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Retiring Soldiers learn new game

Monthly workshop gives
advice on filing claims

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These were different rules of engagement, a new set of marching orders, something the retiring Soldiers hadn't dealt with during their military career.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Doug Patrick told the 15 attendees, including 11 in uniform, at the VA workshop May 14 how to file claims with Veterans Affairs now that they're becoming civilians. The event is presented monthly by the Redstone Arsenal Retiree Advisory Council.

The "VA Claim Preparation Workshop" includes advice on completing VA Form 21-526 and gives information on concurrent pay and on combat relat-



Photo by Skip Vaughn
PRESENTER— Retired Sgt. Maj. Doug Patrick, co-chairman of the Redstone Arsenal Retiree Advisory Council, speaks during the monthly "VA Claim Preparation Workshop."

ed special compensation.

"As long as you're getting something out of this, this is all I care about," Patrick said at one point. He and retired Col. Mike

Gray are co-chairmen of the retiree council.

The workshop, which Gray initiated in March 2007, will soon have its 1,000th attendee.

The three presenters include Patrick, Navy retiree Robin Arndt and retired Lt. Col. Grant Rosensteel.

"We're just trying to make life a little bit easier for retirees," said Gray, a backup presenter. The council's other activities include sponsoring the annual Retiree Activity Day.

"It's just another way we can let the community know there is a retiree group out here," Gray said. The workshop location is the Military Personnel Office's Transition Center, building 3493.

Retirement services officer Cindy Anderson praised the monthly workshops.

"They're great," Anderson said. "The product that (these retirees) submit to VA is of a higher caliber with the workshop."

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Patriotism flows from artist's brush at vet event

Performance painter
does May 30 benefit

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Patriotism will be painted across the Von Braun Center's South Hall on May 30 as Still Serving Veterans holds its first fund-raiser and community awareness event with the help of internationally acclaimed performance painter Michael Israel.

"Protecting America - Heroes in our Midst" is the theme of the evening event, which will include dinner, a short program and the painting of four patriotic works set to music by Israel.

"This is going to be a great family event for us," said Werner Baker, executive director for Still Serving Veterans.

"This event will allow us to honor all veterans as well as local police officers and fire-

fighters, many who have served in the Global War on Terrorism. It is also an event that lets us give back to a community that has been so supportive of what we are doing for veterans."

Israel is a performance artist known for painting in front of audiences to music. His performances are emotional, thrilling, riveting and awe-inspiring. He has performed at the Olympics in Salt Lake City, various presidential events in Washington, D.C., and at fund-raising events for the Special Olympics, American Red Cross and Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. Israel is known for using his unique brand of art and artistic expression in support of fund-raising events for non-profit organiza-

tions. "It will be a very enjoyable and entertaining evening," Baker said. "If you are patriotic, this event will be inspiring."

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

WORKING FOR VETERANS— Werner Baker, executive director for Still Serving Veterans, welcomes veterans to take advantages of the services his organization provides to help veterans transition back into the work force after service in the military. Still Serving Veterans is holding its first fund-raiser and community awareness event May 30 with the help of internationally acclaimed performance painter Michael Israel.

An open lane random survey

Who should play your role in a movie about your life?

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"Gene Hackman would have to be the guy. He's the only guy that I think could have the same kind of attitude about issues that I would have. He's got to have the under-

standing, the knowledge to deal with the issues but yet you've got to have the right attitude. And he definitely displays the right attitude on things."

Pvt. Navar Campbell
Bravo Company

"Heath Ledger – even though he's dead. Because in most of his movies it's been like all hardships he's gone through. He hasn't been in any movies where he hasn't had hardships. It's kind of like what I've gone through in the last 12 weeks now."



Pvt. Joshua Mische
Bravo Company

"Mark Wahlberg. I'd say from all the actors me and him would be like the most resemblance. And also he's a real serious actor."

Wendy Dickerson
CFC Office management assistant

"Gabrielle Union. She's classy, spunky, funny – which are all attributes that describe myself."



Other acts can share stage

I am writing with great concern as to why the Army Concert Tour features acts of the same genre year after year? As culturally diverse as the Army is, and as impartial as they claim to be, why wouldn't we see acts that reflect today's Army?

I love all forms of music as do most of the military and the Redstone community. But I do see a need for a change. We need to realize that if we are to grow within a society we must be willing to experience different cultural artistic forms. Not to mention the fairness of catering to the "whole" Redstone community. I don't know if these concerts are booked locally or from a national MWR office, but I'm sure I'm not the only "family member" that feels this way. Maybe no one has brought it to the attention of the selecting committee that we should "mix it up." Maybe they don't care?

Let's try for some diversity in our concerts. Believe me, musicians of all walks of life can share the same stage. This could also result in an abundance of new participation.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Since 1995 Redstone Directorate of Family, Morale Welfare and Recreation has held 14 concerts from many different genres of music. R&B and gospel concerts have included Peabo Bryson, Kirk Franklin and Yolanda Adams. Rock 'n' roll concerts include acts like Ted Nugent, Train, Styx, and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Country acts include Montgomery Gentry, Dierks Bently and Carrie Underwood. The country concerts have far and away been the top ticket sellers followed by rock 'n' roll.

"Redstone Arsenal FMWR is very fortunate again this year to have another fantastic show to offer the Team Redstone community. Funds raised

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Quote of the week

'There is only one thing that can kill the movies, and that is education.'

– Will Rogers

Letters to the Editor

Social Security salutes servicemembers

With Memorial Day approaching, I think it's important to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. We at Social Security honor the heroism and courage of our military servicemembers and mourn for those who have given their lives in defense of freedom.

It is also important to recognize those servicemembers who are still with us, especially those who have recently been wounded.

That's why I'd like to take this opportunity to remind readers that military servicemembers receive expedited processing of their disability applications from Social Security. In fact, under an agreement initiated by Social Security, the Department of Defense now transmits information to us that allows us to quickly identify military personnel injured in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The expedited process is available for any military servicemembers who become disabled during active duty on or after Oct. 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Depending on the situation, some family members of military personnel also may be able to receive benefits, including dependent children and spouses.

If you, or someone you know, were wounded while on active duty in the military, find out more about what Social Security can do for you by visiting our web site designed specifically for you: www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. There, you will find answers to a number of commonly asked questions, as well as other useful information about disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income. Please pay special attention to the fact sheets available on that web site titled "Disability Benefits for Wounded Warriors and Expediting Disability Applications for Wounded Warriors."

You'll also find links to useful VA web sites, such as the "Seamless Transition Home" link, and the "Veterans ONLINE APPLICATION" web site.

This Memorial Day, join me as I honor those who gave their lives for our nation, and salute those who served as well as those who continue to serve.

To learn more about what Social Security is doing to serve wounded warriors, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/wounded-warriors. For the families of servicemembers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, Social Security survivors benefits may be payable. To learn more about eligibility for survivors benefits, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/survivorplan.

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Somerville, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

The wonderful folks in the charity organizations that we get to interact with and see all the good works they're doing – and to be a part of that, helping them.



What do you like to do in your spare time?

Play with my dogs. I have four Shih Tzus. And my husband (Ed Seigler of Teledyne Brown Engineering) and I enjoy our Winnebago. We like to travel in the Winnebago.

What are your goals?

To work some more. Retire so that we can travel more when the time comes – not yet. My primary work goal is to continue to help the charities meet their community needs. And to keep running and walking.

What's your favorite type of music?

Smooth jazz

Army reports six deaths from wrecks

FORT RUCKER — The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center provided the following list of accidents Armywide during April 17-23:

- A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident April 17 at approximately 5 p.m. near Rineyville, Ky. The Soldier was operating a 2003 Harley Davidson motorcycle when he collided with a vehicle that turned into his path. He had been issued a motorcycle permit two days prior which required him to wear a helmet; however, he was not wearing a helmet.

- A Soldier was killed in a vehicle accident April 18 at approximate-

ly 8 p.m. near Cadiz, Ky. The Soldier was driving a 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse in heavy rain when he lost control of the vehicle, crossed the median, and struck a semitrailer. He was wearing a seat belt.

- A Soldier was killed in a vehicle accident April 19 at 10:45 p.m. near Hilton Head, S.C. The Soldier was driving a 1999 Pontiac Firebird when he reportedly lost control of the vehicle, left the roadway and the vehicle overturned. He was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center is investigating this accident.

- A Soldier was killed and another injured in an M984/A1 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck Wrecker accident April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Kuwait. The driver was entering a highway access ramp when the truck rolled over. Both Soldiers were ejected from the vehicle.

- Two Soldiers were killed and four injured in a Mine Resistant Ambush Protection vehicle accident April 23 at 9 p.m. in Iraq. The driver attempted to navigate over a culvert when the vehicle rolled into a canal. The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center is investigating this accident.

Country concerts are top ticket sellers

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from the Taylor Swift, Rodney Atkins and Kelly Pickler concert like past events go toward making all FMWR activities better and supporting Soldier programs within FMWR. We believe there is not a more noble cause than supporting the Soldiers of this great nation. One way FMWR does this is to run an annual concert. The concert serves two purposes: to provide entertainment opportunities for the Soldiers and the entire Team Redstone community and to raise money for the aforementioned programs.

"To accomplish this when choosing the acts for Redstone concerts we look for the genre of music and the

artists that fit in the FMWR budget and will draw the biggest crowds. Country music stations hold the lion's share of the market in the Redstone area. This adds dramatically to the number of tickets sold to the country events held at Redstone.

"To some this may seem like a short sided approach; however, with budget cuts across the Army, fewer events are being held each year. The competition for these events is stiff. The Army chooses which installations will have events by ranking installations by both number of tickets sold and profitability of prior events. These installations are then ranked and only the top installations are selected to host Army Concert Tour events. In short our events must do well or Redstone will not have events in the future. We are proud to be part of the Army Concert Tour this year and thank the Team Redstone community for their past and continued support."

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

May 8: A vehicle was observed being driven on the grassy area by building 3301. Patrols made contact with the subject and the driver smelled of an alcoholic beverage. A series of field sobriety tests were conducted and the subject failed. The subject was arrested and transported to the police station. The subject had a blood alcohol content of .19 percent and was then placed into the detention cell. The subject was later released after being issued a citation for court.



May 12: An individual telephoned Police dispatch and related that someone had removed his money clip which contained \$160 in cash. Investigation revealed that the individual was in the gym working out when someone went to his locker and removed his money clip. Investigation continues by the Investigation Section.

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

Violation notices issued: 26 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 1 failure to yield, 3 improper backing, 1 reckless driving.

Army leadership makes time to address concerns

Family issues stressed at annual conference

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The family issues highlighted at the Army Materiel Command's recent Army Family Action Plan Conference are varied in both subject matter and recommendations.

But each touches the lives of Soldiers and families now making sacrifices in the Global War on Terrorism.

In its 30 years as an Army program, the Army Family Action Plan has relied on volunteers to make hundreds of recommendations for change, many of which have had long-lasting positive effects on the Army's families.

"The first Army Family Action Plan conference at Redstone Arsenal was in 1976," said Cathy Hays, quality of life program manager for Army Community Service. "Since then, the demographics have changed, but the process itself has stayed constant and the emphasis has remained on Soldiers and family issues.

"In the mid-'70s, child care was a huge issue and many of our child care programs of today had their beginnings in the Army Family Action Plan. Then, the issues



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WORKING FOR FAMILIES— Redstone Arsenal representatives Mike Fishel and Colleen Nicholson are happy with the Soldier and family issues that were named as the top four concerns at the recent Army Family Action Plan conference at the Army Materiel Command. The two representatives worked with volunteers from throughout AMC to decide on the four issues that would be reviewed and possibly adopted at the Department of the Army's AFAP conference in October.

changed to focus on medical and doctor concerns. In the past five years, the major emphasis has been deployment issues. So, the

issues have a cyclical focus and involve what the Army's families are experiencing at a given time."

AMC's 2008 Army Family Action Plan Conference, held in mid-April at Fort Belvoir, Va., involved 13 volunteers representing Redstone Arsenal; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Anniston Army Depot; Chemical Munitions Agency, Md.; Detroit Arsenal, Mich.; McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Okla.; Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Ark.; Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; and Sierra Army Depot, Calif. The volunteers reviewed and discussed 16 issues, and voted on four issues with recommendations to be reviewed and possibly adopted by the AFAP conference at the Department of Army level in October.

Representing Redstone Arsenal at the AMC AFAP conference were Mike Fishel, a youth minister on Redstone Arsenal, and Colleen Nicholson, who works for the Army Community Service, Victim Advocacy Program.

"Both were excellent representatives for Redstone Arsenal," Hays said.

"Mike has been very involved in the AFAP process for about seven years. He works with youth on post, he is a retired Marine and he now works as an Arsenal contractor. Colleen is a military spouse whose husband is deployed in Iraq

for the second time in three years. She is a mother of military children, and she is a contractor on post working with Soldiers and families. These two can look at the Army from a lot of different sides and I knew they would represent us well."

The top four issues the AMC AFAP voted to send on to the Department of the Army AFAP conference are:

- Basic Allowance for Housing Appropriation and Data Collection Criteria – BAH appropriations continue to provide insufficient housing allowance for Soldiers with dependents living off post. The criteria to establish BAH does not include key factors in the current data collection. Changing the criteria would enable Soldiers and families to meet the high standards of military quality of life. Recommendation: Increase BAH appropriations to meet 100 percent of the national median housing costs. Change annual data collection criteria to include the following key factors: mortgage rates, schools, crime rate, condition of housing, housing availability, and forecasts to accommodate cost of living and utility increases.

- Reintegration of Reserve Component Soldiers from Combat Zone – Many RC Soldiers are

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not given sufficient time to reintegrate into civilian life from a combat zone. Reintegration for RC Soldiers is very different from active duty in that many return immediately to civilian jobs in order to maintain employment. As reported in the *Army Times*, according to the DoD and Veterans Affairs, many RC Soldiers and family members are experiencing issues (ie. marital discord, mental/physical abuse, suicide) at a higher rate than their active duty counterparts.

Providing RC Soldiers and their families time to reintegrate will ultimately strengthen military readiness. Recommendation: Fund special drill weekends for RC Soldiers and families at home stations focusing on reintegration.

- **Tricare Coverage for Pediatric Dietary/Nutritional Care** – Currently, pediatric dietary/nutritional care including evaluation, education and counseling is only offered under Tricare if the beneficiary is diagnosed as “failure to thrive.” Examples of disorders not covered for dietary/nutritional care are food allergies, Crohn’s disease, diabetes, childhood obesity and gluten intolerance. Lack of this coverage results in beneficiary out-of-pocket expenses. Providing this Tricare benefit for pediatric dietary/nutritional care will result in cost savings for both the beneficiary and Tricare, and will improve quality of life. Recommendation: Require Tricare Management Agency to amend insurance benefits to include dietary/nutritional preventative wellness evaluations and counseling for children under age 18.

- **Military Permanent Change of Station Travel Voucher Requirements** – Soldiers do not receive timely reimbursement for PCS travel expenses. Travel vouchers can take months to process manually through Defense Finance and Accounting Service. The process lacks notification of problems relevant to PCS travel vouchers. Prompt reimbursement through Defense Travel System will reduce financial hardships and emotional stress. Recommendation: Utilize DTS to process and track PCS travel voucher reimbursement. Implement a policy for DFAS to reconcile travel reimbursement within 10 business days or they pay interest with penalties until implementation of DTS.

“With the war going on, there was a lot of emphasis on issues that support the Soldier and their families,” Nicholson said. “Other issues, like incentives for federal employees who have unused sick leave, just are not a top priority right now.”

Many of the issues reviewed came out of personal experiences of Soldiers and their families.

“The Tricare issue originated with a young girl who had Crohn’s disease,” Fishel said. “There isn’t any educational benefit to help this girl and her parents learn how to manage the disease and care for the girl.

“The BAH issue came out of Rock Island where the BAH is based on housing located right outside the installation that is not in good condition and is in a bad neighborhood. The Soldiers don’t want to live there. But their BAH is based on the rent and utility expenses in this neighborhood outside the installation, and it isn’t enough to pay for a rental property in a nicer neighborhood.”

Both Nicholson and Fishel believe a program to help reintegrate Reserve Soldiers after a tour of duty is important to the health of both the Soldier and the Reserve program.

“A reintegration program, though, must include the spouses because sometimes they see reintegration issues with their Soldier before anyone else sees them,” Nicholson said. “It’s important to get the whole family involved in the reintegration.”

And they believe the travel voucher issue, which can negatively affect a Soldier’s view of the Army at a time of change in the life of the Soldier and their family, can be easily addressed if the Army demands that the DTS online computer system be revamped so it can properly be used for Soldier reimbursement.

Both Fishel and Nicholson were impressed with the AFAP conference they attended.

“The Army is the only service that does this,” Fishel said. “The others don’t. It shows the Army’s dedication to Soldiers and their families.”

“The whole AFAP process is a really great process,” Nicholson added. “As a military spouse it really makes you feel better because you can see the work being done on issues. You can see how the commanders take these recommendations seriously, and how the Army really cares and really does want to make things better for the total Army.”

‘Afghanistan isn’t any safer than Iraq’

Police officer returns from military mission

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As a Soldier trying to help the destitute people of Afghanistan, Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Eddie Bomagat faced the challenges of both language and cultural barriers.

But he overcame those barriers with things the poor people of the city of Jalalabad could understand – food, school supplies and even candy.

It wasn’t long before Bomagat’s campaign of supplies earned him – and the U.S. — trust and respect among both the children and adults who often begged at the front gate of the forward operating base where Bomagat and other members of U.S. Provincial Reconstruction Teams were stationed.

“We had huge convexes of food

and nonfood items stored on our FOB,” Bomagat said. “We had things like rice, beans, oil and flour that were to be distributed as needed during disasters. I started giving out these items on a regular basis. The city is basically poor because there is no commerce. The poor came to our gate and asked for assistance and we gave them what they needed.”

That was one of many civil affairs missions Bomagat and other servicemembers from the Army, Air Force and Afghan National Army were involved in during their one-year deployment to Jalalabad, Afghanistan, in the Nangahar Province near the border with Pakistan.

“The first month there I must have been involved with close to 75 missions. In all, I was involved in over 500 missions with my PRT,” said Bomagat, who returned home from his deployment in early April.

“We worked on irrigation

problems and day-to-day issues. We helped get construction projects going, and we helped rebuild the infrastructure of the city and the outlying area. While we were there, they finally put up their first stop light. The city is very compact and the services are very rudimentary, if anything.”

Working with local elders and government leaders, the PRTs helped to organize efforts to rebuild roads, set up an Afghan-managed emergency agency and provide humanitarian assistance wherever needed.

“We are trying to get them to be self-sufficient, to manage their own programs,” Bomagat said. “We are there to guide them through the process and to provide them support.”

But, for Bomagat, supplying food and nonfood supplies made all the difference in rebuilding the Afghan people’s hopes and trust.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

BACK IN STREETS— Huntsville police officer Eddie Bomagat spent a year in Afghanistan with the Army Reserves.

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“Our basic job in civil affairs was to win the hearts and minds of the people,” he said. “If we knew there was a village where terrorists were hiding, we would tell the people we can help them with food and other things but they have to promise they wouldn’t keep terrorists in hiding. Food was many times a deal maker.”

Bomagat is a member of the 3rd Brigade, 108th Division Army Reserve headquartered on Patton Road. He recently reassumed his position as a Huntsville police officer, working as a school resource officer at the Huntsville City Schools’ Seldon Center.

Bomagat, whose friendly personality easily wins over even the most wary person, knows what it takes to mentor and teach school children of all ages. He has been a role model to children in the Huntsville City Schools system since the early days of its DARE program. He applied much of that experience in developing relationships to working with the children of Afghanistan.

“When I first met the kids in the streets of Jalalabad, they would yell at me ‘Hey, mister, mister! Gimme chocolate!’ and reach their hands out to me. To them, all candy is chocolate,” he recalled.

“But, I told them, ‘You don’t just yell for chocolate. You should entertain a conversation with me. You should ask how I am and how my family is.’ I got them to where they would say to me ‘Sergeant Bombogat (slang for Bomagat), how are you today? Sergeant Bombogat, how is your wife doing?’ before they would ask

for chocolate.”

Bomagat also tried to develop, at least, an understanding with the women who came to the FOB’s gate.

“The women are only educated to the second grade. They cannot find work,” he said. “Most of their life was left to begging.

“I could not talk to the women. So, I enlisted the help of a female of the PRT to help me communicate with the women. Even with that, they would get so desperate that they would even lift up their burqas (long clothing concealing their faces and bodies) from their faces to beg out of desperation.”

For many of these women, their husbands had been killed, leaving them to beg from other relatives or strangers. One of the Afghan security guards working at the FOB was killed in a motorcycle accident. Although his brother was able to take over his job, the brother was also shouldered with the responsibility of taking care of his dead brother’s family.

“We sent a small truck with food and nonfood items to his home before the wake,” Bomagat said. “That had never been done from our FOB before. But now it is being done for other families, too.”

During the Muslim religious holiday of Ramadan, Bomagat had 16 tons of rice and beans delivered to the local mosque for distribution among the poor people.

“We did things like that to show them the Americans care for them. They know that now,” Bomagat said. “We showed them we want to build a relationship with them. And that we are not just there to kick down doors.”

Much of the food and nonfood items distributed by Bomagat and the FOB’s Sol-

diers came from the U.S. government and from such programs as U.S. Aid and World Food Program. And using those items to build relationships is vital in an area still very much populated by terrorists.

With the Nangahar Province along the Pakistani border, Jalalabad is a strategic city of 300,000 people located on the main route between the Afghan capital of Kabul and the Pakistani city of Peshawar. The area was once a stronghold of the Taliban and al Qaeda once had a large presence in the area. Today, Jalalabad and nearby villages are still known as rest stops for terrorists. U.S. military intelligence personnel are often working in the area to learn about terrorist activities. The terrorists keep the province unstable and dangerous.

“You hear about Iraq a lot in the media,” Bomagat said. “But Afghanistan isn’t any safer than Iraq.

“We had to take the same precautions. We were always geared up going out the wire. We were threatened by IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and car bombs, and there were a few times when our security forces made sure we got out of certain areas quick. There was one road we went down at least twice a week that was known for IEDs. You basically felt like your head was on a swivel because you had to always be looking around.”

But Bomagat also saw progress during his deployment. “More and more programs were being implemented while we were there,” he said. “We are doing things to encourage the Afghans to help themselves and to encourage their leaders to find ways to provide services.

“The roads have come a long way. Before I left, I contracted over \$10 million in road construction projects. We saw how

the things we did helped the people. We need to be there to help them rebuild their country. For so long, Afghanistan has been a doormat for other countries. It’s been torn down so much that the basic necessities have been taken away from the people. We’re an integral part of their lives, unfortunately. But they need us to be self-sustaining.”

Bomagat has served in the military for 19 years, 11 of those on active duty. An American Soldier of Filipino descent, Bomagat was raised in California and moved to Huntsville when he was transferred to Redstone Arsenal as a Soldier. When he joined the Reserves, Bomagat began another career as a Huntsville police officer.

During his deployment, Bomagat’s wife, Tammy, celebrated the weddings of their two sons without her husband.

“My wife is more patriotic than ever,” Bomagat said. “She is proud of what I’ve accomplished in the military. She likes that I am in the Army. My sons (Columbia College students Derrick and Joel) also take pride in the uniform that I wear.”

Since he’s returned, Bomagat has visited students in the Junior Civitan Club at Grissom High School, where he once worked. Those students sent him hundreds of cards and letters during his deployment. And the students Bomagat works with now at the Seldon Center have asked him plenty of questions about his deployment. He’s eager to share with them and to let them know how children struggle on the other side of the world.

“We’re two different cultures,” he said. “But children are still the same. They are eager to learn and they want to please people.”

Helping hands

Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief fundraisers include the following:

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

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

- 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.

- 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 barbecue cookout, sponsored by the Depot Maintenance Division and Transportation Division, is today 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 Thursday 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.

- A softball tournament, sponsored by AMRDEC Engineering Directorate, is Thursday 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



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EASY PACE— Participating in a benefit fun run/walk May 12 are, from left, Rusty Weiger, chief of staff for PEO Aviation; Karen Pannell, executive assistant to the deputy PEO; and Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, deputy program executive officer for aviation. The event near building 5681, with one- and three-mile courses, was sponsored by the Program Executive Office for Aviation.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

RUNNING SHOES— Lt. Col. Russ Dunford, of the Armed Scout Helicopter Project Office, prepares to run three miles in combat boots at the benefit fun run/walk May 12.

call Chris Campbell 876-3448 or James Minnon 876-5383.

ACS volunteers thanked for their efforts

Army Community Service has recognition luncheon

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**
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How do you say thank you to people who give their time, without pay, to help Soldiers and their families? At Army Community Service, you say it loudly, as often as possible and with food. The ACS Volunteer Recognition luncheon was held May 14.

"These people represent over 4,241 hours of service," ACS director Sue Paddock said. "That deserves a round of applause."

Paddock, ACS staffers and Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski gathered with the organization's volunteers to share a meal and their gratitude for all that the volunteers do. Staffers decorated the classroom area of ACS and prepared a meal of lasagna, salad, garlic bread and a selection of cheesecakes for the people make ACS' goals possible. After the meal, each volunteer was individually recognized for the work they do and the programs they support.

"(This is) in recognition of personal commitment, dedication and contribution in support of military families, Army Community Service and the Redstone Arsenal community," Paddock said. "Thank you all."

Olshefski had glowing praise for all the volunteers. While he acknowledged the hard work of those at other posts, he named Redstone's volunteers as a higher standard.

"You all are special. You give of

your own free time to do what is right for Team Redstone," he said. "My only sadness about this phenomenal ACS team is at not having seen you at Fort Hood or Fort Bragg or Fort Carson. I've been to those places and I'm not saying they're not good. I'm just saying that they don't know what right looks like as far as you guys do. You are a special post."

After presenting the volunteers with a certificate of appreciation and a small gift, Paddock also recognized the first ladies of Redstone for their contributions to the ACS volunteer program. Sharon Olshefski and Alice Myles, wife of Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, were presented with flowers in appreciation of their service as honorary advisers. Each also received an ACS volunteer lapel pin.

"This is for all of your support," Paddock said.

She also thanked volunteer program manager Kim Anton. Paddock praised Anton's work with volunteer recruitment and training. She also mentioned the work put into maintaining volunteer files, records and planning events like the luncheon.

"Kim, you are our guiding star," Paddock said.

Olshefski added that the work done by ACS and its volunteers does not go unnoticed by him and Maj. Gen. Myles.

"We know what side our bread is buttered on," he said. "It all comes down to if you want something done and you want it done right you go to MWR or ACS with Sue (Paddock) and her whole team. They will get it done right. We love you guys. We appreciate everything you do."



IN APPRECIATION— Honorary adviser Alice Myles receives a bouquet of peach roses, symbolizing gratitude, from ACS director Sue Paddock.

Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

Coupons destined for military families worldwide

Local volunteer delivers savings

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Many people want to do their part to support Soldiers. Some give money to charities and organizations. Some put their backs into it for fund-raisers and service projects. For those who have the desire to help, but not the funds or strength, there are other ways to help. The coupon program at Army Community Service is an easy way for people to help the backbone of military life, the Army family.

"No matter who you are, you can sit down and cut coupons out," ACS volunteer Lorraine Kraus. "Then people can feel they are helping the Soldiers. They may not have money to help or be healthy enough to help, but this is something they can do."

Newspapers, stores and other outlets are full of manufacturers' coupons. While many people cut them out for their own use, they don't use every one. Once the expiration date passes, those coupons are worthless here. That's not so for families and Soldier's deployed overseas.

"They can use them up to six months after the date. I ask that people not send me any older than four months past the date though," Kraus said. "I have to have time to



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

COST CUTTER— Army Community Service volunteer Lorraine Kraus puts her scissors to work by collecting coupons to give Soldiers.

mail them and they have to have time to use them."

Kraus heads the program at ACS that collects coupons, both in-date and out, and sends them to posts worldwide. There they are made available for servicemembers to take what they can use. The savings can be substantial.

"It's somewhere between \$3,000 to \$3,500 worth of coupons in each package," Kraus said. "Now we're getting a lot of dol-

lar coupons, so it's probably on the higher end."

She also asks that the coupons be from a manufacturer, not a specific store or service provider. Those not in this area don't always have access to the same chains and businesses. Manufacturers' coupons, however, are honored everywhere.

The coupon program began years ago. When Kraus began working on it about five years ago, she set out to make the most of the opportunity for Soldiers. While the program began as a way to aid families at Redstone, the participation level just wasn't there. Not wanting to waste the money-saving coupons, she enlisted the help of an ACS staffer.

"People just weren't coming in to get them here," Kraus said. "Mary Breeden put a mailing list of bases together for me. She's the relocation coordinator so she knew where people were going to and coming from."

Since then, Kraus has been busy every week mailing out coupon packets that weigh 2 pounds each. She averages at least 10 to 15 packets a month.

"Last year we had 152 packages go out," she said. "For 2008, we will have had 71 packages sent out up to June."

Over the years, the mailing list has expanded to nine places, including Japan and several locations in Germany. Kraus is always on the lookout to add more.

"I tell people that if they get deployed

and they don't have the coupons there (at their new post), have the ACS there contact us and I'll put you on the list," she said.

The coupons come from different places. A few senior citizen and church groups have made coupon clipping a regular activity. They gather and clip away while chatting or going over a Bible study lesson.

"We have the senior center downtown doing it. We have a church group doing it. People on the base do it. I get them through inter-office mail," Kraus said. "At the chapel, one of the teen classes does it."

Some of the coupons come from individuals who collect and clip them. They then drop them off at ACS. While individuals tend to have fewer donations than a group, there are a few who exceed the average.

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Photo by Judy Wilson

Facts cited

Deborah D. Walker, project manager for Huntsville Center Corps of Engineers Environmental Munitions Center of Expertise, explains contamination on formerly used defense sites to the May meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers.



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

Flight worthy

Amy Butler, of *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, straps into the cockpit of a UH-72 Lakota at the American Eurocopter final assembly plant in Columbus, Miss. Col. Neil Thurgood, Utility Helicopter project manager, his deputy along with the Lakota PM and deputy briefed Butler and five other reporters on the project's status and progress to date and future plans during a plant tour and flights.

Severe weather awareness focus of week May 26-30

The Redstone Arsenal community will observe Hurricane/Severe Weather Awareness Week, May 26-30.

Several activities will be available to inform and educate the community about severe weather awareness. Posters will be displayed at various locations throughout the installation.

On May 28, WAFF-TV Channel 48 will be at the Post Exchange programming NOAA weather radios. The Post Exchange ordered approximately 250 of the weather radios for purchase. The scheduled programming of radios will take place from 3-7 p.m.

The Redstone Arsenal Fire Department and the American Red Cross will have their first response vehicles on display in front of the PX. Army Community Service will also be available to provide critical information to the Redstone community.

"Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend these events in support of Hurricane/Severe Weather Awareness Week," a prepared release said.

Motorcycle training has green light

Motorcyclists who want to register their motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal must successfully complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course.

Motorcycle riders will provide their own motorcycle, personal protective equipment and riding gear, according to a Garrison release.

Army personnel (military and civilian) have first priority for MSF training at no cost. Training for others authorized access to Redstone is on a space-available basis.

There are two MSF training courses:

- **Basic Rider Course** — A two day, 16 hour course of instruction. All Soldiers and Army civilians must complete the BRC before registering their motorcycle on the Arsenal. Note: Motorcyclists are not required to repeat BRC training when relocating to a new assignment.

- **Experienced Rider Course** — A one day, six hour course of instruction. The ERC builds on skills taught in the BRC. This is offered in addition to the BRC but not in lieu of the BRC. Note: Motorcyclists who have documentation of prior completion of the ERC will not have to take the BRC.

For more information call Keith Coates, Garrison Safety Office, at 876-3383, e-mail keith.coates@us.army.mil or e-mail MSF instructor Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bell-south.net. (*Garrison release*)

Volunteer leads coupon collection to benefit troops

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"There is one lady, who cuts out almost a bagful every week," Kraus said. "She'll even take ones we get that haven't been cut and clip them while she watches TV."

A collection box has also been set up at Bicentennial Chapel, which has followed the congregations to their temporary home at the old chapel location. There anyone can drop off a handful or sackful of coupons for the program. Kraus quips that she has become a walking, talking collection box.

"People know me. They will walk up and just hand coupons to me," she said. "I just carry a bag with me now."

Kraus sees the program as a way to help Soldiers and their families stretch their dollars.

"Thank you so much to all the people who have contributed to this," she said. "It's really appreciated by us and the people who get them."

Hey, guys: You really ought to see a doctor

Men's health week observed in June

Men's health is not just a man's issue.

Surveys suggest that men take better care of their cars than they do their own health. Nearly 84 percent of men say they've had their car serviced in the past year, but only 66 percent have had an annual checkup with a doctor in the same period.

National Men's Health Week is June 9-15. Fox Army Health Center and its Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion branch in conjunction with MWR will conduct free blood pressure screenings Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week from 10 a.m. to noon at all four MWR gyms. Men should have blood pressure screenings at least once a year. The point of contact for the blood pressure screenings is MWR sports director Gaylene Wilson at 842-2574.

National Men's Health Week is celebrated each year as the week leading up to and including Father's Day. Passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton in 1994, the week is recognition that men's health needs impact not only the man but his family and friends as well.

There is an ongoing, increasing predominantly silent crisis in the health and well-being of men. Due to a number of factors,

men's health and well-being are deteriorating steadily. This crisis is most dramatically seen in mortality rates. In 1920, the life expectancy of men and women was approximately the same. By 1990, men were dying seven years younger than women. Men have a higher death rate for every one of the 10 leading causes of death.

"At least 50 percent of all deaths are associated with preventable factors, like tobacco use, poor nutrition, physical inactivity, alcohol and motor vehicle crashes," Dr. Alonzo Plough, director of public health at Seattle-King County, Wash., said.

Men's health is not just a man's issue. Because of its effect on wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and others, it is also a woman's issue. Women can help men live longer by becoming aware of their specific health needs and ensuring that the man in their life seeks age appropriate health screenings and timely treatment for medical problems. Men are at least 25 percent less likely than a woman to visit a doctor.

It is imperative to support a campaign to encourage men to get health checkups on a regular basis and to conduct routine self-examinations. With the proper investment, education and research, many of the diseases and health problems facing men can be treated and cured, saving thousands of lives. *(Fox Army Health Center release)*

Diversity deemed critical link to mission

Army task force to chart progress

By **BOBBY CONEY**
AMCOM EEO chief

This is the first in a series of articles from the AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office that are designed to raise awareness of the relationship between diversity, individual and organizational development, and the command or organization's mission.

On Feb. 8, the secretary of the Army chartered a task force led by a flag officer reporting to the secretary and the chief of staff of the Army to conduct a comprehensive review and assessment of diversity programs and progress for military and civilian components of the Army, and to assess the Army's diversity vision, organizational alignment, programs and resources.

The charter reads in part:

"America's Army is the strength of the nation. Diversity in America's Army assures that the Army remains representative of the nation and the demographically evolving American society that it serves. Diversity of culture, language, gender, race and ethnicity, as well as diversity of thought, contribute materially to the Army's unmatched war fighting effectiveness. The availability of cultural and language expertise in the current and future geopolitical environment is critical

to sustaining future war-fighting capabilities. After six years of war and mounting pressures on the all-volunteer Army force, we need to reassess our institutional efforts aimed at achieving diversity by removing identified obstacles and barriers compromising the Army's diversity vision. Our ultimate asymmetric war fighting advantage remains our Soldiers and civilians. Accordingly, Army diversity is a readiness imperative."

On Jan. 28, 2005, a Department of the Army senior review panel endorsed establishment of the Army Diversity Office at the headquarters Department of the Army level to oversee all aspects of the diversity issue for Soldiers and civilians. Then a year later on Jan. 26, 2006, the superintendent of the Military Academy, the chief of staff of the Army and secretary of the Army jointly signed a memo formally announcing the establishment of the Army Diversity Office and approved the Army Diversity Vision, e.g. "Each member of the Army work force is valued and able to achieve his/her full potential while executing the Army's mission."

We are now beginning to see diversity functions and organizations in the various agencies of the federal government including the Army. Although the Army is one of the most diverse organizations in terms of its mission, people and occupational series and was ranked as one of the top 10 best places to work in the federal government in 2007,

compared to private industry it has been slow to embrace diversity as going beyond the traditional equal opportunity basis of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex or gender.

In the early 1990s many private industry companies and corporations embraced diversity as a business driver and took steps to ensure that managers and employees understood that diversity of thoughts, ideas, backgrounds, organizational components, customers, suppliers and competencies of people as well as traditional equal opportunity demographics such as race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion were also business drivers.

As an example, in 1991 through 1996, at NJ Transit Corporation, a quasi-governmental provider of bus and rail service throughout the state of New Jersey, I led a cross-functional team in refocusing the equal opportunity mission element to include diversity. Faced with a work environment wherein the concept of diversity had very little understanding and was just beginning to be defined in business beyond its marketing, finance and product connotations, the team researched and benchmarked the emerging concept of diversity in business and the transportation industry and presented its findings to the executive management team.

The findings included qualitative and quantitative data on the diversity of the



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Senior executive flag

Debra Wymer, recently selected to the Senior Executive Service by the Army, receives her SES flag from Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, as Staff Sgt. Jerry De Leon presents the flag. Wymer will serve in the position of director of technology integration and interoperability for space and missile defense with SMDC/ARSTRAT. She will lead efforts to create and transition capability technology to joint and coalition war fighters.

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Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

Best protected

John Weber, of Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark., accepts the 2008 "Best Installation" award from Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles in Bob Jones Auditorium. More than 120 anti-terrorism officers from throughout the Army Materiel Command attended this year's three-day conference focusing on intelligence support to Force Protection, and the need to remain vigilant in the face of today's threats.

Top students merit awards from women's club

Ten high school seniors heading to college

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club has presented merit awards to 10 graduating high school seniors.

Culminating a year of fund-raising, the club distributed \$15,000 in merit awards during a dinner ceremony May 13 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Merit awards are one-time grants based on academic achievement, community activities, an essay and a desire to further education. To be considered, each student must have submitted an application packet that includes an official school transcript, an outline of extracurricular activities, a letter of recommendation and a 250 word essay.

Here are this year's recipients:

- Madeleine Angles, Bob Jones High, received \$1,000 and will attend the University of Alabama.
- Brandi Cook, Bob Jones High, received \$1,000 and will attend Birmingham

ham Southern College.

- Martina Kaiwi, Huntsville High, received \$1,000 and will attend the University of Alabama.
- Carson Economy, Huntsville High, received \$1,250 and will attend the University of Alabama.
- Erin McDaniels, Bob Jones High, received \$1,250 and will attend Middle Tennessee State University.
- Robert Ross Woods, Huntsville High, received \$1,250 and will attend Auburn University.

- Brigid Russell, Saint Bernard Preparatory School in Cullman, received \$1,750 and will attend Savannah College of Art and Design.
- Anne Marie Fraley, Bob Jones High, received \$2,000 and will attend the University of Tennessee.
- Christopher Romanczuk, Randolph School, received \$2,000 and will attend Rice University.
- Kristen McFalls, Bob Jones High, received \$2,500 and will attend Auburn University. (OCWC release)



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AWARD CEREMONY— From left are Anne Marie Fraley, Brigid Russell, Madeleine Angles, Erin McDaniels, Robert Ross Woods, Carson Economy, Martina Kaiwi, Brandi Cook and Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles. Not pictured are Christopher Ramanczuk and Kristen McFalls.

Bravo extends winning streak on diamond

Bulldogs roll past NCO Academy

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Bravo Company's softball team has been doggone good since its season-opening loss to the National Guard.

The Bulldogs beat the NCO Academy 15-5 on May 13 at Linton Field for their sixth straight win. Since losing 19-18 to the defending champion National Guard on April 15, Bravo outscored five opponents by a combined 92-30 and had one win by forfeit.

"After that first game we just got it all together," Bravo left fielder John Sweeden said. "We quit making all the silly errors and started hitting the ball. And we're looking forward to that rematch (against the National Guard)."

"Now we're ready to win," right fielder Yimam Yimer said. "We got lots of practice

and we improved our weakness. We're playing good right now. We're better on defense."

The Bulldogs (7-1) won their seventh straight game when the National Guard (6-1) forfeited their scheduled rematch May 14.

The NCO Academy (1-7) beat Headquarters & Alpha 9-3 on May 14.

"It felt great," Academy assistant coach/pitcher Shawn Jones said. "Hopefully this win will be the first of the remaining three games we have. Hopefully this is the kickstart we needed to get the rest of the season going."

Standings entering this week had Bravo (7-1), National Guard (6-1), Marines (5-2), Charlie (4-4), Headquarters & Alpha (2-6) and NCO Academy (1-7). The 326th Chemical dropped out of the league May 14 at 2-6.

Here are last week's results:

• **May 13** – Bravo def. NCO Academy 15-5; Headquarters & Alpha def. 326th Chemical 24-16; and Marines def. Charlie 16-10.

• **May 14** – Charlie won by forfeit over 326th Chemical; NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha 9-3; and Bravo won by forfeit over National Guard.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DOGS RULE— Bravo pitcher Chris Mazur gets a 15-5 victory over NCO Academy on May 13.

Squadron members certified for search and rescue

Qualified to serve on ground teams

Nine members of the Redstone Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol have completed a training program to become qualified to serve on search and rescue ground teams.

The training was provided by the Alabama CAP Wing and taught search and rescue skills outlined in the CAP National Emergency Services Curriculum Project. Beginning in October 2007, the students met for six weekends at Maxwell Air Force Base and participated in field training exercises to learn and practice search and rescue skills needed by a ground team member.

Skills included land navigation, electronic direction finding, search techniques, radio communications, and scene management. The Redstone graduates are available for assignment to perform search and rescue missions in North Alabama as requested by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 56,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 103 lives in fiscal 2007. Its volunteers



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WELL GROUNDED— Graduates of the CAP Ground Team Training Program from the Redstone Composite Squadron include, from left in front row, cadets Andrew Hall, Holley Guthrie, Catherine Guthrie, John-Anthony Jimenez and Victoria Beck; back row, Lt. Col. John Hall, Lt. Col. Michael Guthrie, cadet Michael Guthrie and cadet Jonathan Allen.

also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies.

The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the nearly 22,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for more than 65 years. *(Civil Air Patrol release)*

Local students get overview of defense network

Tour of facilities on industry day

By Lt. Col. ALONZO McGHEE
For the Rocket

The Youth Friendship Foundation in partnership with Lockheed Martin Corporation and Dynetics Inc. held the second annual YOUTH Industry Day on May 9.

Twenty high school and college students participated. The students began the day at Lockheed Martin's Information Systems facility located at 4000 Memorial Parkway. Retired Maj. Gen. John Holly, vice president at Lockheed Martin, welcomed the students and provided them with an overview of the Lockheed Martin Corporation. He emphasized the community and nation's need for more engineers to remain competitive in a global economy.

Students participated in an interactive demonstration at Lockheed Martin's Military Operations in Urban Terrain to get an understanding of how defense contractors utilize the engineering profession to support the war fighter in combat. In the afternoon, the students went to Dynetics Inc. headquarters at 1002 Explorer Boulevard.

Both companies discussed with the students the process of recruiting, opportunities for employment, and key qualifications.



Courtesy photo

SHOUT OUT— The second annual YOUTH Industry Day culminates with a visit to the Prototype Integration Facility.

Rick Wilbourn, of human resources at Dynetics, and others provided an overview of Dynetics Inc. and detailed career information on space and missile defense, tactical systems and aviation, intelligence analysis, information technology, and automotive designs.

The day culminated with a tour of the Prototype Integration Facility at Redstone Arsenal. The students experienced the Rapid Prototyping Laboratory, Visualization-Based Design Laboratory, and Mechanical Fabrication in progress. Danny Featherston, PIF program director, explained the process of developing concepts and designs for new systems and upgrades to existing systems to support war fighter urgent needs from conception, to CAD designing and rapid prototyping.

■ Army takes collective approach to managing work force

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corporation's work force, service or product, suppliers, customer base and stakeholders along with a recommended definition of diversity and strategic plan, which positioned diversity not only from an equal opportunity perspective but also in the form of business drivers, as a component of the corporation's business strategy. In the Army, we are not at this point, yet; however with the task force chartered by the secretary, I expect our journey will lead us to the point of where many private industry corporations are and beyond.

As I tell groups when giving presentations or individuals when I'm asked about diversity at AMCOM, one must first define or determine what one means by "diversity" before engaging in any meaningful dialogue about the subject. Some individuals and agencies or organizations

use the term "diversity" to mean "minorities," others to mean "race or ethnicity," and yet others as a substitute for all of the aforementioned, or as a substitute or code word for "affirmative action."

Dr. Roosevelt Thomas of the American Institute for Managing Diversity, who coined the term "managing diversity," states that diversity is "any combination or mixture that is different in some ways and similar in others." He further states that "once we begin to see diversity as a total collective mixture, it becomes obvious that diversity is not a function of race or gender or any other us-versus-them dyad, but a complex and ever changing blend of attributes, behaviors and talents, which may also be abstract, concepts or constructs that are critical links to an organization's mission.

Today, diversity is more than the latest buzzword. In the workplace it's a strategic management approach to a corporation or agency's business or mission.

■ Monthly VA workshop
nears 1,000th attendee

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The attendees also get advice on what they can and cannot claim for disability, she added.

Col. Derek Paquette, project manager for the Apache attack helicopter, attended this session. The 47-year-old is retiring Sept. 30 with 26 years service.

“Excellent, very good, very informative and very timely,” Paquette said of the morning workshop.

Sgt. Maj. Randall Williams, the operations sergeant major at Space and Missile Defense Command, was also pleased with the event. The 45-year-old is retiring Aug. 31 with 24 years service.

“I think it’s extremely useful,” Williams said. “It’s helping you fill out that VA form. I think the information he (Patrick) is putting out is invaluable in helping you get the form filled out properly. He’s giving us all those tidbits. For example, the medical terminology – playing their game, this is what he’s teaching us. And my biggest takeaway from this is you’ve got to truly take ownership on your claim for this process.”

■ Performance painter should inspire at fund-raiser May 30

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The event will begin at 6 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person. To reserve tickets, call or e-mail Josie Hopkins, 883-7054 or josie@stillervingveterans.org. Those corporations or organizations sponsoring a table will also host a member of the military or the local law enforcement community.

Although it is hoped the event will draw upward of 650 guests and raise about \$40,000, Baker said the event’s main purpose is to pay tribute to veterans and local law enforcement officers and to promote the efforts of Still Serving Veterans.

“We plan to donate part of the proceeds to the local law enforcement community,” he said. “This community has been so very generous in supporting Still Serving Veterans. This is our organization’s way of giving back to the community that has supported us. This is the right thing to do.”

Since it was formed in 2006, Still Serving Veterans has focused on assisting veterans by “bridging the gap” between existing support services and the needs of veterans.

“Our purpose is to work with Soldiers and their families to help these Soldiers get back into their communities. We want to help them once again become full-fledged members of their community so they can support their families,” Baker said.

Since January 2007, Still Serving Veterans has assisted 477 veterans and their families with work force transition assistance, job development and job assistance. It sponsors job fairs for veterans, provides information to veterans on available programs and resources, and ensures veterans obtain all the VA benefits they are entitled to. The organization provides wounded veterans and their families with in-depth counseling and guidance.

“Wounded veterans are our first priority,” Baker said. “But we serve all veterans with any kind of need they may have.”

“We want to do whatever we can to help a wounded Soldier recover, return to the work force and participate in their community. But, if the Soldier can’t do that, then we work with the family to assist them so they can support themselves.”

The organization works closely with the Huntsville Rehabilitative Foundation, the Alabama Department of Vocational Assistance and the Veterans Affairs to assist veterans. It relies on state and federal programs such as Operation Grateful Heart and the Army’s Wounded Warrior Program as well as numerous volunteer organizations, such as Semper Fi, Marine Moms, the Air, Space and Missile Defense Association, CAS Cares, Huntsville Association of Realtors and Jane K. Lowe Foundation, to provide veteran assistance.

Though established in Huntsville, Still Serving Veterans has not limited its services to local veterans. Rather, any veteran

anywhere in the U.S. can reach out for assistance from the organization via phone or e-mail. In addition, Still Serving Veterans has begun developing satellite offices in other locations, with the first one planned to open in Kansas during 2008.

“There has to be a local show of interest before a Still Serving Veterans office can be opened in a community,” Baker said. “Before we could support other satellite offices, our focus was to be sure we had a solid foundation here in this community and in Alabama for which to build and spread out. We didn’t want to grow so fast that we would outpace our resources.”

Funding for Still Serving Veterans comes from corporate and individual donations, as well as foundations, grants, legacies and bequests. The organization is a member of the Combined Federal Campaign.

Baker, a retired Alabama Army National Guard/Reserves lieutenant colonel, leads a small staff that includes senior case manager Grant Rosensteel, case manager Daniel Crawford and executive administrator Josie Hopkins.

“We have a professional, caring staff that really has the needs of veterans and their families at the heart of all they do,” Baker said.

“But we also rely on many volunteers who need to be thanked for their services. Huntsville is a great military community of people who, when there is a need to be met, they will meet that need without wanting something in return.”

More information about Still Serving Veterans can be obtained at www.stillervingveterans.org.

Rocket Announcements



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 Shipps 213-9683, ext. 111 or e-mail shippdsf@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.

Golf benefit

The Ark, a no-kill animal shelter in Huntsville, will hold a golf tournament June 28 at the Links at Redstone. There will be food, drinks and prizes. Format is four-person scramble with day and night golf. Cost is \$85 per player, and \$300 for a four-man team. Sponsor a hole for \$250. This year's tournament is named the Bill Youkey Memorial Golf Tournament for the Ark, in memory of retired Lt. Col. Bill Youkey, who was an avid supporter of the Ark. Provide names/handicaps of your four-person team (or individuals) to Carol Youkey 653-0563, e-mail beowulf987@comcast.net, by June 20. Make checks payable to the Ark, and mail to Carol Youkey, 2970 Hampton Cove Way, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763. "Saving the life of one animal may not change the world but it surely changes the world for that one animal," a prepared release said.

Speedway night

Huntsville Speedway will hold military appreciation night Friday. Front gates open at 6 p.m. and racing starts at 7:30. "All military with ID get in free (sorry this does not include dependents)," a prepared release said. Regular pricing is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students ages 7-13. Children 5 and under are admitted free. For more information, visit the web site www.huntsvillespeedway.com.



Conferences & Meetings

Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invites you to study God's word each Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. at building 3466 on Snooper Road. This is the temporary location because of Bicentennial Chapel's major renovation. Free childwatch is available at the Child Development Center on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call Erica Hobbs 325-3152 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404.

Sergeants major

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

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

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.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon meeting May 28 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Jim Tevepaugh, vice president for North Alabama operations, strategic and missile defense systems at Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burtram 325-1938.

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_SOLESeminar_RegistrationForm_11Apr08.doc.

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 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.

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Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at 725 Franklin St. Scheduled speaker Robert Scott Davis, chairman of the genealogy, geography and history department at Wallace State College, is to discuss "Ghosts and Shadows of Andersonville." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for \$6.95. Call 858-6191 for more information.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Group will meet June 14 at 9:15 a.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. HPCUG president Ron Schmitz will lead a discussion for the Windows/Internet Special Interest Group on the problems with Microsoft's operating system Vista. Internet sites of general interest will also be shown. At 10:45 there will be a short business meeting followed by a demonstration by Andy Karabinos, a past HPCUG president, on developing a presentation using Power Point and the free program Impress. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

Mechanical engineers

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will meet this morning at 11:30 at the Von Braun Research Hall on the UAH campus. Al Reisz of Reisz Engineers will speak on the performance of an experimental electromagnetic engine being developed with the University of Michigan at the Marshall Space Flight Center. One professional development credit hour will be awarded to attendees. Box lunches will be served for \$10. For more information, call 883-2531.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human

resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

Self-paced computer classes are offered at Army Community Service to assist military spouses in learning or enhancing their computer skills. Classes are available in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Publisher and Windows XP.

classes 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 Redstone Arsenal, the DoD requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. There are two programs offered free of charge to Army personnel and on a space available basis to others authorized access to Redstone Arsenal. For information call Keith Coates at the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383, e-mail keith.coates@us.army.mil or e-mail MSF instructor Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9-5. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-noon. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 881-6992.

Butler High reunion

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

40th reunion

S.R. Butler High School Class of 1968 is planning its 40-year reunion for Saturday. 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 or visit the web site <http://imad.redstone.army.mil/>.

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.

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 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.

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.

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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 opportunities and time slots, visit the web site 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.

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.

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 Decision 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/>.



Photo by Dave Macedonia

First Communion

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic Community at Redstone celebrated annual First Communion on May 4 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Bicentennial Chapel. Five young parishioners received their first Holy Communion. From left are Gabrielle Faith Perkins, Matthew Lawrence Rangal, Father (Maj.) Ray Kopec, Paul Franklin Kirstein, Tessa Maria Kim and Connor Bradley Rodgers.

Aviation open house

Team Redstone personnel are invited to the Army Aviation Technical Test Center open house at Redstone Airfield today 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.

Artist reception

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

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.

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 hhobbs@hsv.k12.al.us.

College recruitment fair

The first Historical Black Colleges Recruitment Fair is July 12-13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mother AME Zion Church, 151-7 West 136th St., Harlem, N.Y. Registration fee for the weekend is \$100. For more information call Juan Alexander, director of admissions at Alabama A&M University, 372-5250 or Connie Jones, co-founder of the Sports Ball Program, 852-9941.

Women's connection

The Huntsville Christian Women's Connection monthly luncheon is May 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. northwest. Cost is \$15, and the theme "All That Jazz." There's free child care for ages 6 and under off site. Reservations, essential for the luncheon and for child care, are due by Thursday. Call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339. HCWC is an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries.

Youth art camp

Art on the Square announces its spring Children's Art Camp scheduled June 3 and July 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at Big Springs memorial park pavilion in Athens. The park is at the corner of Market and Beaty streets. Snacks will be provided to each student. AOTS offers this art camp to chil-

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dren in grades 1-6 for \$25. Applicants must register by May 28 for the June 3 class or by July 15 for the July 22 class. Local artists will be the instructors. The children will learn basic art techniques. Call 216-8300 or pick up application at Athens Gyros, 106 W Market St., Athens.

Amateur radio salute

The Asterisk Amateur Radio Network Group and the Kansas Alert Radio ERC will be supporting the Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bill Heard Chevrolet, 4390 University Drive. "This is a worldwide event that allows the public to communicate with members of the military, veterans, and support groups in a live forum, so that messages of appreciation and thanks can be exchanged," a prepared release said. "Ham radio operators facilitate this by using various radio equipment, computers and the Internet. We invite the people of the communities to come out and show support for our military members, veterans, retired military and first responders with 'live' messages of thanks, and appreciation over two way radio who are serving or have served our great country."

Lee High reunion

Lee High School Class of '73 is planning its 35 year reunion June 14 from 6:30 p.m. until midnight at the Holiday Inn downtown. This reunion is also open to all Lee High classes. For more information, call Ranny Vinson 509-1954 or visit www.lee73.org.

Gospel concert

"Sisters in Praise," featuring the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Choir in its 11th annual gospel concert, is June 1 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, 3020 Belafonte Ave. For more information, call Brigitte Fletcher 876-5207.

Asian/Pacific month

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. This year's theme "Leadership, Diversity, Harmony — Gateway to Success" is an extension of the last year's theme, "Pursuing Leadership through Diversity and Unity." Team Redstone will

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

Follow the leader

Canada geese march past the Sparkman Center pond Friday afternoon.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																													
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SCBK08616464	Trng Spec	21-May-08	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	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																												
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SCBK08745359D	Optometry Tech	21-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																		
SCBK08742583	Budget Analyst	24-May-08	USADTC	GS-0560	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	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																		
SCBK08681362D	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																		
SCBK08682474	Construction Mgmt Spec	26-May-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0301	2	2	45,040 - 100,976	X																													
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SCBK08720535	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-May-08	AMCOM, Security Asst Mgt	YC-0346	3	3	92,633 - 148,740																														
WTST08733209	Intelligence Spec (I&TS)	27-May-08	AMCOM, Intelligence & Security Dir	GG-0132	9/11	11/12	45,458 - 85,701																														
SCBK08748974	Admin Supp Asst (OA)	27-May-08	AMCOM, G3 (Oper)	GS-0303	7	7	37,164 - 43,308	X																													
SCBK08738878OC	Contract Spec	27-May-08	AMCOM, ACQ CTR	GS-1102	14	14	92,633 - 120,421																														
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SCBK08660854	Computer Engr	28-May-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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SCBK08640516	Supv Prgm Analyst	28-May-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YA-0343	3	3	8,978 - 148,740	X	X																												
SCBK08699946	Computer Engr	29-May-08	AMRDEC	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	AMRDEC	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	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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SCBK08647462	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	68,625 - 89,217	X																													
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SCNAFBK0841	Asst Golf Course Superintendent	16-Jun-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-1601	3	3	21,100 - 40,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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																														
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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-3502	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																														
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																												
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOB.SOPM.GOV																																					
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																		
SCBK08739088	Contract Spec	21-May-08	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913																														
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																														
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																		
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																		
SCBK08681362D	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																		
SCBK08737998	Supv Trng Instructor	28-May-08	USAOMEMS	YC-1712	2	2	65,278 - 120,421	X	X																												
SCBK08733085D	Materials Engr	28-May-08	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08718653D	Mech Engr	3-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK07347979D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC																																		