of an aging body, feeding itself unhealthy food and leading a sedentary lifestyle. This is not a longevity outlook on life, but your choice!

Name withheld by request

Bring your child to work again

Third annual event invites ages 5-up

The third annual Bring Your Child to Work Day on April 24 is now a Team Redstone event.

It will be held at the parade field and Redstone Fitness Center, building 3705 adjacent to Patton Road and Aerobee. The age limit has been lowered to 5 and up. Parents must supervise their children at all times.

All participants must be registered to attend this event. Registration must be done from inside the Redstone Intranet at the following web site: https://redstoneapp-srv1.redstone.army.mil/bctw/bctwdba.bctw_home.

All events this year are centralized at the parade field and adjacent gym. On site (late) registration starts at 7 a.m. with a short opening ceremony at 8. Demonstrations start at 8:30 and run to noon at both locations. Static equipment displays will be on site from 8 until 2. Participants are advised to bring umbrellas, raincoats or ponchos in case it starts raining during the event. Seating will be limited, and participants should bring folding chairs. The event will be canceled in case of severe weather.

Army Emergency Relief fund-raiser booths will provide refreshments.

The formal program ends at noon. Parents/children will go to lunch and workplaces after that (or parent can take child home). Various organizations may plan to have something in the afternoon specific to their employees.

Volunteers are needed to support this event, either for short periods or all day. Volunteers will be needed for setup, event support, or teardown/cleanup. All volunteers will wear red shirts during the event for identification purposes. Please contact you organization representative or event director listed on the web site.

For more information, visit the aforementioned Intranet site. If you would like to show your child information about the event, you can view it at home on the Internet site at <http://www.bctw.redstone.army.mil>.

Expected demonstrations include military working dog, military robotics, fire department, FBI Hazardous Devices School, CPR/first aid, nature trail/environmental services, TOW II BCS trainer, Javelin BCS trainer, America's Army training simulator, and Air Warrior.

Static equipment displays include UH-60/CH-47 helicopters, Bradley Armored Vehicle, LAV armored vehicle, Avenger system, Multiple Launch Rocket System, HIMARS system, EOD van, Humvee-TOW, and SLAMRAAM.

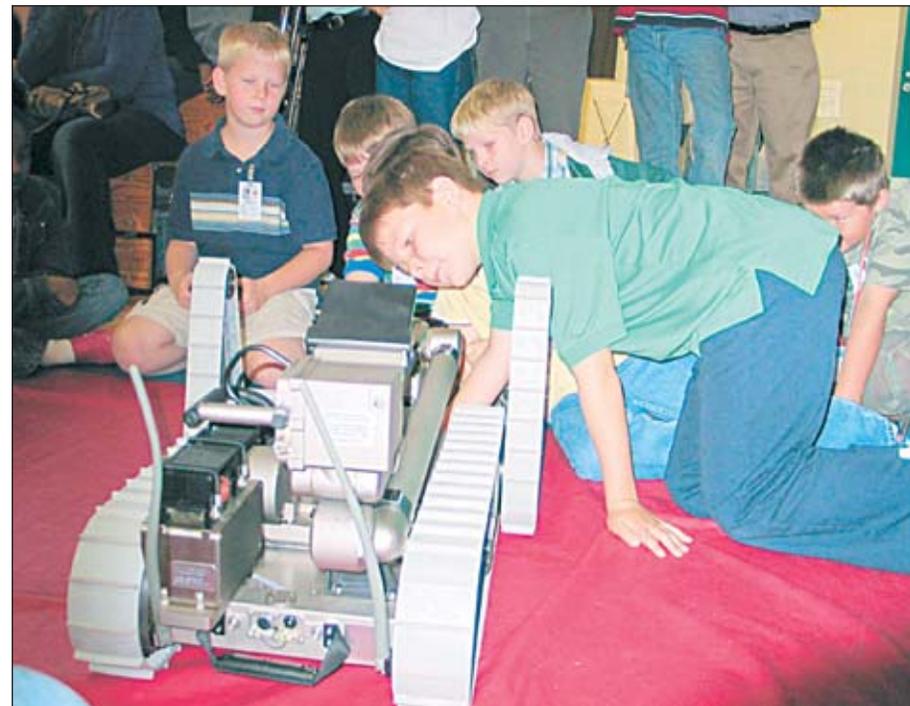


Photo by Skip Vaughn

CLOSE LOOK— Jeffrey English, now 8, gets a good view of the Pacbot robot during a demonstration at Redstone Fitness Center for last year's Bring Your Child to Work Day. He is the son of Bill English, assistant product manager for Surface Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile in the Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project Office.

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citizenship; to foster friendliness, understanding, respectability, fairness and good will; to strengthen character and interpersonal skills of students; and to develop positive youth role models within the ranks of their peers.

At the beginning of each semester, Summerhill and two volunteer instructors – retired Master Sgt. Mitchell Reed and retired Sgt. 1st Class James Wingfield — work with the fifth-graders to teach them about character, peer pressure, leadership, self-discipline, self-control, self-confidence and morals.

“We want to give them a basic foundation and teach them about life,” said Reed, the program’s lead instructor and a local minister. “We want to teach them principles that will change their life for the better. And we want to just love them.”

Toward the middle of the semester, Soldiers from the NCO Academy work with the fifth-graders in military-style exercises. “The Soldiers love it,” said Staff Sgt. Joseph Kimbrough, an instructor at the NCO Academy who’s been involved with Tiny Soldiers since 2006.

“It gives our Soldiers a sense of importance when they go out and train young people on some of the things they’ve learned. When they see how the young people react and their interest in the military, it gives them a feeling of accomplishment and making a difference.”

Butler, the first sergeant at the NCO Academy and branch chief of the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, worked with the students at Terry Heights on a recent Monday afternoon with academy Soldiers Sgt. Christopher Allen, Staff Sgt. Brandon Cannon, Staff Sgt. James Hendrix, Sgt. William Lagen, Sgt. Virginia Leal, Staff Sgt. Andres Lopera, Sgt. Alicia Pickens, Sgt. David Robinson, Sgt. Andrew Stokes, Sgt. Jose Toribio, Sgt. Phillip Ram and Sgt. David Sala.

“It really is a blessing seeing the Tiny Soldiers working with the Soldiers from the NCO Academy,” Reed said. “Those Soldiers stand for something with these fifth-graders. They believe they

can be like these Soldiers someday.”

“The kids need these Soldiers,” added Summerhill. “They grasp a hold of them and they don’t want to let go. They love spending this time with the Soldiers.”

Once the students complete the program, they are required to take a test and write an essay. Top students can win a computer or a scholarship to Drake State Technical College.

The volunteers have seen how the program makes a difference in their students’ lives. They often get letters and cards from former students who praise the program.

“I had one young lady who was bigger than most fifth-graders and who always wanted to draw attention to herself. She was rebellious and teachers used to hate to see her coming,” Reed said. “Her mother was a prostitute and she was being raised by her grandmother. The only thing she knew was the street life her mother had shown her.

“Her plan was to go to school through the seventh-grade, get pregnant and get on the system. Someone was telling her that she was a nothing and that was all she could do with her life. But we gave her hope by showing her what God placed in her character. We showed her that she was someone special who could learn and make something of her life. When she passed the Tiny Soldier test and got a scholarship, that made all the difference, and today she is doing well in middle school.”

Summerhill, Reed and Wingfield want to break the cycle of helplessness for low income students who come from homes where their parents may be in prison or where there is drug abuse or prostitution.

“We give them a different outlook on life,” Wingfield said. “We’re giving them a glimpse of a future that is better than what they know now.”

Reed said the point of the program is not to raise Soldiers, but to give the students the skills they need to be successful in their lives. Incorporating military drill and ceremony into the program teaches the students about leadership and teamwork.

“They really do love seeing the Soldiers in uniform,” Wingfield

said. “We teach them the basic steps of how Soldiers march, exercise and salute. But, when the Soldiers actually get here, they are supercharged to see them.”

And the Soldiers were “supercharged” to spend time with the fifth-graders.

“It’s great to see these kids happy,” Cannon said. “The biggest part of enjoyment for me is to just be with these kids and enjoy their energy.”

The Soldiers hope they made a difference in the students’ lives beyond the afternoon they spent with them.

“Standing up to peer pressure – that’s what I would hope would be the main thing the kids would get out of us being here,” Tam said.

“I hope we build a little of their confidence,” added Pickens. “I hope they learn they have to march to who they are and not give in to peer pressure to be something they aren’t.

“It was good to see even the smallest kid out there getting in front of their peers and giving commands, even with laughing in the background. They overcame things like that and led their team.”



Photo by Kari Hawkins

IN COMPETITION— NCO Academy’s Sgt. Andrew Stokes and Terry Heights student Demetrius Blackburn provide encouragement to Jaran Bell in a sit-up competition. The two students were members of Team Good Foot, which won the competition over Team Bout It, Bout It during an afternoon of Tiny Soldiers military drills.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

LINE UP— NCO Academy’s Staff Sgt. Brandon Cannon, left, and Master Sgt. John Butler teach a group of fifth-graders how to line up in formation during the Tiny Soldiers after-school program. The Terry Heights Elementary students are, from left, Shalondra Starks, Ke’Asia Blackburn and Deangelis Collier.

Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- 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.

- IMMC's Depot Maintenance Division offers personalized items for sale. These include decorative pillows, T-shirts, glasses and towels and "would be perfect gifts for Mother's Day," a prepared release said. Orders will be taken through May 1. For photographs and more information, e-mail Lynn Moore at lynn.moore@conus.army.mil.

- Command Analysis Directorate, G-3 annual Book Sale continues through May 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sparkman Center building 5300, first floor corridor between buildings 5303 and 5304. If you have items to donate (books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotape), call Brian Barry 876-8563 to arrange for delivery and pickup.

- The third annual No-Limit Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament, sponsored by System Simulation and Development Directorate, AMRDEC, is today 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 today and Thursday 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 Thursday at the Links at Redstone. This is a four-person scramble with shotgun start at 8 a.m. For more information, call Maj. Mark



Photo by Merv Brokke/AMRDEC

GOOD READING— Reference librarians Virginia Navarro, left, and Elizabeth Lloyd conduct a cookie sale at the Redstone Scientific Information Center, which raised more than \$160 for Army Emergency Relief.

Stiner 876-1271.

- A popcorn/peanut/soda sale, sponsored by AMCOM G-2, is Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5300, corridor between 5301 and 5302. For more information, call Trish Atkinson 876-8143.

- IMMC will hold its annual AER Golf Tournament on Thursday at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. This is a four-person scramble with shotgun start at 8 a.m. For more information call David Newton 876-2585, Robert Bray 876-0186, Cletis Severs 876-7125 or Ken Lomax 313-1585.

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

Tom Perkins 464-0346.

- Garrison's Directorate of Public Works will present "Wing-Ding" on April 22 from 10 a.m. until all the wings are gone in the building 4488 courtyard. Plates include six wings with dipping sauce, chips and drink for \$5. For more information, call Jo Anne Miller 955-0296.

- A turkey sandwich and pizza lunch, sponsored by SMDC, is April 23 at 11 a.m. Call Sarah Trial 955-3352.

- 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. 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.

- Lunch on the Grounds, sponsored by Redstone Technical Test Center, is April 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 8716. Rain date is May 1. Lunch tickets must be purchased by April 23. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715, Brittany Consuegra 876-9141 or MariaLuz Garretson 876-2546.

- Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity is having a full day of fund-raisers May 1 at building 5435. Activities include a bake sale at 7 a.m., silent auction from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., hot dog lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and VIP car wash from noon to 3 p.m. For information call Mary Ann Brown 876-3638.

- Apache Contracts Office will have its second annual "Hog Wild." Order your whole smoked pork butts – approximately six pounds after cooking – by May 5 for delivery May 15. Cost is \$30. For information call Jeff Fowler 313-4121 or Colin Warman 313-4113.

- A Fun Run/Walk, sponsored by Program Executive Office for Aviation, is May 8 at 10 a.m. around buildings 5687 to 5681. Tickets are \$5. Call Janet Dickerson 313-4496.

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

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

- 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.



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System on go

A new Purchase Card On-Line System is demonstrated April 8-9 at the Sparkman Center. Among the participants are, from left, Dennis Idol of the Defense Department's Purchase Card Program Management Office in Alexandria, Va.; Tyrus Dorman, program coordinator for the AMCOM Government Purchase Card Program and a member of the Acquisition Center; and LeAntha Sumpter, deputy director for program development and implementation, defense procurement and acquisition policy in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for acquisition, technology and logistics.

Earth Day event plants educational seeds

Celebration April 22 teaches fifth-graders

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Some local fifth-graders will be bused into Redstone Arsenal on April 22 to learn more about nature.

It's Redstone's 14th celebration of the 38th annual Earth Day.

The environmental education event begins at 9 a.m. April 22 at the Path to Nature, near the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area on Tennessee River. Attendees include four classes of fifth-graders from Priceville Elementary. There are also two classes from Monte Sano Elementary, from the Huntsville city schools' Earthscope environmental education program.

"I think it's pretty easy to forget that we need to take care of where we live and the things we need to do to accomplish that," said Shannon Allen, an ecologist and National Environmental Policy Act specialist in the natural resources branch. "So having a special day (like Earth Day) helps remind everyone of that."

She is coordinating the Earth Day celebration with help from branch chief Danny

Dunn. The natural resources branch is part of the Garrison's Environmental Management Division.

The program will include wetland tours and educational animals from the North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitators and from the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge. The North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitators is a non-profit organization that rescues orphan or injured wildlife. The members either release the animals when healed or use them for educational purposes at events like this.

The Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge representatives are expected to bring a red-tailed hawk, great horned owl, grey squirrels and possibly a snake or two.

Corps of Engineers workers will stage a mock investigation in which the youngsters don pretend cleanup suits like they're dealing with a contaminated substance.

Garrison archaeologist Ben Hoksbergen will talk about the Native American heritage of this area and region. He will also demonstrate the art of flint knapping, making arrowheads. He'll lead the youngsters in a traditional game called chunky, in which the target is a disc rolled along the ground.

Expected guests include Army Environmental Command commander Col. Michael O'Keefe, Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and Dr. Mary Jane Caylor of the state school board. The activities conclude about 1:30 p.m.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TOUCHY SUBJECT— Youngsters touch a black snake during Redstone's 2002 Earth Day celebration.



Lt. Col. Russ Dunford

■ Contingency contracting differs from peacetime version

phone ... lights should be going off. The so what here is that if the host nation has not approved the shipment for import, I seriously doubt the delivery will be in seven days. The processing time alone for import authorization can be 7-10 days alone.

Question 2: There is no question 2. Question 1 alone for products being imported should answer the mail. Given the current area of operations, unless it is a T-wall, bunker or other item that is being manufactured locally, the product is being imported and will require an import clearance issued by the host country.

Question 3: OK, you insist on more ... Assuming the product was local, ask for a location where you can meet to inspect the item. Now you have your poker face on.

Again, if you get crickets on the phone – proceed with caution.

It is your reputation and the reputation of contracting and acquisition on the line. Trust is paramount in any operation for I can assure you in seven days, at 2400 hours the commander will send a followup e-mail if the item is not delivered as advertised. And no, you won't get a thank you in the mail if all works as planned. That is life. Ah-shucks come via e-mail and Hooahs are put in a bottle and thrown in the desert to await the next flood for delivery – get over it and move on.

So if king for a day ... I'd have an orientation for a week that took contracting officers throughout their area or responsibility and looked the commanders they support in the eye and educate the commander what the

contracting officer brings to the fight, orient the contracting officer to transportation processes, and walk the ground you are going to fight on as a contracting officer. This is how the ground commander does it when they execute a relief in place.

OK, no time for that pie in the sky scenario ... then the contracting officer must take the initiative to discover the key info nodes, and find the person who has been there about a month ahead of you as they will be most beneficial, drink from a fire hose upon arriving in country and be prepared to work your tail off.

Lt. Col. Russ Dunford

Editor's note: This is the third part of a letter from Lt. Col. Russ Dunford, who is deployed. He said he welcomes feedback and can be reached at russell.dunford@us.army.mil

Cooper arrives at Garrison from Iraq



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WELCOME ABOARD— Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Cooper looks forward to the challenges he will take on as the Garrison's top enlisted Soldier.

Command sergeant major adapts to Redstone Arsenal

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Remembering names hasn't been a problem for Command Sgt. Major Rickey Cooper during his 27 years in the Army.

After all, name recall has always been a matter of looking at the name tag on a Soldier's uniform.

But that's changed for Cooper now that he's the new command sergeant major at the Garrison.

"This is the first place I've been stationed where there are more civilians than Soldiers," Cooper said. "The people I'm meeting out in the community don't wear name tags and the civilians on post have name tags where their name is printed real small. I'll have to think of some better ways to remember names."

Cooper, 48, assumed his assignment at the Garrison about four weeks ago, but he first visited Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville in January. During his brief time here, he has met Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and other community leaders as well as Garrison personnel.

"This is a great community and I'm excited to be here," Cooper said. "There is phenomenal support here for the military."

Cooper, who is taking over Garrison responsibilities once held by Command Sgt. Maj. Bill Cole before his retirement earlier this year, is an Iraqi war veteran whose Army career has focused on aviation maintenance.

"The majority of my time in the Army has been spent with the 82nd Airborne Division (at Fort Bragg, N.C.)," Cooper said. "It was great being a part of that division. The Soldiers in the 82nd are highly motivated all the time."

Cooper joined the Army in 1981, about four years after graduating from high school in Bellevue, Neb.

"I had a variety of jobs during that time and I was still in the same place," said the Nebraska Cornhuskers fan. "I wanted to see something different. I wanted to join the Army and see the world. Being in the Army hasn't been boring for me. I've seen a lot and done a lot."

He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., followed by advanced individual training as a UH-1H helicopter mechanic at Fort Rucker. In 1983, he converted to UH-60 (Black Hawk) helicopter maintenance. Cooper has held every enlisted Soldier job in aviation maintenance, including mechanic, crew chief, technical inspector, platoon sergeant, first sergeant and now command sergeant major.

"In the Army, there is the enjoyment of seeing a mission accomplished," he said. "I've also enjoyed seeing people grow mentally, physically and technically. And I've enjoyed the Army simply for the fun of it.

Sometimes it's more fun than anything else. There is nothing like the camaraderie you share with other Soldiers. They are the friends that always have your back."

And, Cooper has especially enjoyed the opportunities the Army has given him to develop his management and leadership skills, and to lead Soldiers.

"A good leader is all about helping other Soldiers in the Army. They care about the Soldier," he said.

"That makes a world of difference in a young Soldier's perspective of the Army. Having a good role model, a good mentor, is 95 percent of what it is all about for a young Soldier."

Cooper has seen the Army change its own perspective in meeting the needs of Soldiers.

"The money the Army is now putting into the care of its facilities is phenomenal. So, too, is the money the Army is spending to provide Soldier families with the services they need," he said. "There has also been a lot of modernization of Army equipment. And the intelligence level of today's Soldiers is through the roof."

During his career, Cooper's assignments have included the 48th Aviation Company, Nellingen, Germany; T Troop, 4/11 ACR, Fulda, Germany; Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 1-13 Aviation, Fort Rucker; C Company, 1-501 Aviation, Camp Page, Republic of Korea; B Troop & HHT, 1-17 Cavalry Regiment and A & D Companies, 2-82 Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg; and C Company, 25th Aviation Brigade and HSC, 209th ASB, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, WAAF, Hawaii.

Cooper, a graduate of Class 53 of the Sergeants Major Academy, has completed two tours in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne. During his 12-month tour from November 2004 to October 2005, he served as the command sergeant major of the 1-17 Cavalry Regiment at Forward Operating Base McKenzie north of Baghdad. During his 15-month tour from July 2006 to October 2007, he served as the command sergeant major of the 209th Aviation Support Battalion at Contingency Operating Base Speicher near Tikrit in northern Iraq.

"We provided secondary level maintenance to the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade," Cooper said of his second tour. "Our brigade's aircraft fleet included over 100 aircraft. We were the only aviation unit. Most of the Soldiers deployed with us were pulling a security mission where they were going outside the wire in the town of Tikrit."

Cooper's unit represented about 50 Soldiers out of 800 from Fort Bragg who were assigned to support the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade from COB Speicher. In all, there were more than 2,500 Soldiers assigned to the brigade. The area of operation for COB Speicher stretched north of Tikrit to the border and south to Baghdad.

Sanders retires from Missile Defense Agency

Dr. Patricia Sanders, the Missile Defense Agency's executive director since January 2006, is retiring after almost 34 years of federal service.

A member of the Senior Executive Service, she is a recipient of the 1999 and 2005 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executives.

MDA director Air Force Lt. Gen. Trey Obering, called Sanders "the epitome of the very best within our federal service — brilliant, dedicated to the mission of public service and a person who cares deeply about the men and women who serve our nation."

One of the nation's foremost experts in defense acquisition and program management, Sanders joined the then-Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in 1999 as deputy director for test and assessment. She was part of the team that created the concept for the Ballistic Missile Defense System and led to the establishment of the Missile Defense Agency. (MDA release)



Dr. Patricia Sanders

■ Garrison's top enlisted Soldier has change of pace Command

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"It is so destitute there. It is a country of desperate people," Cooper said. "We flew to Mosul and Tallafar, and on the way there we would see these desert houses in the middle of nowhere. It would make you wonder what they do for a living and how they survive in the desert."

Though he didn't have much contact with Iraqis, Cooper was heavily involved in the management of day-to-day operations for aviation maintenance for Black Hawk, Chinook and Kiowa Warrior helicopters.

"In our battalion, 75 percent of the Soldiers were young Soldiers. All of them were highly motivated. They were glad to be doing something to help the mission," Cooper said. "Being deployed to Iraq gave them an opportunity to use their training. They did more work in 15 months in Iraq than they could do in three years in the states."

Besides aviation maintenance, the battalion was also responsible for brigade communications, supply distribution and headquarters motor pool maintenance.

At COB Speicher, Cooper said things were "very calm and sedate." But that wasn't the case where the

brigade's helicopters flew.

"Aircraft were on missions all the time. They were going into bad areas all the time from our base. They were killing the enemy," he said. "Our job was to provide the maintenance the helicopters needed so that flight crews could continue to support the ground troops. That's where the mission is — with the ground troops."

During his career, Cooper has been awarded the Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Master Aviation Badge, BSM, MSM, ARCOM and AAM. In addition, he earned his bachelor's degree in aviation safety from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1993, and is working on his master's in management from Websters University.

For Cooper, serving in Iraq was just part of the job description for today's Soldier.

"You put on the green uniform, and the Army tells you where you are going and what you are going to be doing," he said. "Our job is to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. So, if Uncle Sam says I'm going then I'm going, and whatever the politicians do is on them."

Now, Cooper's job description involves serving the Redstone Arsenal community.

"This job became available, and I

asked for it," he said. "I had heard a lot of good things about Redstone Arsenal, but I had never been here before."

"It's a change of pace for me (and wife Mary). It's giving me the opportunity to see how a non-operational post actually runs. And I will get to see how I can help support the Garrison commander (Col. John Olshefski) with different ideas from a different perspective. My job is to provide the enlisted Soldier's perspective to the Garrison commander."

So far, Cooper has liked what Redstone Arsenal has to offer, although he misses not seeing thousands of Soldiers on post.

"The housing here is probably the best I've seen in the Army," he said. "And it will be interesting to learn how the Garrison works with all the civilian groups on post."

"This post is very big by Army standards and the number of civilians here make it a different population than what you will find at most Army posts. That population will only grow as BRAC (base realignment and closure) becomes a reality, and I'm glad to be here to help through this time of change."

While stationed there, Cooper went out on a few missions to check on Soldiers and aviation maintenance operations at various FOBs scattered throughout the region. The missions gave Cooper a bird's-eye view of the region.

Future officers hear from retired vice admiral

Association honors local ROTC cadets

By SKIP VAUGHN

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ROTC cadet 2nd Lt. Theodore Allen of Alabama A&M University had quite a lunch April 9 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

He was among the guests at the Military Officers Association of America's program honoring ROTC and Junior ROTC cadets. He even got to cut the ceremonial cake with retired Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, the MOAA president and keynote speaker, and Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski.

After the luncheon, Allen was asked why he wants to become an Army officer.

"Basically to help my country," replied Allen, 21, a junior



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GUESTS OF HONOR— ROTC cadet 2nd Lt. Theodore Allen, left, of Alabama A&M University poses for pictures alongside Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, president of the Military Officers Association of America, after the Huntsville chapter's luncheon honoring ROTC and Junior ROTC cadets.

from College Park, Ga. "It seems like there's a shortage of officers so somebody has to be there to answer the call. Somebody has to

do it."

Ryan gave an update of the national association's work in Washington and praised the

Huntsville chapter, the cadets and their instructors.

"Thanks for your example, it's inspiring to me," Ryan said. "I'll take that message back to Washington and we'll work harder on your behalf."

The 53 attendees included the following invited guests:

- Alabama A&M University – retired Lt. Col. Louis Harris and cadet Allen; Athens High – retired Lt. Col. Samuel Scruggs and cadet 1st Lt. William Morse; Austin High – retired Lt. Col. James Walker and cadet Sgt. Autumn Guyse; Bob Jones High – retired Air Force Lt. Col. Randy Herd and cadet Maj. Veyonka Owens; Brewer High – retired Lt. Col. Randy Pestona and cadet Capt. Marty Sengstacke; Buckhorn High – retired Lt. Col. Robert Hartley and cadet Master Sgt. Peter Anderson; Butler High – retired Air Force Col. Mike Parsons and cadet Lt. Col. Marcell Battle; Columbia

High – retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs and cadet Capt. Schyler Miller; Courtland High – retired Col. Robert Robinson and cadet Cpl. Katonya Davenport;

- Grissom High – retired Col. Rodney Johnson and cadet 2nd Lt. Stephanie Sommers; Hazel Green High – retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Paul Matheny; Huntsville High – retired Air Force Lt. Col. Hollis Bagley and cadet 2nd Lt. Michael Bray; Johnson High – retired Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Everett Hodges and cadet 1st Lt. Chontia Ford; Lawrence County High – retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Floyd Baker and cadet Maj. Shanade Keel; Lee High – retired Col. Michael Coleman and cadet 2nd Lt. Jared Williams; Madison County High – retired Lt. Col. Cary Hale and cadet 1st Lt. Cotoya Bone; and Sparkman High – retired Lt. Col. Elliott Cunningham and cadet 1st Sgt. Joshua Reece.

High school drill teams stay in step for awards

Huntsville High wins JROTC competition

By MARCO MORALES
For the Rocket

More than 100 Junior ROTC cadets from nine area high schools participated in drill team competition in overcast skies and chilly weather April 5 at Sparkman High.

The fifth annual "Sparkman Senator Classic" JROTC drill competition drew support from several mid-grade and senior noncommissioned officers assigned to Redstone Arsenal's NCO Academy who acted as evaluators in validating drill and ceremony executions throughout the day.

Also providing support for the event was Col. Kendal Cunningham, deputy chief of staff for operations at Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, as he and Sparkman High principal Manuel Wallace presented the awards to winning individuals and teams.

Wallace said JROTC is a critical part of the school. The attrib-



Photo by Marco Morales

PARADE REST— Huntsville High drill team cadets stand in formation awaiting further announcements of ongoing awards presentations during the April 5 ceremony in the Sparkman High gym.

utes of JROTC contribute greatly to the overall campus atmosphere.

The event, coupled with the JROTC program throughout a school's curriculum, provides

the cadets with a chance to demonstrate the skills they've learned and obtain organizational skills they normally wouldn't develop elsewhere, according to Lt. Col. Ellioult Cunningham,

senior Army instructor at Sparkman High.

"The JROTC program and events like the drill competition definitely provides cadets with stress management skills, gives

them 'hands-on' opportunities in leading others, helps them to learn how to establish priorities, and teaches them team-building skills," Cunningham said. "I don't know of too many places that can offer a young person these types of skills early on in their lives."

Sparkman's cadets planned, organized and executed the event under the supervision of 1st Sgt. Walter Jones, an Army instructor with Sparkman High for more than eight years.

Cunningham, who has taken over the JROTC program at Sparkman since March, has more than 22 years of service as an officer in the field artillery branch. After retiring from active duty in 2006, he served as professor of military science at Alabama A&M University. And, before coming to Sparkman High, he served as the interim dean of students at A&M.

The overall winners were: first place, Huntsville High; second, Lanett High; and third, Johnson High. Attendees included families and friends of the JROTC cadets and the community.

Honor Flight veterans recall struggles of war

Preparing for flight to WW II memorial

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During World War II, Frank Kelly was all over the Pacific Theater, serving with the Army in the Aleutian Islands, Kwajalein Island, Layte Island and Okinawa along with in Seoul, Korea, after the fall of Japan.

Yet, he has not been to Washington, D.C., to see the WW II memorial built to honor him and the more than 16 million U.S. servicemembers who served in one of the greatest wars of the 20th century.

Kelly was among the more than 100 WW II veterans who attended the April 8 orientation for Honor Flight. A total of 125 WW II veterans will be flown by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight free of charge on a charter flight May 31 to visit their WW II memorial. It is the second of four Honor Flight trips planned for 2008.

Kelly applied for Honor Flight four months ago after learning about it from a friend in church. Though the local chapter has focused on North Alabama veterans, Kelly lives in Birmingham with his wife, Ruth.

"It amazes me that Huntsville has been able to make Honor Flight happen and we don't have anything like this in Birmingham," Kelly said.

That will, hopefully, change, said Joe Fitzgerald, founder and president of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight.

"We have worked with volunteers in Birmingham and in Prattville to establish Honor Flight chapters. They are under way," he said.

"The key to this program is to be able to raise the money to do all the things associated with taking these veterans to see their memorial. Even if they are able to do one flight, will they be able to do more flights over the long term? We are providing them with information and guidance."

It costs about \$100,000 to fly 125 veterans and 45 guardians along with medical personnel to Washington, D.C. Those costs also include transportation once in the nation's capitol, meals, T-shirts and other expenses.

"We are trying to find ways to stretch the money and to take as many veterans to the memorial as quickly as we can," Fitzgerald said.

"We can't allow family members to travel with veterans because for each seat they take on the airplane there is a veteran who won't be able to make the trip.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

DOUBLE THE PLEASURE— World War II veterans and twin brothers Vonzo, left, and Paul Turner celebrate the beginning of their experience as members of the fourth Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., during which they will join 123 other veterans to view the WW II memorial and other memorials. The brothers, who are from Athens, attended the April 8 orientation for the May 31st Honor Flight from Huntsville to the nation's capitol. Vonzo Turner served as an Army cook with the 508th Co. Headquarters, 82nd Airborne Command while his brother served in the Pacific with the Army's 27th Infantry Division, Company C.

We have reduced the number of guardians we take with us to 45 to make more room for veterans. Yet, we are still committed to having one guardian for each veteran. The other 80 guardians we need join us in D.C."

Since its inception, the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight has been able to fund its small inaugural flight of 14

veterans and a full chartered flight in 2007 along with the first two flights of 2008 this Saturday and on May 31. But organizers are still working to raise funds for the Sept. 13 and Oct. 18 flights. Funds are also needed for spring and fall flights in 2009 that will take a mix of WW II and Korean War veterans to visit their memorials.

"We hope taking Vietnam veterans to see their memorial is in our future, too," Fitzgerald said.

The veterans at the April 8 orientation represented all the services. Some, like James Campbell of Decatur, represented more than one service.

"I was in the Navy during World War II," Campbell said.

"But I didn't like the Navy. It was the end of the war, and all I did was chip paint 24/7 and then repaint. My whole time in the Navy was spent on the Intrepid tied up in the New York harbor. So, then I joined the Army and served in the Korean War."

Campbell, 81, was a staff sergeant when he retired with 22 years of service. He now uses a walker and has hearing problems.

"I was in the artillery for 22 years. That's why I can't hear, even though I've got hearing aides," he said.

While Campbell was determined to have a promising career as a Soldier, other veterans, such as 87-year-old James Legg of Huntsville, remember their service as a sacrifice on the front lines.

"I was wounded on D-Day at Normandy," Legg said. "I was wounded by shrapnel. They wanted to send me home, but I said 'No.' I didn't want to leave my buddies.

"Then, I was hit by a sniper bullet in the hip and I spent five weeks in an English hospital. They wanted to send me home. I said 'No' and I went back to my outfit. I had too many buddies there and I wasn't going to leave my buddies."

One of the most heartbreaking times in the war for Legg was at D-Day, when he was forced to leave a dying Soldier on the beach at Normandy.

"Our captain told us when we hit the beach to not stop for anything," he said. "I passed a Soldier who was saying 'Help me. Help me.' But the captain said 'Don't stop. We can't do it.' We made it to the bluff. But then I decided to go back. I thought if I got back to the Soldier I could have saved him. But when I got back to

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Concert to raise funds for Honor Flight

On June 19, Honor Flight will hold a concert fund-raiser that will feature country star Ronnie McDowell in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. McDowell will be joined by the Stamps Quartet, D.J. Fontana and Millie Kirkland, all of whom once sang with Elvis Presley.

Headliner McDowell made his debut as a country music artist in 1977 with the song "The King Is Gone," a tribute to Elvis that has sold more than 5 million copies. Since then, he has charted more than 30 Top 40 hits on the Billboard country music charts, including "Older Women," "In a New York Minute," "It's Only Make Believe" and "You're Never Too Old

to Rock n' Roll."

The Stamps Quartet worked for Presley as his backup group from 1971-77 while Fontana was Presley's drummer for 14 years and Kirkham provided soprano backup for Presley on "Blue Christmas," "Just Pretend," "C.C. Rider" and many other songs. Kirkham has also sung backup for such stars as Dolly Parton, Bob Dylan, Reba McEntire, Tammy Wynette, Paul Anka and George Jones. McDowell often tours with Fontana, one of Presley's original sidemen and Kirkham, who sang soprano backup for Presley.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale May 1.

Parents taught how to help with homework



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

LESSON PLANNING— Vickie Goodman, left, and Claudia Smith of the Family Services Center of Huntsville meet with Virginia Dempsey, center, Family Advocacy Program manager at Army Community Service, to discuss the upcoming Parents on Board workshop at Redstone.

Workshop outlines tools for success

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**

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Homework is a word that causes tears, frustration and nightly hours of begging and pleading. Kids don't like it, either. To help parents learn how to help their kids succeed in school and end the homework wars, Army Community Service is partnering with the Family Services Center of Huntsville to bring the Parents on Board workshop to Redstone.

The workshop consists of three 90-minute sessions. It is primarily video based, with discussion and a complimentary copy of the book that goes with the program.

"We are a video based society," Claudia Smith, of Family Services Center of Huntsville, said. "We retain more when we watch things."

The course covers topics such as preparing your child to succeed, encouraging positive behavior and reinforcing academic skills. Each section is broken down into the basics of each.

"A lot of it may seem like common sense," Vickie Goodman, of Family Services Center of Huntsville, said. "But these aren't things most people would know without training. Parents don't automatically have these skills."

Parents are taught how to determine

their child's learning style. Once they know that, they are taught how to tailor methods to that style and thereby help their child more effectively.

"It can be as simple as making a recording of spelling words for auditory learners to listen to," Goodman said. "Or letting kinesthetic learners write their words with their fingers in a tray of sand."

Parents also learn how to make their homes school smart. They learn how to set up a homework area, how much or little structure to provide, and how to coach each school subject for the best results.

"They learn how to talk to their child's teacher without either of them feeling defensive," Smith, a former teacher, said. "You learn how to form a partnership with that educator."

As part of the video portion of the class, parents see families in typical situations where things are not going smoothly. They then get to see the recommendations and skills in action. Seeing others dealing with the same problems they have can be reassuring for frustrated parents, especially when they see how to resolve them.

"You see yourself in those families," Smith said. "Sometimes we don't realize we do things until we see someone else repeat our own behavior."

The class is recommended for parents of elementary age children, although Virginia Dempsey, Family Advocacy Program manager at Army Community Service, said it is primarily just a recommendation. Parents with middle school children and especially preschoolers can benefit from the tools the workshop teaches.

"They can begin implementing these skills now," Dempsey said. "Then when they are ready to start school, they are ready."

The classes are scheduled April 22-24 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Since it is a lunchtime workshop, attendees are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. ACS will provide coffee, water and cookies. Dempsey said parents with small children at home can attend worry free.

"We have approval for free childcare," she said.

The workshop is provided free of charge to all parents with installation access. This includes active duty, Reserve and Guard components, retirees, NASA and DoD civilians, contractors and anyone else who can get on post. All class materials will be provided. Registration is required, however.

"When they call to register we need their name, a phone number and the age of their children," Dempsey said. "If they want child-care they need to say so. We need the ages of those children, too."

For more information or to register for Parents on Board, call ACS at 876-5397.

Passengers prepare for flight to see war memorial

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him, there was a medic lying on top of him. He had been shot, too, and they were both dead. On that beach, we dropped like flies."

Legg was awarded two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and an oak leaf cluster for his four-year service, although he left the Army after the war still ranked as a private first class.

Despite war wounds and difficult war memories, many veterans are still leading rich and active lives. WW II veteran Roy Stevens of Florence goes to the gym every day and 84-year-old Andy Pearson of Taft, Tenn. is still enjoying the fun and coping with the trials of parenthood.

"I talked to Mr. Pearson on the phone and he said he wouldn't be here today because he had to pick his kids up from school," Fitzgerald said. "I asked him how old his kids are and he said he has a 14-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son. His son was born when he was 76. Isn't that something?"

Many of the veterans, including Kelly, were drafted to serve in World War II.

"I was drafted in 1941 and I served for five years. It was a great experience," Kelly said. "I didn't mind being drafted. Serving this country never seemed to make a man worse and it's made a whole lot better."

And, although some veterans, like James Henderson of the Morgan City area, volunteered, it didn't make serving any easier.

"He was a kid and he was scared to death," said Henderson's wife, Peggy. "He didn't know what he was getting into."

Veteran Reid Sonleitner of Tusculumbia tried to volunteer for WW II, but he was turned down because of his small stature. But then the 116-pound volunteer was drafted.

"I couldn't even pick up my knapsack," he said, laughing. "I was glad to go. When you're a young kid you get patriotic."

For 88-year-old Edwin Grady of the Morgan City area, volunteering for war was a way to escape poverty.

"I grew up south of Birmingham. There were no jobs when I graduated from high school. I tried farming for a few years. But then I decided to join the military to learn a trade," Grady said.

He joined the Navy in July 1940 and became an electrician. He spent the war on the Pacific.

"Anywhere in the Pacific, I've been there. We were everywhere the Japanese were," he said. "The first part of the war we spent running from the Japanese. The second part we spent chasing them. We were in a lot of battles. I was on the U.S.S. Chester for four years and nine months."

After the war, Grady continued his career in the Air Force, retiring in 1962.

Many of the veterans still get emotional remembering the horrors of the war some 60 years later.

"Seeing people get killed ... I can't describe it. You never understand it unless you see it," Kelly said. "We lost a lot of good men. But we also did a lot of good."

Kelly served in a signal company, furnishing communications to headquarters, the general and his staff, and the regiments. He also served on the front lines when he was needed.

"The war was definitely the right thing for us to do," he said. "Japan bombed us and Hitler would have taken control of the entire world if we hadn't stepped in."

Editor's note: For more information on Honor Flight, to make a donation or to sign up as a veteran, visit its web site at honorflight.net

Army keeps Sgt. Bartley in the game

Former college player returns to basketball

By TIM HIPPS
FMWRC Public Affairs

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa. – Sgt. Ron Bartley is a born-again basketball star, thanks in part to the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

A native of Norfolk, Va., Bartley, 31, played for Shaw University in the NCAA Division II Central Collegiate Athletic Association from 1997-99. He then played two seasons professionally in Lisbon, Portugal, before being released by the team.

“I had to make money – I’ve got a little, 5-year-old son,” Bartley said. “My dad was in the Navy for 20 years, so I was a military brat. So I said to myself: ‘I might as well join the military.’ It was a good living for him – us.”

Bartley joined the Army in 2003 and got another call to play basketball.

“My senior drill sergeant saw me play three-on-three and he told me I could really hoop,” Bartley recalled of that day on Fort Gordon, Ga. “He was like: ‘You should try out for All-Army when you get to your duty station.’ I thought it was a joke because I had given up basketball.

“Oh, yeah, I just came to make a living,” said Bartley, a signal support systems specialist. “That was it. I was just going to go ahead and support the family and basketball was done.”

While stationed in Yongsan, Korea, Bartley not only kept in playing shape but decided to follow his drill instructor’s instructions. He applied for a tryout with the All-Army basketball team.

Active-duty Soldiers, Army Reserves, Army National Guardsmen and Active Guard Reserves are eligible to apply for sports online at www.armymwr.com. The All-Army Sports program includes basketball, boxing, bowling, cross country, golf, marathon, soccer, softball, racquetball, rugby, taekwondo, track and field, volleyball and wrestling.

After playing two seasons for the All-Army basketball team, Bartley was deployed to Iraq, where he again thought his playing days were numbered. But he was pleasantly surprised to find an Army MWR gymnasium at Camp Liberty.

“We had tournaments almost every weekend,” said Bartley, who was stationed in Iraq from September 2006 through December 2007. “I had to get my shoes and shorts mailed over. We hooped while we were over there.”

Bartley was both a weeknight warrior for the Army and a weekend warrior on the court.

“The MWR people did a great job,” he said. “It was open every night, but it was just weekends for me because of my schedule. I worked nights.

“MWR goes far. I didn’t realize how much they put into it until we got over there. They took care of everything from the basketball tournaments to us



Photo by Tim Hipps/FMWRC Public Affairs

PERFECT 10– Sgt. Ron Bartley of Fort Carson, Colo., shoots over an All-Navy defender in the 2008 Armed Forces Men’s Basketball Championship Tournament March 27 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

having a place where we could play cards and watch movies and have get-togethers and things like that. I was over there playing flag football and softball, too.

“They do good things to keep

the guys’ morale up. Without MWR over there, oh man, it would be hurting. Your laptop and DVDs only go so far. It was always open – 24 hours – so there was never a time when I

couldn’t use the phones to call home or use the computers. It was amazing. It was on, it really was. Being my first time, I was spoiled over there after hearing the horror stories.”

After returning from Iraq to Fort Carson, Colo., Bartley returned to All-Army Basketball Camp in March at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he made his third All-Army basketball team. After two weeks of training at Belvoir and another week at Fort Hamilton, N.Y., he was named to the 2008 All-Armed Forces Team after averaging 16.3 points, 3.3 assists and 2.2 rebounds at the 2008 Armed Forces Basketball Championships March 21-27 in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

As a member of the All-Armed Forces Team, Bartley will represent the United States in the 2008 Conseil International du Sport Militaire World Championship Tournament April 14-22 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

“It was wonderful,” Bartley said of the whole experience. “When I was deployed, there were a lot of things going on – people dying, divorces and things like that. I love the game so much that for me to come back here after missing the past three years is a breath of fresh air.

“It’s good to get away. You’re not in formation. You’re not in uniform. There’s no rank on the team. You’ve got to become a family,” concluded Bartley, who met his wife while playing ball at Shaw. “You keep your military bearing, but other than that, we became a family.”

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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 Vlasics 881-4144, Chuck Ogle 883-7974, Matt Boenker 313-9117, Gaylen Bush 313-3373, Terry Horrtter 313-5362 or Tom Geoffroy 876-5359.

Baseball bus trip

Your Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring the annual Baseball Bus Trip to Atlanta for the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Atlanta Braves games. This year, the game series is scheduled during the week. The stadium reservations are for the July 30-31 games. The CWFC bus will depart Redstone Arsenal promptly at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 30 and will return to Redstone Arsenal on Friday afternoon, Aug. 1. The group will stay at the Embassy Suites-Galleria in Atlanta. The stadium seats will be in Section 124R for Wednesday night's game. For Thursday night's game, the seats will be in Section 324, the All-You-Can-Eat-And-Drink section. Cost for this event is \$290 per person, based on double occupancy. This includes bus transportation, hotel room, tickets to both games, plus lunch and beverages on the bus. To make reservations for this adult fun and relaxation event, e-mail Charles Urban at charles.urban@conus.army.mil. A non-refundable deposit of \$125 per person must be received by May 1. For more information, call Urban 955-7662.

Health fair

The MWR Sports and Fitness "Health Fair" is May 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Redstone Fitness Center. This free event is open to the community. There will be bone density testing, blood pressure and cholesterol testing, and health and fitness information. For details call 842-2574 or 313-1202.

MWR 5K run

The MWR 5K run, sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation's Sports and Fitness, is May 8 at "Tin City," near the Quonset huts off Patton Road. It's open to

the Redstone community. Registration starts at 2:30 p.m. and the race at 3. Cost is \$10, which includes a T-shirt. Pre-registration is under way at Pagano Gym and the Sparkman Fitness Center with an April 30 deadline. For more information, call 842-2574 or 313-6096.

Interval walk

An interval walk, open to the entire Redstone community, is April 21 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Sparkman Fitness Center, building 5302. "Come join the Sports & Fitness Team for an interval walk around the Sparkman Complex for a new spin on walking," a prepared release said. "You will be led on a walk with stops along the way to do strength training with an exercise band. Come put a twist on your current walking program. The walk is free and we will even bring the exercise band!" Meet Angie outside the fitness center on the sidewalk of building 5302 at 11 that morning. For more information, call Angie 313-1201.

Speedway night

The Huntsville Speedway will hold Military Night on Friday. "We are celebrating our 50th year of operation and as part of our celebration we would like to thank those who have made this possible," a prepared release said. "Military Night will be free admission to our military forces with active military ID." Racing will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the speedway, off Hobbs Island Road just off South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call the speedway office 882-9191 or visit www.huntsvillespeedway.com.

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.

Military anglers

The Military Team Bass Fishing Tournament is May 5-9 on Dale Hollow Lake in

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Byrdstown, Tenn. The tournament, which began in 1991, became affiliated with American Bass Anglers in November 2007. The event is open to all active duty Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, their family members ages 16 and over (those under 18 must fish with a parent or guardian), National Guard, Reservists, DoD civilians, DoD contractors and retired military. To register call ABA headquarters 888-203-6222 or visit www.militarybass.com.

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.

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.

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

Today 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 procla-

mation from Fox Army Health Center. Today the American Heart Association's "Start! Movement" is calling on corporate America to encourage all employees to wear their sneakers to work and start walking at work at 2:41 p.m. Walking has many proven benefits, according to a prepared release. In fact adults may gain as many as two hours of life expectancy for each hour of regular, vigorous exercise. The statistic — two for one — is the force behind the rallying time of 2:41. Fox Army Health Center Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion encourages everyone in the Redstone community to wear sneakers to work and walk with their colleagues throughout the day or at 2:41.

Youth basketball

Registration is under way for the Vigilance Sports Invitational basketball tournament for boys and girls under 10-15 from April 25-26 at Madison Academy. Cost is \$225. For more information, call Kerry Johnson 527-2388 or Sharon Rivers 682-6401.

Roller derby

Dixie Derby Girls will present "Grand Ole Derby" on Sunday at Roller Time Skate Rink, 707 Arcadia Circle. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the action starts at 7:30. Admission is \$10 and the first 50 teachers with badge get in free. For more information, visit www.dixiederbygirls.com.

Conferences & Meetings

Bible studies

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

Sergeants major

The Sergeant's Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Members are offered breakfast for \$6 plus tip. This month's meeting is April 17. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are open to all E-9 ranks, from all services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Membership into the association is a one-time lifetime fee of \$30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-6778.

Marines volunteer rally

The Semper Fi Community Task Force of Northern Alabama is having its second annual Members' Meeting on April 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the Raytheon Business



Photo by Barry Chandler/RTTC

Up to test

Mike Wahl, right, receives his 40-year service certificate and pin from Redstone Technical Test Center director David Byrd on April 8 at Rocket Auditorium. Wahl works in the Component Test and Surveillance Branch in building 4500.

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Development Headquarters Building, 401 Jan Davis Drive off Old Madison Pike Road in Cummings Research Park. Dress is casual and admission is free. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served, along with a full measure of esprit de corps. If you're a former, retired, active, or reserve Marine living in North Alabama, or a friend or family member of a Marine and you want to serve your community, consider yourself a member of the SFCTF. The SFCTF is a volunteer charity organization comprised of current, former, retired, reserve, and future Marines organized to serve the local community and to help veterans. For more information, call Kenny Watts 452-5118 or visit www.sfctf.org.

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://conferences-bysigma.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.

Parent advisory council

The Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council will meet April 29 at 11 a.m. in Redstone Room, Challenger Activity Center building 1500 (phone 876-7952). All parents are encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance — 5 points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. "Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Child and Youth Services facilities and to voice your ideas, opinions or concerns," a prepared release said.

Engineer society

Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers meets for a buffet lunch Thursday

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at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost of the lunch is \$10 payable at the door. For reservations call 895-1834 or e-mail amber.martin@usace.army.mil.

Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet May 10 at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments and social begin at 9:30 a.m. and the business meeting at 10 with program to follow. The program will be a forum for all 5th Congressional District candidates who qualify for the seat being vacated by Rep. Bud Cramer.

Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will have its monthly luncheon April 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. The theme is "Spring Fashion Extravaganza" with a fashion show by Stein Mart and music by vocalist Darlene Berry. Kathy Stallings of Birmingham is to speak on "Transformed from Ordinary to Extraordinary." For information call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon meeting April 30 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Retired

Sgt. 1st Class David Carney will discuss the Madison County Veterans Memorial. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast April 26 at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

Old crows

The Redstone Roost chapter of the Association of Old Crows will hold its monthly meeting April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the Twickenham Lounge. The guest speaker is Layne Merritt, assistant PEO Aviation for systems engineering. The meeting is open to AOC members, their guests and prospective new members interested in electronic warfare and aircraft survivability equipment. For more information, call Dave Hays 842-3358.

Project institute

The Project Management Institute, North Alabama Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Research Park at Madison Square Mall (note location change from last meeting). The featured speaker is Randy McCarty, PMI-NAC vice president for programs. The cost is \$20 for PMI members, \$25 for non-members. For more information about the organization, e-mail info@northalabamapmi.org.

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.

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/>.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be consid-

ered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

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

Motorcycle safety

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

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. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 881-6992.

AER book sale

The Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for the Army Emergency Relief campaign is April 21 through

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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.

Scholarships for youth

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

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



Courtesy photo

International grads

Capt. Mohammed Al-Saadon and 2nd Lt. Khalid Al-Awad, both of the Saudi Arabia National Guard, graduated Thursday from the Ammunition Warrant Officer Basic Course at Redstone Arsenal.

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.

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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 or call 509-6014 with your latest information or visit <http://www.classreport.org/usa/al/huntsville/bhs/1983/>. An invitation is also extended to the Classes of 1982 and 1984.

40th reunion

S.R. Butler High School Class of 1968 is planning its 40-year reunion for May 24. For more information, call John Miller 536-9986.

Vocal ensemble

Lyra vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia, will perform Friday 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 or 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.

Career development

Florida Institute of Technology will hold a seminar in Resume and Career Development on Saturday 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.

Youth orchestra benefit

The Huntsville Youth Orchestra would like to invite everyone to join them at the Cheeburger Cheeburger Restaurants on April 29. "While you enjoy your meal, you can also enjoy beautiful live music performed by some of our area's most talented young musicians," a prepared release said. "At various times throughout the day and evening, small groups and soloists from the Youth Orchestra will be playing some of their favorite pieces. As a special treat this day, the Huntsville Youth Orchestra's Novice and Beginning String Orchestras will be holding open rehearsals on the patio of the Providence Cheeburger restaurant from 4:45 until 7 p.m." On April 29, Cheeburger Cheeburger is donating a portion of all profits from both of its restaurants to support the Youth Orchestra. Cheeburger Cheeburger has two locations: 5000 Whitesburg Drive in south Huntsville (at the corner of Airport and Whitesburg), and 7 Town Center Drive in northwest Huntsville (just north of 72, in Providence Town Center). They are open from 10:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

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 retirement points for IMAD 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/>.

Infantry reunion

The 88th Infantry (Blue Devil) Division and TRUST Troopers, the Southeastern Chapter of the 88th Infantry Division Association, will hold its 55th annual reunion April 24-27 in Daytona Beach, Fla. Veterans of the 88th Infantry (Blue Devil) Division, TRUST (Trieste U.S. Troops), USFA (U.S. Forces Austria), 88th Regional Readiness Command and families are invited. For more information call Robert McCall 881-6325.

Jazz concert

Tennessee Valley Jazz Society will have a benefit concert Saturday at 6 p.m. at the

Butler High School Fine Arts Facility. General admission is \$35. Advance purchases are \$25. All contributions are tax deductible. For information call Arthur Henderson 653-3015.

Holocaust remembrance

The Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama invites you to an observance of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, on May 1 at 7 p.m. in Trinity United Methodist Church, the new room, at 607 Airport Road southwest. A reception will follow. For information call chairperson Sue Farbman 883-5471.

Health decisions day

Today has been declared National Health Care Decisions Day. The goal is to encourage Americans to execute a living will and/or a health care power of attorney to express their wishes regarding health care treatment in the event they are unable to communicate. Living wills are used by

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doctors, family members and state courts to determine whether the terminally ill, injured or unconscious patient wants to be kept alive artificially. A health care power of attorney designates another person (an agent) to speak with the patient's doctors, access the patient's medical records, and make medical decisions on the patient's behalf. In support of National Health Care Decisions Day, the Redstone Legal Assistance Office will be available today from 8:30 to noon and again from 1-4 p.m. to assist eligible clients with completing these documents. Active duty service-members, retirees, and their family members can expect to consult with an attorney or paralegal on a walk-in basis and to leave with completed documents. All services will be provided without an appointment and on a first come first served basis in building 111, Goss Road. For more information about National Health Care Decisions Day, visit the following web site: www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org.

Space Camp scholarships

The Air Space and Missile Defense Association is offering 16 scholarships to Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Eligible is any child age 9-11 of a parent or guardian currently assigned to SMDC, PEO Missiles and Space, STRATCOM, MSIC and MDA. Applicants should submit a 200-600 word essay by May 5. The mailing address is Radiance Technologies, Attn: Pete Weiland, ASDMA Space Camp Scholarships, 350 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805; fax 704-3412; and e-mail pweiland@radiancetech.com.

Volunteers wanted

It's time for the 2008 Whistle Stop Barbecue and Festival, May 2-3. Community volunteers are needed for many areas of the festival. If you are interested in attending and helping out, call volunteer coordinator Ann Tiller 564-8119.

Community yard sale

Christmas Charities Year Round is holding a Yard Sale on May 3 from 6:30 a.m. till noon at its parking lot at 2840 Jordan



Courtesy photo

Congressman visits

Rep. Artur Davis, left, of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, is greeted by Bob Nichols, president of the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers. He was guest speaker at the chapter's luncheon April 7 at the Trinity Methodist Church Personal Growth Center.

Lane. Spots are available for \$20 each and come with one table. Additional tables may be reserved for \$5. Any items that are not sold may be donated to CCYR (no hauling back home). They are accepting donations for CCYR to sell. There is free parking, restrooms available, and refreshments for sale. Raffle tickets for a gas grill, gift basket and movie passes will be drawn the day of the yard sale. For more information, call CCYR at 837-2373.

Volunteer sponsors

The Garrison's Directorate of Human Resources is soliciting volunteers to serve as sponsors for military and civilian employees relocating to Redstone Arsenal. Sponsors will ensure a smooth and uneventful transition for individuals

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realigned to Redstone as a result of a permanent change of station move or civil service job change. To become a sponsor, call Theresa Falcetano 313-2205 or Ronnie McDaniel 842-2418.

Tobacco cessation

Fox Army Health Center will begin its next series of tobacco cessation classes April 22. DoD civilians are encouraged to attend the five sessions every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tobacco use is the leading cause

of preventable death in the U.S., responsible for 20 percent of all deaths. Tobacco kills more Americans yearly than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, car accidents, fire and AIDS combined. For signup information, call health promotion educator Rick Stock at FAHC Preventive Medicine 955-8888, ext. 1443.

Library week

National Library Week will be celebrated at the Post Library April 15-19. Everyone

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Redstone Arsenal Environmental Program Public Comment Period –April 2-May 1 Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan MSFC-002/087 Inactive Abandoned Drum Disposal Site/Inactive Cyanide Lagoon

A statement of basis/proposed plan recommends no further action as the Preferred Alternative for the soil, sediment, surface water, spring water, and soil vapor at MSFC-002/087 Inactive Abandoned Drum Disposal Site/Inactive Cyanide Lagoon. A non-time-critical removal action addressed hazardous substances in the soil (polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and pesticides) from past disposal of construction and general debris in piles and mounds at the site. No unacceptable risks are now present for human health or the environment at the site.

This document and supporting documents are available for electronic viewing at the local libraries and on the Army's public website, www.environmental.redstone.army.mil. Comments on the statement of basis/proposed plan are requested by May 1, 2008.

- Triana Public Library (Triana Youth Center), 280 Zierdt Road, Triana, Alabama, 256-772-3677
- Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Heritage Room, 915 Monroe Street, Huntsville, Alabama, 256-532-5969

The final cleanup decision will be made only after the public comment period has ended and all the comments have been received and considered. The U.S. Army Garrison-Redstone and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will select the remedy in consultation with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. It is important to note that the final action may be different from the Preferred Alternative depending on new information or public comments.

For more information, to receive a copy in the mail, to send comments about the MSFC-002/087 Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan, or to request a public meeting, contact:

U.S. Army Garrison-Redstone
 Attention: AMSAM (Ms. Lira Frye)
 Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35898-5020
 Telephone: (256) 955-9173; Fax : (256) 955-0133
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in the Redstone community — military, government and contractor— is invited to visit. Throughout the week there will be cookies at the coffee station and a door prize for every visitor – a free book of choice from the gift book room. Take time to sit down by the fireplace or meditate in one of the new rocking chairs. The library is at building 3323 on Redeye Road, off Vincent Road. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (closed on Friday) and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For directions or more information, call 876-4741. The

online library catalog is at www.redstonemwr.com.

Remembrance program

Team Redstone's Days of Remembrance Commemoration Program will be held April 23 at 10 a.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. This year's theme is "Do Not Stand Silent: Remembering Kristallnacht 1938." The keynote speaker is Ed Lessing of the Hidden Child Foundation/ADL, New York. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon 876-8648.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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| THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08649918 | Civil Engr;Environmental Engr;Mech Engr;Electrical Engr;Industrial Engr; Architect | 16-Apr-08 | Corps of Engrs, Huntsville | YD-0810,0819, 0830,0850, 0896,0808 | 2 | 2 | 45,014 - 101,912 | X | X | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08649918D | Civil Engr;Environmental Engr;Mech Engr;Electrical Engr;Industrial Engr; Architect | 16-Apr-08 | Corps of Engrs, Huntsville | YD-0810,0819, 0830,0850, 0896,0808 | 2 | 2 | 45,014 - 101,912 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08674543 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 16-Apr-08 | AMCOM, Sec Asst Mgt Dir | GS-0346 | 11 | 11 | 54,999 - 71,500 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08688304 | Secretary (OA) | 16-Apr-08 | AMCOM, G3 (Oper) | GS-0318 | 8 | 8 | 41,157 - 53,504 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08688399 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 16-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 12 | 12 | 65,921 - 85,701 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08583048 | Lead Aerospace Engr | 17-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0861 | 4 | 4 | 92,633 - 141,657 | X | | | X | X | | X | X | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08658136 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 17-Apr-08 | AMCOM, LAISO | GS-0346 | 12 | 12 | 65,921 - 85,701 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08657117 | Prgm Analyst | 17-Apr-08 | PEO, Bus Mgmt Dir | YA-0343 | 2 | 2 | 45,014 - 10,913 | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08670491 | Equip Spec (General) | 17-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-1670 | 11 | 11 | 54,999 - 71,500 | X | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08683580 | Mech Engr | 17-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0830 | 3 | 3 | 65,921 - 101,913 | X | | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08683580D | Mech Engr | 17-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0830 | 3 | 3 | 65,921 - 101,913 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08662230 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 18-Apr-08 | AMCOM, LAISO | GS-0346 | 7/9 | 9/11 | 37,164 - 71,500 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08693264 | Supv Procurement Offc (Prog Analysis) | 18-Apr-08 | PEO, TMO | YA-0301 | 3 | 3 | 89,875 - 148,740 | X | | | X | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08667386 | Mgmt Analyst | 18-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0343 | 9 | 9 | 45,458 - 59,100 | X | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08695930 | Civil Engr | 18-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0810 | 11 | 11 | 54,999 - 71,500 | X | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08677901 | Aerospace Engr | 18-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | GS-0346 | 3 | 3 | 65,921 - 101,913 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08677901D | Aerospace Engr | 18-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0861 | 3 | 3 | 65,921 - 101,913 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08688350 | General Engr | 18-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0801 | 3 | 3 | 65,921 - 101,913 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08688350D | General Engr | 18-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0801 | 3 | 3 | 65,921 - 101,913 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08678315 | Lead Budget Analyst | 18-Apr-08 | SMDC | GS-0560 | 13 | 13 | 78,390 - 101,913 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08662587 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 18-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 12 | 12 | 65,921 - 85,701 | X | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08668646 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 18-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 13 | 13 | 78,390 - 101,913 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WTST08627094 | Intelligence Spec (GMI Analyst) | 18-Apr-08 | AMCOM, Intel Div | GG-0132 | 7/9 | 9/11 | 37,164 - 71,500 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| WTST08667997 | Intelligence Asst (OA) | 18-Apr-08 | AMCOM, Intel Div | GG-0134 | 5/6 | 7/8 | 30,001 - 53,504 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08647462 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 18-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 13 | 13 | 68,625 - 89,217 | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08623695 | Lead General Engr | 21-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0801 | 4 | 4 | 92,633 - 141,657 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08627359 | Supv Contract Spec | 21-Apr-08 | Corps of Engrs, Huntsville | YC-1102 | 2 | 2 | 78,390 - 101,913 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08691039 | Budget Analyst | 21-Apr-08 | SMDC | GS-0560 | 12 | 12 | 65,921 - 85,701 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08685331 | Lead Security Guard | 21-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0885 | 6 | 6 | 33,442 - 43,476 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08693304 | Budget Analyst | 21-Apr-08 | AMCOM, Legal Ofc | GS-0560 | 11 | 11 | 54,999 - 71,500 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08692992OC | Fire Protection Inspector | 21-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0081 | 8 | 8 | 41,157 - 53,504 | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08692097OC | Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA) | 21-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0203 | 6 | 6 | 33,442 - 43,476 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08692088OC1 | Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA) | 21-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0203 | 5 | 5 | 30,001 - 38,997 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08692996OC | Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp) | 21-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0801 | 7 | 7 | 37,164 - 48,308 | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08691939OC | Security Guard | 21-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0885 | 5 | 5 | 30,001 - 38,997 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08691953OC | Police Ofcr | 21-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0083 | 6 | 6 | 33,442 - 43,476 | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08692984OC | Lead Police Ofcr | 21-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0083 | 7 | 7 | 37,164 - 48,308 | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08661106 | Public Affair Spec | 22-Apr-08 | AMCOM, PAO/G5 (Public Affairs) | GS-1035 | 9 | 9 | 45,458 - 59,100 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08661106D | Public Affair Spec | 22-Apr-08 | AMCOM, PAO/G5 (Public Affairs) | GS-1035 | 9 | 9 | 45,458 - 59,100 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08661235 | IMA Opers Spec | 22-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0301 | 13 | 13 | 78,390 - 101,913 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08690957 | Budget Analyst | 22-Apr-08 | SMDC | GS-0560 | 11 | 12 | 54,999 - 85,701 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08677959 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 22-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 12 | 12 | 65,921 - 85,701 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08683339 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 22-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 13 | 13 | 78,390 - 101,913 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08638650 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 22-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 12 | 12 | 65,921 - 85,701 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08653836 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 23-Apr-08 | LOGSA | GS-0346 | 12 | 12 | 65,921 - 85,701 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08667475 | Mgmt Asst (OA) | 23-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DK-0344 | 3 | 3 | 37,164 - 53,504 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08668114D | Electronics Engr | 23-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0855 | 3 | 3 | 65,921 - 101,913 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08695794 | Safety & Occup Health Spec | 23-Apr-08 | GARRISON | GS-0018 | 12 | 12 | 65,921 - 85,701 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08681555 | Mgmt Analyst | 24-Apr-08 | AMCOM, Command Grp | GS-0343 | 7 | 9 | 37,164 - 59,100 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08678397 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 24-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 12 | 12 | 65,921 - 85,701 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08662815 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 24-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 11 | 11 | 54,999 - 71,500 | X | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08694882 | Safety Engr | 24-Apr-08 | AMCOM, Safety Ofc | GS-0803 | 13 | 13 | 78,390 - 101,913 | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08627838 | General Engr | 25-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0801 | 4 | 4 | 92,633 - 141,657 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08627842 | General Engr | 25-Apr-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0801 | 4 | 4 | 92,633 - 141,657 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08558341 | Equip Spec (Aircraft & Electronics) | 29-Apr-08 | IMMC | GS-1670 | 12 | 12 | 57,709 - 85,701 | X | | | X | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08695598 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 29-Apr-08 | AMCOM, LAISO | GS-0346 | 13 | 13 | 78,390 - 101,913 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08652300 | Electronics Engr | 1-May-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0855 | 4 | 4 | 92,633 - 141,657 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08652030D | Electronics Engr | 1-May-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0855 | 4 | 4 | 92,633 - 141,657 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08664672 | Aerospace Engr | 1-May-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0861 | 4 | 4 | 92,633 - 141,657 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08676632 | General Engr | 1-May-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0801 | 4 | 4 | 92,633 - 141,657 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08651945 | General Engr | 3-May-08 | SMDC | GS-0801 | 15 | 15 | 108,964 - 141,657 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08651945D | General Engr | 3-May-08 | SMDC | GS-0801 | 15 | 15 | 108,964 - 141,657 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08608580 | Equip Spec (General) | 7-May-08 | IMMC | GS-1670 | 12 | 12 | 57,709 - 85,468 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08616231 | Equip Spec (Aircraft) | 7-May-08 | IMMC | GS-1670 | 12 | 12 | 57,709 - 85,468 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08696269 | Attorney-Advisor (Contracts) | 7-May-08 | AMCOM, Legal Ofc | GS-0905 | 12 | 13 | 65,921 - 101,913 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08665249 | Lead General Engr | 8-May-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0801 | 4 | 4 | 92,633 - 141,657 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08696459 | General Engr | 9-May-08 | SMDC | GS-0801 | 14 | 14 | 92,633 - 120,421 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08681811 | Mech Engr | 9-May-08 | AMRDEC | DB-0830 | 4 | 4 | 92,633 - 141,657 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08647462 | Logistics Mgmt Spec | 4-Jun-08 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 13 | 13 | 68,625 - 89,217 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08692992OC | Fire Protection Inspector | 21-Jul-08 | GARRISON | GS-0081 | 8 | 8 | 41,157 - 53,504 | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08692097OC | Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA) | 21-Jul-08 | GARRISON | GS-0203 | 6 | 6 | 33,442 - 43,476 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08692088OC1 | Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA) | 21-Jul-08 | GARRISON | GS-0203 | 5 | 5 | 30,001 - 38,997 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08692996OC | Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp) | 21-Jul-08 | GARRISON | GS-0801 | 7 | 7 | 37,164 - 48,308 | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08691939OC | Security Guard | 21-Jul-08 | GARRISON | GS-0885 | 5 | 5 | 30,001 - 38,997 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK08691953OC | Police Ofcr | 21-Jul-08 | GARRISON | GS-0083 | 6 | 6 | 33,442 - 43,476 | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| SCBK08692984OC | Lead Police Ofcr | 21-Jul-08 | GARRISON | GS-0083 | 7 | 7 | 37,164 - 48,308 | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | X | | | | | | | |