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# Remember those who serve us

## Military recognized at police memorial

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Huntsville police officer Kevin Newey gave his daughter Jessica, an Army specialist and Iraq War veteran, a yellow flower during the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service on May 7 in front of the Madison County Courthouse. Toward the end of the service, he escorted her to the monument for fallen law enforcement officers so she could put the flower there in honor of the military.

"I pray for all in public service," Madison County Sheriff Blake Dorning said in the ceremony, held before National Police Week May 11-17. "I pray for our military."

This was a recurring theme throughout the somber yet inspiring ceremony which included law enforcement officers, family members, friends and others. That theme was: Remember the fallen and remember those public servants, including servicemembers, who serve today.

Last year 187 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty nationwide, including four in Alabama. Thirty-five have died nationally this year, including one in Alabama.

"We also should take the time to think of those who continue to live, to think of those who continue to serve," Alabama attorney general Troy King said.

The courthouse monument — erected in 1990 by the local lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, who sponsored the memorial service — has 21 names of fallen officers. They range from U.S. marshal John B. Hardie, who died Dec. 8, 1880, to Huntsville police officer William Eric Freeman, who was shot last Dec. 14 on Bailey Cove Road and died Dec. 15 at age 36.

"We take this opportunity to honor those who are willing to serve," Huntsville police chief Henry Reyes said. "We also honor you who are here today. Thank you and God bless you."

Among the honored participants was Spc. Jessica Newey, who was wounded in Iraq and is assigned at Redstone to the Community Based Health Care Organization.

"My dad is an officer and I have plans to follow (him)," she said. "So this is something very close to my heart. I'm military police."

She said those words while seated before the ceremony started, before her father the Huntsville police officer gave her the yellow flower and before Dorning gave his opening prayer.

Said Dorning, "Let us not forget the reason we are here."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**FATHER AND DAUGHTER**— Huntsville police officer Kevin Newey escorts his daughter, Spc. Jessica Newey, during the law enforcement memorial service.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SERVICE ROLE**— Iraq War veteran Spc. Jessica Newey places a flower on the wreath at the downtown monument dedicated to fallen local law enforcement officers.

# An open lane random survey

*What are your plans for the summer?*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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**Diane Schumacher**  
Space and Missile Defense Command  
"I'm going to take my week for time-share to St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. Go scuba diving, look at the beautiful fish, and hope I don't get eaten by a shark."

**Tim Jennings Carr**  
Quantum Research International  
"To begin writing a thesis in pursuit of a master's in computer science (from Alabama A&M University)."



**Maj. Pamela Tingle**  
HHC commander, SMDC/ARSTRAT  
"Besides work, I do plan on going back home to see friends and family in New York. I plan on doing a couple of triathlons, and may actually be in Europe this summer. And if I'm there, I'll be on a road bike touring the countryside."

**Staff Sgt. Marcus Church**  
HHC SMDC/ARSTRAT  
"Maybe I'd like to go to Six Flags (near Atlanta). Probably go visit my parents out in Arizona. I know I'll be going to Long Beach (Calif.) at the end of May - TDY but I should be able to get some fun in there."



## Letters to the Editor

### Soldier writer eager for story ideas

Hello Redstone! My name is Spc. Dustin "Ryan" Stroud and I'm the new public affairs specialist for the 59th Ordnance Brigade. I'm writing you, the fine Soldiers and civilians of the Arsenal, to let you know 59th now has someone to cover all the news for the brigade and its battalions.



Spc. Dustin "Ryan" Stroud

To fill you all in, I recently re-enlisted to come to Redstone from Fort Hood, Texas, where I was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. I was the lead writer for 3rd BCT during our deployment to Baqouba, Iraq, for Operation Iraqi Freedom '06-08.

After conducting several combat related missions, telling the story of our heroic deployed Soldiers, and fulfilling my duties while deployed, I started looking for a new challenge to excel my career in Army public affairs. Now here at Redstone, I have been given the task to support the brigade and Bravo and Charlie Companies, just to name a few.

Since I am new to the area, I'm currently looking for any news, story ideas or advice any of the Soldiers or Civilians here have to offer. I can be reached at ryan.stroud@us.army.mil, or by phone at 876-0247.

I look forward to meeting as many people on the Arsenal as possible, hopefully establishing long-lasting relationships while we tell the story of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the efforts of the Army.

Thank you for your time and I'll be seeing you soon.

**Spc. Dustin "Ryan" Stroud**  
59th Ordnance Brigade

### Quote of the week

**'If you want a thing done well, do it yourself.'**  
- Napoleon Bonaparte

### Landscaping for small building

Building 3457, the Logistics Support Facility, is again undergoing extensive landscaping. This time it appears to be an underground irrigation system. A year or two ago, it was a pavilion with tables and umbrellas, flowerbeds, numerous shrubs, a walkway, and outdoor lighting for the trees. This is a small building with only a few employees. How can this costly landscaping possibly be justified?

**Joe Gorman**  
USA retired

*Editor's note: The Garrison coordinated with PEO Aviation to provide the following response. "Last year landscaping was part of the overall plan for interior and*

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### Health concern for occupants

Why is the water in building 5681 brown? It's brown from the faucets and in the toilets. What kind of health hazard is it causing to the people in the building? I don't want to hear again that the water is safe. Safe water is not brown!

And why is there not more being done about getting black mold out of the building? It can be seen on the hallway walls. There has just been some small area cleansing but not the whole building. Black mold is dangerous.

**Name withheld by request**

*Editor's note: The Garrison and Chugach provide the following response. "Rust, mostly iron and manganese, naturally builds up on the inside walls of our metal water mains. The iron can add a rusty, reddish brown, color to the water under two conditions. The first is when the water flow in a main is too slow. The second is when the main is flushed. Slow water movement allows the concentration of the reddish brown color to increase where it is readily visible. Second, flushing is sometimes necessary to maintain the correct chlorine level. But flushing also creates a faster than normal flow of water which breaks loose the iron deposits from the inside wall of the main causing an increase in the reddish brown color in the water."*

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Sarah Trial

**Job:** Military personnel technician, SMDC/ARSTRAT G-1 (Administration)

**Where do you call home?**  
Athens, Ala.

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

Helping people. That's why I'm still doing military personnel (since May 1978 after serving as a Soldier from 1973-77). Making a change in people's lives.



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

I work with the military. I volunteer. I'm a FRG (Family Readiness Group) leader. And I work with the VFW, with the veterans. I work with the Tut Fann Veterans Home. I work with Army Community Service, getting out care packages for the Soldiers, with the churches, with communities. People I don't even know call me – 'we were told you were the one to call.' So I'll take a call in the middle of the night to help Soldiers. I'm on call 24/7. I work Army Emergency Service and the Combined Federal Campaign. If it's for Soldiers, it's for me.

**What are your goals?**

To try to make this a better place for the Soldiers and their families.

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

The oldies but goodies – the ones you could understand.

## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

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

**Violation notices issued:** 36 speeding, 3 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired tags, 1 failure to yield.



# Army reports four deaths from wrecks

FORT RUCKER — The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center provided the following list of accidents Armywide during April 10-16:

• A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident April 10 at approximately 4 p.m. in Atlanta. He was operating his 2006 Suzuki Hayabusa 1300 motorcycle at a high rate of speed when he lost control, was thrown from the motorcycle and collided with a pole. He was licensed, wearing the required personal protective equipment and had attended an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course.

• A Soldier was killed in an Army motor vehicle accident April 14 at approximately 4:40 p.m. in Grafenwoehr, Germany. He exited his parked vehicle and was pinned

between his vehicle and another being maneuvered alongside. Reports indicate no ground guide was used.

• A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident April 14 at approximately 3:15 p.m. near Junction City, Kan. He was operating a friend's 2007 Honda CBR 1100XX Super Blackbird motorcycle in a parking lot. He left the parking lot and struck a guardrail. The Soldier was neither licensed, nor wearing the required PPE and had not attended an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider's course.

• A Soldier was killed April 14 in a vehicle accident at approximately 8 a.m. near Dulce, N.M. She was driving a 1999 Jeep Cherokee when she was involved in a rollover. She was wearing her seat belt.

## Logistics facility landscaping explained

### Landscaping

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*exterior renovation of building 3457 that was initiated three years ago. The effort currently being performed is to complete the exterior effort started last summer, and to correct/overcome anomalies resident in that initial effort (i.e. the irrigation and edging, and to replace damaged or dead plants). The over-arching concept under which all this occurs is 'Facilities Use Contracting,' and is distinguished in the BASEOPS offsetting revenue feature therein, and more importantly, is a key tenant in the 'Public/Private Partnership' in which the Logistics Support Facility is a principal and tenant in B-3457.*

*"The plan for B-3457 occupancy & renovation was for it to be a 'demonstration project and example for Team Redstone on the alternative reuse of buildings/real property for commercial application.' The Landscape Plan called for the creative use of 'native plants' in a landscape that was representative of the 'oodland environment, Redstone and the region.' Our experience is that it is definitely serving that purpose as LSF gets frequent 'visitors' from Redstone and other government agencies asking us how (and why) we accomplished this project. LSF is proud of what has been accomplished in working with the Garrison to make the vision materialize, but LSF is also proud of the fact that Soldiers and their young families have made the patio a destination for weekend socializ-*

*ing. They respect the area and keep it clean, while thoroughly enjoying it. When evaluated against the 'going-in concepts/precepts,' the LSF is an exciting and successful example that has inspired additional and local imitators.*

*"PM customers from PEO Aviation, the AMRDEC, Redstone tenant activities, seven other PEOs, and every DOD component, all utilize the building/services of the LSF, and enjoy the amenities as well as services offered. The standard for renovation was to make it representative of all new construction/renovation on Redstone, both on the interior and exterior, and importantly, to typify the innovation associated with the genesis of LSF operations.*

*"While the basic exterior design was in fact generated by LSF, it is truly a collaboration of the Directorate of Public Works, Chugach and support contractors."*

## Clearing the air about water color

### Concerns

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*"Starting in the summer of 2006 the Arsenal stopped producing water and began purchasing water from the city. The water from the city enters the Arsenal near gates 2, 7, 9 and 10. This means that water now flows from the boundary*

*(smaller sized mains) to the center of the Arsenal (larger mains). In certain areas, when there is not enough water movement through the larger mains the concentration of reddish brown increases. This is the situation for most of the buildings in the 5600 area.*

*"While the minerals in the water are harmless, we are adjusting the flushing schedule in the 5600 area to minimize the reddish brown color*

*in the water.*

*"On the subject of mold, in 2007 interior wall panels that had mold on them were replaced. Additionally, the ventilation ducts and the air handling units in the building were cleaned to remove dust, debris and mold. We contacted the building custodian who was not aware of any current mold issues inside the building, but DPW is responding to a work order submitted by the building custodian to have the exterior of the building cleaned and painted."*

# Crosby promoted to brigadier general

*Aviation deputy expresses thanks*

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About 350 people gathered last week to see Col. Tim Crosby join the ranks of general officers.

Crosby, the deputy program executive officer for aviation, was promoted to brigadier general in a ceremony May 5 in the Officers and Civilians Club.

"This is something that I will never forget," Crosby said.

Paul Bogosian, the program executive officer for aviation, officiated at the ceremony. He has known Crosby for more than 15 years.

"He is first and foremost a Soldier," Bogosian said. "He has a Soldier's heart and he has a Soldier's family."

Crosby, who entered the Army as a field artillery officer after graduating from The Citadel in 1979, became the deputy PEO on May 23, 2007.

He and his wife of 29 years, Janice, have three children: Rebecca, Sara and



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**MEMORABLE EVENT—** Newly-promoted Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby is congratulated by Paul Bogosian, the program executive officer for aviation, as Crosby's wife Janice looks on.

Will. attendees. "This is my opportunity to say thanks to everybody in this room."

# Military spouses thanked for their service to nation



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SHOPPING—** Leona Johnson of Madison, wife of retired Sgt. 1st Class Terry Johnson, shops Friday at the Post Exchange.

*Redstone Arsenal joins observance*

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This was a way of thanking military spouses for what they do throughout the year. They share the burdens with their husbands and wives; and they keep the home fires burning while their spouses are away.

Redstone Arsenal joined Friday in celebrating Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Army Community Service had a display table in its lobby where specialty magazines and other literature were available for military spouses who came in.

The Officers and Civilians Club offered a 50 percent lunch discount for any military,

National Guard or retiree spouse who arrived for lunch and showed their ID.

And the Post Exchange held its observance Sunday, which coincided with Mother's Day.

"I'm doing a \$100 shopping spree. They can register to win," Kim Sumpter, PX sales and merchandise manager, said. "And I'm going to give out to early shoppers that morning Hallmark free greeting cards (to the first 50) early bird shoppers."

Leona Johnson of Madison, wife of retired Sgt. 1st Class Terry Johnson, was among the military spouses at the PX on Friday. She gave her impressions of Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

"It means a lot to me because my husband served 22 years," Johnson said. "And the spouses play a big part in the Soldiers' life because we are the backbone. We do a lot."

# 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://immweb.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.
- AMCOM G-6 is having a Krispy Kreme Coupon and Domino's Pizza Card Sale until the end of the campaign. If you don't need the coupons, you can purchase a card and donate them to AER where they will be distributed to Soldiers and their families. For information call Glenda Parker 876-6909, Luereen Phillips 876-6942 or Elaine Stoots 842-2494.
- A Silent Auction for two baskets of items for baby is conducted by the Depot Maintenance Division and Transportation Division, IMMC. Bidding closes on May 27. For information contact Lynn Moore at [lynn.moore@conus.army.mil](mailto:lynn.moore@conus.army.mil).
- AMRDEC is selling patriotic lapel pins, lanyards and candy bars until May 27 at building 5400, room A-260. Call Jan Martin 842-0691.
- A hot dog cookout, sponsored by Security Assis-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GET YOUR PEANUTS—** Selling roasted peanuts at the Sparkman Center on May 8 are, from left, Maxine Young, Sandra Patrick and Ingrid Qualls, all members of Readiness Directorate, AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center.

tance Management Directorate, is Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5304. For information call Katherine Cable 313-6953.

- The Engineering Support Division and PD-SSM will hold its first Dancing for the Soldiers AER Event at

1 p.m. Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium. For information call Lashona Washington 876-5992 or Dimeccia Blake 313-5016.

- A car wash, sponsored by PD-SSM, AMRDEC, is Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the AAFES Tire Center. Hot dogs and drinks will be available. For information call Dimeccia Blake 313-5016.
- 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.
- Lower Tier and Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems project offices are teaming for a barbecue May 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the north parking lot of building 5250. Vern Spearman will be cooking ribs, chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs. For more information, e-mail Beverly Overman at [bev.overman@us.army.mil](mailto:bev.overman@us.army.mil).
- A softball tournament, sponsored by AMRDEC Engineering Directorate, is May 22 at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. Registration is \$50 per team. For information call Jarius Palmer 842-7328.
- A 4-Man Scramble Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Acquisition Center, is May 29 at 9 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. Team registration ends May 23. For information call Chris Campbell 876-3448 or James Minnon 876-5383.

## Research team gives back to community

*Award-winning writers contribute \$500 award*

Barry Beavers and Bill Ruta were recognized April 15 at the Acquisition Community Conference in Fort Belvoir, Va., by Defense Acquisition University for their second place finish in the Hirsch Award research paper competition.

The Edward Hirsch "Acquisition Research and Writing" Award was established in August 2007 by the DAU Alumni Association in conjunction with the DAU Research Department. This award was in commemoration of DAU Hall of Fame member Brig. Gen. Edward Hirsch's contributions to DAU and the DoD acquisition community.

Their research paper, titled "Joint Attack Munition Systems Project Office Improving Support to the War Fighter," documents how the JAMS Logistics Team improved support to the war fighter with its implementation of the Life Cycle Management Command organizational concept. Beavers and Ruta discuss both organizational structure changes and process changes within the JAMS Project Office to enable implementation of the LCMC organizational concept.

Beavers is the JAMS logistics director and Ruta is a DAU Senior Service College Fellow.

They presented their \$500 second place award to Habitat for Humanity, one of the community projects that the DAU Senior Service College Fellows supported.



Courtesy photo

**PRIZE DONATION—** The \$500 second-place research paper award is presented by authors Barry Beavers and Bill Ruta, and their organizations, to the Habitat for Humanity, one of the community projects that the DAU Senior Service College Fellows supported. From left, in first row, are Ruta and Beavers; in second row, Myra Sanderson; in third row, Anita Whitaker, Candice Walker, Vanessa Yoder, Gail Alsbrooks; in fourth row, Richard Martinez, Shay Mitchell, Jim Byrd, Jason Peagler, Johnnie Shue, Christy Carter, Marv Smith, JAMS project manager Col. Mike Cantor, SSCF director Dr. David Newberry; and back row, Roy Ryan, Lex Scott, Jeff Flint, Bethany Marbut, John Murphy and Charles Adams.

# Like father, like son in the Ford family



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**MILITARY BOND**— Sparkman High senior Lee Ford will soon join the Army as an ROTC cadet at Auburn University thanks to the support and mentoring of his father, Lt. Col. William “Mike” Ford. Both men were drawn to the Army because of educational and career benefits.

## ROTC scholarship recipient follows officer's footsteps

By KARI HAWKINS  
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The opportunity to go to college, experiences that teach self-discipline and leadership skills, and a career that offers challenges, advancement and travel – these were the Army amenities that attracted Lt. Col. William “Mike” Ford to a military career 24 years ago.

Now his son is feeling that attraction.

Ford’s son, Sparkman High senior Lee Ford, has accepted an ROTC scholarship to Auburn University. His major is still undecided, with Lee showing interest in a wide variety of careers, including communications, mechanical engineering, industrial design, architecture and politics.

“The beginning of my senior year, it finally hit me – I’m going to

college and college is very expensive,” Lee said. “I thought about it and realized I could join the military and the military would pay for college. I also realized there are a lot of advantages of being in the military after college.”

Lee is making a commitment to the Army at the same time that his father is preparing for retirement after 24 years of service. The two shared a special moment recently when Lee took the Army Physical Fitness Test at Redstone Arsenal alongside his father.

“It’s really something,” Lee said. “I’m actually following the family tradition. Besides my dad, my dad’s dad was an Army Air Corpsman who fought in World War II. He was a belly gunner in a B-17 bomber.”

Lee’s uncle, who is Ford’s brother, also served seven years in the Navy as a Russian linguist.

Ford’s Army career has taken his family from Fort Stewart, Ga., to Rock Island, Ill., the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterrey,

Calif., Massachusetts and Germany. He has focused his career on the acquisition corps, and has experience in program management, contracting, and research and development. Currently, Ford is the research and development integrator for Army programs at the Space and Missile Defense Command.

While Lee thinks about all the different educational and career opportunities that the Army will offer him, his father sees the military experience as a “passage to adulthood” whether or not Lee makes it a career.

“The opportunity to develop personal discipline is well worth the entire experience,” Ford said. “The Army helps you to grow up faster than anything else. When you graduate from college as a second lieutenant you are a platoon leader with 30 to 40 Soldiers reporting to you. If you go on to be a company executive, you have 100 Soldiers reporting

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# Kit Kittredge on display at library

## Youngsters invited to prize drawing

Children age 6-16 are especially invited to visit the MWR Post Library during May and June to borrow "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" books and to enter a drawing to win (first prize) an American Girl Doll of choice, (second prize) the Kit Kittredge series of six books, and more prizes to come.

Children entering the drawing must be registered on a library account at the Post Library – family registration only takes a couple of minutes. And a child may enter every time she or he checks out books, with a limit of one entry form per day. The child must submit the entry form in person.

The book/movie of Kit Kittredge is about a 9-year-old girl who loves to write news stories and is helping her family

survive the hard times of the Depression in 1934 Cincinnati. The movie will be released in July starring Abigail Breslin with executive producer Julia Roberts.

There are displays at the library related to Kit Kittredge including some American Girl dolls. Any child wishing to loan her American Girl doll to the display (secure locked case) is welcome to contact the library.

The Army Library Program and Picturehouse Films in partnership are also offering a chance to win an all-inclusive trip and a \$1,000 shopping spree to the nearest American Girl store location. Information on this aspect of the promotion is available at [www.ArmyMWR.com](http://www.ArmyMWR.com).

The MWR Post library is on Redeye Road between Vincent and Mauler. Phone 876-4741 for more information. The library web site with online catalog is at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com). (Post Library release)



Photo by Gail Alden

**COVER GIRL—** Rachel Knapp, 7, and her sister Marybeth, 12, enjoy an American Girl doll in front of the Kit Kittredge movie poster at the Post Library.

Officer's son takes on Army with ROTC scholarship

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to you. Lee certainly shows leadership ability now. But, in the Army, that ability will be tested and improved."

Ford remembers learning about leadership, discipline, responsibility and patriotism in the Army.

"This is a job you can feel good about because it is extremely important to defending our country," he said. "In the Army, you are working for a noble cause. I think Lee will be able to handle it. He wants to have lots of experiences and the Army is certainly an experience."

Ford agreed that an ROTC scholarship will offer his son plenty of career opportunities.

"Now that he's got so many options, he's very uncertain," Ford said. "I was uncertain when I first went into the military. But, after a few years, I was hooked and I've loved it ever since. I knew after those first years that I was going to make it a career."

Lee, who was born at Fort Stewart, is actually a few steps ahead of his dad at this stage in his life.

"When I went to college, I participated in the ROTC program," said Ford, who obtained a business degree from North Georgia College. "But I didn't know until my sophomore year that I wanted to serve in the military."

Yet, for all his grown-up plans, Lee, like many teenagers making the leap from high school to adulthood, is also hesitant about the new challenges he will face after high school graduation.

"I can't believe that I'm graduating from high school," he said. "Normally, you're supposed to be really excited about graduation. But I feel like I'm growing up too fast. I'm trying to prolong my high school experience as long as possible."

The Ford family, which also includes mom Heywon and twin brothers Andrew and Stuart, moved from Germany to the Huntsville area just two years ago. While in Germany, Lee participated in the American high school's JROTC program. At Sparkman High, Lee's extracurricular activities have included graphic design and video production. He recently attended the National Young Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

"That experience really opened my eyes to politics," Lee said. "It was really something to see the offices of the Senate and the House. It was pretty neat to see how the Congress is run. Politics is one area that I would like to pursue."

Lee considered applying to West Point and the Air Force Academy. But he decided he preferred the mix of military and civilian life that an ROTC scholarship at a state or private university had to offer.

"West Point and the Air Force Academy are very structured," he said. "I wanted some structure. I can definitely live with structure after living with my dad for 18 years. But I also wanted to have a college life."

There is a possibility, though, that Lee



Courtesy photo

**PASSING IT ON—** Lt. Col. William "Mike" Ford passes on a symbolic baton of experience to his son, Lee Ford, during the running portion of the Army Physical Fitness Test. Lee was required to pass the test as a recent ROTC scholarship recipient. While Ford retires from his Army career at the end of May, Lee is preparing to begin his Army career next fall as an ROTC cadet at Auburn University.

will transfer to Purdue or Vanderbilt following a year or two at Auburn. Once he graduates, he would like to be assigned to an engineering field or the signal corps in the Army.

Ford worked with his son to examine what the Army had to offer in terms of college and a career. Being an "Army brat," Lee knew most of the advantages. Ford's family not only moved around frequently, they got to spend two assignments in Germany – one from 1992-95 when Lee was a young child and again in 2001-05 when Lee was a teenager.

"During that second tour, we traveled whenever we possibly could," Ford said. "Lee and his twin brothers were all older the second time, so we were able to go on extensive European vacations. It's so easy to travel in Europe because everything is close by and travel is cheap."

Of his children, Lee, as the oldest, has shown the most interest in a military career.

"If any of them would do this, it would be Lee," Ford said. "He has shown an interest in World War I and World War II. He toured many battle sites with me in Europe. In Europe, you live with history. Everywhere we went there was history and military history, and Lee always wanted to learn and showed interest."

It was the college scholarship and the career opportunities that convinced Lee to apply for an ROTC scholarship.

"It's an opportunity to do a lot of different things in your career," Ford said, speaking from experience. "And, one benefit is that no matter how bad the job you have is, it's only temporary because you're going to be reassigned."

# Super Bowl running back drops in on Soldiers

## New York Giants player visits 832nd battalion

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What started out as a regular day for the trainees of 832nd Ordnance Battalion turned into chaos in the dining facility as the Soldiers of Bravo and Charlie companies were treated with a surprise visit May 7 from Super Bowl winning running back Brandon Jacobs.

Jacobs, a member of the dynasty-killing New York Giants, arrived at the dining facility, as Soldiers were piling in, to speak with them and thank them for their service.

"It means a lot to me to meet these guys and talk to them today," Jacobs said. "We hear

about these guys on TV and what they do and what they're going through, and it just means a lot to get the chance to see the Soldiers and thank them.

"I'm getting the chance to stand in front of these Soldiers and talk to them, letting them know the way a lot of people in the (NFL) feel, and letting them know that we support them on whatever it is they do and we're very proud of them," he said.

After speaking with the Soldiers, Jacobs made rounds to each table, shaking hands, posing for pictures and signing autographs, much to the Soldiers' delight. Jacobs even joked with those who are University of Alabama fans, as Jacobs once attended Auburn University.

"For Brandon Jacobs to take time to meet us, it makes me feel really motivated," Pvt. Jerome

Augusta Jr. of Bravo Company said. "I haven't been around too many famous people and it's a good inspiration to see someone like himself to come down and support us."

"To have someone come see us like this, it makes me feel even better about what I'm doing," Pvt. Daniel O'Connell of Charlie Company said. "Knowing that there are still people out there who support the troops and what it is we do, famous or not, it's a great feeling."

But for O'Connell, meeting Jacobs made him feel a bit closer to home.

"I like to watch football on occasions, but I really like to watch football with my dad, just a little father-son bonding," he said. "So this is neat for me because it makes me think of my family and my dad."

As the commotion wound

down, a look of humbleness ran across Jacobs' face as he said his goodbyes to the Soldiers.

"I might not know what each Soldier's job is, but what I do know is their job supports our country and I can't thank them enough for that," Jacobs said. "I hope these Soldiers know that they are special people and we care very much for them, but in honesty, I'm the one who is taking something away from this experience. These (Soldiers) are out here giving their all for their country and that's really motivating to me, it's moving."

Soldiers exited the dining facility, showing off their autographed items to each other and joking about whose NFL team could possibly try to stop Jacobs and New York's running game. At that moment, it really didn't matter.

"I hope he knows this means a lot to us and we really appreciate his support and his time,"

O'Connell said. "This doesn't happen often, so when it does, it's a big deal."

**"I might not know what each Soldier's job is, but what I do know is their job supports our country and I can't thank them enough for that."**

— Brandon Jacobs  
Running back for  
the New York Giants

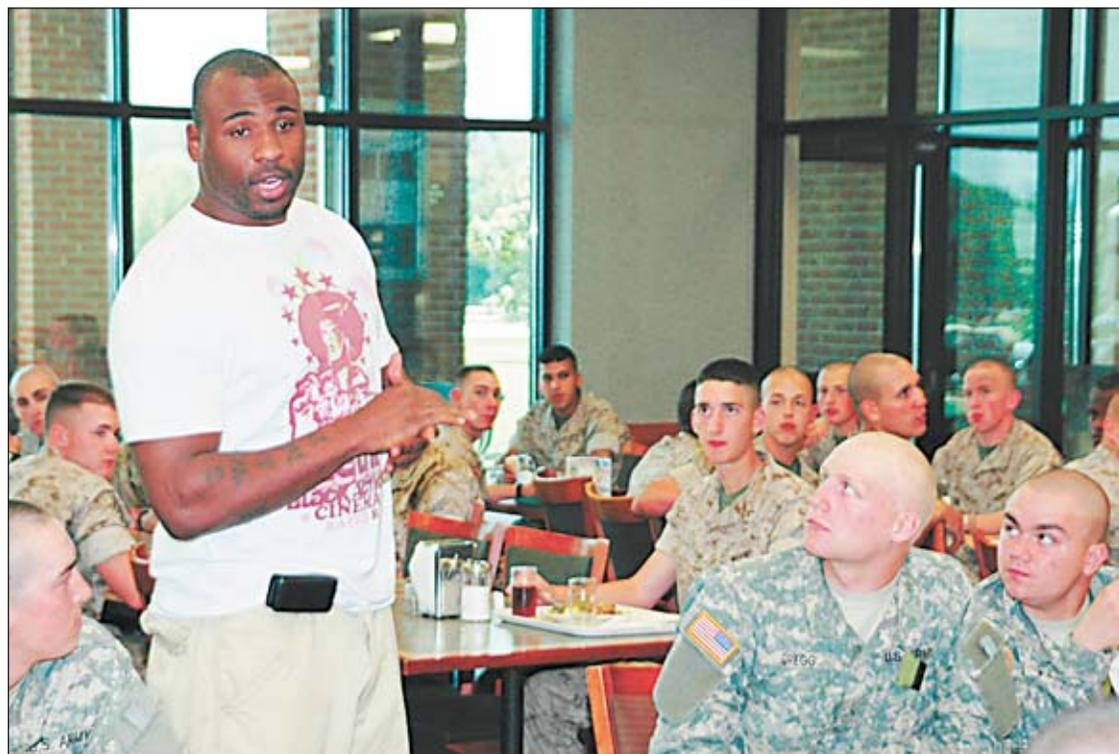


Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

**WELCOME GUEST**— New York Giants running back Brandon Jacobs speaks to a crowded room of Soldiers and Marines during his visit to Redstone.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Thumbs up

Brandon Jacobs, a running back for the Super Bowl champion New York Giants, gives a thumbs-up sign Thursday while visiting the Joint Robotics Project Office. Master Sgt. Patrick Perez, senior NCO for the program, is describing the robotics capabilities. "This is something they have that's really good," Jacobs said. "It saves lives, and that's what's important."

# Administrative professional sends greetings from Iraq



Courtesy photo

**EDUCATIONAL TOUR— Michelle Bannister of the Corps of Engineers is shown with the headmistress of a girls' school in Taji, Iraq.**

Huntsville's Michelle Bannister sends greetings from Iraq.

Bannister was scheduled to return here May 9 following a six-month deployment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Taji Area Office in Taji. She is an administrative assistant assigned to the Cost Engineering Branch, Engineering Directorate, at the Army Engineering and Support Center.

While deployed, she handled paperwork for the office and supported the Corps' military personnel, engineers, construction representatives and quality assurance people.

"There is a lot of good work being done here that has nothing to do with politics," she said. "More and more families are getting power to their homes, clean water to use, proper sewage treatment plants, schools and medical facilities. If I can help that along by making sure engineers don't have to worry about the petty paperwork, then that is what I am here to do."

## Army marches toward mental health awareness

By **JERRY HARBEN**

*U.S. Army Medical Command*

The Army is joining in promoting mental health during May, which is celebrated as Mental Health Month under the sponsorship of Mental Health America, formerly known as the National Mental Health Association. The theme for 2008 is "Get Connected," emphasizing the valuable support people gain by connections with family, friends, community and mental health professionals.

"Years of research have shown that individuals who feel valued and cared for are better equipped to deal with stress and adversity, and even experience less severe illnesses than those with little social support," said David Shern, president and CEO of Mental Health America.

"The importance of Mental Health Month is to raise public awareness of mental health being a significant medical issue in this country," Col. C. J. Diebold said. "It should be used as a springboard to raise continuous awareness. Mental ill-

ness is a medical disease for which effective treatments are available." Diebold is chief of psychiatry at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii, and has been designated as the Army Surgeon General's expert consultant for psychiatry.

Last year Army leaders took the unusual step of ordering a chain teaching program throughout the Army. Some 900,000 Soldiers of all ranks were taught how to recognize and respond to symptoms of traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder. Of special importance was command emphasis to counter a perception that Soldiers who seek mental health services are weak or malingerers.

"We're all worried about it. We've got to get rid of the stigma and that's what this education program is supposed to do," Army vice chief of staff Gen. Richard Cody said at a press conference announcing the chain teaching program.

All leaders have been encouraged to get out the message that getting help early is the best way to avoid long-term problems.

# Harris House has long history but uncertain future

## No funds to renovate pre-Civil War home

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There's an old house at 8012 Buxton Road on Redstone Arsenal that stands for more than the brick and wood it's made out of.

It also stands for history, for family memories and for the Army's obligation to preserve Redstone Arsenal artifacts.

The Harris House is a white, clapboard structure on the southern edge of Redstone Arsenal, a little over a mile west of the intersection of Patton and Buxton roads, and about a mile from the Tennessee River. It dates back to the pre-Civil War era when it was actually two structures on the Lee Plantation. The east side of the house was once a slave cabin while the west side of the house was added in the 1920s.

"This house should be saved for historical reasons," said Staff Sgt. Marcus

Green, whose wife, Debbie, lived in the house as a teenager.

"During World War II, the Army started putting up installations all over the place to support the war and because of that a lot of history was lost. This house is the only thing left of an early 1800s community. All the graveyards on post from that era are light on the history that pre-existed Redstone Arsenal. This house represents the history of both pre-Civil War and post-Civil War. This whole plantation here has historical significance for Madison County."

AMCOM historian Mike Baker confirmed the historical significance of the Harris House.

"It is the last remnant of what existed here prior to the Army coming on the installation," he said.

Though Redstone Arsenal officials agree the house should be preserved for its historical significance, at this time there are no plans or funds to renovate it.

"We are doing what we can to maintain the house so there aren't any structural problems with it. But we don't have the funds to do major restoration," said

Danny Dunn, chief of cultural/natural resources on Redstone Arsenal.

"We are working through Public Works to get money to do maintenance on the house. But there are shortfalls in funding and it's difficult to justify putting money into this house when we have office buildings falling apart. We've been at half funding or at less than what we need for our facilities for several years now. This house is not a high priority. It doesn't fit into mission requirements."

Architecturally, the six-room house features axe-hewn floor joists, sash-saw wall studs and a handmade brick chimney, all typical of early 1800s construction. It is said to contain an old coal-burning stove and a log room.

The house was once part of a 1,000-

acre farm that extended to the Tennessee River. It was located in the Green Cove community, which was part of a larger area known as Pond Beat. The community built up along the Tennessee River included 550 homes of families – mostly African-American – and three schools for blacks, one church for whites, 11 churches for blacks, 31 cemeteries and several lodges for blacks. The Lee plantation mansion and its adjoining buildings were among the oldest buildings in Madison County.

"This is part of history that belongs to Madison County, the State of Alabama and the country as a whole," said Green's mother-in-law, Shirley Gomez.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**FOND MEMORIES**— Redstone Arsenal employee Shirley Gomez and her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie Green and Staff Sgt. Marcus Green, look over an historical report on the families who have lived in the Harris House, which is Redstone Arsenal's only pre-Civil War building. The Gomez family lived in the home in the 1980s. The Green family would like to make the house livable once again.

■ Former dwelling was once part of plantation

# History

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In recent months, the Harris House has become of particular interest to Green, his wife and his mother-in-law. Debbie Green lived in the Harris House as a teenager with her parents, now retired Sgt. 1st Class Gene Gomez and his wife, Shirley, who is now a Redstone Arsenal employee.

"We moved out here when Debbie was 14, and lived out here from 1987 to 1989," Gomez said. "Debbie had her sweet 16 birthday out here.

"This was part of military housing at that time. We saw the house and immediately wanted to live in it. The school bus had to come all the way out here to pick Debbie up for school. It looks pretty much the same as back then, just not so run down. I just hate to see it falling down."

Gomez remembers fondly living in the Harris House. Although they were on post, living in the Harris House felt like living way out in the country.

"We would wake up some mornings and have cows in the front yard," Gomez recalled. "There could be coyotes or deer.

We never knew what we would see out our front door in the morning.

"We used to really explore this side of post. We walked all around and we would ride four-wheelers in the woods."

The Gomez family moved off-post when Gene Gomez was sent to Korea for a tour.

"We were the last residents on record as occupying this house," Gomez said.

Following the Gomez family, the house was used by a contractor, Dunn said. The house hasn't been used for several years.

**N**ow, the Greens, who live in post housing, would like to live in the Harris House. Currently, it belongs to the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works.

"This house needs to be lived in," Debbie Green said. "A house that's lived in, lives, and a house that's not, dies. This house is calling us."

But living in the house isn't feasible, Dunn said.

"When housing on post was privatized, a decision was made not to put this house into the contract," he said.

"It's just not efficient to have this house as part of Arsenal housing because it's on the far

south end of the Arsenal away from all other housing. That's the reason it was taken out of housing to begin with. It's also near a lot of explosive ordnance and it's in an area that is defined as the mission-oriented part of the installation."

At the same time, though, Dunn doesn't see the house being moved off post.

"We're not sure if it is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places," Dunn said. "But we treat it as it is.

"Once a house like this is sold and moved it loses its historical context. If we were to move it, it would not be eligible for the National Register. It's significant because it is part of the history of Redstone Arsenal. And, actually, the basement of the house is older than the house itself. It is a pre-Civil War basement."

The Harris House is also the last pre-installation residential structure on post. Despite their conversations with Public Works and Facilities representatives on post, the Greens are hoping a way will be found to make the Harris House a home once again.

"We would like to see if the house could be cleaned up and, if there is funding available, if it could be fixed up," Staff Sgt. Green said.

"If funding is not available, we would like to convince the installation to use my basic allowance for housing to renovate it so we could live in it."

There is a possibility that federal or private grants could be obtained to restore the home. Dunn said there has been some discussion with the Alabama Historic Preservation Office to locate funding sources for the home's restoration.

**E**ven if they couldn't live in the house, the Gomez and Green family would like to at least see it preserved "to show what was here during the 1800s" and possibly turned into a museum, Gomez said.

There's a lot of history behind the Harris House. It was once two of the out buildings on the historic Lee plantation that included a smokehouse, blacksmith shop, stables and slave quarters.

Records show that construction of the Lee plantation buildings began in the early 1800s when the first two rooms were built by James Cooper, a local planter. He was building the mansion for his bride, Charity, who he married in 1832. But, two years later, James Cooper walked down to the Tennessee River, fastened a large iron pot on his head and drowned himself.

Charity Cooper then married Houston Lee, who finished the mansion's construction. It became known as the Lee Mansion.

Lee died in 1853, and Charity was forced to sell the plantation in a sheriff's sale in the 1860s to pay off debts. It was sold to various owners until 1920, when J.B. "Sam" Harris Sr. bought the plantation property in a foreclosure. He lived in the mansion, but combined two structures on the property to build a home for his son, Sam Harris Jr., who lived in what became the Harris House until 1941 when the Army bought the property.

In 1974, the Lee plantation mansion was moved to Madison. In 1983, the Harris House was designated at a Class III structure of minor local importance for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

**I**n 1984, well-known local historian and architect Harvie Jones reported that the Harris House was "too attractive, too interesting and too historically important to discard," and should not be abandoned, demolished or moved.

"There's a lot of history out here," Gomez said. "This cemetery and the house and the docks on the river are the only things remaining of the community."

# Test your security awareness

AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security) provided the following word-find puzzle:

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ACCESS	INTELLIGENCE
CLASSIFY	KEYWORD
CLEARANCE	MEMORIZE
COMBINATION	SECRET
CONFIDENTIAL	STAMPPAD
CONTAINER	TRAINING
COURIORCARD	UNCLASSIFIED
ENDOFDAYCHECK	VERFICATION
FOREIGNVISITOR	VIOLATION
FREEDOM	VISITREQUEST

# Command members visit WWII cemetery

By Col. AL EVANS and Chief Warrant Officer 3 FRED BUNDY

*For the Rocket*

While on location in Germany, AMCOM C2 Team — working with the TASM-Europe — visited a World War II Cemetery in Durnbach.

Led by Col. Al Evans, the team visited the cemetery this month, finding the graves of four U.S. troops.

The team members felt that it was important to visit, offering silent support and remembrance to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

Durnbach is in the lower part of Germany in the state of Bavaria, 10 miles east of Bad Tolz, and 30 miles south of Munich.

The cemetery site was chosen, shortly after hostilities had ceased, by officers of the British Army and Air Force, in conjunction with officers of the American Occupation Forces. Most of those buried were airmen shot down over Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Austria, Hessen and Thuringia, having been interred by the then Army Graves Service.

The remaining graves are those of men who were killed while escaping from prisoner of war camps in the same areas, or who died toward the end of the war during forced marches.

Durnbach War Cemetery contains 2,934 Commonwealth burials of World War II, 93 of which are unidentified.

One grave in the cemetery contains the ashes of an unknown number of unidentified war dead.

Also, one grave contains the remains of six unidentified United Kingdom airmen.

Thirty graves mark other nationalities: four United States and 26 Polish.

Within the Indian section of the cemetery, the Durnbach Cremation Memorial, commemorates 23 servicemen of the then-undivided Indian Army, who died while prisoners of war in various places in France and Germany. They were cremated in accord with their religious doctrine.



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Fred Bundy

**IN GERMANY—** In front of the World War II Cemetery in Durnbach are, from left, Sammy Burns, Col. Al Evans, Emmitt Rodriguez and Tom Braswell.

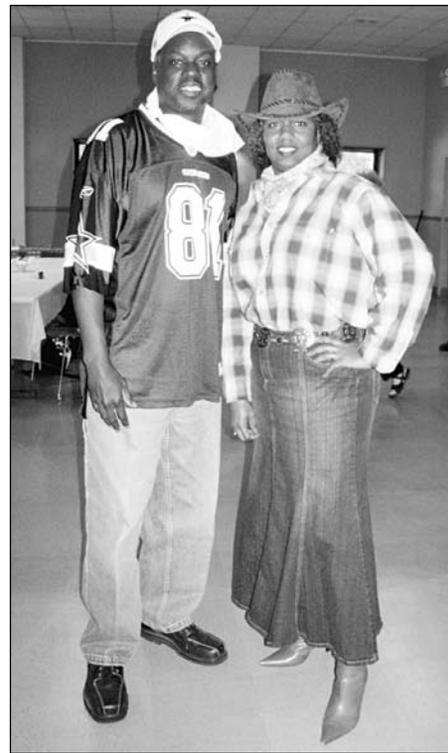


Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Western winners

Anthony Austin and Cheryl Anderson are named the best dressed cowboy and cowgirl at AMCOM G-8 (Resource Management) organizational day May 6 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center.

# Campus recruitment visits showing gains

## Students attracted to intern program

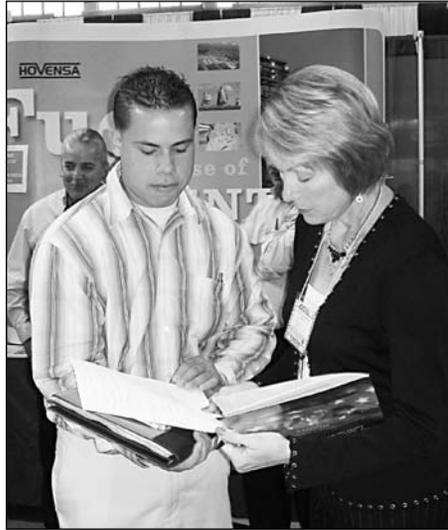
By SARA NORTHCUTT  
For the Rocket

As our work force ages, retirement numbers are on the rise. In an effort to maintain the necessary manpower strength, the Aviation and Missile Command has surged its recruitment efforts.

The Integrated Materiel Management Center has established teams, scheduled visits to campuses around the country, and successfully recruited 47 interns in FY '07 and 22 in FY '08 with a goal of 50 new interns. In the last year, the IMMC has expanded these efforts to Puerto Rico.

Being a native from Puerto Rico and being able to recruit at the finest universities for premier candidates to join the AMCOM team is an honor. These excellent students are ready to take on the new challenges before them and become a force multiplier in supporting the Army mission," Deisy D'ambrosio, chief of AMRDEC contracts at AMCOM Acquisition Center, said.

The Integrated Materiel Management Center, in collaboration with Acquisition Center, Security Assistance Management Directorate and Resource Management, supported by Intuitive Research, a local company owned by Rey Almodóvar, vis-



Courtesy photo

**CAREER FAIR— Amy Barnett, now-retired associate director at PEO Missiles and Space, collects a resume and explains the employment application process to a student at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez.**

ited the University of Puerto Rico during the spring and fall of 2007. Both trips were a success, bringing on board seven new interns. The IMMC now employs four of the interns and one each in the Acquisition Center, Resource Management and the SAMD.

I attended the job fair at University of PR-Bayamón in October," Patricia Rovira, intern recruit from Puerto Rico, said. "There were different agencies and companies, but AMCOM's booth attracted me the most. Mrs. Amy Barnett (now-retired associate director at PEO Missiles and Space) explained the application process and opportunities so enthusiastically that it made it much more appealing. She said she had 39 years of service as a civil servant and her career experience had been fulfilling. I immediately thought of her as the kind of role model I would like to follow."

The Integrated Materiel Management Center returned this spring to the University of Puerto Rico. The visit included an audiovisual presentation of AMCOM and its civilian career opportunities, AMCOM handouts and Huntsville area brochures. Visits to Bayamón and Mayagüez were successful in identifying another group of candidates being considered for placement this summer after graduation. The IMMC plans to continue these efforts annually.

"We continue to sharpen our hiring strategies as we receive feedback from all our recruitment visits," IMMC deputy director Bill Andrews, the center's activity career program manager for supply, said. "Although we have been very successful in the past, we expect to exceed our goals as we improve."



Courtesy photo

## Beauty queen

**Birmingham native and Atlanta resident Andretta Rhone, a senior elementary education major at Alabama A&M University, will compete for the national title of Miss Black USA on June 20-23 in Las Vegas. She holds the title of Miss Black Alabama USA 2008, which required outshining some 30 statewide competitors and then convincing event organizers of her merits during a three-part interview process.**

# Play Mornings entertain children and parents

*Program manager likes response*

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One of the greatest joys a parent can experience is simply playing with their child. It can be a lot harder than it seems, though. Knowing where to begin and what activities are age appropriate can be frustrating for parents of small children. That's what the Play Mornings group of the ChildWise program is for.

"It's a great opportunity," Charlene Cox, new parent support program manager, said. "We have toys for different ages. We hit all the different developmental stages."

Cox joined the program just five months ago, but she's not new to the Army or to children. Cox spent years as an Army nurse before going into private practice.

"I was an Army nurse back in the 1970s when I got out of college," she said. "I've worked pediatrics for most of my career. I worked pediatrics in the Army in the newborn nursery. I worked eight years at Huntsville Hospital in pediatrics and pediatric assisted care."

Since then she has spent eight years working with a local pediatrician. When her doctor moved to Texas, Cox grabbed at the opportunity to combine her experiences by working with the children and families of Soldiers.

"It's wonderful," she said. "I love visiting with the families, spending some time and talking to them. I love children in general, but these kids here are my life."

Learning how to play and interact with a preschool age child can be hard for parents. Knowing where to begin can be the most difficult part. Many parents are grateful for the guidance a program like Play Mornings can provide, Cox said.

Besides offering help in interacting with their children, parents get to meet and interact with other parents. They get to know others who are in similar situations – military families with children below school age.

"I just started coming. We just moved here a month ago," said Miriam Ross, who attends with her 4-month-old daughter, Catlyn. "I met her (fellow mom Jessica Rose) online and she recommended this to meet other moms and babies."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**QUIET TIME—** Charlene Cox, new parent support program manager, gets comfortable with 4-month-old Molly Rose as a Play Morning class comes to a close.

The program also offers both parents and kids a fun activity when the weather isn't cooperating. Rather than trying to stay indoors at home, Play Mornings offers a cost free activity to get everyone out of the house, said Mark Little, who attended with his 3-year-old son, Noah.

"Normally my wife brings them a couple times a month," Little said. "Especially during the winter when people are less inclined to be outside. There's more to do here than in the house. There are other parents here to talk to."

Kids also learn valuable social skills, Cox said. When children don't have siblings or have limited exposure to other kids their age, starting school suddenly surrounded by others can be stressful and difficult.

"They learn to play with each other," Cox said. "Some of the kids are only children or younger children. They learn to share. Especially with the babies, it's fun to watch them when they see each other for the first time. There's a communication that goes on between them."

Play Mornings are held every Tuesday and Thursday at the PlayWise facility on Nike Drive. They run from 9:30 to 11:30. The time is broken down into specific activities such as snack, crafts and playtime.

"From 9:30 to 10 we play. At 10 we do a craft, like painting," Cox said.

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# Army hasn't lowered Soldier recruiting standards

*Military service offers second chance on life*

By C. TODD LOPEZ  
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WASHINGTON — Despite a rise in conduct waivers offered to recruits last year, Army officials emphasized the service is not lowering its standards — explaining that circumstances surrounding each case and the recent behavior of those recruits earned them a second look.

“First off, every Soldier that comes into the Army is fully qualified for the job they take,” said Lt. Col. Val Siegfried, the Army branch chief for enlisted accessions. “Second, we’re not letting murderers in and we’re not letting in sexual predators.”

In fact, Siegfried says, the Soldiers let into the ranks with conduct waivers are of the same caliber as Soldiers without those waivers, and by some measure, Soldiers with conduct waivers perform even better than their counterparts.

The Army’s G-1 recently conducted a study of enlistees accessed from FY ‘03-06. The study compared 258,270 Soldiers who did not need conduct waivers and 17,961 who did. Waivers are required for recruits with felonies, traffic violations, or non-traffic-related violations.

The study did find differences between the two groups. For instance, the conduct waiver population re-enlisted at a higher rate. The conduct waiver Soldiers also earned a higher ratio of valorous awards and combat badges — 13.87 percent compared to 12.73 percent. Additionally, the conduct waiver population included more high school graduates, higher scores on the ASVAB, and fewer Soldiers scoring in the “Cat 4” range on that test.

However, the Army also found that Soldiers who required conduct waivers had higher losses in six of nine “adverse loss categories.” That included a .27 percent loss rate for alcohol rehabilitation failure versus the non-waiver population’s loss rate of .12 percent; a misconduct rate of 5.95 percent versus the non-waiver population of 3.55 percent; and a desertion rate of 4.26 percent compared to 3.59



Photo by Donna Miles

**ENLISTMENT OATH— Lt. Col. Robert Larsen, commander of the Baltimore Military Entrance Processing Station, administers the oath of enlistment to 28 new recruits during a swearing-in ceremony. While the Army is offering conduct waivers to new recruits, it is not lowering its standards for Soldiers.**

percent. However, the attrition due to personality disorders, entry-level performance or unsatisfactory performance for Soldiers with waivers was less than their non-waiver counterparts.

In all, the study shows that the differences between Soldiers that came in with conduct waivers and those that did not are negligible — the Army lost about 2.3 more Soldiers per 100 due to “adverse losses” than it did among the non-waiver population.

“Statistically, it is kind of insignificant,” Siegfried said.

The process for granting conduct waivers is tightly controlled, Siegfried said. For starters, individuals who have committed murder or sexually violent crimes, or those who have been convicted for dealing drugs or who are themselves dependent on drugs or alcohol, are automatically excluded from consideration for service.

The Army also excludes those individuals who have charges pending against them or who are on probation or parole. Today’s All-Volunteer Army no longer takes those who have been ordered to join the military by the court in lieu of prosecution — that means no more Soldiers who signed up to avoid going to jail.

Siegfried said the Army enlists only those individuals deemed capable of serving honorably — including those who may have committed some wrongdoing in the past, but who have repaid their debt to society and have since made something of themselves.

“We’re letting in people who made mistakes in their youth, who paid their penance for those mistakes and who have been able to prove to the Army that they merit a second chance and we can use them,” Siegfried said. “We look at the full, whole person concept. We realize these individuals have made mistakes, but we evaluate what have they done after the mistake was made.”

For a recruit with a felony on his record, his enlistment waiver must run a gauntlet of 10 individuals, including a general officer, before it can be approved, Siegfried said. For those with misdemeanors on their record, their waivers must be approved by up to six individuals. Those charged with, but not convicted of a felony, must have their waivers processed as though they were convicted.

“If that person gets in a fight in high school, and a shoe was their ‘deadly weapon’ — in today’s environment the cops come and haul them down to the police station and charge them with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Then they go to court and they do 10 hours of community service,” Siegfried said. “We still treat that as aggravated assault.”

Last year, the Army let in some 511 recruits that required a conduct waiver for felony crimes. Some of those felony crimes include:

- A 12-year-old, “trying to mimic a bee keeper using smoke to calm down bees in a hive,” lit a bee hive on fire, which caught the tree on fire, which then burned the siding of a house. Because of the classification of arson as a felony, he must get a waiver.

- A 13-year-old male was arrested after school officials discovered a letter that contained anti-Semitic comments, purportedly written by the subject. It was later determined that the subject’s twin brother had written the letter, but only after the adjudication of the offense.

- A 14-year-old male was charged for having consensual intercourse with his 14-year-old girlfriend.

- A 14-year-old male was driving his parent’s automobile without their knowledge. A friend, riding on top of the car, was thrown from the roof of the vehicle. He later died from his injuries. The driver was convicted of vehicular manslaughter.

Times are tough for recruiters today, Siegfried said. In recent years, the number of recruits that are “fully qualified” to enter any branch of military service has dwindled. The Army looks at a population of young Americans between the ages of 17 and 24 as its “ideal candidate” for recruitment. In the United States, that includes about 31.5 million potential Soldiers.

But that population of 31.5 million dwindles quickly — to about 8.4 million — when the Army takes in to account the many factors that affect Soldier quality: obesity, medical issues, drug dependency, criminal history, and substandard aptitude based on the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery.

“We are looking at about 31.5 million people out there in America, but only 3 out of 10 of those are fully qualified to come in the Army,” Siegfried said.

Within that group of potential Soldiers, there is also the issue of propensity to enlist — do they even want to come in to the military.

“We are fighting two wars now, and the propensity to enlist is at an all-time low,” Siegfried said. “Only about 9 percent of the people want to come in.”

The influencers of those potential recruits — the parents, teachers, coaches, councilors or pastors — are also less likely to encourage military service.

“They have a yellow ribbon on their car, and they are proud of the other people’s kids who serve,” Siegfried said. “But

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## ■ Program manager brings experience as Army nurse

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“Then at 10:30 we clean up and have snack. From 11 on we play until time to clean up.”

They are also further divided by age. Cox hopes to reorganize the facility into separate rooms for each age group.

“The kids are playing and the babies are crawling around,” she said. “We’re moving things around so the bigger guys don’t have to watch out for the little ones as much.”

While she has had a warm reception from the mothers and fathers who frequent the program, she said the children’s response has really touched her.

“I had only been here a month when Valentine’s Day arrived,” she said. “One of the moms brought flowers. I was in the back getting ready for the craft project.

Here came 10 little kids down the hall, each one carrying a flower. Easter, they made me a basket. I just cried. Nurses don’t get appreciated like this. They have welcomed me with open arms.”

In addition to Play Mornings, Cox works with new parents to make sure their needs are being met and they are adjusting well to life with baby. She also supplies expecting and new parents with baby gift baskets.

“I’m starting with newborns,” she said. “But I work with them up to age 3. I give out baby bundles for boys or girls. I do evaluations and parent teaching. We cover issues like shaken baby syndrome, sleeping with your baby, childproofing and work one-on-one with parents. We work on stress issues with the family. We help families learn to take care of these issues through support services at ACS.”

For more information on Play Mornings or New Parent Support, call Cox at Army Community Service at 876-5397.

## ■ Conduct waivers helping Army fill ranks

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they are less likely to tell their own kids they need to contribute to their nation through military service.”

When young men and women are lined up at the recruiter’s door, it’s easy to take the ones with no criminal background, impeccable grades in high school, good health, good physical fitness and good credit scores — the basic screening criteria, Siegfried said.

But a difficult recruiting environment does not mean the Army lowers its standards to meet its recruiting goals. Instead, the Army works harder to find out the actual circumstances behind the past of a recruit in order to show he or she is going

to be good for the Army, Siegfried said.

For the Army, it’s worth it to put in the extra effort to uncover the details behind a potential Soldier’s background. It means the Army gets to enlist more good Soldiers, and for young American’s who have made a mistake in the past, it provides them an opportunity that most of society is unwilling to offer — a chance to redeem themselves.

“There are some guys out there that have made mistakes in their lives and fixed their mistakes,” Siegfried said. “Now they are doing great things. You look at this, overall, they are re-enlisting more, getting promoted quicker and answering the nation’s call to duty with exemplary service in combat. These individuals serve as a sterling reminder to us all that America is the place of second chances.”

# National Guard, Bravo on collision course



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**OPENING SALVO**— National Guard shortstop Jeremy Hamilton hits a leadoff double during an 11-run first inning against Bravo Company on April 15. The National Guard won 19-18.

*Rematch tonight  
for league leaders*

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The top two teams in the troop softball league are on deck for a rematch tonight.

The threat of severe weather postponed last Thursday's games until now, including a showdown between the first-place National Guard and second-place Bravo.

The Guard (6-0) and Bravo (5-1) are scheduled to play at 8 p.m. at Linton Field. Other games tonight include Charlie vs. 326th Chemical at 6 and Headquarters & Alpha vs. NCO Academy at 7.

The defending champion Guard and Bravo met in their season opener April 15 and the Guard rallied to win 19-18.

Bravo overcame an 11-5 first inning deficit to lead 18-15 entering the bottom of the fifth inning. But the Guard scored four runs to win.

"I guess it was just staying motivated to the end and putting some hits together," National Guard coach and winning pitcher Rodney Henshaw said.

Marty Jones had the key hit at the end. He came to bat with two outs and men on second and third and the National Guard trailing 18-16. Jones lashed a single to center to tie the score and then scored the winning run when the next batter reached safely.

"I knew just to hit the ball hard," said Jones, the Guard's third baseman. "Hit it

hard, it's going to go."

The National Guard squandered its early lead because of defensive lapses.

"We made too many errors in all positions," Henshaw said. "We played too confident that last inning and started giving it up."

The Guard won because it "just pieced together some hits right at the end," he said. The big blow was the two-run single by Jones, who then scored from first. Jones went 2-for-4 and scored two runs in this season debut.

"I think everybody's gunning for us," Henshaw said.

Bravo's Jay Gavigan went 3-for-4 with a double and triple and scored four runs. The Bulldogs scored 10 runs in the top of the fifth for their short-lived 18-15 cushion.

"First inning errors got away from us," Bulldogs coach/left fielder John Sweeden said. "If it wasn't for that we would've had this game. I think the guys had some first game jitters. We're going to work it out."

Sweeden was right as the Bulldogs went on to win five straight games leading to tonight's rematch.

In games May 6, the Marines beat Headquarters & Alpha 22-5, Bravo won by forfeit over 326th Chemical, and National Guard routed NCO Academy 30-1.

Standings entering this week had National Guard (6-0), Bravo (5-1), Marines (4-2), Charlie (3-3), 326th Chemical (2-4), Headquarters & Alpha (1-5) and NCO Academy (0-6).



## Sports & Recreation

### Toys for Tots 5K

The Toys for Tots 5K fun run/walk is 9 a.m. June 7 at the Edgewater Community, 111 Edgewater Drive, in Madison. T-shirts go to the first 200 registrants. Cost is \$10. For information call Sgt. Daniel Shipp 213-9683, ext. 111 or e-mail shippstdf@mfr.usmc.mil.

### 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.

### Tour de Cure

The American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure is coming to Huntsville on Saturday. Register at [www.tour.diabetes.org](http://www.tour.diabetes.org). Bicyclists from all around will join together in the fight against diabetes as they ride through the scenic Huntsville area in distances of 36 miles, a metric century and 100 miles. Join in the Tour de Cure and help raise funds to provide care, raise awareness and find a cure for diabetes. Your participation will help the 21 million Americans diagnosed with this disease. For more information, call Doris Lewis 539-4404.

### Youth basketball

Registration is under way for the Vigilance Sports Invitational Classic II basketball tournament for girls and boys under 10 to under 17, Friday through Sunday at Madison Academy and Lee High School. Out of state teams are welcome. There is a three-game guarantee for all events. All officials will be AHSAA certified. Awards will go to first- and second-place teams, with team medals for each age group. Cost is \$225, with a \$50 discount for multiple teams. Register on Vigilance web site (<http://www.vigilancesports.com>) or call Kerry Johnson 527-2388 or Sharon Rivers 682-6401 or 990-9165.

### Stars baseball

The annual Civilian Welfare Fund Council's "Team Redstone Salute to the Armed Forces" Huntsville Stars baseball game is Saturday at Joe Davis Stadium as the Stars face the Carolina Mudcats. Doors open at noon and the game starts at 2:05. As an added attraction, there will be military displays in front of the stadium before the game. Your free general admission ticket may be upgraded for up to a \$5 credit per person on upper or lower box seats for this game only. Free tickets are being distributed to several locations on the Arsenal such as the PX, Post Restaurants in the Sparkman Center, buildings 5250, 5400 and 6263. You can also contact your CWFC council representative for free tickets in or near your office. You can find your representative in the CWFC link on the AMCOM home page.

### Bicycle rides

The seventh annual Tour d'Arsenal bike ride is May 20 at 5 p.m. at the NASA Fitness Center. For information call ride leader Jamie Miernik 544-6534. Bike to Work Day is Thursday with routes from Huntsville to RSA and MSFC. These include 7 a.m. from downtown Huntsville at Channel 19, 200 Holmes Ave., and 6:45 a.m. from Bailey Cove and Green Cove church parking lot. For information call ride leader Bobby Weber 876-8868.



## 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.

### Sergeants major

The Sergeant's Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third



Photo by Pat Hamilton

## Needs a lift

**Pat Hamilton, volunteer master gardener at the Post Library, snapped this picture May 5 when she discovered a groundhog peering up at her from an uncapped pipe on the library grounds. Chugach sent a man over who successfully rescued the critter; and the groundhog scampered off into the butterfly garden.**

Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Members are offered breakfast for \$6 plus tip. 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.

### Logistics workshop

The International Society of Logistics, in collaboration with the Logistics Support Activity, presents the 2008 Life Cycle Logistics Tools Workshop and Users Group Meeting on June 3-4 at the Four Points by Sheraton, Huntsville Airport. This seminar is to provide logistics professionals with the latest information on

life cycle logistics decision support tools, as well as emerging concepts, policies and lessons learned. The symposium registration fee is \$79 payable by credit card, check or DD Form 1556. For more information, call Robert Wilson 799-1023. For a registration form, visit [http://www.hats.org/sole/2008\\_SOLE\\_Seminar\\_RegistrationForm\\_11Apr08.doc](http://www.hats.org/sole/2008_SOLE_Seminar_RegistrationForm_11Apr08.doc).

### Veterans group

VFW Post 5162 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion building on Triana between Bob Wallace Avenue and Governors Drive. For more information, call Robert Davenport 679-3180.

### Engineer society

Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers meets Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club. The buffet luncheon is \$10 and sign in begins at 11:30 a.m. For reservations, call Amber Martin 895-1834.

### Outreach conference

The 2008 Women of Grace Conference is Friday and Saturday at Grace and Truth World Outreach Church, 7762 Wall Triana Highway in Harvest. Times are Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call evangelist Latisha Ragland 655-5800.

### Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will hold the chapter awards luncheon June 5 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command. Cost for the lunch is free to the first 65 people to register. To register, individuals must e-mail Bee Holloway at [bazolaholloway@msn.com](mailto:bazolaholloway@msn.com) by noon May 28. A reply for acceptance or non-acceptance of reservations will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275 or James Foster 852-2129.

### Management institute

The Project Management Institute, North Alabama Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility

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Base. The meeting, featuring "Bring Your Boss to Lunch Day," will provide a free lunch for bosses of PMI-NAC members who also attend. Advance registration is required. The PMINAC Professional Development Committee headed by Allen Green will expound on "The Power of the PMP Concept - an Advantage Over the Competition." The cost is \$20 for PMI members, \$25 for non-members. Register at <http://www.northalabamapmi.org/ChapterMeetings.htm>.

## Admin professionals

Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its monthly meeting May 20 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Steve Cundiff with Edward Jones will present a program on "Understanding Volatile Markets." For more information, call Dorothy May 842-8391.



## Miscellaneous

## Surplus sales

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

## Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret

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

## Civilian deployment

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

## 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](mailto: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.

## Butler High reunion

S.R. Butler High School Class of 1983 is planning its 25-year reunion Oct. 11 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. If you are a member of the Class of '83, e-mail [bellecambron@yahoo.com](mailto:bellecambron@yahoo.com) or call 509-6014 with your latest information or visit <http://www.classreport.org/usa/al/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.

## Reserve unit

If you have several years invested in your military career, you do not want conflicts between Reserve duty and civilian life to keep you from earning 20 qualifying years. The 184th Individual Mobilization Augmentee Detachment affords you the opportunity to drill for retirement points on Tuesday evenings. You still earn pay for and retirement points for IMA or IRR annual training and other tours, as well as your 15 automatic retirement points for being in the active Reserve. The unit meets at 5:30 p.m. most Tuesdays on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, e-mail Staff Sgt. King [jwk108@yahoo.com](mailto:jwk108@yahoo.com) or visit the web site <http://imad.redstone.army.mil/>.

## Best 1st sergeants

Nominations are being accepted for the third annual 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award. The award, presented by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, recognizes Army active duty, Reserve and National Guard nominees from the North Alabama area. Anyone can nominate a first sergeant for this award by contacting David Carney at [david.r.carney@us.army.mil](mailto:david.r.carney@us.army.mil) or [\[neym@imco.com\]\(mailto:neym@imco.com\) 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 Thursday.](mailto:david.r.car-</a></p>
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## JROTC donations

Columbia High's JROTC is raising money to send two cadets to Norwich University's third annual Drill Camp from June 30 to July 13 in Northfield, Vt. Cost is approximately \$2,500 per person, including air fare. Donations should be made to Columbia JROTC. These cadets will bring back the training they receive and train the other cadets to start a drill team for their JROTC program. For more information, call retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs 682-4010 or e-mail [hobbs@hsv.k12.al.us](mailto:hobbs@hsv.k12.al.us).

## Quarterly retirements

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is June 19 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are required to participate in one of the quarterly retirement ceremonies. To make arrangements for participation call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969 or Sgt. Stephanie Maxwell 842-2625 by May 29. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled Sept. 25.

## Skin cancer class

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month. Learn the latest information about skin cancer at noon Thursday in the Wellness Center Classroom at Fox Army Health Center. The class is open to all active/retired military, their family members and Defense/Army civilians. Class size is limited to 24. To sign up call 955-8888, ext. 1026.

## Health center holiday

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Tuesday, May 27, the Primary Care Clinic will be open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for scheduled appointments. The Tri-care Service Center will be open until noon. The Central Appointments telephone line will be answered until 4:30 p.m. All other clinics and services will be closed the entire day for a training holiday. The health center is closed on Saturday, Sunday, Thursday afternoons and all

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federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox does not have an emergency room or emergency medical services. In an emergency, dial 911.

### Family weekend

"Family First Weekend" is Saturday and Sunday at Southeast Church of the Nazarene, 2275 Cecil Ashburn Drive in Huntsville. The program features Jeremy Johnson, a singer-songwriter-speaker. For more information, call 881-3399.

### Senior service graduation

The Senior Service College Fellowship, at the Defense Acquisition University, South Region, announces the graduation of its 2008 class May 20 at 2 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. Keynote speaker for the

graduation ceremony is Claude Bolton. Introduction of the keynote speaker will be provided by Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles. The Redstone community is invited.

### Engineering camps

The University of Alabama-Huntsville will offer two Engineering camps during the summer. The weeklong day camp is designed for high school students interested in learning more about the opportunities in the engineering profession. The camp incorporates active participation in a broad scope of learning experiences including "hands-on" lab experiments, group projects and lectures by engineering college faculty. The 2008 camps are June 9-13 and July 14-18 on the UAH campus. Each day, the camp runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enrollment is limited to

20 students per session. The fees for each session (one week) of the camp are \$350. Fees include all activities, lunch, instruction and supervision, and materials that will be provided when the student arrives at the camp. A limited number of partial and whole need-based scholarships will be available for the summer camp. For more information, call Robin Douglass 824-3590.

### Korean War veterans

The third annual Korean War Veterans luncheon is June 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hyun's Korean Garden Restaurant, on South Memorial Parkway. The guest speaker is AMCOM chief of staff Col. Tom Newman. If you are a Korean War veteran, you and your guest will be the honored at this event. To RSVP your seat, call Hyun's Korean Garden Restaurant 489-8888.

### Weather radios

The WAFF 48 Storm Team will come to Redstone Arsenal on May 28 to program weather radios. The event will be from 3-7 p.m. at the Post Exchange. Stop by and get your weather radio programmed and meet the WAFF 48 Storm Team. Weather radios will be available for purchase.

### Air show volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Huntsville International Airport Air Show, June 28-29. There are three- and four-hour time slots for both days, starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. Some of the volunteer opportunities include parking, traffic control, volunteer check-in, and manning the entrances. All volunteers must attend one of the training sessions which will be held June 16, 17 and 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Airport Sheraton. For a complete listing of all volunteer oppor-

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tunities and time slots, visit the web site [www.volunteerhsv.org](http://www.volunteerhsv.org) and click on the AIRSHOW 2008 link. All volunteers must be able to walk at least a half-mile and be at least 16 years old. For more information, call volunteer coordinator Betsy Laury 539-7797.

### Youth volunteers

Youth Volunteer Corps will have a summer projects registration blitz Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Huntsville Public Library. Attendees will have first pick of service projects offered in the YVC summer catalog. For more information, call Constance James 539-7797.

### Commissary sale

The Commissary will have its Worldwide Case Lot Sale today through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The savings will be up to 50 percent, according to a Commissary release.

### Catholic congregation

The Redstone Arsenal MCCW at Our Lady of the Valley Parish invites all ladies with a military or civilian ID to join it May 31 for a trip to Hanceville to visit Mother Angelica's Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament. "The itinerary is still being firmed up, but for sure we will be starting for Hanceville at 8 a.m. with breakfast at the shrine around 9:30," a prepared release said. "After an early dinner at the Cracker Barrel we will arrive back at RSA around 7:30 p.m." The group will carpool from the Old Chapel so be there by 7:45 a.m. Reservations are due by May 27. If you are interested and want more information and are willing to be a driver, call Phyllis at the chapel office 842-2175 or Chris Johnson 701-6490.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

## Simulated victims

With a badly injured victim at their feet, simulated victims of Redstone Arsenal's Anti-Terrorist Weapons of Mass Destruction Exercise try to survive the threats of the terrorist keeping them hostage. Several Arsenal organizations were involved with the exercise that occurred May 8 in front of the Garrison building. The exercise involved a bus that crashed with a bomb onboard outside the building and a terrorist who took several of the bus riders hostage. The real names of the simulated victims are, from left, Spc. Matthew Pirrello, Pvt. Sean Fuller, Pvt. Justin Collins and Pvt. Jacob Dailey, all of Bravo Company.

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## Aviation open house

Team Redstone personnel are invited to the Army Aviation Technical Test Center open house at Redstone Airfield on May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In addition to aircraft displays and facility tours, the test center will provide a one-hour presentation on current and future test capabilities at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. A deli sandwich lunch will be available for \$8 per person. For interested family members, the aircraft displays will remain available until 3:30 p.m.

## A&M alumni picnic

The Huntsville-Madison County Alumni Association of Alabama A&M University is sponsoring its "Second Annual Picnic on The Hill and Membership Roundup" on Saturday from noon until 4 p.m., on the campus quad (in front of the Chambers Building). The theme for this year is, "One for all, all for one, and all for A&M." All alumni, spouses, children and friends of Alabama A&M are invited. There will be free food, games for all ages, moon bounce, bingo, horse shoes, card games, music and more. Show your school spirit, wear maroon and white. Bring your favorite lawn chair. Enter the campus through the Chase Road entrance to the quad. The rain date is June 7. For more information, call C. Lamar Sterns 679-8961.

## Logistics workshop

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics, in collaboration with the Logistics Support Activity, will hold the third annual Life Cycle Logistics Tools Workshop and Users Group Meetings, June 3-4 at the Huntsville International Airport's Four Points Sheraton Hotel. This year's event will focus on Life Cycle Logistics Deci-

sion Support Tools. The registration fee is \$79. A luncheon buffet is also included. Detailed agenda and registration information are located on the Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE's web site <http://www.hats.org/sole/>.

## Artist reception

The Huntsville Art League presents a special exhibit featuring local artist Karen Putnam, the visiting artist through May. An artist reception is May 24 from 2-4 p.m. in the Gallery at 3005 L&N Drive, Suite 2. Admission is free. For more information, call 534-3860.

## Orchid auction

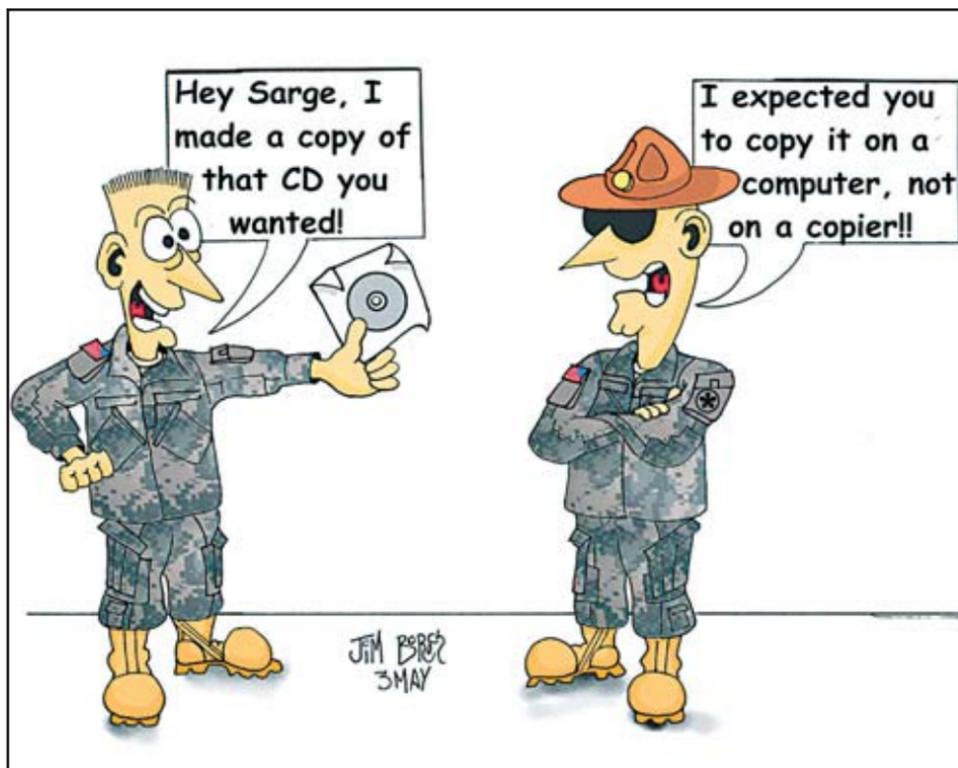
The Heart of Dixie Orchid Society will hold its annual orchid auction Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Education Room of the Huntsville/Madison County Botanical Garden. Funds raised will be used in support of the orchid society's annual programs.

## Unclaimed vehicles

Morale Welfare and Recreation is working with the Directorate of Emergency Services to identify and remove vehicles from the parking lot adjacent to the Auto Skills Shop. The allotted time for a vehicle to be left in the lot is three days, which is posted at the parking area. If the owners do not remove their vehicles, the vehicles will be towed at owners' expense to a lot downtown.

## Car wash

The Readiness Directorate will hold a car wash today from 10 until 3 at the PX Tire Store to benefit Army Emergency Relief. "We will not only be washing cars but selling lunch as well," a prepared release said. "We will be offering hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks."



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SCNAFBK0839	Nutritionist	15-May-08	Child & Youth Serv	NF-0630	3	3	21,100 - 30,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08709011	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	16-May-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08699814	Prgm Supp Clerk	16-May-08	AMRDECS	DK-0303	2	2	30,001 - 43,476	X															
SCBK08699814D	Prgm Supp Clerk	16-May-08	AMRDECS	DK-0303	2	2	30,001 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08749896	Admin Supp Asst (OA)	16-May-08	SMDC	GS-0303	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X															
WTST08727168	Security Spec	16-May-08	AMCOM, Intelligence & Security Dir	GG-0080	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08710579	Aerospace Engr	19-May-08	AMRDECS	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X															
SCBK08710579D	Aerospace Engr	19-May-08	AMRDECS	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08655558	Electronics Engr	19-May-08	AMRDECS	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08709977	Electronics Engr	19-May-08	AMRDECS	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X															
SCBK08723714	Admin Supp Asst (OA)	19-May-08	AMCOM, Lead AMC Integration Supp Ofc	GS-0303	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X															
SCBK08695828	Secretary (OA)	19-May-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YB-0318	1	1	23,887 - 37,997																
SCBK08712402	General Supp Spec	19-May-08	GARRISON	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X															
SCBK08720764	Exec Asst	20-May-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	GS-0301	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X															
SCBK08692998	Admin Supp Asst (OA)	20-May-08	USAOMEMS	GS-0303	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X														
SCBK08745359	Optometry Tech	20-May-08	MEDDAC	GS-0640	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X														
SCBK0865020R	Police Ofcr (Military Working Dog)	20-May-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X													
SCBK08684107	Lead General Engr	21-May-08	AMRDECS	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08739078	Contract Spec	21-May-08	SMDC	GS-1102	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X															
SCBK08739078D	Contract Spec	21-May-08	SMDC	GS-1102	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08616464	Trng Spec	21-May-08	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08683404	Trng Instructor (Ammunition Logistics)	21-May-08	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	9	11	45,458 - 71,500	X	X														
SCBK08705410	Historian	21-May-08	USAOMEMS	GS-0170	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X													
SCBK08739088	Contract Spec	21-May-08	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08739068	Procurement Analyst	21-May-08	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08739095	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	21-May-08	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08725196	Mgmt Analyst	21-May-08	IMMC	GS-0343	12	12	65,315 - 84,913	X															
SCBK08745359D	Optometry Tech	20-May-08	MEDDAC	GS-0640	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08668510R	Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-May-08	IMMC	YA-0346	2	2	45,040 - 100,976																
SCBK08720812	Secretary (OA)	22-May-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	GS-0318	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X															
SCBK08651072	Business Sys Mngr	23-May-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0301	3	3	87,978 - 148,740	X															
SCBK08651072D	Business Sys Mngr	23-May-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0301	3	3	87,978 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08681362	Mech Engr	25-May-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK0869459R	General Engr	27-May-08	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X															
SCBK08720535	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-May-08	AMCOM, Security Asst Mgt	YC-0346	3	3	92,633 - 148,740	X															
SCBK08660854	Computer Engr	28-May-08	AMRDECS	DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08652973	Lead General Engr	28-May-08	AMRDECS	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08699946	Computer Engr	29-May-08	AMRDECS	DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08699986	Computer Engr	29-May-08	AMRDECS	DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08695695	Environmental Protection Spec	29-May-08	GARRISON	GS-0028	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X															
SCBK08718653	Mech Engr	3-Jun-08	AMRDECS	DB-0830	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08718653D	Mech Engr	3-Jun-08	AMRDECS	DB-0830	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08647462	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	68,625 - 89,217	X															
SCBK08712327	Lead Aerospace Engr	9-Jun-08	AMRDECS	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X															
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X													
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476																
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476																
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X														
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X															
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X														
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X														
SCNAFBK0813	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.88 - 9.88	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0821	Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.85 - 10.93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0822	Lead Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Outdoor Recreation	NF-0189	2	2	7.61 - 13.97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0825	Sales Clerk	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-2091	1	0	5.85 - 10.93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0826	Laborer	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5502	3	3	8.06 - 8.06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0833	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	4	4	8.69 - 8.69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X													
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476																
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997																
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X														
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X															
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X														
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X														

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

**A** - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.

**B** - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).

**C** - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).

**D** - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).

**E** - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)

**F** - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)

**H** - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)

**I** - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)

**R** - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)

**T** - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)

**V** - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).

**U** - All U.S. citizens

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

**NOTE:** The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com) or you may telephone 876-7772.

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