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Office holds spirited homecoming

Non-Line of Sight project moves into building 112

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The Non-Line of Sight Launch System Project Office is the newest resident of a 65-year-old former hospital.

It took about a year to renovate building 112 for NLOS-LS, which moved from building 5250 and held a ribbon-cutting dedication ceremony and cook-out May 21. The facility was originally completed in 1943 and established as a hospital during World War II.

According to legend, building 112 is still inhabited by spiritual remnants of its past.

"Move over ghosts," project manager Col. Doug Dever quipped during the ribbon cutting. "NLOS is coming."

Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer for missiles and space, called the occasion a great day for the NLOS program, the program executive office and the Aviation and Missile Command.

"Garrison did a terrific job (on the renovation). This building is just beautiful," Dellarocco said.

Many of the project office's more than 70 members, wearing Hawaiian shirts, posed in front of the building for pictures. Some unfurled a University of Texas flag, a jab at deputy project manager and Texas A&M graduate William Breffleilh. The flag was placed in his office after the event and provided a stark contrast to the occupant's Texas A&M paraphernalia.

The workers expressed their satisfaction with their new home.

"It's wonderful, absolutely wonderful," Judy Nifong, secretary for the technical management division, said. "It's a beautiful building and we're proud of it."

"This is probably one of the nicer facilities on the Arsenal," Gary Indihar, lead general engi-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TEXAS TOUCH— Members of the NLOS-LS Project Office unfurl a University of Texas flag – a jab at deputy project manager and Texas A&M graduate William Breffleilh – in front of their newly renovated building 112.

neer in the division, said. "Everybody's proud to be here and proud to be part of the program. We have almost zero turnover in this program. The only people who leave are a few for promotion. Everybody else, they're here (to stay). We're all just excited about it."

Said Dellarocco, "There's a bright future for the NLOS Project Office."

In 1950 the then-Redstone hospital moved to the south end of the post while building 112 was converted to laboratory space for the Ordnance Guided Missile Group which arrived from Fort Bliss, Texas.

The building was rededicated as a hospital and remained in service until 1978 when Fox Army Hospital – now called Fox Army Health Center – took over.

Several agencies have called 112 home since then, including Redstone Arsenal Support Activity headquarters.

"Today marks the official dedication of a completely refurbished, asbestos free, ghost inhabited building 112 (the elevator is working on its own)," said a prepared history, "with the newest tenant the NLOS-LS Project Office."

Project team applauds move onto 'Squirrel Hill'

New chapter opens for storied building

By Lt. Col. LUKE PETERSON
NLOS-LS Project Office

"Move over ghosts. NLOS is coming."

This was the challenge issued by Col. Doug Dever, project manager for Non-Line of Sight Launch System Project Office, as he, Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space; Joe Davis, director of public works; and Mark Germonprez,

representing the Garrison commander; cut the ceremonial ribbon dedicating building 112 as the new home for the employees of the NLOS-LS Project Office.

"This building represents the hard work and dedication the folks in NLOS-LS, past and present, have displayed to get this weapon system into system design and development to meet our Soldiers' needs on the battlefield," Dever said.

May 21 marks the next chapter for a storied building that has served in various roles on Redstone Arsenal since the 1940s.

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An open lane random survey

What is your Memorial Day message?

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Col. William Marrero
AMCOM deputy G-3
(Current Operations)

"We should take a moment to remember those that have fallen and are falling to give us the freedom that is so precious."

Jeff Tanner
Phoenix Services

"To just remember the troops and everybody that served for our country."



Sandra Self
PEO Missiles and Space

"Remember everybody — all that helped found our country — for what they did for it, to give us liberty and freedom today. We need to remember our past, our heritage. And just thank God for everybody."

Gail Hughes
Human Resources, South Central Region

"For those recently that have fallen due to this senseless war, I give prayer out to the family members that it'll be over soon. Even though their feelings won't be over, it'll be some relief."



Letters to the Editor

Variation questioned in salaries

From all of the information readily available, it is clearly understood that the National Security Personnel System is a national performance based pay system, with a variety of set, overarching pay bands. However, I have noticed when reviewing Army Vacancy Announcements, online and in hardcopy, that certain organizations under AMCOM LCMC seem to cap the salaries of certain job categories/bands (i.e. YA-3, YD-03), while other organizations under AMCOM LCMC abide by the national NSPS standard, and do not cap salaries of these same categories/bands below what is the set limit of a given pay band. Is there an explanation for this lack of consistency?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "One of the goals of NSPS was to give management more discretion and flexibility in setting the pay of their employees. However, NSPS Implementing Issuances established limits on the amount of salary increases an applicant may receive depending on whether the personnel action to hire an applicant is determined to be a new hire or an internal move, i.e., promotion (normally 6-20 percent), reassignment (up to 5 percent) or change to lower band (up to 5 percent).

"Staffers are required to make contact with the manager or assigned representative to obtain his/her preferred salary rate prior to proceeding with issuance of a vacancy announcement. Some managers will request that we use the entire range of the pay band and others prefer to use a portion of the range of the band. They use various reasons for making this determination to include the difficulty of the assignment; labor market conditions which includes rates paid for similar types of work being performed either by employees already in the same band or work at that level in private industry; and long-term costs of salary and the resulting multi-year budget implications.

"We discuss the potential issues should management decide to use a starting salary above the minimum rate or below the maximum rate of the band. Potential issues could be that selectee's pay could not be matched within the range specified on the vacancy announcement due to NSPS pay-setting rules. We are not able to offer additional or less money to an applicant other than is stated in the announcement."

Color coding for shipments overseas

This letter is representative of observations from 1991-2008 as a Soldier, logistician, and aviation maintenance officer. Specific data resulted in 2005-06 while serving with the Aviation and Missile Command Theater Aviation Single Manager Team at Udari Army Airfield, Kuwait and Balad, Iraq as well as deployment in 2007-08 with observations as an acquisition corps officer working foreign military sales for the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq and finally as a plans officer with the Joint Contracting Command Iraq/Afghanistan, Baghdad. Lastly, but still with memories of the experience, the methodology includes lessons learned as the platoon leader out roaming about the desert, sea ports and aerial ports trying to locate my units "stuff."

Bottom line recommendation: The Defense Logistics Agency and U.S. Transportation Command, though independent, are mutually supporting and must seek solutions to modernize material packaging with color codes and information processes from a "pull" to a "push" information system culture.

Thus, effective immediately, it is recommended to improve material delivery and transportation accountability to the war fighter or to the foreign military sales client, the Department of Defense should consider implementing the following four actions:

1. Color coded packaging of material, unique to the item. The resultant value added is that color coding allows for quick segregation by major end item, e.g., Aviation component and requires no special equipment by those in the Area of Operations.

The packaging of all material in a color coded medium will simply work wonders for segregation of frustrated cargo specifically and all cargo in general. For example, color code recommendations for packaging for Infantry Fighting Vehicles are "Infantry" blue, Aviation components are blue and orange, Artillery components are "Redleg" red.

I challenge anyone to go to Balad, Iraq or Ali Al Saleem, Kuwait or any Aerial Port of Debarkation and quickly show me in the sea of look-a-like boxes what material in the "Frustrated Cargo" area is, at the macro level at

Quote of the week

'The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.'

— Helen Keller

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Arab, Ala.

What do you like about your job?
Meeting everybody. And getting experience for after graduation (in May 2009 from University of Alabama-Birmingham).

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Anything pertaining to music or sports. Being with family and friends. And I like to shop.

What are your goals?
I hope to be successful and make my family proud, and be happy. I want to do publicity for a record label — that's the ultimate goal.

What's your favorite type of music?
Rock



Scientific information center facelift set

Lighting renovation starting June 9

The Redstone Scientific Information Center beginning June 9 will undergo some lighting renovation that affects the bound journal area.

During this time a large section of the journals collection will be unavailable for use. The journals affected will be those from Bulletin of Atomic Logic through Polymer Report.

Many of these journals will still be available through the library's online databases, but some will not. If you have an upcoming need for articles from these journals, you should visit the library before June 9. Whenever possible, they will also try to fill requests for these journals

through interlibrary loan. To submit an interlibrary loan request, call 876-5197.

"We apologize for the inconvenience to library customers, but after the renovation is finished, the lighting in the journal section should be

much improved," a prepared release said. "As always, the RSIC staff is ready to assist you with finding the journal articles you need."

If you have questions about the journals or other library services, call the library at 876-5195.

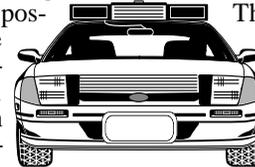
Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

May 15: An individual stopped at Gate 9 and requested directions, at which time the guard smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage. The subject submitted to the field sobriety test, failed and was arrested for DUI. During the search, the driver was in possession of marijuana. The passenger was also in possession of marijuana. A small plastic container was between the front seats; and after testing, it was confirmed to contain marijuana. The passenger was also arrested. The subjects were both arrested by Redstone Police Department and transported to the station. The DUI subject was requested to submit to a breath test, which revealed a blood alcohol content level of .18 percent. He was placed into the detention cell until his percentage reached an acceptable level. The passen-

ger was issued two court summons for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia (scales/pipes). The driver was later released and issued two summons for court.

May 17: An individual was observed selecting some jewelry and exiting the Post Exchange without paying.



The subject was stopped and escorted to the security office. The police were notified and responded. The subject was charged with shoplifting, issued a court summons and released. Investigation continues by the Redstone Police Department.

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

Violation notices issued: 15 speeding, 7 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired tag, 1 driving under the influence, 1 inattentive driving, 5 Move Over law.

Faded decals require replacement

Guards enforce effective June 4

The Directorate of Emergency Services has identified a problem with vehicle registration decals (DD Form 2220) that have faded to the point that they are illegible to the gate guards. Additionally, many people are not renewing their decals that become cracked or mutilated.

The Department of Defense has corrected the fading problem by requiring the decal manufacturer to use a different ink during the printing process.

All decals currently being issued have the new ink and should not fade. On June 4, guards at the installation gates will strictly enforce vehicle registration legibility requirements. Persons with a faded/mutilated DD Form 2220 need to

go (and may be directed by guard personnel) to the Vehicle Registration Office — building 3423 on Gray Road, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. — to re-register their vehicle.

Required documents to register vehicles are as follows: installation ID/badge, driver's license, state vehicle registration, and proof of current insurance.

In an effort to assist customers and diminish wait times, personnel may also re-register at the Joint Visitor Control Center (adjacent to Gate 9), building 4122 on Rideout Road, Thursday and Friday only through July 25.

All normal vehicle decal renewals will be done at the Vehicle Registration Office, building 3423. For more information, call Fred Keith at 876-1126. (Garrison release)

Fellowship program suits acquisition leaders

Ten-month training has 11 graduates

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Eleven members of Team Redstone have completed a training program designed to develop civilian leaders for the defense acquisition community.

They represent the class of 2008 for the Senior Service College Fellowship, Defense Acquisition University. They graduated from the 10-month program May 20 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

“Congratulations to you. We’re really proud of you,” Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. He introduced keynote speaker Claude Bolton, the executive-in-residence for Defense Acquisition University.

Bolton, who originated the Senior Service College Fellowship program, joined DAU in January after serving as the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology.

“When it comes to education and training of the work force,” Bolton said, “I am very much passionate about that.”

Bolton listed the following qualities of good leaders: vision, integrity, deep conviction, self-confidence, courage and decency.

“It’s up to you to make a difference,” he said. “The challenges of the future are great, very great.”

Class leader William Ruta, of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, spoke on behalf of the graduates.

“We want to thank those senior leaders who recognized the need for this program and gave us the opportunity to participate in it,” Ruta said.

Among the graduates was Harriett Littlepage of AMCOM, who was a budget officer before her 2007-08 fellowship training.

“I thought it was one of the best leadership training (programs) that I’ve had in my entire career,” Littlepage said. “And I would recommend it to any leader. This coming Oct. 30th I will have 35 years of service. My only regret is I did not do it earlier on in my career as a leader.”

The graduates included Ruta, Littlepage, Dean Barton of PEO Aviation, Clifford Brandt of PEO Missiles and Space, Susan Campbell of PEO Missiles and Space, Terrence Clay Jr. of PEO Aviation, William Colson of Redstone Technical Test Center, Darryl Colvin of PEO C3T, Dave Morrell of Missile Defense Agency, Louis Sciaroni of Logistics Support Activity and Philip Skelton of PEO Missiles and Space.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
DIPLOMA RECIPIENT— Harriett Littlepage of AMCOM is congratulated by Claude Bolton, executive-in-residence for Defense Acquisition University, and Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command.

Advanced Patriot on target in test

The Army successfully conducted a controlled flight test of the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile segment enhancement interceptor May 21 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Preliminary test data indicated mission objectives were achieved.

The PAC-3 missile system completed operational testing and began fielding in 2002. It was first used in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

The PAC-3 MSE interceptor is the newest addition to the Patriot family of missiles. PAC-3 provides an agile, hit-

to-kill missile to the Patriot inventory. The enhancement interceptor provides increased capability against advanced tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and other air-breathing threats.

The program is managed by the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space and executed by the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office.

Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, Dallas, is the prime contractor responsible for the PAC-3. Raytheon Systems Company, the Patriot prime contractor, is the system integrator.

■ Building reflects new occupants' dedication

Building

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Originally scheduled for demolition, the NLOS-LS team found a perfect opportunity for a building that could be remodeled and provide enough space to meet its growing requirements.

"We had a great opportunity to save and refurbish a building destined for demolition," deputy project manager William Brefeilh said. "Having this building now allows the project office to expand its work force to meet our manpower requirements. We are very grateful to all who worked so hard to make this day happen."

After a year of remodeling, the NLOS-LS team completed its long awaited move into the new building in April. Leading the effort as the building construction contractor for the NLOS-LS Project Office was Karen Saint.

"I took pride not only in being a part of a project that saved taxpayers dollars by renovating a building scheduled for demolishment, but also preserving history in a building that not only served our Soldiers in the field when it was the headquarters building but also the health of them and their families when it was the base hospital," Saint said. "Redstone Arsenal would not be the same if you drove by and did not see the building sitting at the top of 'Squirrel Hill.' During construction, many of the contractors told stories about their memories of this build-



Historical Office files

DECADE AGO— This picture from the AMCOM Historical Office web site shows how building 112 looked in 1998.

ing and the tenants that were located here in years past."

Commenting on what this new building means for the project office and the Army, Dellarocco said: "This building will provide the (NLOS-LS Project Office) a positive home and creates the right environment for one of the newest missile systems of the PEO MS and AMCOM LCMC. While FCS (Future Combat System) is no doubt just the first customer for this system, there's no doubt that this will be first of many variants of this versatile capability."

Perhaps what this day meant for the entire NLOS-LS team was best summarized by Lawrence Abrams, the NLOS-LS program integration officer, who said, "Today is a great day for NLOS-LS."

Editor's note: Lt. Col. Luke Peterson is NLOS-LS assistant project manager.

Garrison keeps Redstone Arsenal's house in order

Myriad of duties under one roof

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You probably know Redstone has a Garrison, the big beige building 4488 on Martin Road. But you may not know what the Garrison does.

The Garrison takes care of the business of running the installation. It has a hand in every aspect of life and work on Redstone.

"The Garrison is responsible for the security of the Arsenal. It is responsible for the roads and their maintenance. It's responsible for the buildings," Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski said. "We are the nerve center, but people don't know it."

When you enter the installation, the guards at the gate are contractors working for the Garrison. They check the identification issued by a badging office that also falls under the Garrison. After leaving the gate, the cars drive on Garrison maintained roads to buildings planned by the Garrison. The setup is similar to that of a town or city.

"I am like the mayor of Redstone Arsenal. I am the guy that does everything that a mayor does on the street," Olshefski said. "We are the city within a city."

They manage the day-to-day operations that all organizations and tenants on post rely on. Some of those operations are basic, like building maintenance. "We provide toilet paper," Olshefski said. "If there's a leak we fix it."

The power stays on because the Garrison makes it so. The steam pipes that criss-cross the installation are also under Garrison control. They are handled by the Garrison's Directorate of



Col. John Olshefski

Public Works. Redstone recently changed how water gets to the sinks and toilets on post.

"We used to make our own water. The Army woke up one day and realized that wasn't cost effective," Olshefski said. "Now we get it from the city (of Huntsville)."

Grounds maintenance falls under the Garrison as well. Landscaping and lawn mowing are a big undertaking on an installation of this size.

"We spend about five million dollars a year cutting grass on this Arsenal," Olshefski said. "It's a big job."

The Garrison's Directorate of Emergency Services handles the fire stations, the contractor guards at the gates and the police force. In fact, most of the Garrison work force is a mixture of Department of Defense civilians and contractors.

"I look at them as all equal," Olshefski said. "We cannot do without them."

Even less known than the basic operations handled by Garrison are some of the most fun. Morale Welfare and Recreation is under Olshefski's command. His organization is ultimately responsible for the conditions of the golf course, every brick of the bowl-

ing center and each schnitzel served at events like Oktoberfest.

"It was all Garrison doing the concert with assistance from Col. (Tom) Keegan over at the school. His Marines and his Soldiers helped put up the stage," Olshefski said. "It was MWR. It was DPW and DES. The OCWC (Officer and Civilian Women's Club) was out doing the beer. The 10-miler team handled the VIPs. The warrant officers handled the people actually coming through the gate. With those volunteers and my work force we were able to do it."

The Garrison also oversees a myriad of other activities deemed essential to Redstone's operation.

"We have a Directorate of Logistics that drives buses. We have the fuel farm. We have the ammo out at the ranges," Olshefski said. "Directorate of Plans Training and Management Services are the guys who run the anti-terrorist force protection. We handle the security clearances. We have an Installation Operation Center that goes 24-hour ops if we have a tornado or weather situation coming in."

Handling all of the details, both large and small, so that Team Redstone doesn't have to is part of what makes the post a success in its missions. The Garrison does its part for the deployed Soldier by keeping each worker and family focused on the task at hand and not worrying about everything else.

"For example, take the Child Development Center," Olshefski said. "If you are a spouse and you have a problem with the Child Development Center, then with the speed of communication, your Soldier is walking the streets of Baghdad thinking about the Child Development Center with 100 pounds of gear on his back. You don't want that. I don't want that."

As Redstone moves into the future, Olshefski said the Garrison is already making plans. Plans Analysis and Integration keeps track of the land available on post. When an organization is looking to move in or expand, the Garrison knows what building sites are open. Balancing the need for land with preserving the wildlife and natural beauty of the area can be tricky.

"We do all future strategic planning for buildings on post. We can tell you right now what land we have left for BRAC (base realignment and closure) 2015," Olshefski said. "We're already planning that. We can show you the 2,100 acres left that we feel comfortable putting more admin, academic or work-place areas in."

Mistakes are bound to happen with so many responsibilities under one roof. Olshefski hopes that anyone who is unhappy with a Garrison service or project will come to him so he can make it right. Keeping everything running smoothly is not just his job. Olshefski has developed a passion for it.

"It's about relationships. We work relationships with all our communities like Florence, Cullman, Scottsboro, southern Tennessee and all points in between," he said. "It is the best job in the Army. It's the best community. The bottom line is it doesn't get any better than this."

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles about the Garrison and the tenants it supports.

Flag Day celebrated at Veterans Memorial Park

The Veterans Memorial Park is about to undergo a change with construction for the Madison County Veterans Memorial.

The North Alabama Veterans Fraternal Organization Coalition, with the help of Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and the Association of the United States Army Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, will create the scenes that will accompany the memorial as it is built on Flag Day, June 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Veterans Memorial Park.

The Huntsville/Madison County community is especially invited to participate in this event before construction begins for the park. All veterans and actively serving military are encouraged to wear their uniform. Medals on civilian clothes are also encouraged.

As part of the Flag Day event, the coalition will do a veterans memorial fund-raising event open to the entire

community. Also included will be re-enactors representing various wars, cannons, static displays, flag presentations and music.

A giant flag will be displayed at the appropriate time and will be held by community veterans. Handheld flags will be distributed to all attendees at the event.

Interested groups are invited to display a table/booth of their organization at the ceremony. For information contact Max Bennett of the Warrant Officer Association at max.bennett@gdc4s.com.

Individuals wishing to make contributions or purchase bricks for the Veterans Memorial Park should call the headquarters office at 403 Franklin St. at 533-0180 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday.

For more information on Flag Day activities, call David Carney at 652-2460. (AUSA release)

Academy graduations on cable television

OAKS, Pa. — Friends and family members unable to attend the graduation ceremonies of loved ones can now watch the commencements on demand, thanks to an offering from Comcast and the Pentagon Channel.

The two have partnered to bring coverage of this year's U.S. service academy graduations, including the Naval Academy, Air Force Academy and Military Academy at West Point, to Comcast Digital Cable customers throughout New Jersey, Delaware, southeastern and central Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. via Comcast's signature Local Video On Demand service.

Each graduation ceremony, available no later than four days following the commencements, can be viewed through June 14, allowing Digital Cable customers to watch them any time, day or night, with the ability to fast forward, rewind and pause selections at their convenience. Like all other Comcast Local Video On Demand programming, the military graduations are free of charge.

Customers can access "Graduations ON DEMAND" by tuning to Channel 1 on their digital cable lineup or pressing the ON DEMAND button on their remote control, then clicking on the "Get Local" category followed

by the "Academy Graduations" folder. Each graduation ceremony profiled will feature distinguished speakers and the best and brightest of this nation's military services. The graduation ceremony schedule is as follows:

- **May 23** – Naval Academy; featured address from Adm. Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (was available by May 27).
- **May 28** – Air Force Academy; featured address from President Bush (available by May 30).
- **May 31** — Military Academy at West Point; featured address from Pete Geren, secretary of the Army (available by June 3). (*Comcast release*)

Officer makes shipment suggestion

Shipments

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least, identified as an aviation, ground vehicle, artillery or any other military branch or system specific piece of material. Sorry – you do not get to phone a friend, or use a bar code scanner or research a DoD AAC you discover on the side of the box.

However, how many NCOs, or Logistic Assistance Representatives or junior officers have spent countless hours sifting through the "Frustrated Cargo" area or retrograde yard trying to find that one package? Been there... done that.

Color coding is not the panacea but it is one of many systems to facilitate material segregation. It will aid in that proverbial 10 percent in which we spend 80 percent of our time on. If the packages were color coded, then very quickly we have narrowed our focus in the frustrated cargo yard. No scanners, no barcodes, no new systems. Don't worry. The NCOs and maintenance warrant officers will come calling like they do and will locate their material.

This color coding system will pay even bigger dividends in the retrograde yards. Again, I challenge you to visit the Camp Arifjan, Kuwait retrograde operation and quickly assess what that "mountain" of

material is in all those sea-land containers or stacked under the sun shades. The man-hours saved in the quick segregation of material by color is phenomenal. And yes this assumes the material remains in some form of the original packaging. I will admit this is an anecdotal comment but one needs to spend but one day in the Camp Arifjan retrograde yard to understand and validate this recommendation.

Consider this, we have third country nationals who have absolutely NO knowledge of the DoD system making determinations on the disposition of retrograded material – keep it or disposal. Horror stories about regarding what has been found in the retrograde yard.

Until standardized packaging is the norm with the color coding and contact info advocated earlier, an interim "fix" is the application of stickers on all sides of a package at the Defense Logistics Agency warehouse or at the vendor. Once the color coded boxes have become the standard, we may elect to retire the sticker system.

Secondary benefits of color packaging apply to foreign military sales. For example, while working FMS in Iraq with Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq in 2007, it was an absolutely arduous task at the port of Kuwait to identify and segregate FMS material from the material belonging to DoD. Why? It all looks the same! Why care? Because transportation is going to move DoD

material at a higher priority than FMS material.

FMS is often, at least from an exterior perspective, the exact same equipment as we have in the DoD. However, a minimal investment of say "pink" stickers or pink shrink wrap around spare tire on the back of the Humvee will quickly identify the FMS material. The investment is minimal but the return on investment is huge in man-hour savings down range when segregating material. Otherwise we find ourselves walking to each and every vehicle time and again to validate shipping labels; or confirming if radio frequency identification tags batteries are operational – all in an effort to ensure the correct material is delivered to the correct unit. Why pink? Because there isn't an infantry guy around that is going to touch anything around that is pink in color so the hypothesis is pilferage goes to zero.

With color, we do not need special scanners, bar codes, no special readers, no batteries to replace – it is pure visual and it is fast. Is it 100 percent fail-proof? No. But at a minimum, one can again quickly segregate material and especially that challenging 10 percent at a macro level. We can then work the details once identified with those at the port or in the central receiving and shipping yard.

I referenced pink as the color of choice in this example to emblaze an image in every logistician's or transportation associate's mind and hopefully by now you are at least warming to this concept. You have all seen a port operation with the sea of

material and minimal confirmation while standing back and viewing as to what belongs to whom. Color coding marking with the packaging would yield a completely different view. Granted, we would still not have a clue what the material is but we have narrowed our focus.

Many units have adapted this color marking concept very well to the sea-land containers, and the 3rd Infantry Division did this as well as anyone I've seen.

I encourage DoD program managers and logisticians to consider this tactic of marking of individual boxes, shipping envelopes, containers, etc. This is especially applicable for new systems once material begins being shipped via USTRANSCOM. New and rapidly fielded systems, such as the Unmanned Aerial Systems often have 100 percent contractor support and are a low density item and demand a high operational rate. That one critical package with the hypothetical mission critical "flux capacitor" is sitting somewhere in APOD frustrated cargo area... but where? If the packaging was color coded we could have at least narrowed our focus on where to look. In this case, we are dealing with a PEO aviation system and we therefore look among the boxes with the aviation colors of blue and orange.

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Lt. Col. Russ Dunford

NASA manager launches orchids in spare time

Challenge of species grows rewarding hobby

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They are like a ballerina on point. Their graceful stems reach high, ending in a cascade of brilliant blooms of orange, purple, pink, white, yellow or blue.

This time of year, the beautiful orchid can be found in many local greenhouses and on nursery shelves. They are a popular seasonal gift for Mother's Day and graduations.

But, for people like Marshall Space Flight Center employee Bill Baker, the seasonal beauty of the orchid is just one aspect of the plant that can be enjoyed year-round.

"I've been into orchids for about 10 years. But I'm a rookie compared to some," said Baker, 57, organizational information technology manager for the Business Office of the Engineering Directorate at MSFC.

Baker has a window shelf in his office in building 4200 that is filled with blooming orchids. At home, he decorates with orchids, using them to add a splash of color to rooms filled with antiques and collectibles. He also has a small greenhouse where he cultivates a variety of orchids.

"A lot of people think they have to have a greenhouse to grow orchids," he said. "And a lot of that is true. But it really depends on what you want."

For many orchid lovers, that means growing only one or two orchids on a windowsill at home. For casual growers, Baker recommends the Phalaenopsis, a popular houseplant that is easy to grow, blooms for weeks and is available year-round. Other popular, easy-to-grow choices are the Cattleya, Dendrobium and Paphiopedilum orchids.

But, for the serious orchid grower, there are 880 genera, 28,000 species and well over 300,000 registered cultivars to explore, local, national and international orchid shows to experience and a local organiza-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SHOW AND TELL— NASA manager Bill Baker loves to show off the blooms of the Vanda orchids that he grows in his greenhouse at his home in Huntsville's medical district. Baker spends plenty of his spare time growing and experimenting with different types of orchid species. He often brings new blooms to his office in building 4200 to show visitors.

tion – the Heart of Dixie Orchid Society – to attend for information, advice and support on growing orchids in North Alabama.

Baker fell in love with growing orchids soon after a divorce that left him in need of cultivating some new hobbies.

"The Vanda orchid got me hooked," he said. "I was visiting a buddy in Chattanooga, Tenn., and there was an orchid show at a mall there. I've always loved houseplants. But all the colors and the beauty of the orchids really caught my attention. And the fact that you can grow an orchid easily at home on a windowsill sold me."

Vanda is a genus of orchid that blooms every few months with flowers that last

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two to three weeks. It has some of the most magnificent flowers in the orchid family.

Yet, Baker had some difficulties growing Vanda orchids in the first few years of his new hobby. Eventually, his interest led him to the local orchid society, where he learned what it takes to grow Vanda orchids and to become an orchid horticulturist.

"Vandas are probably the hardest to grow because of their need for humidity," he said. "I have a pond, so I've been able to hang them around the pond and put their roots in the water to help them along. But two years ago I realized if I really wanted to grow Vandas, I would need a greenhouse where I can control humidity."

Baker built a small greenhouse with an indoor pond on the side of his potting shed. He began experimenting and cultivating Vanda orchids and the other more common species.

"I've had success growing orchids," Baker said. "But if you grow orchids as a hobby, you are going to kill a few along the way. And I have done that, too."

This past spring, Baker clerked at the local orchid show so that he could learn what judges look for in orchids. Eventually, he hopes to enter his own orchids in the local show.

"Judging is all about color and the size of petals and how far the petals are apart and other kinds of things that are very specific to each specie," Baker said. "It's a real challenge to grow a show winning orchid because you have to have the right light, temperature, water, humidity and fertilizer to grow a show winner."

For now, though, Baker is still learning about the art of growing orchids. He spends his free time moving the orchids around in his greenhouse

and his home to take advantage of the best light, repotting those that need to be repotted after blooming, and making sure the orchids' root systems get the right amount of air circulation and humidity. He is also planning to install an exhaust fan and water mister in his greenhouse to provide better conditions for growing orchids.

"The beauty of having a lot of orchids is that something is always blooming. A lot of orchids bloom a couple times of year," he said.

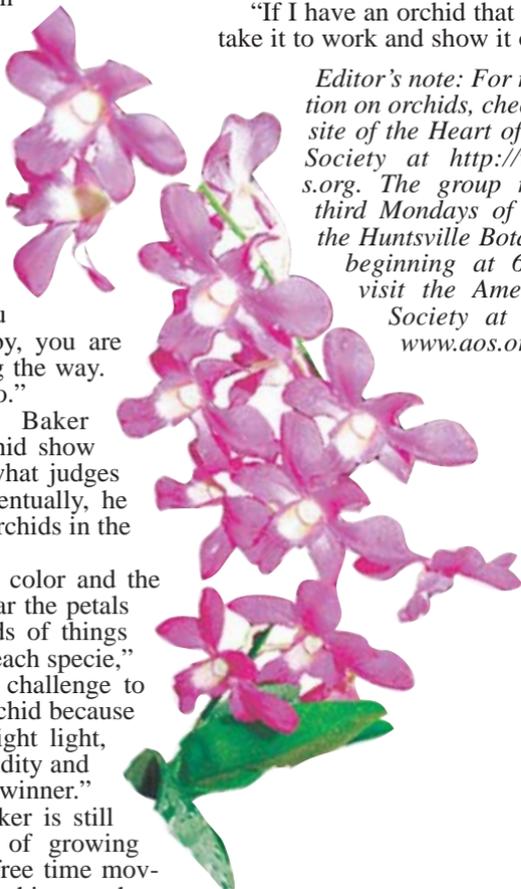
"It's fun to experiment with them to see what they like best in terms of lighting, temperature and other things. It's a hobby that's always evolving."

The best reward for Baker is when one of his orchids gets a new bloom.

"They can sit there and sit there, and then all of a sudden a spike will pop out. Then, you will get bulbs. And then bam, bam, bam, you have blooms," he said.

"If I have an orchid that blooms, I will take it to work and show it off."

Editor's note: For more information on orchids, check out the web site of the Heart of Dixie Orchid Society at <http://www.h-o-d-o-s.org>. The group meets on the third Mondays of the month at the Huntsville Botanical Garden beginning at 6:30 p.m. Or visit the American Orchid Society at its web site, www.aos.org.



Astronaut colonel on way to space

WASHINGTON — NASA and its international partners have assigned two crew members to the Expedition 20 International Space Station mission.

NASA astronaut Timothy J. Creamer, an Army colonel, and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut Soichi Noguchi will launch on a Soyuz spacecraft in November 2009. Creamer will be making his first trip to space.

Creamer and Noguchi will join the Expedition 20 mission in progress and remain aboard the space station for six months as flight engineers.

Creamer also will serve as a NASA science officer. Other members of the Expedition 20 crew have yet to be named. Expedition 20 will continue assembly of the station as well as outfit the orbiting complex with spare parts and supplies.

Creamer was born in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., but considers Upper Marlboro, Md., to be his hometown. He has a bachelor's in chemistry from Loyola College and a master's in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was selected as a NASA astronaut in 1998. *(NASA release)*

Heads up, parents, for school bus signup

School parking lots have emptied for the summer, but parents should already be thinking about next year.

Redstone Arsenal bus registration is July 21-25 for school year 2008-09. Registration will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel.

Additionally, students may be registered on Parent/Principal Night, July 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. Sponsors must show military ID.

Bus transportation will be provided to Williams Elementary School (grades K-5), Williams Middle School (grades 6-8), New Century Technology and Columbia High School (grades 9-12).

Bus service is intended for children of

Redstone Arsenal residents. Department of Defense personnel living off post may request school bus transportation from Redstone Arsenal to one of the four schools with the following documentation:

- Letter of permission from the Huntsville School District allowing the student to attend one of four schools.
- Enrollment in the School Age Service Program. Registration should be completed during this scheduled period to allow sufficient time to develop routes and establish bus stops.

For more information call Carl Pack, supervisor of bus operations, Northrop Grumman, at 876-3938, or call Ray Boles or James Taylor, Transportation Division, Garrison Directorate of Logistics, at 876-3119.



Courtesy photo

Hall induction

Col. Walt Lorcheim, center, AMCOM chief of operations and plans, is inducted into the Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Ga. Presenting the certificate are Lt. Col. John Shattuck, left, commander 3d Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment, and Col. Mike Coss, commander, 192nd Infantry Brigade.

Depot workers create test aid to save time, money

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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Two employees' suggestion will save the depot over \$78,000 per year.

Vincent Nguyen and William Bishop have developed a test aid that saves time and money. Nguyen is an electronics measurement equipment mechanic in the Command, Control and Computer Systems Division's Test Equipment Support Branch and Bishop is an electronics mechanic in the Avionics Division's Flight Control Systems Branch. Both are part of the Command, Control and Computer Systems/Avionics Directorate.

The test aid is used to troubleshoot the A1A1 circuit card, which is part of a circuit card assembly. The assembly is a component of the AN/ARC-186, a small, lightweight radio used in the Black Hawk helicopter.

"You can't purchase these boards, so we have to repair them if we can," Bishop said.

Prior to the test aid, the employees in the branch would perform a "guess and check" method, he said. "There was no way we could energize the CCA to tell if the parts were bad."

The mechanics would take the entire assembly apart and remove the circuit card. Next they would try to visually identify the damaged components. They would repair what they thought was damaged, put it back into the assembly and test it.

"Sometimes we would find out that the circuit board was too damaged to use," Bishop said.

Nguyen realized that if they designed a test aid that was hooked-up to a spectrum analyzer (tracks the radio frequency within a circuit card), volt meter (tracks voltage) and a watt meter (to check power), it would make their jobs easier and save the depot money.

With the new test aid, the longest duration of a repair was four hours. "The other day I repaired a circuit card in 10 minutes," Bishop said.

This test aid helps return equipment to the field faster, said John Stochla, chief of the Flight Control Systems Branch.

Nguyen suggested the idea to Stochla, who encouraged him to see if he could fabricate something.

It took Nguyen two days to build the test aid. It was turned in for review last September. In January, the branch began to implement the test aid to help troubleshoot the circuit cards.

"The test aid allows us to energize, analyze and test the components by using the schematics to trace and locate the problem," Nguyen said.

The branch used to end up with two or three unrepairable boards each month. With the test aid added to the process they have been able to repair every assembly, Bishop said.

By implementing the test aid into the process, the hours are projected to decrease from 5,700 to 3,400 per year. Because of this decrease, the branch will have a potential savings of more than \$78,000 per year.



Photo by Bob Nathan/AUSA

Building foundation

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army donates \$10,000 to the Madison County Veterans Memorial Foundation to assist in its fund-raising efforts. From left are Steve Taylor, Cathy Anderson, Bob Drolet and John Rogers.

A novel idea for engineer and storyteller

Book describes 1930s through eyes of teen

By KRISTEN CHAPMAN
For the Rocket

Many people have stories to be told and in Jamie Dodson's case, his story was written and published.

Dodson, a technology protection engineer for Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, has written a novel. *Flying Boats & Spies, A Nick Grant Adventure* follows the life of Nick Grant, a 16-year-old working aboard the S.S. North Haven in the 1930s. Aside from Grant and his family, all characters in the story are real. This fictional tale provides historical events through the eyes of a young boy.

Aside from work, all Dodson had time to do was read. He began writing in 2001 after retiring from the Army and started taking college classes to benefit his new hobby.

"Learning how to be a writer is a challenge," he said.

Dodson said after he started to write, he had no desire to publish a book as most writers do. Growing up in the Boy Scouts, he was always the storyteller around late night campfires. He wanted to write a story that young boys could relate to that did not involve sports.

"Nick Grant just popped in my head saying, 'Write about me!' and there was a story to be told," he said.

Dodson belongs to a writers' critique group named WYSIUR, which stands for "What You See is Under Revision." A combat veteran and paratrooper, he said reading his first story to the members was



Photo by Kristen Chapman

MAIDEN VOYAGE— Engineer Jamie Dodson's first book, *Flying Boats & Spies, A Nick Grant Adventure*, follows the life of Nick Grant, a 16-year-old working aboard the S.S. North Haven in the 1930s.

more frightening than combat.

There is a sequel in the works. Chapter one of the new book, with the working title *China Clipper*, is located at the end of *Flying Boats & Spies*.

His first book is produced through OnStage Publishing and should be available June 17. *Flying Boats & Spies* will be carried in the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., the World War II Museum in Honolulu, Hawaii, and online at Amazon and Books-A-Million.

A portion of each book sold will benefit Army Emergency Relief, according to Dodson. He said AER has always been there to help Soldiers.

His first book signing is scheduled Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Coffee Tree Books & Brew, 7900 Bailey Cove Road in southeast Huntsville.

There's a process of elimination for some Reservists

Soldiers can request deployment delays

WASHINGTON — Recent headlines have indicated some Soldiers in the Individual Ready Reserve do not fully understand the process by which to request a delay or exemption from service, should they consider themselves non-deployable. The Army Human Resources Command explains there is a formal process for those Soldiers who feel a need to submit such a request.

Mobilization orders for IRR Soldiers contain an 800 number a Soldier may call to initiate a request for a delay or exemption, where they will be instructed on how to submit their request. More than 50 percent of those who submit requests for delays or exemptions are approved.

Requests for delay or exemption need not be submitted by government officials on behalf of the Soldier. All requests are treated with the same care and consideration. A Soldier who submits a delay or exemption request will not be mobilized until their case is adjudicated.

As a matter of routine, that Soldier will receive an administrative delay if their case cannot be adjudicated before their scheduled report date. Army Human Resources Command will notify the Soldier by phone and in writing of an

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— *Maj. Gen. Sean Byrne
commander of the IRR*

administrative delay. That administrative delay will allow for a thorough review of information and documents provided by the Soldier. Administrative delays are not unusual “special favors.” They are granted in accordance with standard operating procedures that exist to ensure a Soldier’s situation is carefully and completely considered. Instructions on the appeals process are provided to Soldiers who disagree with the findings of the Delay and Exemption Board.

Standing ready

Almost 72,000 Soldiers serve this nation today in the Individual Ready Reserve, with approximately 6,500 of those Soldiers currently serving on active duty. These trained, experienced professionals stand ready to individually augment Army units fighting in the Global

War on Terrorism.

Every Soldier who joins the military incurs an eight-year service obligation. A “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty,” or Department of Defense Form 214, releases a Soldier from active duty, but does not release the Soldier from their total eight-year obligation. Soldiers may serve two or four years on active duty, and are then transferred to the Reserves to fulfill the remainder of their obligation. The IRR is one of several Reserve programs a Soldier can enter.

“Soldiers in the IRR are a great asset to our military. They have contributed in the past, and will continue to make significant contributions to our military in the future,” Maj. Gen. Sean Byrne, commander of the IRR, said. “I know it is not easy to leave their jobs and their families behind. The sacrifices they make to serve their country are greatly appreciated.”

Soldiers serving in the IRR are by no means inactive. There are many opportunities available for IRR Soldiers to continue their military careers. As IRR members, they can apply for active duty assignments, obtain professional development training, and earn promotions. For example, some of the Soldiers who will assist at the upcoming presidential inauguration are IRR Soldiers. Each IRR Soldier meets minimum annual requirements that include updating personal

contact information, attending muster duty, updating a readiness screening questionnaire online, and responding to official military correspondence.

Mobilized Soldiers

IRR Soldiers may also be involuntarily mobilized in time of national crisis, as we have seen today in support of the Global War on Terror. To give a historical perspective, approximately 14,000 IRR Soldiers were mobilized and deployed for Operation Desert Storm.

All mobilized IRR Soldiers are screened at mobilization stations for medical conditions that would render them non-deployable. This process is not only for the benefit of the Army, but for the benefit of the Soldier, to ensure medical conditions are properly documented.

To give historical perspective, approximately 15 percent of the IRR Soldiers who reported for Desert Storm were determined to be non-deployable at the mobilization station, and did not deploy.

Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers represent a group of trained, experienced military professionals who can be called upon to serve our nation in times of national crisis. Today’s IRR Soldiers are “individual warriors” ready to give their full measure in defense of freedom. (*Army Human Resources Command release*)

Reaching out to Soldiers coping with war's demons

Post traumatic stress treatment on the rise

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When the Soldier returned from Desert Storm, he went about his Army duties without giving a second thought to the fighting and death he had seen on the frontline of the battlefield.

His wife said he had changed. He was more anxious, quicker to anger and had trouble sleeping. The Soldier – who requested anonymity for this article – brushed his wife's concerns aside while trying on his own to bury the memories, refusing to talk to anyone about how he felt and focusing on his duties as a Soldier.

"I was in the military. It was an internal problem that I didn't want anyone to know about," he said. "I dealt with it the best way I could."

Later, after retiring as a staff sergeant, he worked in Iraq as a contractor in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It was during one of the worst periods over there," he recalled. "I was in Fallujah. We got mortared about every other day. A fellow contractor got killed while I was there. He was one of the first American civilian contractors to get killed. The experience brought back a whole lot of anxiety and other stuff that I hadn't felt since Desert Storm."

After returning from Iraq, he knew he needed help.

"You hear about the Vietnam veterans and what they went through, and you don't want that to happen to you," he said. "I was dealing with a lot of anger, a high level of anxiety and frustration with basically situations beyond my control."

"I started avoiding situations with people because they might make me erupt. I started to keep to myself a lot."

In recent years, with the Army recognizing and accepting the emotional and psychological effects of war under the definitions of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (an anxiety disorder resulting from a traumatic event) and Traumatic Brain Disorder (physical injuries, such as a con-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

GOING FOR HELP— Soldiers suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury can obtain the counseling and support they need from the Behavior Medicine Division of Fox Army Health Center.

cussion, that cause brain trauma), the retired Soldier began to feel more comfortable asking for medical treatment for his problems. About eight months ago, he sought help from Fox Army Health Center. There he met Dr. David Ferguson of the Behavioral Medicine Division. He was diagnosed as suffering from PTSD and introduced to group therapy.

"Dr. Ferguson is wonderful as far as bringing out the issues amongst us veterans that we are experiencing," he said. "It's easier communicating with other veterans who have experienced the same things you have. The average citizen just doesn't understand what I've been through."

His anxiety levels are lower, his marriage is better, he is dealing better with his memories of war and he is, basically, happier and more sociable.

"The counseling I'm receiving has really helped me to deal with my anxiety and anger. That counseling along with my relationships with God and my family have really helped me wrestle the demons of war," he said.

Soldiers suffering from PTSD and TBI don't receive a Purple Heart for what Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center, describes as the "signature war wound." These Soldiers are the walking wounded, often carrying their burden silently as they get on with their lives and their missions. Some turn to alcohol or drugs to lessen the pain of their memories.

"A lot of our patients have a dual diagnosis of PTSD and substance abuse because alcohol and drugs help them to cope with what they are going through," said Pat Johnson, a substance abuse counselor at Fox Army Health Center.

May is Mental Health Month. In a recent public announcement, Army chief of staff Gen. George Casey has confirmed that the Department of Defense has stated that psychological or behavioral health counseling due to service in a military combat environment or due to marital, family or grief issues will not jeopardize a Soldier's security clearance or adversely impact their military career.

"This change allows issues to be identified and addressed earlier – before psychological stress escalates to a more serious condition that may further impact the individual, the unit, families and the Army's overall readiness," Casey said in the announcement. "Helping to maintain physical and mental well-being of Soldiers and Army civilians will ensure we remain Army strong."

Armywide it is estimated that 18 percent of Soldiers who have been deployed are suffering from TBI.

At Fox, much has been done to help Soldiers suffering from PTSD or TBI. During routine checkups, doctors take a Soldier's health history and look for symptoms of the two conditions. If there is suspicion of TBI, then the Soldier is referred to a neurologist for further diagnosis. If TBI is not the source of a Soldier's symptoms, then counseling determines if PTSD is the cause.

"A neurologist or a neuropsychologist can not only determine the amount of damage that's been done to the brain to cause

the TBI, but they can also determine if it is TBI or PTSD," Johnson said.

"The symptoms of PTSD and TBI are often similar, although TBI sometimes requires hospitalization. But both often go undiagnosed because Soldiers are trained from early on to keep pushing on. They may not realize that their headaches, irritability and difficulty with memory is because of PTSD or TBI. The symptoms can be very subtle. It may come down to a Soldier saying their edge is gone or they don't feel quite like themselves."

The military culture teaches Soldiers to ignore physical problems so they can continue the mission. That often gets in the way of treatment for TBI or PTSD.

"The military emphasis of driving ahead keeps a lot of Soldiers from taking medical care of themselves," Ferguson said. "They don't pay attention to things bothering them."

As Fox counselors work with Soldiers suffering from TBI or PTSD, they are building their own expertise in treating the two conditions.

"I have learned so much about PTSD and TBI from the Soldiers with whom I have worked," Ferguson said. "They are living through these very difficult disorders, and have had the kindness and patience to teach me much more than I learned from the books. I have been humbled by their courage and by their willingness to explore the pain of these traumas by talking about it with myself and others in our office."

DoD plans are for all Army health care facilities to set up TBI centers of excellence. Work is being done now to set up such a center at Fox.

"We've treated PTSD and TBI for years here successfully, just under different names," Smith said. "But a congressional mandate to set up centers of excellence for TBI provides a significant increase in the budget for treatment. We've been creating the vision of what we need to do for these Soldiers. Now, we have the resources to take even better care of our PTSD and TBI patients."

Illustrating military mom's side of war

Former Rocket reporter
writes book for children

PALMER, Alaska — There are a lot of children's books on the market explaining what it means for a daddy to be deployed, but books explaining why mommies go to war have been few and far between. When war started in Iraq, a generation of U.S. women became involved as never before; more than 155,000 women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Among their ranks are more than 16,000 single mothers, according to the Pentagon, a number that military experts say is unprecedented.

Meanwhile, the children these single mothers leave behind are looking for answers. According to current statistics, 700,000 children of military members are under the age of 5. In former *Redstone Rocket* reporter Sharon McBride's new children's book, *My Mommy Wears Combat Boots*, she appropriately conveys the emotions and behaviors of the young children who find themselves in the care of others when their mothers deploy.

"When I was deployed a third time, my daughter started having emotional issues with me being gone. She had begun getting



Sharon McBride

into books at age 3, so I began searching around to find other ways to explain things to her," McBride said. "I noticed there were a lot of books that explained why daddies serve in the military, but not a lot about mommies. So I decided to write my own."

Mommy Wears Combat Boots is an illustrated children's book based on McBride's

personal experience as a Soldier and a single mother. It also serves as a way to explain why she needed to leave her child again and potentially be in harm's way. The book explains emotions involved when a parent leaves and that it's OK to feel things.

"They are scared. The parent, who was there 24-hours-a-day before, now has to leave and there's an issue of abandonment there," McBride said. "Kids feel all the emotions an adult does, but can't verbalize them like an adult."

The 12-page book is about a little girl bear cub whose mother bear is away serving as a Soldier in the U.S. Army. The cub goes through all the emotions of having a parent missing from her life and tries to cope with them. When the cub is mad at her mother for being gone, Grandma helps with other ways to make her feel better. But the cub has a difficult time expressing guilt, frustration, anger, loneliness and sadness, not realizing at first that it's normal to feel all of this and more as the result of her mother's military deployment. In the book, the cub prays for all the other children with moms in the military serving away from home, because there are lots of mommies who wear combat boots.

"The book goes into things that we went

through," McBride said. "Grandma would help my daughter count the days off the calendar to when I would get home and read her my e-mails. I also bought her these shoes that light up when she runs, and I asked her to think of me and I how much I love her when they glow."

McBride is an Army veteran of 13 years, who has completed three deployments since 2003. As a photojournalist, the author wrote about and photographed events of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Hurricane Katrina. As the single parent of a 4-year-old toddler, she wrote *My Mommy Wears Combat Boots* based on her personal experience in addressing her child's negative feelings associated with her deployments. The author is out of the service now, but she hopes that *My Mommy Wears Combat Boots* will help other military children cope with their separation from their mothers as the result of this war; because there are a lot of mommies who wear combat boots.

Editor's note: My Mommy Wears Combat Boots is published by AuthorHouse, whose web site is <http://www.authorhouse.com>.

Health center tries to heal veterans' emotional scars

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Soldiers suffering from PTSD or TBI may be given a mixture of treatments — group therapy, individual counseling, marital counseling, family counseling and medications — to manage and overcome their condition. New technologies and treatments, developed primarily by the Army's doctors out of necessity, will be used to care for TBI and PTSD patients. Usually, treating Soldiers with PTSD is more straightforward than treating Soldiers with TBI.

"With PTSD you are treating the emotional trauma. You are teaching people how to confront anxiety and the memories inside them," Ferguson said.

"TBI treatment is much broader

because variations can be anything. They may lose their academic ability or they may have headaches. They might not be able to recall things or they can't read or write or they have times when they feel disoriented."

Recovery and the length of treatment also vary with each individual.

"If you have mild TBI, you will recover in one to one-and-a-half years," Ferguson said.

"With single event PTSD, recovery is pretty good. But combat PTSD is really different because you may have a Soldier who has been shot at 10 times in an hour nearly every day or they have some other type of recurring traumatic event. They may have a full year of living at a heightened level of anxiety so their habits for living are significantly altered. It is much harder to recover from that."

Even though the Army has a new policy concerning the treatment of Soldier PTSD and TBI, the retired Soldier suffering from PTSD doesn't know if he would have sought help for his condition during his active service years.

"There's a stigma if you know a guy who's going to group therapy," he said. "Soldiers are shunned for that. So, a lot of Soldiers cover up the problems and try to be the best Soldier they can. It's a good thing the Army is recognizing the problem. But there is still a fear of being labeled."

He said it will take time for Soldiers to be comfortable with confronting the issues of PTSD or TBI, especially since seeking help can have a negative effect on a career in a number of ways, he said.

"Counseling takes time away from your job," he said. "And, if you have a mission, you want your best Soldier to do the job. It's hard for some commanders to

let their best and most experienced Soldier go off and deal with their problems and put someone else in that position who might not perform as well."

But professionals at Fox insist it is imperative that Soldiers seek help if they are suffering from PTSD or TBI. And these Soldiers deserve the best treatment the Army has to offer.

"I have never been more proud to work with a group of people than America's combat veterans," Ferguson said of the Soldiers seeking treatment for PTSD and TBI at Fox.

"They placed their lives on the line for their country. Many came back physically and emotionally injured. And every one of them said they would do it again and again if their country requested it. They are humble heroes. While they could live in bitterness and regret about their injuries, they choose to stay committed to their country and continue to get healthier."

Graduating senior has high hopes for military career

ROTC scholarship supports his goal

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If first impressions are important, then Brandon "Tony" Thacker is head and shoulders above the crowd.

At a glance, this tall 18-year-old — at 6 feet, 11 inches — is a definite standout. But a little closer look shows a personality and reputation that has every bit of the stature that Thacker's height gives him.

This Sparkman High School JROTC graduate, Eagle Scout and American Red Cross/Fox Army Health Center volunteer has already taken his first long strides toward a military career as an Army officer. He joined the Alabama Army National Guard's 1204 Avionics Unit, Bravo Company, in Hope Hull, Ala., in September as a private first class. He will leave this summer for boot camp and his advanced individual training, and then attend the University of Alabama-Birmingham on an \$86,000 ROTC scholarship.

"I always wanted to be in the military," Thacker said. "I figured I might as well start now. The qualified kicker was that the Army would help out toward college."

Thacker is the son of Annette

Ikstrums, a program analyst in the pharmacy at Fox, and stepson of Reserve Maj. Andris Ikstrums, who works on the Patriot program for the Security Assistance Management Directorate and who serves in the Reserves at Logistics Support Activity.

Thacker's family is steeped in strong military tradition. His great-grandfather, both grandfathers, father and stepdad have all served in the military. That tradition has made it easier for his mom to support his son's decision of joining the military at a time of war.

"We come from a military family," Thacker's mom said. "The military has been a home to us, a career to us, a family to us. It's an honorable job. My dad went to war three or four times. It would be the epitome of wrong to tell Tony I don't want him to do the honorable thing."

But, Thacker, who is excited about the future he has planned for himself, shrugs off any suggestion that his family may have steered him toward a military career. Being a Soldier is a life-long dream and passion owned by this teenager.

"My main plan was to go to college," he said. "I was just a normal kid who liked to play Soldier all the time when I was growing up. But then I saw an opportunity to be an Eagle Scout and to be a part of JROTC, and I took it."

Thacker is a member of Boy Scout Troop 94, which meets at Toney United Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Venture Crew at Messiah Lutheran Church. Thacker was in JROTC all four years in high school, and served as the commander of Sparkman's nationally recognized JROTC Drill Team.

"I was in JROTC my entire high school career," Thacker said. "I moved up in the ranks. I was the drill team commander and Bravo company commander."

"It was hard doing both Boy Scouts and JROTC because drill team meant going around the state to competitions. So, I missed a lot of Boy Scout camping and that made it harder to earn my Eagle rank."

His motivation was strictly self-created. His parents, though supportive, were insistent that Thacker achieve his goals through his own efforts.

"We supported him all the way as long as we didn't have to do the work," said his mom. "He's done an incredible job, and he's helped other Scouts along the way. We've always told him and his sisters 'If you can dream it, you can do it. It's up to you to make it happen.'"

Yet, even without directly helping with the requirements of Scouting and JROTC, Thacker's parents and grandparents were examples of citizenship, patriotism, discipline, commitment to family and country, and hard work that inspired the teenager to follow a similar path.

"My parents and grandparents motivated me," he said. "And I just really wanted it for myself. I really appreciate all my dad (Ikstrums) has done for me to support me along the way. Fourteen years ago, he could have just walked away. But he didn't, and he did everything a father should do. There were times when he was gone serving in the Reserves. But, when he was there, he was there. He'd go camping with us and everything."

Even with his stepfather's active role in Scouting, Thacker had to find his own way to juggle the demands of Scouting, JROTC and schoolwork along with the other challenges of being a teenager.

"Once I got to Life Scout, I started having troubles getting everything done that I needed to do," he said. "But how could I go that far and just quit? I had to make Eagle Scout. My dad had only gone as far as Star Scout. So, he really wanted me to go for



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SPECIAL TIME AT HOME— Brandon "Tony" Thacker will spend just two more months at home with his family, dog Saira and cat Gary before reporting for boot camp and then his advanced individual training in avionics mechanics. After AIT, Thacker, a private first class with the Alabama Army National Guard's 1204 Avionics Unit, will attend the University of Alabama-Birmingham with the help of an \$86,000 Army ROTC scholarship.



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THANKING A VOLUNTEER— Fox Army Health Center commander Col. Mark Smith congratulates Brandon "Tony" Thacker on his Eagle Scout and his Army college scholarship. Thacker worked as an American Red Cross volunteer at the health center throughout high school.

Eagle Scout."

Earning the rank of Eagle in Boy Scouts takes a lot of dedication and determination, and reflects a combination of leadership positions, earned merit badges, community volunteer work and commitment to Boy Scouts. Besides earning 24 merit badges, Thacker also served as his troop's assistant senior patrol leader, earned such awards as the Order of the Arrow-Brotherhood and Bronze Outdoor Award-Crew 94, and did hundreds of hours of volunteer work, including his Eagle Scout project to clear a Sipsey Wilderness Trail for equestrian use.

"I was able to do all the work myself. But I did need my mom's help with the Family Life merit badge," Thacker said.

He also planned and coordinated his entire Eagle Scout project on his own, combining the trail clearing with an overnight camping trip for this Scout troop

and Venture Crew.

"We cleared two-and-a-half miles of the trail to get to our camping site and then we had to clear the rest of the trail to leave our camping site the next day," he said. "All of us received the Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award for the work we did."

As an American Red Cross volunteer at Fox during his entire high school career, Thacker worked in medical records and sometimes in the pharmacy during the summer and other school breaks.

"Any time I got a chance, I'd go out there," he said. "It was fun because I got to talk to the retirees. They are all willing to talk about what they've done and what they've seen. They are probably the best storytellers because things actually happened to them. Talking to them was better than reading a book because they are the book."

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Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

First sergeant

The incoming first sergeant for HHC 59th, 1st Sgt. Amos Jackson, leads company commander Capt. Jacob Quinn and outgoing 1st Sgt. Jacob Endres to the stage at Heiser Hall for HHC's change of responsibility ceremony May 15. Quinn thanked Endres for his selfless service to the Soldiers and wished him luck toward the future.

■ Sparkman High graduate looks toward military life

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But, Thacker also credits his JROTC teachers at Sparkman – Lt. Col. Charlie Walker and 1st Sgt. Walter Jones Sr. – for showing him what he can achieve in life.

“They helped me out a lot towards growing up,” Thacker said. “They taught me self-control, leadership and what it takes to be your best. Their motto is to teach young people to be better citizens and they definitely do that.”

For Thacker, Boy Scouts and JROTC offered a good combination of experiences that kept him looking toward his future.

“The military recruiters have wanted to talk to him for a few years. We knew by his sophomore year that Tony would be in the military one way or the other. But we told the recruiters to wait until he was a senior,” Thacker’s mom said. “We wanted to help him fully understand his choices and options.

“Tony has always been service oriented. He’s always been concerned with what’s going on in the world. Boy Scouts and JROTC really gave him a good group association. They were programs that put him in touch with other good kids, and

they are all about service, discipline and the future.”

Thacker will report for basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., in late July. He will then report to Fort Eustis, Va., for his advanced individual training in avionics mechanics. He will probably focus his AIT on Black Hawk helicopters. After AIT, he will join his Guard troop for weekend drills and attend UAB’s aeronautical engineering program.

Once on his college path, Thacker will be the youngest of four siblings to pursue their dreams. He has three sisters — Marisa Ikstrums, who is a University of Alabama-Huntsville cum laude graduate with a degree in international business and foreign language (French); Meaghan Thacker, who has attended Calhoun Community College and will continue her education at a radiology school in Nashville; and Anna Ikstrums, who is attending the University of Washington and majoring in biomedical engineering.

Looking toward the future, Thacker has mapped out his educational path and military career. He even has ideas of what he will do after he retires from the military.

“I hope to be a history teacher and a coach,” he said. “I want to give back just as much as this country has given me.”

Lab team wins helicopter society award

The Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Aviation Applied Technology Directorate and the Aviation Systems Integration Facility together with the Boeing Company, and Rockwell Collins Inc., have earned the 2008 American Helicopter Society's "Howard Hughes Award" for their contributions to Network Centric Operations technology development.

In 2007, AMRDEC and its industry partners participated in two nationwide Network-Centric Warfare exercises using the System of Systems Common Operating Environment and focused Army Aviation – Future Force interoperability.

"In April and November of 2007 the AMRDEC and its industry team members participated in technical tests that have set the stage for executing distributed joint force war fighting simulations and experiments," Scott Dennis, director of the Aviation Systems Integration Facility, said. "The tests connected seven sites in Huntsville, Ala., Mesa, Ariz., Saint Louis, Mo., Philadelphia, Pa., Long Beach and Anaheim, Calif., and Seattle,

Wash. with the technical objective of establishing a connectivity infrastructure between over a dozen participating sites and programs and using SOSCOE to exchange information between platforms using several SOSCOE service families."

Participating in Huntsville, the ASIF team employed its trailer-mounted facility in order to plug into the exercise and replicate Army aviation assets.

"The ASIF transported one of its two platform-independent, reconfigurable Mobile Systems Integration Laboratories to the Boeing facility located behind the Huntsville International Airport and configured it as a CH-47F integrated with the Future Combat Systems System of Systems Common Operating Environment," Dennis said.

The Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, working with the Boeing Company, supplied a live fly asset to Future Combat Systems Field Experiment 1.1, in February 2007, to the Program Manager C4ISR On-the-Move summer experiment, in July 2007, and to FCS Field Experiment 2.1/Joint Expeditionary Field Experiment

2008, February through April.

During these activities an Apache Longbow equipped with the Manned/Unmanned Common Architecture Program mission processing architecture demonstrated interoperability with Future Combat Systems ground vehicles, ground Soldier systems, unattended ground sensors, and unmanned air vehicles and with joint fixed wing aircraft all within the context of net centric operations.

"AATD is very pleased to have been a member of the Net Centric Operations technology development team and to have had the opportunity to work alongside Aviation Systems Integration Facility personnel," Dale Johnson, manager of the Manned/Unmanned Common Architecture Program at the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, said. "We believe the combination of live and virtual experimentation allows a more comprehensive evaluation of the benefits of network centric technologies than would otherwise be possible and look forward to future collaborations.

"There is a great deal to be learned about the interactions

between platforms but practical considerations dictate that there are only a few live fly events in which any particular aircraft can involve itself."

These exercises, and ones planned for the future, support

the war fighter in the current fight while looking forward to meet the Army aviation community's future requirements and challenges.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

Air defense update

Col. Heidi Brown, deputy commander and commandant for Air Defense Artillery Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, speaks May 20 during the AUSA Tactical Missiles Conference at the Von Braun Center North Hall.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Operations complete

Operations officer Maj. Bill Brodhead, right, receives an award May 19 as he concludes his two-year mobilization tour at AMCOM G-3 (Current Operations). Making the presentation is Col. Walt Lorcheim, chief of operations and plans. Brodhead's destination is Fort Jackson, S.C., as executive officer for a training battalion. "For all of you I've worked with, thank you," he said. "It's been a good time."

■ Helicopter society presents annual award

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"There are still many challenges ahead and our efforts must result in a more responsive, lethal, and flexible aviation capability that will effectively support combat commanders at all levels," Dennis said. "We are committed to our aviation Soldiers and their families. U.S. Army aviation modernization, with an emphasis on Future Force interoperability, is one of the Army's major challenges over the next 10 years. The primary goal is to transition from the current point-to-point communication methodologies to a net-centric enabled capability, while maintaining current force interoperability."

"As we continue to capture the interoperability synergy of the entire aviation community, we will continue to focus on the development and maturation of these new capabilities in order to ensure that our aviation war fighters have the tools they need to accomplish their mission."

The team has been working together for several years.

"Throughout 2006 and 2007 AATD, ASIF, Boeing and Rockwell Collins have worked together to bring the essential new Network Centric technologies to military rotorcraft ensuring the viability and relevance of rotorcraft in the Future Force," Dennis said. "AMRDEC, Boeing and Rockwell Collins have collaborated to develop and demonstrate the substantial improvements in battlefield situ-

ational awareness and combat effectiveness that can be achieved via incorporation of advanced mission processor architectures, advanced high bandwidth communications systems and advanced display systems to support real time Network Centric Operations capability.

"Commonality is a key aspect to achieving robust interoperability in future data intensive networked combat environments. In 2008 through 2010 the architecture will be built upon, with increased war fighter capabilities and system enhancements, in preparation for participation in live fly experiments such as Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 2008, JEFX 10, and Trident Warrior."

The ASIF, the first systems integration laboratory of its kind for aviation, was developed in 2004 as a result of the Army's termination of the RAH-66 Comanche helicopter program and Congress' direction to establish a critical link between Army aviation original equipment manufacturers and AMRDEC.

"One of the many benefits of using the ASIF to evaluate system-level software prior to installation in helicopters is a savings of approximately \$4,000 per flying hour when using an actual helicopter," Dennis said.

The Howard Hughes Award is given in recognition of an outstanding improvement in fundamental helicopter technology brought to fruition in the previous year and was presented to representatives of the AATD, ASIF, Boeing and Rockwell Collins during the AHS International Annual Forum in Montreal on April 30. (AMRDEC release)

Marines enjoy short night against Academy

Last year's post runner-up beats NCOs in 3 innings

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The Marines softball team gave pitcher Lee Burket a nice sendoff. And Burket played a major role.

He had two doubles and a three-run homer and was the winning pitcher as the Marines routed the NCO Academy 17-0 on May 19 at Linton Field. He is scheduled to leave for Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 1, followed by six weeks of training and subsequent deployment to Iraq.

"This is probably my last game," Burket said. "I enjoyed



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOING TO NEXT BASE— Lee Burket rounds first base for his double in the first inning against the NCO Academy. He finished with two doubles and a three-run homer in the 17-0 win May 19.

it. I hope the Marines go far and do great things."

Batting third in the lineup, he and cleanup hitter Sean Newsom

scored three runs apiece. Newsom had two hits and an RBI as the Marines improved to 6-2.

The Marines scored five runs in

the first, seven in the second and five in the third and final inning.

"This is the first time we've had most of the team together this year," first baseman/coach Chris McCarthy said. "Good batting and great defense were the keys to the game tonight."

The Marines expect to be shorthanded for the postseason tournament scheduled June 2-10. Besides Burket's departure, Newsom and McCarthy will be on leave.

"We're just going to have to rely on some people to step up and fill those shoes," McCarthy said. The Marines were post runners-up last year to the National Guard and won the 2006 title.

Cheruan Newsome hit a double but took the loss on the mound as the NCO Academy fell to 1-8.

"The season's not going that well," Academy shortstop/assistant coach Shawn Jones said. "But we'll be geared up and ready to go for the postseason."

Standings entering this week had Bravo (9-1), National Guard (9-1), Marines (6-4), Charlie (5-6), NCO Academy (2-8) and Headquarters & Alpha (2-9).

Here are last week's results:

• **May 19** – Marines def. NCO Academy 17-0; National Guard def. Charlie 1-0; and Bravo def. Headquarters & Alpha 18-3.

• **May 20** – Bravo def. Marines 8-7; NCO Academy def. Charlie 17-4; and National Guard def. Headquarters & Alpha 21-1.

• **May 22** – Charlie def. Headquarters & Alpha 23-21; and National Guard def. Marines 26-4.

Headquarters & Alpha captures golf championship

Gators foursome shoots 10-under

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"One, two, three ... Chomp! Chomp!"

The Gators of Headquarters & Alpha Company shouted their unit motto after winning the post golf championship May 19 at the Links at Redstone. Their top foursome shot a 10-under 62 for first place in the unit-level scramble at the Felix Milar Active Duty Post Championship.

"It was a lot of great team play," Headquarters & Alpha team-1 captain Dustin Miller said of his group. His teammates were Terrence Hamil, Patrick Johnson and Dick Klofstad.

The Gators were first among 23 teams on a sunny day. "Beautiful conditions, perfect for golf," Miller said.

"The last two holes the wind picked up in our face," Klofstad added. "Other than that there was no wind whatsoever."

Headquarters & Alpha added another title after winning this year's post basketball championship.

"It goes to show the quality of Soldiers that we have in Headquarters & Alpha – a lot of dedication," said Hamil, who coached the basketball team.

Missile and Space Intelligence Center shot a 7-under 65 for second place with team captain Michael Gosch, Terry Aiken, Rob Dewitt and Jack Thomas.

"I'm proud of my team," Gosch said. "It was definitely a team effort. Everybody contributed and that led to our success."

Said Aiken, "It was a fun day, beautiful sky, nice weather. Everybody contributed. Everybody made some good shots, everybody made some bad ones."

Shawn Hershner of Charlie Company got closest-to-the pin; and Bravo Company's Charles Magers had the longest drive.

Michael Brady of Missile Defense Agency won the individual championship held May 17-18 when he shot 78-80 — 158. Defending champion Sean Newsom of the Marines was second with 79-82 — 161; and MSIC's Aiken placed third with 80-83 — 163. Thirty-four golfers competed.

Here are the unit-level scramble results:

1. Headquarters & Alpha team-1, 62;
2. Missile and Space Intelligence Center, 65; Mixed Team, 65; Bravo-1, 66; Marines, 66; Bravo-3, 68; HHC 59th-3, 70; National Guard-1, 70; 203rd, 70; Charlie-1, 70; HHC 59th-1, 73; NCO Academy, 73; Charlie-2, 74; 326th Chemical-4, 77; Bravo-2, 78; HHC 59th-2, 79; HHC 59th-4, 79; Headquarters & Alpha-3, 79; Headquarters & Alpha-2, 83; 326th Chemical-1, 85; 326th Chemical-2, 88; Bravo-4, 95; and 326th Chemical-3 did not finish.



Photos by Skip Vaughn

FULL SWING— NCO Academy's Kenneth Godwin uses an 8-iron from 130 yards to Meadowview first hole on his second shot.

Golfers raise \$10K for AER

The Engineering Directorate's fifth annual golf tournament April 24 at the Links at Redstone raised \$10,000 for Army Emergency Relief.

Some 128 golfers participated in the tournament sponsored by the Reliability Availability and Maintainability Engineering and System Assessment Division and the Production Engineering Division of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

First place with a score of 14-under went to Tom Barnett, Jim Buford, Ramey Maddox and Dewayne Hall. Jason Hood got closest-to-the-pin and Todd Christiansen had the longest drive.

Tournament coordinators were Carolyn Farmer and Chris Farmer. Volunteers included Will Lovell, Fred Maddox, Jessica Glover, Wynema Wooten, Deadra Hereford, Megan Shumate, Judy Potter-Shields, Steve Chisgar and Sammie Smith. Forty-two local businesses provided donations or participated in the event.

Guard answers calls in storm-battered states

Emergency assistance in wake of tornadoes

By Master Sgt. MIKE R. SMITH
Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — National Guard members in four states were called out by their governors to assist civil authorities May 12 after tornadoes crossed the Southwest May 10 and flooding on the Delaware coast left communities in need of emergency assistance.

Since May 7, the National Weather Service has confirmed at least 42 tornadoes in the southern Plains and the southeastern and middle Atlantic regions of the nation with the strongest tornado recorded May 10 as an F-4. It developed from a super cell storm that tracked through three states.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency reported that Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma

and South Carolina were all affected by severe weather during the weekend with at least 22 confirmed deaths, many homes destroyed and thousands of people without power. The Guard was also responding to flooded areas in Delaware after heavy rains on Mother's Day.

In Oklahoma, Gov. Brad Henry called out the National Guard to assist emergency responders after five confirmed tornadoes touched down in the state. At least 25 Army Guard members were providing security support in the town of Picher after a F-4 tornado churned up a 63-mile swath of damage from Oklahoma to Missouri.

Soldiers were assisting local law enforcement in securing the area, which includes routes in and out of the town four miles south of the state's border with Kansas. An Army Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew was also flying aerial assessment missions for the governor.

In Arkansas, where at least two tornadoes touched down and tracked through the central part of the state Saturday evening, May 10, homes were destroyed in the town of Stuttgart.

"We've deployed 50 Guardsmen from the Guard's 875th Engineer Battalion," said Maj. Keith Moore, a National Guard spokesman. Moore said the Soldiers traveled from their station in Jonesboro and were providing security support at traffic control points and conducting patrols to prevent looting. The Soldiers were working two shifts during a round-the-clock operation and were expected to be on station through May 14.

The Army Guard was flying Gov. Michael Beebe and emergency management agency personnel on a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter out of Camp Robinson to assess damaged areas.

"This is one of the key roles of the Guard, being a dual mission force, that we are here to support our local communities, respond to the governor," Moore said.

After severe storms and tornadoes swept through southwest Missouri, nearly 20 Army Guard Soldiers deployed on state active duty to support Gov. Matt Blunt in his emergency response efforts for the towns of Newtonia and Grany. The Soldiers were assisting local law enforcement agencies with security. Eight Soldiers and two military vehicles deployed to each town.

In Delaware, tidal flooding and heavy rains led to Guardmembers deploying in



Deceased

Bill Napier, who served in the Army for 31 years and retired as a sergeant major, then continued to serve in civil service for another 24 years, died May 19. He was 79.



Photo by Arkansas National Guard

RESPONSE MISSION— Arkansas Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Lucas Jennings discusses tornado response missions May 12 with other citizen-Soldiers and local law enforcement representatives in a central Arkansas area affected by a May 10 tornado.

six light medium tactical vehicles, known as LMTVs, and one 2.5-ton truck to assist in flood evacuations at South Bowers Beach, Kitts Hummock Beach, Woodland Beach and Slaughter Beach.

"The LMTVs can carry up to 15 people and have a high ground clearance, which allows them to operate in up to four

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Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

Awaiting word

Soldiers from the 59th Ordnance Brigade, and their NCOs standing directly behind them, wait to hear the winners of the Redstone Arsenal NCO and Soldier of the Quarter announced May 15 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Staff Sgt. Anthony Marvan won the NCO of the Quarter while Spc. Marketa Burnett took home the Soldier of the Quarter honors.



Courtesy photo

Change of command

Marine Detachment 1st Sgt. Michael Daley, left, presents the detachment colors to outgoing commander Maj. Timothy Collins. Looking on at right is incoming commander Capt. Darrell Walker. Collins, who relinquished command May 19, will report to Camp Pendleton, Calif., to become the ammunition officer for 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

■ Tornadoes rip through Southwestern states

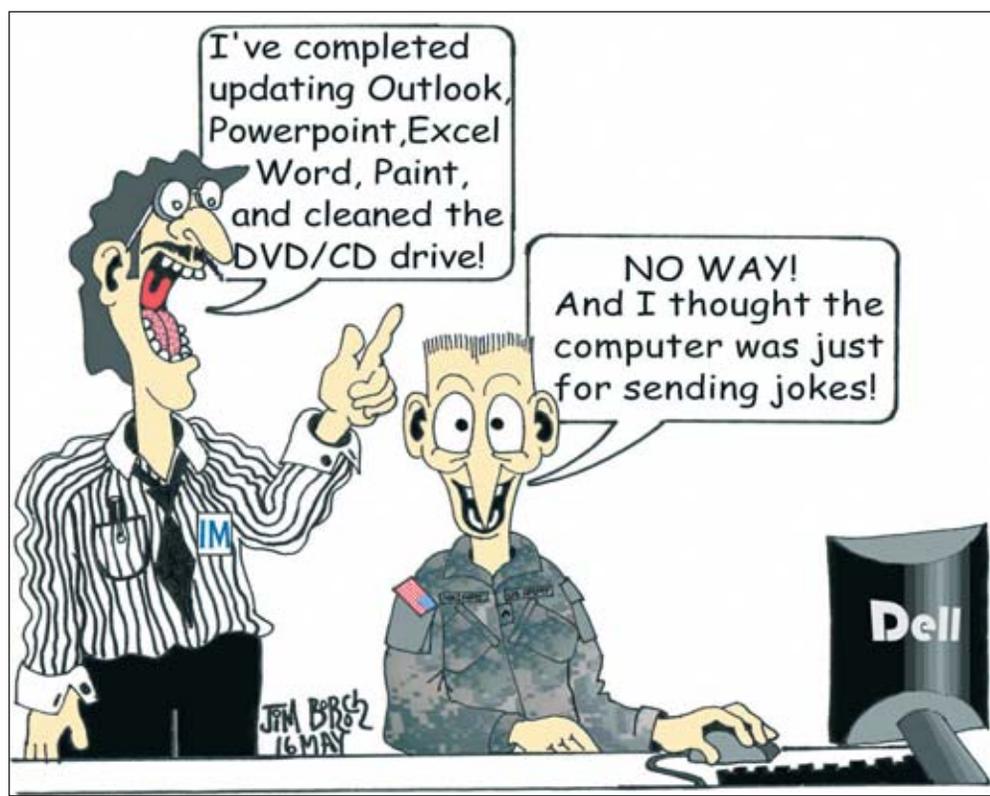
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feet of water," said. Lt. Col. Len Gratteri, Delaware National Guard spokesman. Gratteri said the state's Guardmembers were deployed from the 262nd Maintenance Company, the 261st Signal Brigade and the 72nd Troop Command.

The Delaware Guard was coordinating emergency assistance through the state's emergency management agency with its Joint Operations and Emergency Operations Centers. A shelter area was also set up in Kent County.

Editor's note: Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith serves with the National Guard Bureau. Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill also contributed to this report.





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 shippsdf@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 at 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/handi-

caps 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.

County championship

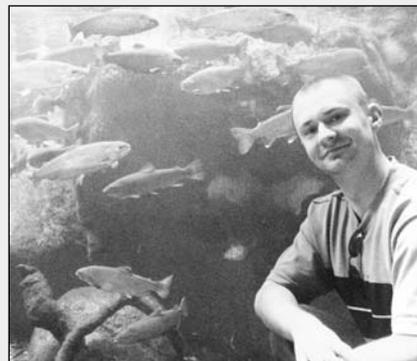
The American Cancer Society's Madison County Golf Championship 2008, in memory of Gerald E. Toland, is June 9 at Valley Hill Country Club. Tee times are 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$150 per person, \$600 per team, and \$800 Eagle Package (includes team and hole sponsorship). For more information on forming a team, call 1-800-ACS-2345.



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,



Courtesy photo

Scenic journey

Sgt. Sladan Sarac from Bosnia visits the "River Journey" exhibit at the Tennessee Aquarium on May 18. The International Military Student Office took three international students, from Bosnia and Korea, to visit Chattanooga on May 17-18.

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.

Toastmaster district

Toastmaster District 77 will have its Spring Conference on Friday and Saturday at the Holiday Inn, 5903 University Drive, with the theme "Reach for the Stars." For more information, call Joe Hidalgo 837-5282 or cell 603-4353.

Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will hold a general membership meeting Friday at 5:30 p.m. at P.B.'s Restaurant private dining room. For more information, call Arlene Erskine 955-6094 or Mary Peoples 955-4275.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is June 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist

Church, Personal Growth Center. There will be installation of the 2008-09 executive officers. For ticket information, call Marlene Clemons 313-2378 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 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. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 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_SOLE_Seminar_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 today. 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.

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.

Tomorrow's leaders

Attention interns, fellows and co-ops: Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday from 1-3 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. University of Alabama-Huntsville president Dr. David Williams and UAH college of business dean Dr. James Simpson are to speak on "Encouraging Leadership in the 21st Century."



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.

Computer classes

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

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.

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. The shop will be open Saturday, June 7 from 10-2. 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 belle-cambron@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.

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

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arrangements for participation call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969 or Sgt. Stephanie Maxwell 842-2625 by Thursday. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled Sept. 25.

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 today to program weather radios from 3-7 p.m. at the Post Exchange. Stop by and get your weather radio programmed and meet the WAFF 48 Storm Team. Weather radios will be available for purchase.

Air show volunteers

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

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/>.

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.

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

Beatty streets. Snacks will be provided to each student. AOTS offers this art camp to children 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.

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 Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, 3020 Belafonte Ave. For more information, call Brigitte Fletcher 876-5207.

Spouse employment

A representative will be available June 12 from 12-1 p.m. to present information about employment opportunities through the Operation RE/MAX program. This program is designed to help military spouses, veterans and transitioning personnel discover, train for and find successful careers in the real estate industry. They have a variety of positions in more than 4,200 RE/MAX offices across the U.S. To preregister, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Veterinary clinic

Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Services will have walk-in evening clinics June 19 from 3:30-6 p.m. at building 3583 on Shillelagh Circle. Vaccinations, heartworm test, feline leukemia test and microchip implants will be available. For more information, call 876-2441.

Blue for health

The second annual Redstone Arsenal "Wear Blue Day" is June 12 in conjunction with the "Go Blue for Men" Health Fair which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Bob Jones Auditorium. Approximately 30 vendors will participate and free health screenings will be offered by Fox Army Health Center and community partners, Decatur General Hospital, Crest-

wood Medical Center and Huntsville Hospital. Virginia College School of Massage will offer free massage therapy sessions from 9-noon in the auditorium. This annual event is held to remind men to take control of their health and wellness. "I challenge all men at Redstone who may have been somewhat neglectful of their own well-being to adopt at least one new healthy activity during this Men's Health Week and then maintain it. Get your blood pressure checked and call your health care provider for an appointment," said Rick Stock, health promotion educator at Fox. For more information, call Stock 955-8888 ext. 1443 or Jackie Rice 955-8888 ext. 1026.

Eye care education

Do you know why you should wear sunglasses, even if it is not sunny outside? Do you know what you should be doing now to preserve your vision for the future? You are invited to learn the latest information provided by Dr. Jessica Norris and Dr. Jennifer Newby from Fox Army Health Center's Optometry Clinic on June 5 from 12-1 p.m. The class is open to all active military and their family members, retired military and their family members and DoD civilians. Class size is limited to 24. Call 955-8888, ext. 1026 to sign up.

New employees

The next New Employee Orientation for civilian employees will be held June 10 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. Participants will receive training to orient them to federal employment and the installation. For more information, call Jessie McCray 313-0146 or Greg Hill 876-4803. To obtain a space in this course, you must register in TIP by June 6 at <https://tip.redstone.army.mil/>.

Walk for the cure

The North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc. announces its annual 2008 Sickle Cell Disease Walk-a-Thon on June 7 at Big Spring Park. The event begins at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30. This year's theme is "Walk for the Cure." Again this year, trophies will be given to the business, organization and church with the largest number of participants. In addition to the walk, there will be games, activities, entertainment, food and beverages for the entire family.

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Driver license office

The Alabama Department of Public Safety will expand the operating days of the Redstone Arsenal Driver License Office, located at the Post Exchange, from one day a week to two days a week beginning June 3. The office will be open for business on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week during June, July and August. Operating hours will remain the same each day – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed for lunch noon to 1 p.m. Starting in August, the office

will return to being open for business only on Wednesday of each week.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on June 3 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks

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redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child

care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Rose show

The Huntsville-Twickenham Rose Society will be hold a Mini and Mini-Flora Rose Show on June 7 at the Parkway Place Mall on South Memorial Parkway. Competition is open to all rose growers; and entries must be made from 7-10:30 a.m. on the first floor of the mall. Mini rose arrangements will also be displayed. The show is free and will be open to the public from noon-4 p.m. For more information, e-mail the following: greenmt-roses@comcast.net.

Employment briefing

A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct a Federal Employment Briefing on June 5 from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. This event should help participants understand the federal application process. Topics will include recruitment sources, Resumix procedures, candidate evaluation and the referral process. This session is open to all military ID cardholders. To reserve a seat, call ACS 876-5397.

Cancer walk

A three-day walk covering 60 miles for breast cancer will be held Oct. 24-26 in Atlanta. Thousands will come out for the event, whether participating or to show support. Tonya Aldridge and Ginger Cochran have formed a team and are looking for others interested in supporting this cause. There is a registration fee, and a minimum amount per person for fund-raising. For more information, call Aldridge 876-8265 or visit www.the3day.org.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Helicopter overview

Diane Corlew of Army Community Service learns about the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior during the Aviation Technical Test Center's open house May 21 at Redstone Airfield. John Sparkman, an ATTC aviation test support specialist and pilot, discusses the current generation armed reconnaissance helicopter. "It's flown over a million and a half combat hours just in the Global War on Terror," he says. "It's a real workhorse in Iraq right now."



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

Basic briefing

The Huntsville Times reporter Shelby Spires, left, and photographer Glenn Baeske, kneeling, get UH-60 Black Hawk flight profile details from the Aviation Technical Test Center's Keith Darrow and Lt. Col. John Jones. The pair were part of a news media contingent that became acquainted with Arsenal and airfield activities May 21.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																												
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SCBK08680854	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																	
SCBK08652973	Lead General Engr	28-May-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08750090	Logistics Mgmt Spec	28-May-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08763854	General Supp Spec	28-May-08	SMDC	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08722801	Equipment Spec (General)	28-May-08	IMMC	GS-1870	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08733085	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																	
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SCBK08697687	Electronics Engr	28-May-08	USADTC	GS-0855	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08640516	Supv Prgm Analyst	28-May-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YA-0343	3	3	8,978 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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																	
SCBK08695895	Environmental Protection Spec	29-May-08	GARRISON	GS-0028	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08747725	Mail & File Clerk (Motor Vehicle Oper)	30-May-08	CHRA, Processing Div	GS-0305	4	4	26,815 - 34,885	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08745205	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-May-08	AMCOM, Security Asst Mgt	GS-0346	12	13	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08746219	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-May-08	AMCOM, Security Asst Mgt	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08641569	Computer Scientist	2-Jun-08	USADTC	GS-1550	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08641552	Computer Scientist	2-Jun-08	USADTC	GS-1550	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08735207	Supply Tech	2-Jun-08	USAOMEMS	GS-2005	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08700342	Supply Tech	2-Jun-08	USAOMEMS	GS-2005	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08738456	Secretary (OA)	2-Jun-08	USAOMEMS	GS-0318	6	7	33,442 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08734873	Trng Spec (Reserve Components)	2-Jun-08	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08734096	Asst Product Mngr	2-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	GS-0301	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08702205	Contract Spec	2-Jun-08	PEO Missiles & Space	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08576922	Trng Instructor	2-Jun-08	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	7	9	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08722677	Staff Action Spec	2-Jun-08	SMDC	GS-0301	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08722677D	Staff Action Spec	2-Jun-08	SMDC	GS-0301	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08641474	Computer Scientist	2-Jun-08	USADTC	GS-1550	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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																	
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																	
SCBK08752441	Secretary (Stenography/OA)	3-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	GS-0318	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08647462	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	88,625 - 89,217	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08771439	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	88,625 - 89,217	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
WTST08538777R	Industrial Property Mgmt Spec	4-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	GG-1103	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08708768	Contract Spec	4-Jun-08	SMDC	GS-1102	7/9	9/11	37,164 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08625446	Supv Health Sys Spec	4-Jun-08	MEDDAC	YC-0671	2	2	57,146 - 110,691	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08757394	Logistics Mgmt Spec	5-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08712327	Lead Aerospace Engr	9-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08665009	Computer Engr	13-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08665151	Computer Engr	13-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCNAFBK0841	Asst Golf Course Superintendent	16-Jun-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-1801	3	3	21,000 - 40,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08763205	Supv General Engr	16-Jun-08	PEO AVN, UAS PM	YF-0801	3	3	87,878 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08634121	Supv Prgm Mngr	17-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-0340	2	2	65,921 - 110,691	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08634121D	Supv Prgm Mngr	17-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-0340	2	2	65,921 - 110,691	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08730633	Computer Engr	17-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YD-0854	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08654438	Civil Engr, Mech Engr, Electrical Engr, Physical Scientist, Geophysicist	18-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810, 0830, 0850, 1301, 1313	3	3	87,977 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08654438D	Civil Engr, Mech Engr, Electrical Engr, Physical Scientist, Geophysicist	18-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810, 0830, 0850, 1301, 1313	3	3	87,977 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08730633D	Computer Engr	19-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YD-0854	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08641474D	Computer Scientist	23-Jun-08	USADTC	GS-1550	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08771439	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	88,625 - 89,217	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCNAFBK0813	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9,88 - 9,88	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCNAFBK0821	Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5,85 - 10,93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCNAFBK0822	Lead Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Outdoor Recreation	NF-0189	2	2	7,61 - 13,97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOB.SOPM.GOV																																				
SCBK08737998	Supv Trng Instructor	28-May-08	USAOMEMS	YC-1712	2	2	65,278 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																	
SCBK08733085D	Materials Engr	28-May-08	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X</																								