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Post commander addresses accident

Promises thorough investigation
of fatal car wreck at intersection

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Redstone Arsenal's commander publicly sent his condolences last week to the family of the Marshall Space Flight Center engineer who was killed May 30 when a Huntsville Police Department high-speed car chase ended in a multi-car collision on the Arsenal at the intersection of Martin and Rideout roads.

"All of us are saddened by what occurred," Maj. Gen. Jim Myles said.

Darren Spurlock, 39, was killed in the collision and several others were injured when Huntsville police chased a car driven by Valerie Cox, 35, after drug agents tried to serve her a warrant in southwest Huntsville. Paulette Woodall, 36, was a passenger in the vehicle.

During the chase, Cox sped through the concrete barrier at Gate 1 and sped about four miles down Martin Road. Local law enforcement has a memorandum of agreement with the Army that allows them to continue chases onto federal property until Redstone Police assume jurisdiction.

In both an e-mail to Team Redstone employees and in a June 2 press conference, Myles said he and Arsenal officials will conduct a thorough internal investigation of the incident, and that providing a safe and secure work environment for Team Redstone employees is a top priority.

Describing May 30 as a "tough day for the Redstone family," Myles told local media June 2 that the incident "represents a significant challenge" to the Arsenal's safe and secure work environment.

A thorough investigation will provide authorities with information on what can be done to "possibly prevent another incident from occurring," Myles said.

"We want to tell the work force here that we understand what has occurred," he added. "We are taking all actions needed to mitigate what happened and to ensure the safety of the people who live and work on Redstone Arsenal."

Currently, only Gates 9 (Research Park Boulevard/Rideout Road) and 3 (Redstone Road) feature a full spectrum of security measures that meet Department of Defense standards. Three other gates – Gate 1 at Martin Road, Gate 8 at Drake Avenue and Gate 10 at Patton Road – while still meeting standards, are scheduled to be upgraded



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TRAGIC INCIDENT— Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles talks to local reporters about the security breach of Gate 1 and the resulting deadly car collision that occurred May 30 during a Huntsville Police Department high-speed chase of a suspected drug offender. He said Huntsville Police Department officials have agreed to notify Redstone Arsenal anytime there is a pursuit near Arsenal boundaries.

with those same security measures starting in the next 30 days. Those projects were planned before the May 30 incident.

Beyond such security measures, Arsenal officials will also look at the timeline of the incident and the communications that were ongoing between Arsenal security officials and Huntsville police.

"It is clear to me they (Huntsville police) made a call," Myles said. "The question is 'Did it come soon enough to take action?' The timeline was tight because of the high speed. It presented a pretty big challenge."

Officials now know that due to the short time lapse and the speed of the suspect vehicle, Redstone Police and the guards at the gate did not receive the notification before the arrival of the suspects at Gate 1. Huntsville Police Department officials have agreed to notify Redstone Arsenal anytime there is a pursuit near Arsenal boundaries.

Myles said that, although gate security is key, it's only one element of an overarching force protection strategy.

"There's a multi-layered approach to Force Protection and security on this post," he said. "Stopping a terrorist (or anyone without authorization to enter the installa-

tion) is not just about securing a gate; it's about understanding the threat to the installation."

Myles explained that it's hard to stop a terrorist incident unless you know a terrorist is there, the type of terrorist, and his or her intent. That's why Arsenal officials partner closely with federal organizations that are responsible for monitoring terrorism in the United States.

While the guards are authorized to use deadly force, Myles said, their response on May 30 was measured, appropriate and in accordance with the rules of engagement.

"They did not need to heighten the incident occurring at that moment," he said. "They didn't have enough information to say 'I think I'll pull my weapon out and shoot because they're trying to go through the gate.'"

There's a delicate balance in getting 48,000 cars on and off the installation each day while maintaining the right level of security.

"I want people to walk away with the same feeling I have," Myles said. "I believe this is a secure post, but at the same time, it will never become an armed camp like at FOB (forward operating base) Victory in Iraq."

An open lane random survey

What's your message for the Army's 233rd birthday, June 14?

By SKIP VAUGHN
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**Ruby Smith
Phoenix Service**
"Congratulations on your 233rd birthday. I have celebrated 41 years working with you."

**Capt. Chad Moniz
Charlie Company**

"Many long years lived with plenty of greatness coming through the ranks and many more to come. Happy birthday. And I look forward to the bright future that I know is yet to come for this wonderful organization we call the Army."



**Pvt. Trevor Morris
Bravo Company**
"I'm actually proud of how far we've come not just in terms of service but also the kind of recruitment we get. The Army seems to have higher standards than the other services, not from just my experience but also my dad's. The Army recruiters seem to be a little more informative and seem to go a little further out of their way to help you if there's something you're interested in."

**Sgt. Jared Stufflebeam
Marine Detachment**
"Happy 233rd birthday. Stay Army."



Army's birthday time to celebrate

During the nearly three years I have been a writer for the *Redstone Rocket*, the meaning of "Army Strong" has come alive for me. I've seen the spirit of this Army slogan in the faces of spouses and children as they have greeted returning Soldiers. I've witnessed it in the dreams and aspirations of young Soldiers just starting their Army career and in the hopes and dedication of those Soldiers

who lead them. I've heard it in the stories of both Soldiers and DoD civilians who have come home from deployments that have tested their commitment to their country. I've felt it in the hearts of community volunteers who spend countless hours working on behalf of Soldiers and their families. And I've touched it in the memories of

See **Birthday** on page 10

Bicyclists, drivers share responsibility

Can you find out where to direct me to research post regulations on operating bicycles on the Arsenal? There have been several times that I have encountered cyclists on two-lane (no shoulder) roads where the speed limit is 50 mph. This seems to me to be a safety hazard due to the cyclist's slow speed and I am trying to find out if there are any traffic restrictions on operating bicycles on the road network. Thank you for your time.

Timothy M. Schmidt

Editor's note: The Garrison Safety Office provided the following response. "Redstone Arsenal Regulation 190-5 covers the Bicy-

cle Traffic/Safety Supervision issue.

Most of the Redstone Arsenal roads are not constructed with bicycle paths or side paths; we suggest that both bicyclist and motorist use extreme caution on the roadways and respect each other when passing or proceeding in the same direction. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as possible. Bicyclist shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle. We understand there are more vehicles used as a means of transportation to get to work. Vehicle drivers have to acknowledge bicyclist presence on roadways and ensure mutual safety for both modes of transportation."

Kudos to vehicle registration staff

I was part of the hundreds of people that converged on the Provost Marshal's Vehicle Registration Office Tuesday afternoon, June 3, after having a Redstone gate guard declare my DoD car decal too faded. The exterior temperature was 94 plus degrees and the lines were so long that the parking lot was their terminus. I had decided to stay as at that point, I had only five days in which to cure the problem.

I was first impressed with the lack of crankiness in those waiting and sweating in line and later, nearly overcome physically by the lack of air movement inside the very crowded Registration Office. Still, good humor and civility reigned. My hours inside the office witnessed sharing of chairs, registrant-to-registrant assistance with scraping off old decals, and generous

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Fund established for injured guard

One of our contract security guards was shot multiple times in a domestic violence incident at her home. Sheri Adams and her daughter were shot May 24. She received two wounds from a 9mm pistol and several shotgun pellet wounds. Her daughter received a single 9mm wound. Both are now recovering. It's important to note that Sheri is, and has been, the sole provider for her family of four. Although it is "anticipated" that some of her current medical bills may be offset, realize that she now has no source of income and no insurance.

I have established a "Sheri Adams Fund" with Redstone Federal Credit Union in the hopes that with some mention of her plight, folks would consider visiting any branch office and give her some financial aid.

Thank you for any help you can provide. If you have questions, please call me at 837-9288 (home), 361-4457 (cell phone after 1 p.m.) or e-mail kbsarett@knology.net.

Ken Sarette

Leaders understand security concerns

Why was Friday's (May 30) pursuit through the Martin Road gate of a fleeing person by Huntsville Police allowed?

No one should be allowed on this base who isn't legally authorized to be so.

At the very least, the guards at the gates should have been allowed to fire at the vehicle in order to stop it (and have the puncture strips as well). If they had, an innocent man would still be alive and his family and friends wouldn't be mourning his death.

**Deb Leonard
Test Area 5**

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "In light of Friday's

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In tribute to school icon Bill Napier

By Spc. RYAN STROUD
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Bill Napier, 79, died May 19, leaving behind 55 years of government service to his country, 31 years as a Soldier and 24 as a civilian.

His service began May 20, 1946 as a Soldier and he continued his service until his death as a key instructor and role model for Ordnance Soldiers. During his extensive and distinguished career, he has served as a maintainer, leader, instructor and training manager.

Over the last 35 years, he has been continually and directly involved in Ordnance training, serving in a myriad of positions at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

As both a Soldier and a civilian, his leadership, dedication and technical knowledge have set an example for students, instructors and facility. His hard work and concern for others has resulted in better-trained students, more effective faculty, and prepared and maintained units.

During his military service, he served as a maintainer, inspector, instructor, course writer, noncommissioned officer in charge, first sergeant and sergeant major. In positions of

increasing responsibility, he routinely demonstrated a combination of superb leadership and unsurpassed technical skills.

Commentary

As a civilian, Napier built on the technical and leadership skills he developed on active duty. He never forgot that this is an awesome responsibility, the training of America's sons and daughters. That devotion to duty has been evident in all of his efforts.

Napier spent more than seven years on the podium as an instructor for Vulcan, Chaparral and Hawk missile systems, and basic electronics for all systems. During that period, he was singled out by students, peers and supervisors as being an outstanding instructor. He was simply the go-to person on a technical question or to solve a technical problem.

Napier's service medals included the World War II Victory Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal (first to seventh award), Army of Occupation Medal (Germany and Austria), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam), National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm (nit), and Campaigns: Vietnam



Bill Napier

Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Alexandria, La.

What do you like about your job?

Since I just started, I like to learn the program management acquisition process. I like that I interact directly with the engineers and logistics, budgeting and cost personnel.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to work out, go to the gym. I like plays and movies, and singing in my choir (at New Life Seventh Day Adventist Church in Huntsville).

What are your goals?

To become master black belt Lean Six Sigma certified, and to acquire a plethora of knowledge of other career fields within the government.

What's your favorite type of music?

My favorite is gospel, although I like jazz – the easy listening.



Quote of the week

‘It is important to remind ourselves that our military exists to field forces for victory just as we did in 1775 ... Our Army is a hugely resilient, professional and battle-hardened force. We are the best in the world at what we do, and we are that way because of our values, our ethos and our people — especially our people. On this Army birthday, we have much to celebrate and be proud of.’

– Secretary of the Army Pete Geren, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston in a joint 2008 Army birthday message

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

May 31: Redstone fire and police responded to the report of a privately owned vehicle fire on Hale Road. The fire was extinguished and no injuries were reported.

June 2: Two Soldiers became involved in a physical altercation in the barracks. The Soldiers were apprehended by police and later released to their commander. The Soldiers required no medical attention.



June 2: Someone passed a suspected counterfeit \$5 at an on post location. Investigation continues by the U.S. Secret Service.

June 4: Someone stole several metal vehicle wheel chocks valued at \$750 from an on post location. Investigation continues by Police Investigations.

Traffic accidents reported: four without injuries, one with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 17 speeding, 1 improper backing, 1 failure to yield.

‘I realize how blessed we are to live in this country’

Guardsmen visits from Middle East

By KARI HAWKINS

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He got to see his daughter Marie graduate from high school with an advanced diploma. He spent time with his wife vacationing in Tunica, Miss. He enjoyed an afternoon cookout with friends and some good times with his children.

And, oh yes, he got in a few winning softball games with his buddies in the Redstone league.

Alabama Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Joe Cox — well-known among fellow Soldiers for his unswerving dedication to the Guard, for his athletic skills on the ball field and for his easy, fun-loving nature — was home on leave recently from a one-year deployment in Kuwait.

He returned to his duties in the Middle East on June 7.

Cox along with three other Soldiers from the 279th Signal in Huntsville — Sgt. Nasikhalm Yishrael, Cpl. Anthony Freeman and Spc. Travis Riffle — volunteered to join their fellow 279th Soldier — Spc. Gregory Bearden — on a deployment to support the 3rd Army in Kuwait. Their deployment began Oct. 26, 2007, and will end Sept. 13 when the group is scheduled to return to Fort Benning, Ga.

“All these guys worked directly for me in the unit,” said Cox, who served in a full-time Guard position as the 279th’s readiness NCO and supervisor of information management before his deployment.

“Spc. Bearden was requested to go on this deployment. But the rest of us volunteered. We put this team together to go with Spc. Bearden because we’re family and we hated to see one

of our own go alone.”

Guard Soldiers are known for their close camaraderie within their units. Many have reported for weekend duty with the same Soldiers for years. It was that brotherly connection through the military that convinced Cox and the other three Soldiers to join Bearden in Kuwait.

“We thought, if nothing else, we could all be together and serve as a buffer for anything bad that happened while there,” Cox said. “We knew each other and knew we could rely on each other if we needed someone to talk to or just be there for each other.”

The Soldiers also felt it was time to pay their dues, so to speak.

“For all of us, this was a first-time deployment,” he said. “We needed to go and do it. I think all of us felt an obligation. I know I

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

ON THE ROAD AGAIN— Besides visiting with his family and friends, National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Joe Cox enjoys the time he has spent riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle while on his two-and-a-half week leave from his deployment in Kuwait.

Helicopter pilots track insurgents in Iraq

By Sgt. 1st Class JEFF TROTH

Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division

MOSUL, Iraq – Coalition forces' helicopters thwarted the emplacement of an improvised explosive device in southeastern Mosul May 22, by tracking the emplacers to their house.

OH-58 Kiowa Warriors were providing area security for 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment when they received word that four men had been seen digging on the side of the road. The helicopter pilots observed the four men as they left the area and then returned a short time later. As the pilots talked the ground forces to the possible IED site, the four men fled into a housing area.

The pilots maintained a positive identification of the individuals as they entered a house, and led the infantrymen to that house resulting in the capture of three of the men. A hole had been dug at the side of the road and the insurgents had command wire, used to detonate IEDs, in their possession.

That evening two other men were spotted on the same road emplacing an IED. The Kiowa Warriors patrolling that region were called in and fired a Hellfire missile at the insurgents, detonating the IED. The men fled in opposite directions from the site, but the helicopter pilots did not engage them due to civilians in the area. The pilots kept an eye on the IED emplacers and again talked ground forces to their location. Both men were apprehended.

The Kiowa Warriors

constantly patrol the skies over Mosul to end the threat of IEDs to coalition forces and Iraqi civilians. The 4-6 CAV, along with the rest of the Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, are responsible for aerial coverage throughout northern Iraq.

"The capture of these five insurgents will have a significant impact on IED emplacement in southeastern Mosul," said Maj. Enrique T. Valdez, CAB, IID public affairs officer. "Our pilots will continue to work with American and Iraqi ground forces to rid this country of those who wish harm to the Iraqi people."



Photo by Spc. Michael Howard

LIFTOFF— A OH-58 Kiowa Warrior, belonging to 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment takes off for a mission in the skies of northern Iraq.

General officer gives blueprint for careerists

Dellarocco describes 'perfect opportunity'

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco last week gave advice on getting promoted to members of a local professional group.

Dellarocco, the program executive officer for missiles and space, recommended a combination of three things to be successful: training, experience and performance.

"One of the things I believe in very strongly is professional development," Dellarocco told the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government. He was guest speaker for the chapter's awards luncheon Thursday at

the Officers and Civilians Club.

Dellarocco cited the influx of jobs coming to the Huntsville area because of base realignment and closure.

"You have the perfect opportunity," he told the approximately 65 attendees.

The chapter awards and recipients included the following:

- Mary D. Peoples Award — James Foster;
- Thurgood Marshall Award — Bob Harrison;
- Recruitment Award — Mary Peoples;
- Special Recognition Awards — Alice Williams, Arlene Erskine and Donovan Etheridge;
- Organization/Business Awards — Don Dixon of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, First Missionary Baptist Church, Redstone Federal Credit Union, Regions Bank and WEUP Radio Station.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CHAPTER LUNCHEON— Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer for missiles and space, addresses the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government.

Space defense conference on track for young students

11th annual event has education day

By GISELLE BODIN
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The 11th annual Space and Missile Defense Conference announces its second year providing an Education Day Track for students in surrounding areas. The Space and Missile Defense Conference and Exhibition is Aug. 11-14 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville. The theme for this year's event is "Space & Missile Defense ... the Next 50 Years."

While part of the overall conference, the Education Track is a special day geared towards middle-school students. It is an exciting day filled with presentations, exhibits, demonstrations and fun geared specifically toward students. The goal of the Education Day Track is to present the art of science and math in an engaging and stimulating atmosphere to increase interest in these fields.

Education Day is scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Von Braun Center Arena.

A morning session will entail students visiting a variety of exhibits in the arena and receiving demonstrations tailored particularly to their age group and interest. They will see space and missile defense technologies, a Space Camp presentation, unmanned ground and aerial vehicles, and hands-on video game technology.

The afternoon will be comprised of a mock first robotics competition between four local high school teams. Viewing of the robotics competition is free to the public. The competition will begin at 1 p.m. in the arena.

Approximately 200 students from eight local middle schools have been invited. The participants will be divided into groups of about 15-20 students to tour the different exhibits. The students will also have the opportunity to walk through the main conference area and visit some of the other exhibitors present in the rest of the VBC.

Education Track volunteers will be present to help make this year's Education Day as exciting as possible. If you would like to volunteer, contact Jenny McGaha at jmcgaha@techusa.net. For more information, call Ivan Romero at 955-5432.

Units add 35 Soldiers in month

The Garrison provided the following in-processing list for May. In some cases, Soldiers were already here but transferred to other units at Redstone:

- 1st Lt. Boris Bates, HHC 59th; 1st Sgt. Steven Newman, Logistics Support Activity; Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; Col. Mark Arn, Missile Defense Agency; Col. Michael Bonner, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas; Col. William Marrero, Aviation and Missile Command; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Phillip Letts, Corpus Christi Army Depot; Lt. Col. Gregory Bayuga, AMCOM; Lt. Col. Andrew Clanton, PEO Missiles and Space; Lt. Col. Lawton Kitchin, Space and Missile Defense Command; Lt. Col. John Womack, PEO Soldier;
- Maj. Mark Bird, SMDC; Maj. Daniel Donahue, PEO Aviation; Maj. Justin Highley, PEO Aviation; Maj. Mathew McCauley,

PEO Aviation; Pvt. Michael Tucker, WT Company A Warriors; Sgt. 1st Class Alice Bauknight, AMCOM; Sgt. 1st Class Josef Gonzaga, Center ODM SL Team 2; Sgt. 1st Class Felicia Lane, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Robin Tittle, TN ARNG RTI; Sgt. Sandy Harger, MEDDAC;

- Sgt. Stephanie Maxwell, Garrison; Sgt. Jennifer Ross, HHC 59th; Sgt. Dorothy Stroud, Center ODM SL Team 2; Sgt. Samuel Sykes, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Spc. Kourtnei Briscoe, HHC 59th; Spc. Erik Christman, HHC 59th; Spc. Wendy Tucker, Garrison; Staff Sgt. Emanuel Elzie, Center ODM SL Team 2; Staff Sgt. William Gravely, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. Jeffery Knight, Center ODM SL Team 2; Staff Sgt. David Levine, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Michael Ross, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Daniel Ivan Smith, Charlie Company; and Staff Sgt. Steven Walden, HHC 59th.

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did because my wife (Guard Sgt. Dana Cox) has deployed, my oldest daughter (Guard Spc. Rachele Lang) just returned from a deployment in Iraq with the 1103rd out of Dothan and my son-in-law (Guard Spc. Ricky Lang) had deployed with the 128th.

"I had volunteered two times to deploy, but my unit wouldn't release me. This time, since the 279th is disbanding, I was allowed to go."

Cox and his fellow Soldiers also knew it would be a good deployment that would allow them to put their training to work, experience a different part of the world and better position themselves for future promotions within the Guard.

"We went to Kuwait to support Lt. Gen. James Lovelace as his communications team," Cox said. "We're working for some great people."

The Soldiers, who are stationed at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait, are assigned to Information Management Communications. Freeman and Yishrael work primarily for the Multinational Task Force, providing computer support to U.S. troops as well as British, Australian and Polish troops.

Cox, Riffle and Bearden work with Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jayson Lowery of the 3rd Army to provide computer, telephone, video and other communications support to Lovelace, a three-star general commanding the U.S. Army Central and Coalition Forces Land Component Command (3rd Army). The command's area of responsibility is large and complex, focused primarily on the Middle East and stretching from the Central Asian States to the Horn of Africa. It includes about 6.5 million square miles, 27 coun-

tries and more than 650 million people speaking 12 major languages and representing seven major religions.

And as Lovelace travels the Middle East, so too does Cox, Riffle, Bearden and Lowery.

"I've been to Oman, Jordan, Bahrain, Egypt, Afghanistan twice, Iraq and Pakistan twice," Cox said. "We travel with communications gear. We carry two laptops, one that's non-secure and the other that's secure. We have a secure telephone and a voice over secure Internet phone. We have three means of secure communication and one means of non-secure communication."

The Soldiers work in a tag-team system when Lovelace is traveling. Two men will fly ahead of the general and set up his communication system at the destination. They will support the communication system while Lovelace is operating from that destination and then they will remain at the destination after Lovelace leaves to take down the communication system. In the meantime, the other two-man team will fly ahead of Lovelace's second destination to set up and support a second communications system. Such an arrangement can continue with the two teams swapping out destinations as Lovelace travels throughout the Middle East.

"We are always there a day before and a day after to set up and support communications," Cox said. "General Lovelace is one of the major decision makers in the area of responsibility; in Iraq, Afghanistan and the entire Middle East. He's making major decisions on major events going on there. He has to have constant communication contact at all his destinations. We're enabling the man who makes decisions to communicate."

Except when traveling to Afghanistan or Iraq, the teams travel on commercial airplanes, and they travel unarmed and in

civilian clothes.

"We aren't in any danger of getting mortared," Cox said. "We do stand out. And, obviously, we could be a target at some point. So, we have to just stay aware of our surroundings."

At each destination, a team will set up an office with communications for Lovelace in a hotel room with the adjoining hotel room used for their sleeping quarters and to store the "brains" of the communication system. The teams travel with lots of extra communication supplies, including a bag full of electrical adaptors.

"It's busy and hectic," Cox said. "There are long days and no sleep. If the computer goes down, we have to work until we get it back up again. There have been some all-nighters."

When they do travel to Afghanistan and Iraq, they fly "straight onto a military base. We never get in the populace. We are never traveling the roads like true combat Soldiers are," he said.

When Lovelace isn't traveling, the Soldiers provide additional computer support at Camp Arifjan.

"The duty is pretty easy there," Cox said. "Sometimes I feel bad about that. Sometimes I think that my combat skills would be better used further up the front helping Soldiers. But this is where the Army sent me."

"We're doing what we've been asked to do and we're doing it well and we're proud of our job."

On his travels, Cox has seen the pyramids in Egypt, and has shopped in the open air markets of Oman, Jordan and Egypt.

Besides the security and cultural issues of being stationed in a foreign country, Cox said it is most difficult to deal with the nearly everyday sandstorms of Kuwait.

"Every day there is dust and you're breathing it in every day," he said. "The sand is so fine. I had sores in my nose and

my sinuses have been a problem until I got home on May 22. I realize how blessed we are to live in this country."

While in Kuwait, Cox and his fellow Soldiers were stationed for a while with the 167th of Cullman, charged with protecting supply trucks traveling in and out of Iraq.

"We played a softball game against them," said Cox, who played left field and pitcher, and who was the coach for the Army Central Command team.

"I also umpired for them. They had one of the best records before they left (to return home). It is so dangerous to play softball there because of the sand and rocks. A ball can hit a rock and go lots of different ways. And a lot of times it's hard to see the ball."

Morale Welfare and Recreation coordinates several activities at Camp Arifjan, including fun runs, and basketball, softball and horseshoe tournaments.

While away from home, Cox's family has had to cope without the family's main cook. While oldest daughter Lang no longer lives at home, daughter Marie Billups and her husband live at home while they prepare for their advanced individual training as National Guard military police officers. Two sons – 16-year-old Steven and 13-year-old Scott – also have military aspirations. Steven wants to be a mechanic in the National Guard while Scott plans to be a Marine.

When he returns, Cox, 45, will probably be assigned to the 115th in Decatur. He is weighing his options concerning retirement.

"I'm looking forward to getting back home," Cox said. "I miss the kids. I miss the family. I miss Dana, obviously. The hardest part of the deployment is the separation."

"The bottom line is I'm away from my family. I'm missing a year out of my kids' and my wife's life, and that's hard."

Senior executive completes multi-service career

An Air Force senior executive service member who served as the associate director for Air Force-Army Program Integration of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command retired June 3 after more than 38 years of service.

Alan Goldstajn, serving at SMDC/ARSTRAT since 2005, also served as the acting director of the SMDC/ARSTRAT Technical Interoperability and Matrix Center. Goldstajn has served in all echelons of the Air Force – including the Air Staff, Major Command Headquarters, and field units – in addition to a year in the Department of Energy.



Alan Goldstajn

“I believe that my time with SMDC/ARSTRAT has been a unique opportunity to get not only the perspective of other services but to prove that joint integration of Air Force and Army programs works,” Goldstajn said. “Joint service opportunities (like this one) will likely become a rotational assignment in the future for SESs.”

In his role at SMDC/ARSTRAT, Goldstajn served as the principal executive within the Air Force Materiel Command and SMDC/ARSTRAT responsible for the corporate integration of Air Force and

Army programs and for the promulgation of these programs throughout the Department of Defense and other government agencies.

Another unique aspect of Goldstajn’s career included working as director of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs on a detail to the Department of Energy. In this role, he was assigned to the U.S. president’s special administrator to pre-implement the president’s standby plan for gasoline rationing.

Goldstajn earned a bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering from Purdue University and a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Dayton. He is a graduate of the National War College, the Executive Excellence Program at the Federal Executive Institute, and the Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security, Harvard University.

His awards and honors include the Office of Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence, the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award, the Exceptional Civil Service Award, three separate Meritorious Civil Service Awards, and the Exemplary Civil Service Award.

He and his wife, Gayla, have two children, Jessica Ann, 21, and Kevin Alan, 17. (SMDC/ARSTRAT release)



Photo by Dottie White

Birthdays book

Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, reads a story about the Army’s 233rd birthday to children during SMDC/ARSTRAT’s annual organizational day Thursday at the Rustic Lodge. The new storybook, written and illustrated by Army Child and Youth Services, was published to help children better understand Army history and their role in the greater Army family. The book, which is less than 25 pages, is titled “Happy Birthday U.S. Army!”



Photo by Henry Norton

Hula hoops

MDA Team Day offered fun activities for Missile Defense Agency workers and their children May 30 at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. The day was developed to promote work force development along with an ice breaker. A barbecue lunch from Lawler's was available. Games included softball and a "Hit-to-Kill" tournament; and a trophy was awarded to the MDA-South champion team. There was a children's area with fun and games, coloring books and a baggie with prizes.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Child winners

Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles presents awards June 2 to the essay winners from this year's Bring Your Child to Work Day. From left are first place Robin Newman, 11, daughter of Kim Newman of the Acquisition Center; second Talon Gambee, 11, son of Jessie Gambee of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center; and third Leslie Frye, 9, daughter of Lira Frye of the AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs Office.

Saluting the Army on its 233rd birthday

Birthday

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retirees who have gone through the fire of battle and yet don't feel like the heroes they have been all their lives.

Now, as we get ready to celebrate the Army's 233rd birthday on June 14, "Army Strong" and its companion birthday theme – "America's Army: The Strength of the Nation" – are slogans that mean more to me than just words on paper. Each carries the weight of the world, with a meaning that runs deep to the very core of the Army. They are slogans that represent sacrifice, commitment, dedication, hope, peace, responsibility, discipline, pride and freedom. When I think of "Army Strong," I think of the Soldier, his gun slung over one arm, kneeling in the sand to talk to a smiling child. I think of the Soldier who finds ways to help desperate and impoverished people despite the fear that one could step forward with a bomb and death in their eyes. I think of the Soldier enduring life-threatening situations in hopes of bringing peace and stability to a world torn by strife. I think of the disabled Soldier who still stands tall in their uniform

and still serves their country despite the loss of a leg. I think of the family who still carries the flame of freedom in their heart alongside the memories of their own Soldier who they have lost to war. I think of the Soldier who gives everything, stands for all that is good and right, and is proud to call the U.S.A. their home.

But behind that Soldier are many, many people who provide the support to succeed. Each of us who contributes – in big and small ways – to the Army's mission is a living, breathing example of what "Army Strong" is all about. We may not wear the uniform or make the sacrifices in the sand, but we are part of the Army story because we are dedicated to building a better future and to preserving freedom around the world. Whether you are a Soldier, a family member of a Soldier, a Soldier retiree or an Army civilian or contractor, your commitment to our nation and to the Army is vital to the future vision, transformation and success of the Army. Recently, I wrote an article about Soldiers struggling with the effects of post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Cen-

ter, thanked me for the article, telling me that I am making a difference. He caught me off guard and instead of thanking him, I told Col. Smith "I hope so. I hope I am helping to make a difference." I want to use my talents and skills and strengths to be a part of the Army story, too. I want to be part of "Army Strong."

One of the things I love about my job is the patriotic, righteous, hopeful, inspiring and sentimental stories that I am often sharing with *Rocket* readers. It's a wonderful opportunity and challenge – and a great responsibility – to be charged with writing other people's stories of bravery, sacrifice and dedication. Because of people like those I now write about, the Army has had 233 years of success in defending our country and peace around the world. I am so very grateful to have been able to share some of that success with *Rocket* readers through my reporting and writing. I hope to continue to tell the "Army Strong" story for many years to come.

So, happy 233rd birthday, Army! I salute you! Thank you for letting me be part of the "Army Strong" story!

Kari Hawkins
Redstone Rocket staff writer

Vehicle registration staff cited

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help for the handicapped.

Could a bad situation get any better? Yes. Team Redstone and the provost marshal should publicly recognize the two women diligently working the registration desk during the "mega-surge." They moved us along as well as they could with smiles, no air and an accumulation of sweat. They took no breaks and agreed to stay beyond end of duty hours to continue working the lines; they were wonderfully professional.

After all the discomfort of Tuesday, the five days cure was expanded to 30 days. One hopes that future crisis managers will construct cure and recovery plans to include the impact on small support offices so necessary to the cure.

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Leaders review security measures

Concerns

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incident, there have been several concerned letters and comments from the community about what exactly happened and are we doing anything differently due to this incident. It's understandable that many are concerned with Friday's events. Please know that we're doing everything possible to

ensure the safety of those who live and work on Redstone Arsenal. We're reviewing our security measures and we'll upgrade them as needed. With that in mind, we're working to balance the need for employees to get to work and the need for security. It's a continuous process. The bottom line is to ensure that you, members of our team, can come out and do your jobs and not have to worry about your safety."

Course teaches how to design security system

Engineering and support center offers training for professionals

By JENNY STRIPLING

Huntsville Center Public Affairs

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, a greater emphasis on new technology and higher levels of security for military facilities worldwide has emerged. Installations are upgrading, and in some cases installing, electronic security systems to support the need for higher levels of security.

The Mandatory Center of Expertise for Electronic Security Systems, located at the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, is aiding installations by offering the ESS Design Course as a way to train professionals on the proper selection and application of current, state-of-the-art electronic security equipment and software.

The focus of the design course is to give the participants basic knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to an ESS design.

Instructors of the ESS Design Course begin preparation and planning of course material between October and December with actual course sessions running from mid-January through September.

In a typical year, the ESS Design Course offers four sessions at the dedicated ESS training facility located at Redstone Arsenal, and three sessions at various locations both in the U.S. and overseas. In the past three years mobile training teams have visited Florida, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C., as well as Germany, Japan, Korea and Hawaii.

Three ESS Design Course sessions are scheduled for the remainder of the year at Redstone Arsenal, Newport News, Va., and Destin, Fla. To find out more information or to register for the courses, e-mail Contact-ESC@usace.army.mil.

"We usually travel overseas where there is a concentration of U.S. military personnel. If it's a task for them to come here, we go to them," lead instructor Charles Malone said. "The course can also be taken remotely within the U.S., but we strongly encourage

students to come to our main training facility at Redstone because it has all of the live equipment, classrooms, the whole works. They can actually see the types of systems they are going to be designing."

Each session begins on a Monday morning and ends on Friday for a total of 36 hours of organized classroom instruction. Malone said students are not just given lectures on the systems information but a more hands-on approach is taken to ensure adequate training and understanding of electronic security systems.

"One week of the program gives our students an understanding of technology and equipment used in electronic security such as card access, video cameras and intrusion detection," he said. "They put their knowledge of these security systems to good use by creating an ESS design, deciding what security equipment they should use, how to use it and why."

On the first day of class, students are given a one-page problem statement. Working in six-person design teams, they have to design a system that meets the security objectives

without exceeding the budget. Students work on the problem the entire week of training and have to give a group presentation on their design at the culmination of the course week.

Cathy Works, an intern with the Security and Intelligence Branch of Headquarters, Army Medical Command, attended the course in April. She came into the course not knowing how much she really did not know about electronic security systems.

"I thought the course was very beneficial," Works said. "By the end of the week, I was more knowledgeable on many aspects of electronic security systems and the individual components that comprise various systems. As an intern I am required to attend various security-related courses and training sessions. This is one of the most interesting courses I've taken in the past seven months."

Non-Line of Sight launcher has test momentum

Successful flight deemed milestone

By Maj. JEFFREY WHITE
NLOS-LS Project Office

The Non-Line of Sight Launch System has successfully conducted a missile flight test at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., marking a milestone for both the project office and Future Combat System. NLOS-LS, a platform independent, indirect fire weapon system, is the focus of FCS Spinout 1. Consequently, FCS looks to NLOS-LS and its successful development and testing to set the standard and momentum for all FCS systems.

The flight test followed a test-fix-test acquisition approach incorporating recent system improvements.

The test validated improvements in coating electronic circuitry, demonstrated

missile airframe stability and survivability through a series of four different up and down G-force maneuvers while in flight, as well as traveled 15.5 miles along a pre-planned target line. The missile achieved all test objectives and fostered confidence in the aggressive, revised schedule.

“This program has experienced much success that can be directly attributed to the diligence and professionalism of the project office team, a close relationship with industry partners, and full involvement of the war fighter,” project manager Col. Doug Dever said. “We clearly demonstrated to FCS and the joint community that NLOS-LS will deliver a lethal, platform independent, indirect fire missile system ready to fully support the current and future force.”

Editor's note: Maj. Jeffrey White is assistant product manager for the NLOS-LS command launch unit.



Courtesy photo

AIR WORTHY— The Non-Line of Sight Launch System fires its missile during a flight test at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Fourth Honor Flight pays tribute

World War II veterans enjoy trip to Washington

By Spc. RYAN STROUD
 59th Ordnance Brigade Public Affairs

The sounds of heavy boots patted across the pavement as the Soldiers walked in the early morning. The sun was hours from rising but you wouldn't have known from the energetic faces of the Soldiers as they took their positions outside the Huntsville Airport. Soon some of America's greatest heroes would be arriving and these Soldiers from the NCO Academy would be there to greet them.

As veterans from World War II arrived May 31, the Soldiers directed traffic to the terminal where other volunteers from the Honor Flight Organization were waiting, ready to give the veterans a thunderous welcome before their journey to Washington, D.C.

This journey, long overdue in many of the volunteers' eyes, is known as the Honor Flight. It is a chance to send World War II veterans who have yet to see their memorial in this nation's capitol, free of charge.

To many of the volunteers and Soldiers in attendance, volunteering at the airport for the Honor Flight is their chance to pay respect to those who proudly defended America's freedom so many years ago.

And as many of the WWII veterans exited their vehicles, humble looks of shock and happiness ran across their faces as they were greeted by such a large crowd of supporters. To Jim Cape and others, this is exactly the response they were hoping to receive.

"This is a recognition that is long overdue," said Cape, a volunteer for the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Honor Flight Organization. "These men and women saved our country and our way of life and this is our way of saying thank you. It should have been done years ago but we're glad to have the opportunity to be doing this now.

"This is our fourth Honor Flight taking our World War II veterans who have not yet seen their memorial up in Washington, D.C. to see that very memorial, all paid for by donations from the community," he said. "These veterans are dying at a rate of 1,500 a day, and it's soon going to be too late (for the vet-



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

PASSENGERS ARRIVE— Veterans of World War II arrive at the Huntsville Airport for their Honor Flight on May 31 to Washington, D.C. to see the WWII memorial.

erans to see the memorial). That's our slogan for this year — '08 before it's too late."

Cape and other members of HFO gathered donations and chartered planes to carry the veterans to Washington, not only to see the WWII memorial, but to see other sights of the capitol.

With the support of the NCO Academy, every veteran who walked through the front door was greeted, accounted for and given special care before the flight.

"When the veterans arrive, they were processed in and given a black shirt to wear, saying they are Honor Flight World War II veterans," Cape said. "We will have a little ceremony for the veterans and then they will board the plane."

The ceremony consisted of welcoming speeches, singing of the national anthem, and a row of Soldiers and members of the Patriot Guard Riders welcoming and thanking every veteran who passed by.

Along with members of the NCO Academy, members of the Redstone Arsenal Color Guard were in attendance to support the veterans.

"We are members of the Redstone Arsenal Color Guard and

we are here to represent Redstone and the community and show our respect and appreciation to these veterans for all they have done for us," Staff Sgt. Brandon Lacy, a member of the color guard and HHC 59th, said. "This is very important to us because we have to honor these veterans. They have already done their time and it is our responsibility to show our support to these heroes who gave so much to our nation.

"I hope all the people here realize that the community and country supports them, not just current active duty, but retirees as well. I personally feel honored to be here. It wouldn't matter what time of the day an event like this would take place, I'd be here."

For Henry Hovevak, a WWII veteran, the whole morning's events gave him a new sense of pride for his service.

"I feel very overwhelmed," Hovevak said. "This really is something great to experience. The feeling of respect and honor being shown to all these veterans is truly amazing. It is a wonderful feeling to be recognized and to have the chance to take a trip like this. It really means a lot to many of us here."



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New heights

Sarahevelyn Corlew, left, and Lorraine Kraus show off the pair of handcrafted wooden airplanes to be given away as door prizes during the Army Community Service open house June 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 3338 on Redeye Road. Registration for the drawing will be held at the open house, but you need not be present to win. The event will feature free refreshments and a chocolate fountain. As part of ACS' program of providing the Redstone community with information and referral services, attendees will receive free books, materials, and DVDs on subjects ranging from parenting, spouse employment, special needs, deployment and financial readiness. The Redstone community is invited to this event, with the theme "Soar to New Heights with Army Community Service," during Armed Forces Week.

Motorists get advice on sharing road

By **BOB VAN ELSBERG**
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FORT RUCKER – The Army remains steadfast in its commitment to foster an environment of responsible motorcycle riding by providing Soldiers the education and tools to help prevent accidents and stay safe on the road.

One aspect of motorcycle safety, however, is often beyond riders' control.

"We teach Soldiers the skills to ride safely and tell them what to wear to protect themselves physically but, unfortunately, we cannot protect them from distracted or inattentive motorists," said Lt. Col. Roy Templin, driving task force chief, Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics indicate motorcycle fatalities nationwide have more than doubled during the last 10 years. According to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, more than half of all fatal

motorcycle accidents involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the motorist — not the motorcyclist — is at fault.

To help educate non-motorcyclists, the MSF developed www.forwardrivers.com, a web site designed for motorists to enhance traffic safety. The site offers tips such as "Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles," and provides video downloads to help car drivers learn how to safely share the road with motorcyclists.

"This information helps build motorcycle awareness among the non-riding community and emphasizes the importance of sharing the road," Templin said. "Teaching drivers to be more aware of motorcycle traffic is as important as Soldiers practicing safe riding skills and will ultimately save lives."

For more information on the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign and Army's Motorcycle Mentorship Program, visit <https://crc.army.mil>.



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Engineering honor

Dr. Bill McCorkle, right, executive director of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, presents Dennis Williamson, assistant deputy commander for maintenance, Corpus Christi Army Depot, with a 2007 Value Engineering award during McCorkle's recent visit to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Army reports four deaths from wrecks

FORT RUCKER — The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center provided the following list of accidents Armywide during May 9-15:

- A Soldier was killed in a pedestrian accident May 10 at 3:50 p.m. near Bremen, Ga. The Soldier was running on a train track listening to his iPod and reportedly did not hear the engineer blowing the train's horn from behind him. The engineer attempted an emergency stop but was unable to avoid the Soldier.
- A Soldier was killed and two others were injured in an

M1117 Armored Security Vehicle accident May 10 at 6:20 p.m. in Iraq. The Soldier was the gunner of an ASV performing a convoy security mission when the driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to roll.

- A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident May 12 at 12:15 a.m. in Ozark, Ala. The Soldier was operating his 2007 Kawasaki ZXR6 Ninja at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the motorcycle and hit a culvert. He was thrown from the motorcycle and struck a light pole. Minutes before the accident, he

was stopped by a local police officer and given a verbal warning to slow down for speeding. He was wearing a helmet but did not have a motorcycle endorsement on his license and had not attended an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course.

- A Soldier was killed in a vehicle accident May 11 at 1:45 a.m. near Barstow, Calif. He was driving his 2004 Nissan Altima at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the vehicle, left the road and overturned. He was not wearing his seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle.

Darmstadt throws farewell fest for U.S. Garrison

By **AMY BUENNING STURM**
USAG Darmstadt Public Affairs

DARMSTADT, Germany — The city of Darmstadt threw a Farewell Fest on May 30 to say danke schoen and auf wiedersehen to Darmstadt's U.S. military community, and to celebrate more than 60 years of kinship.

Darmstadt's Lord Mayor Walter Hoffmann said the fest was in keeping with the long tradition of a German-American friendship week.

"We Darmstaedters have taken our American friends into our hearts during all these decades and will never forget them," he said. "They came as liberators, now they are leaving as neighbors."

Lt. Col. David Astin, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Darmstadt, thanked Hoffmann and the city for their generosity and friendship, saying: "That the Lord Mayor and the citizens of Darmstadt would hold a farewell fest as a way of saying thank you to their American friends speaks volumes about the bonds that have been created between us."

Hot fun in the summertime

Youngsters, adults dive into the season

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The official first day of summer isn't until June 20. But at Redstone Arsenal, summer starts when the pools open. On a recent sunny afternoon, kids and adults alike enjoyed the water fun at Pool 3 on Goss Road.

Both Pool 1 at Vincent Park and Pool 3 on Goss Road are open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Labor Day. The pools, managed by Outdoor Recreation, are fully staffed with lifeguards, and feature diving boards, slides and poolside loungers. Swimming lessons are offered by Red Cross certified instructors. Season swim passes are available for \$60 per family and \$45 per individual, and can be purchased at Outdoor Recreation on Sportsman Drive. Daily passes are \$3 at Pool 1 and Pool 3. Parties can be held at the pools for a fee. For more information, call Pool 1 at 876-6605 or Pool 3 at 876-6713.



SLIDE BY— Robert Holloway, 5, jumps into the pool from the slide while his sister, Brooke, 7, hurries for her turn. Their mom, Robin, swimming in the water nearby, kept a close watch on her children's fun. Photo by Kari Hawkins



LATER GATOR— A group of boys enjoy a game of Gator in the pool's deep end. Photo by Kari Hawkins



JUMP IN— Sgt. Mark Kievit shows some cool moves off the diving board as 12-year-old Avery Hutto climbs out of the pool to try some diving stunts of her own. Kievit, a member of the New York Army National Guard's 24th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team based in Brooklyn, is at Redstone Arsenal for tech escort training. Photo by Kari Hawkins



SPRINT TO WALL— Friends Avery Hutto, left, and Courtney Binder, both 12, race for the side of the pool. Photo by Kari Hawkins



POOLSIDE— Mark Bracken, 3, who was at the pool with his dad Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Don Bracken, plays with a transformer shared by Stephen Snell, 9, son of Staff Sgt. Michael Snell. Photo by Kari Hawkins

Camp Atterbury resumes training after two tornadoes

Indiana installation damaged by storm

By Sgt. 1st Class MARK BELL
Army News Service

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind. — It could have easily been a scene out of a blockbuster natural disaster movie after two tornadoes ripped through Camp Atterbury within 10 minutes of each other June 3, but instead Soldiers, Marines and civilians regrouped, restored power, and resumed training.

With large metal shipping containers tossed around like Legos and sports utility vehicles crushed into subcompact cars, Col. Barry L. Richmond, installation commander, said it was a blessing that none of the more than 3,500 people on the installation were killed or injured.

By day break, Camp Atterbury assembled a large engineering staff of Soldiers and civilian experts to assess the structural damage of the buildings and start the process of rebuilding one of the Army's premiere training centers for soldiers deploying to Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

"We started at 6:30 a.m. to determine the things we needed to accomplish to support the Soldiers here on Camp Atterbury during their training," said Lt. Col. Ron Morris, deputy installation commander said about Camp Atterbury moving forward with training servicemembers to deploy overseas. "Our goal was not to constrain their training whatsoever."

The damage extended to much more than the 50 buildings. Sunrise also brought a harsh reality to the real power of a tornado as military and civilian vehicles, power lines, fences and other infrastructure sustained



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Mark Bell

RECOVERY— Soldiers assigned to the 205th Infantry Brigade go through debris after a F2 tornado ripped through the installation June 3 at 9:40 p.m. More than 40 buildings and numerous military and civilian vehicles were destroyed during the storm. No injuries were reported as a direct result of the storm.

heavy damage during the short ordeal.

"The second thrust after the storm was to make sure everything was safe and to get the power turned back on," Morris said. "We have 3,500 Soldiers currently training on Camp Atterbury and we need to get things up and operational to support everything on the installation."

Morris said the damage was consolidated to the garrison area where administration and logistics functions were effected, but said all the training areas south of the installation were untouched.

"Training is up and running at

full strength," said Morris.

With close eyes on the weather radar, Richmond knew as the storm approached Camp Atterbury this could go from bad to worse, but never expected what he saw and only hoped no one was injured.

"There's a lot of damage here and we are very fortunate," Richmond said. "I was here last night when the tornado hit and drove around looking at all the damage after the storm."

Utility companies spent much of the next two days restoring or stabilizing services to the site.

"I'm happy to say that we have been able to conduct and support their training in the exact

same way if the storm hadn't hit," Morris said. "Clean up continues and power has been restored to 95 percent of the installation. The gas lines that were ruptured have been repaired and now we look at cleaning up the debris."

Richmond said the first mission minutes after the "all clear" of the tornado was 100 percent accountability of all the Soldiers, Marines and civilians here.

"It is amazing that no one was injured," as he pointed to the evidence of destroyed buildings and Humvees behind him. "That's the real miracle and we were blessed by God that not a single Soldier or Marine who was on

this base was hurt during this awful storm."

He said the number one concern at any time is the safety of servicemembers and civilians on the installation.

Richmond and Col. Christopher M. Holden, the 205th Infantry Brigade commander in charge of training at Camp Atterbury, spent hours before the storm preparing for the worst by adjusting training and moving servicemembers to safe areas.

The quick implementation of standard safety procedures was key in preventing injuries as well as allowing training to resume as quickly as possible according to Morris.

"We do have tornado drills that we test every Friday at noon, and it was fortunate it was working before the installation lost power," he said.

That alarm and the service member's quick response to potential danger saved lives Tuesday evening.

With the storm gone, power restored and as clean up crews begin the all-encompassing task of cleaning tons of debris, Camp Atterbury and the 205th Infantry Brigade can concentrate on doing what they do best — providing the best, most realistic training for servicemembers deploying overseas.

"We delayed our training for two hours — so minimal impact," Holden said Wednesday. "We mitigated the effects of the thunderstorm yesterday by finishing up our outside transportation training early and got them all in hardstand buildings prior to the storms due to the installations weather storm warnings, which were truly the primary reason we were able to successfully prevent any injuries."

"Training will go as scheduled," he said.

First lady visits troops in Afghanistan

Laura Bush thanks servicemembers

By Sgt. 1st Class MARK SWART
Special to American Forces Press Service

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — First lady Laura Bush visited troops here June 8 during a brief stop on her third trip to Afghanistan, giving words of praise and encouragement to servicemembers for their efforts and results.

“From overseeing hospitals to responding to (improvised explosive devices), your efforts are critical to our mission in Afghanistan,” Bush said. “On behalf of President Bush and a grateful nation, thank you very much for your service to the United States of America. Every day, you risk your lives to protect the freedom that we hold so dear.”

Bush spoke to a crowd of several hundred in a large hangar and shared a few observations about the signs of progress that she had seen in Afghanistan throughout the day. “As you go about your daily duties, you are bringing opportunity and security to the people of Afghanistan,” she said.

The first lady made a number of stops during her daylong visit to Bamyan province, Kabul and Bagram Air Base.

In Bamyan, Bush visited a police training center, where she met a female police trainee. The trainee told Bush that seeing Bamyan’s female governor had inspired



Photo by Pfc. Christina Sindlers

GRATITUDE— First lady Laura Bush visits servicemembers at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, June 8 to thank them for their efforts.

her to try out for the police force. Bush added that the female police officer’s story, as well as her own observation of women studying the new Afghan constitution, were vivid reminders “of how far this nation has come since the Taliban’s reign.”

“Women were not even allowed in school, and there was no democratic constitution to be studied,” she said.

She also visited an orphanage in Bamyan and saw a road-construction project.

“All of these encouraging stories and all of these terrific things I saw today have been made possible by your efforts, and the efforts of the U.S. military,” Bush said.

Bush then met with members of a New Zealand-led provincial reconstruction team, who greeted her with a traditional war dance, complete with spears and war paint. “I can only imagine what the Secret Service thought, but their performance truly highlights the international makeup of security forces here in Afghanistan.”

The first lady is en route to Paris later this week, where she said she plans to address an international conference for Afghanistan reconstruction. Before closing her remarks here, she took the time to

thank military families for their sacrifices in support of the Afghanistan mission.

“When you e-mail or call them tonight,” she told the Bagram servicemembers, “give them our love, and tell them I know what the burden of worry is on your family members, and I understand it, and I thank them.”

She then spent several minutes greeting, shaking hands and taking pictures with servicemembers before boarding a military aircraft to her next destination.

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey J. Schloesser, commander of Combined Joint Task Force 101 and of NATO International Security Assistance Force’s Regional Command East, described Bush to the cheering crowd during her introduction as “someone who has been an advocate to you and has been a friend of military families for a long time.”

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Negotiations continue on U.S.-Iraq strategic framework agreement

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WASHINGTON — Negotiations continue on the strategic framework agreement between the United States and Iraq that will allow military operations in Iraq to continue after the United Nations mandate runs out Dec. 31, U.S. officials said June 9.

The government of Iraq has expressed the desire to have other frameworks in place when the U.N. mandate expires at the end of the year, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said. The agreement would allow the United States and Iraq to move forward in a bilateral relationship that would include a detailed status-of-forces agreement.

State Department representatives are working on the agreement with their opposite numbers in Iraq’s Foreign Ministry.

Some Iraqis have protested against any agreement, saying it is a way for the United States to place permanent bases in the country. “We have said repeatedly that we are not seeking permanent mili-

tary bases in Iraq,” Whitman said. “U.S. forces in Iraq will not be used for offensive operations against any of Iraq’s neighbors.”

On the servicemember side, the agreement would deal with issues such as immunity and jurisdiction. U.S. officials negotiate these status-of-forces agreements with nations around the world, and negotiators will do the same with the Iraqi government, Whitman said.

The U.S. discussions with Iraq are based on three fundamental principles, the spokesman said.

First, he said, is full respect for Iraqi sovereignty. “There isn’t going to be any sort of agreement that infringes on Iraq’s sovereignty,” Whitman flatly declared.

The second principle is that the agreement is fully transparent. There will be no secret deals in the negotiations, he said.

Third, it will be an Iraqi national decision. Any agreement will be submitted and debated in the Iraqi parliament, as required by law.

Whitman said negotiators are confident they will meet the deadline for the agreement.

Test Week brings industry together to face challenges

Event's 10th year
bigger and better

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For the 10th consecutive year, Test Week brought the test and evaluation community of the Department of Defense to Huntsville to discuss issues, challenges and opportunities associated with making the Soldier stronger, better and more effective on the battlefield.

While top DoD speakers as well as panel experts and technical presenters packed the 700-seat presentation hall, 111 exhibitors ranging from government agencies, contractors and academia showcased their areas of expertise and hardware in the event's exhibit hall.

"Ten years ago, when we started Test Week, we had 93 attendees," said Michael McFalls, host of Test Week, held June 2-5 at the Von Braun Center South Hall. "When we started we were focused on Army test and evaluation. Now, we are multi-service oriented under the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Our themes change each year to keep the conference relevant to the time."

This year's theme was "Test & Evaluation for the Future: What Lies 10-15 Years Ahead."

"Test Week has evolved over the years," McFalls said. "In 1998, we held Army Test and Evaluation Days in a ballroom. In 1999, we added simulation to test and evaluation. In 2001, we focused on the Army transformation. The focus stayed on Army test and evaluation until 2004 when we hosted Test Week with the International Test and Evaluation Association. That year we started becoming more focused on multi-services T&E. Now, we have all services represented at our conference."

Test Week was coordinated by the Test Resource Management Center, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense with the help of several corporate sponsors, including Westar Corp., Scientific Research Corp., SAIC, Trideum Corp., InDyne Inc., Booz Allen Hamilton, BAE Systems and DRS Tactical Systems Inc.



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MEETING EXHIBITORS— Michael McFalls, left, host of Test Week, talks with exhibitors John Pultz, center, and Jon Otto, both of Lockheed Martin, about test and evaluation of military systems. T&E for the future was the hot topic during executive presentations, panel discussion and technical presentations at Test Week 2008.

"This conference allows all of us in T&E to come together and talk about the things we do and how we can consolidate efforts in joint programs," McFalls said. "We cannot afford to fight as an individual Army, Air Force or Navy. We have to fight together, and we have to test and evaluate together. At this government-sponsored conference, we can exchange the information we need across all services."

Testing and evaluation today is far more complex than in years past, McFalls said, with system T&E involving not just the performance of a piece of hardware but also the software and joint integration behind that hardware.

"The test process is so much more integrated and complex," he said. "We have to work together to make sure that test process is cost effective, efficient and timely."

This year's Test Week had several new features, including the presentation of technical papers during various test tracks.

"With the presentation of technical papers we are allowing T&E employees to dictate what they want to talk about, what they want to address, what they think the issues are," McFalls said. "The technical papers along with the panel discussions and our featured guest speakers provided more choices and a broad-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CHINOOK LOOK— Mark Calhoun, left, and Jerry Brown, both of the Redstone Technical Test Center, take a close look at the new F Model Chinook helicopter. The helicopter was on exhibit at Test Week 2008 in the Von Braun Center's South Hall. Some 111 exhibitors participated in the conference.

er range of subjects this year. Attendees had several choices they could make based on what they were interested in. That was the biggest change and most significant change this year."

Another addition was a course in test and evaluation certification offered by the Defense Acquisition University during the conference.

"We are pleased and excited with how the programs have gone," said Dr. John Foulkes, director of the Test Management Resource Center. "We have a record number of exhibits and we have set a tone to use the cutting edge of technology in support of the war fighter. The conference has been fantastically successful all the way across

the board."

He said organizers are already looking toward the 2009 conference, which will focus on ways to change test and evaluation processes so that they are more responsive to the Soldier.

Several recreational and social events were also part of the conference, including the annual golf tournament at Canebrake Country Club in Athens sponsored by Alion, Avion, BAE Systems, EWA GSI, New Mexico Tech, Sierra Lobbo, Westar and Wylie; a bike ride sponsored by the Spring City Cycling Club; a "Taste of Huntsville's Finest" event and several receptions.

"One thing that is very important at this conference is the networking atmosphere," McFalls said. "This conference is a mix of contractors and government employees. Social events allow us to get to know each other on a personal level."

Speakers such as David Duma, principal deputy director of operational test and evaluation for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, emphasized the importance of test and evaluation to the Soldier on the battlefield.

When testing and evaluating new systems, developers must keep in mind "how is the Soldier going to use it and how are we going to make it real for him," Duma said.

"We have to keep in mind the environment it will be used in and that might mean testing it dirty and wet."

In addition, the test and evaluation community must be able to replicate domains – ground, air, water and cyberspace – when testing new systems, and they must be able to conduct tests that jointly benefit all services.

"Today's senior military leaders represent the first generation of officers who have grown up in the entire realm of jointness," Duma said. "Their training from day one has included jointness ... T&E will have to participate in coalition testing and testing with our allies."

The test processes for systems provide information to decision makers that affect the entire military, he said, and they must be based on standards that make test and evaluation results credible for both the decision maker and the Soldier on the battlefield.

Research center keeps technological edge

Work ranges from concepts to project office support

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The Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center keeps up with the latest and best in rotorcraft aviation and missile systems. And that job never ends.

"We really support, from cradle to grave, those systems – Apache, Black Hawk, Chinook, Hellfire, TOW and all those missile, aviation and unmanned systems," Dr. Virginia "Suzy" Young, director of aviation technology and the Advanced Science and Technology Directorate at AMRDEC, said. "We support everything from early concepts, to developing to transitioning it to a PM (project manager)."

The organization, based in building 5400, is the hub for 11 sub-directorates both here and across the country. All are hard at work in their respective fields, although they do overlap from time to time.

AMRDEC works new and developmental ideas. Some come from the Soldiers in the field. When they need new technology or a new twist on an old idea, engineers and lab technicians working with the center get the ball rolling.

"They might get a call to do something very quickly to develop a capability or improve a situation," Young said. "They make 5 or 10 and get them in the field as quickly as possible. You have a capability that you need. We have a technology to meet that capability."

Tenants of Redstone Second in a series

Some ideas come from cooperative agreements with other nations. Close to 50 countries share their aviation or missile research and development technology with the United States. Young said selected AMRDEC team members serve within those nations around the globe.

"We do a huge amount of international work," she said. "We make sure we keep up with what the other countries are doing in our areas of interest. We need to know what they're doing so that we can have the latest and greatest technology around the world."

Other innovations come from industry. By assisting and monitoring what is being developed privately, the Army stays on the forefront of what is available and what may be coming. Some ideas can pay off in big savings.

"We are working a new engine program for the Apache and Black Hawk. That will be a competition between two companies that believe they can save us 25 percent in fuel consumption," Young said. "You know how expensive fuel is. We could get 25 percent savings in that. Imagine the



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

STRATEGIC PLACE— Building 5400 is home to the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

dollars saved over the years. We've just started it this year. It's called the advanced affordable turbine engine. It's in the early science and technology phase."

Even if an idea in the lab never comes to fruition, it can still be a developmental victory. Working one idea can often lead to another. Even when one falls short, the results are good news.

"In the early stages of development you are going to have some areas that are not successful. But that in itself is a success because you have crossed that one off the list," Young said. "At lot of what we do at the early development level is to look at potential as opposed to something that is concrete."

Once a developmental idea makes it through the lab, the testing phase and is ready to be put to work, it moves on to a program office.

"After the system is in the field we even support the sustainability, maintenance, reliability, integration management, quality and airworthiness. Those are all engineering functions that go along with that," Young said. "If you look at all the systems we support across the Arsenal, it's huge."

The organization has more than 2,600 workers, many located at the hub location and the sub-directorates. Others are at work in the program offices.

"We're in different locations around the Arsenal and around the country,"

Young said. "We also do engineering support for all the PMs. Sometimes we matrix people out who actually sit within those organizations."

The fields of missiles, helicopters and unmanned aerial vehicles are also of great interest to other service branches and NASA. The center works with the Air

Force, Navy and Marine Corps, in addition to NASA.

The center carries a heavy workload, both in quantity and importance.

"The piece that we have for the Army is huge. It's every missile and every helicopter originates right here in Huntsville," Young said. "That's a big deal."

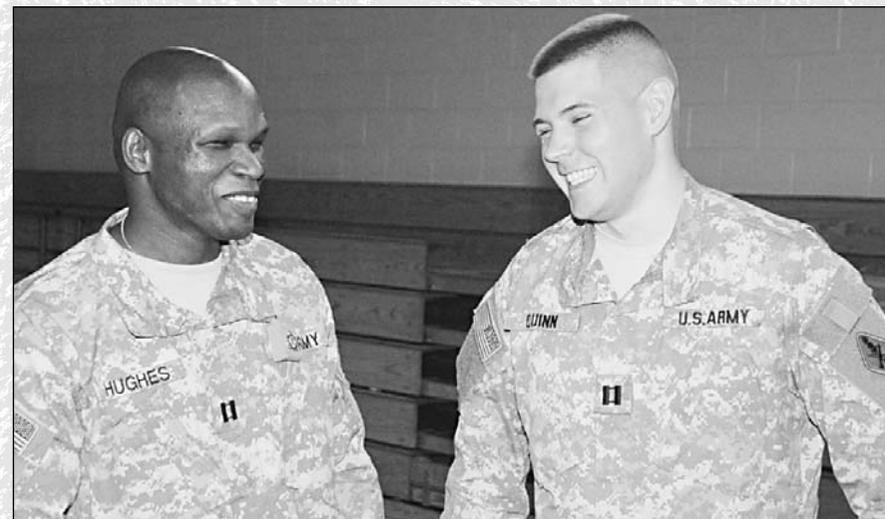


Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

Two's company

Capt. Allen Hughes, left, shares a laugh with Capt. Jacob Quinn, who he succeeded as commander of HHC 59th on May 29.

Helmet sensors, improved armor aimed at boosting survivability

By J.D. LEIPOLD
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — About 7,000 Soldiers from the 101st Airborne and 4th Infantry Divisions deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan are wearing helmet sensors to help Program Executive Office-Soldier improve upon the safety features of the advanced combat helmet.

The external sensor model mounted on the back of the ACH and the internal sensor mounted inside at the crown each have USB ports that allows PEO-Soldier to later download information for safety improvements.

“The sensors measure, store and record acceleration as well as over-pressure that a Soldier experiences in a blast event,” Lt. Col. Robert Myles, product

manager for Soldiers Survivability, said. “During phase one, the most important thing the sensors do is provide us with data that will help us improve our Soldier protection equipment, such as the chin strap and pad and suspension system.”

Myles said both type sensors have been working well and as expected. Data is being analyzed. At this point, the data study will not determine if a Soldier has experienced traumatic brain injury. “That is something that will be phase two as we continue to work with the medical community to determine exactly what data we need to collect specifically to reduce risk of TBI to our Soldiers,” he said.

The latest in Interceptor Body Armor, the Improved Outer Tactical Vest or IOTV is also being fielded rapidly to Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq on a one-for-one exchange. All Soldiers in theater will have the new version by the end of June, officials said.

“Feedback from Soldiers who already have it love the new vest for the comfort, feel and mobility of the system,” Maj. Hurley Shield, assistant product manager for body armor, said. “Soldiers love this vest compared to the old system. They like the comfort, the feel of it, the mobility of it, being able to move around in the system.”



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Depot facility

Letterkenny Army Depot (Pa.) commander Col. Steven Shapiro, left, and Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space, break ground for a Guided Missile Maintenance Facility at the depot. This \$11.6 million project is to be completed in fall 2009. The Baltimore District, Army Corps of Engineers awarded the construction contract to Lobar Inc., Dillsburg, Pa.



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Depot honoree

Jeannette Detrick is the CECOM-Life Cycle Management Command's 2008 Management Control Process Award Winner. She is an information technology quality assurance evaluator in the Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

Softball teams power into postseason play



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FINAL WEEK— George Coffey warms up at third base for the NCO Academy's game June 2 against the National Guard. He went on to graduate June 6 from the Advanced NCO Course before returning to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Tournament draws toward conclusion

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The Headquarters & Alpha faithful had little to cheer about in the first two innings against Charlie Company.

Joe Simms' homer in the bottom of the second was their only offense as they trailed 8-1 in a first-round postseason tournament softball game June 4. But the Gators chomped the rest of the way.

Headquarters & Alpha rallied to beat Charlie 17-9 at Linton Field by scoring eight runs apiece in the third and fourth innings.

"It was motivation," Gators coach/second baseman Dustin Miller said. "Just everybody sticking with it, not giving up. Coming back with some really good team effort, team play. That's how we got it done — a lot of good teamwork."

After his homer, Simms was walked intentionally in the third and fourth and scored two more runs. John Tucker hit a three-run homer as the Gators improved to 4-9. John Neely was the winning pitcher.

Braskin Keith took the loss as the Wolfpack fell to 5-8 and the losers bracket. Mario Fair had three hits with a homer and two RBIs for Charlie.

The Marines outlasted the

NCO Academy 13-8 in the night's other first-round game. Chris Cole was the winning pitcher, doubled and scored three runs for the Marines (8-5).

"We actually came out and hit the ball tonight which is new for us," Marines coach/left center Dustin Kershaw said. "We've been struggling late in the season since all our players have been gone."

The Marines were missing several players because of permanent changes of station, leave and injury.

Steven McClure had two hits, an RBI and scored a run but took the loss for the NCO Academy (3-10).

"It was a good game," NCO Academy coach/left fielder Shawn Jones said. "We just came a little short."

In games June 5, top-seeded Bravo blanked Headquarters & Alpha 20-0 and the National Guard doubled up the Marines 22-11. The post-season final is scheduled tonight at 6.

Results from season-ending games June 2 included National Guard 18, NCO Academy 8; Headquarters & Alpha 14, Marines 6; and Bravo 19, Charlie 10.

Final standings for the regular season had 1. Bravo (11-1), 2. National Guard (11-1), 3. Marines (7-5), 4. Charlie (5-7), 5. Headquarters & Alpha (3-9) and 6. NCO Academy (3-9).

Saving rare butterfly, artifacts earn environmental honors

Redstone Arsenal among winners

By JACQUELINE M. HAMES
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Two Army installations received the 2008 Secretary of Defense Environmental Award June 4, one for natural resources conservation and one for cultural resources management.

Pennsylvania's Army National Guard Natural Resources Conservation Team, Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center won the Natural Resources Conservation, Individual/Team award. Redstone Arsenal won the Cultural Resources Management, Installation award.

The Cultural Resources Management award is presented for protection and preservation of heritage and cultural assets, such as historic and archeological sites, while the Natural Resources Conservation award is given for conservation and protection of nature.

"We're here today to recognize the best of the best," Wayne Army, the deputy under secretary of Defense for installations and environment, said.

Army provided opening remarks for the ceremony, praising all the installations receiving awards for their great efforts in conserving and protecting natural and cultural resources.

"They are indeed talented teams," he said.

Redstone Arsenal won the award for coordinating with American Indian tribes to repatriate human remains and burial goods found on the Arsenal's property, conducting an inventory of all archeological resources on its land, mapping archeological sites for impact assessments and mission planning purposes, and establishing an outdoor archeology classroom for local schools.

"We're honored, absolutely," said Ben Hoksbergen, Redstone staff archeologist, about receiving the award. "Everybody's stoked."

Hoksbergen believes the award represents great strides in the history of the arsenal.

"It's great public relations. Redstone started as a chemical weapons facility in World War II," he said. "We've come a long way."

Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center won the award for its efforts in preserving the Regal Fritillary Butterfly and its habitat, building nesting boxes and tracking migratory patterns of 12 bird species,



Redstone Arsenal photo

PREHISTORIC TECHNOLOGY— Redstone Arsenal archeologist Ben Hoksbergen demonstrates prehistoric fire-making technology to home-schooled students. He was one of the representatives from Redstone at the Pentagon June 4 to accept the DoD Environmental Excellence award.

restoring five acres of wetlands, and conducting prescribed burns to manage fuel loads and forests.

"It's satisfying that people recognize the work we do and that we're able to compete with the active component," Joe Hovis, wildlife biologist at FTIG, said.

Lt. Col. William Yearwood, plans and training officer, agreed, adding that teamwork played a large part in their success.

"It's an honor to be here," Yearwood said, "It's important to me to take care of the land."

Just after the ceremony's opening remarks were concluded in the Pentagon courtyard, guests and award winners were asked to move due to a severe-weather warning. The crowd moved inside and enjoyed refreshments from the nearby reception area before an improvised ceremony continued.

Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics John J. Young Jr. presented the awards at the intersection of corridors five and six on the Pentagon's inner ring. Each installation received a trophy, plaque and flag in recognition of their achievements.

Young thanked the recipients for their outstanding service in environmental stewardship, and for their patience with the weather.

Other winning installations included:

- Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Calif.
- Naval Engineering Station Lakehurst, N.J.
- Hill Air Force Base, Utah
- Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
- Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
- Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Partnering Team, N.C.



Sports & Recreation

Firefighters classic

The sixth annual Huntsville Firefighters Golf Classic is Saturday at Colonial Golf Course. Cost for this four-man scramble is \$60 per player. Proceeds benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For more information, call Glenn Benson 828-7842 or Larry Ayers 651-6312.

Golf benefit

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

Boating class

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights from June 12 through July 24 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive. Classes are held 6:30-8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621 or cell 527-4475.

Golf equipment

Demo Day is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Links at Redstone. Join the Links for this annual event where 15 com-

panies will show the latest in golf equipment. There will be free refreshments. For more information or a list of vendors, call 883-7977.

Youth golfers

Youth Golf Camp, for ages 7-17, is June 16-20 from 8-10 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. PGA professional Jon Samuelson and LPGA professional Patty Reno will provide instruction. The cost is \$55 and includes a Junior Golf Membership which allows the participant unlimited play on three new holes until Sept. 30. Register at CYS Central Enrollment, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, phone 876-3704. Sports physical and CYS registration must be current. For more information, call 313-3699.



Conferences & Meetings

Chapel women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is taking a summer break. Short classes will be offered in July; and more information will follow. PWOC will kick off its new year Aug. 28 at the newly renovated Bicentennial Chapel. For more information, call Sharon Olshefski 489-0404 or Erica Hobbs 325-3152.

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.

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



Courtesy photo

International picnic

International student host sponsors Wayne and Charlotte Miller speak with Maj. Tae-Hee Lee and his wife Sun-Seo Hee from Korea at a picnic May 31 at the Rustic Lodge. The event was sponsored by the Redstone Arsenal International Military Student Office. These picnics give host sponsors an opportunity to meet international students training in the Huntsville area.

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.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Thursday 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.

Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will hold its monthly luncheon June 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. Jean Harmon will speak on "A Rodeo Rider Traded Her Boots and Spurs for a Different Ride in Life." For reservations call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339 by June 19. HCWC is an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries.

Genealogical group

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet 7 p.m. June 16 at the Huntsville-Madison County Public

Library Auditorium, Main Branch. "Cryptic Clues in the Bone Yard" is the video program with commentator Howard Blood. For information call 883-5650.

Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday 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.

Engineer society

Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers, honors area winners from the North Alabama Science and Engineering Fair at its June luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. June 19 at the Corps of Engineers building, 4820 University Square. Cost of the meal is \$10. For reservations call Amber Martin 895-1834.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Group will meet Saturday at 9:15 a.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. HPCUG president

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Ron Schmitz will lead a discussion 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.



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Distinguished grad

International student Maj. Pramod Ambasana from the Indian Army graduated Thursday as the Distinguished Graduate of the Ammunition Specialist Course at Redstone Arsenal.

Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments and social start at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting at 10 and the program to follow. Scheduled speaker is Leslie Vallely, representative of the Clearview Cancer Institute.

Logistic engineers

SOLE Tennessee Valley Chapter will have its monthly luncheon June 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost is \$16 for non-members, \$15 for members. For reservations call Jane Reeves 544-7991 or Dave Welch 837-5282, ext.1706.

Admin professionals

The Redstone Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will meet 11 a.m. June 18 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. Election and installation of officers will take place; and scholarship winners will be presented. You do not have to be a member to attend. Panera Bread Company will cater. If you plan to attend, call Amanda Medley 313-8730 by June 16.

Project institute

The Project Management Institute-North Alabama Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 19 at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. William Kessinger will give a presentation titled "Methods and Tools for

Creating a WBS." The cost is \$20 for PMI members, \$25 for non-members. RSVP by 5 p.m. June 16 at <http://www.northalabama.org/ChapterMeetings.htm>.

Social workers

Bridges Out of Poverty Conference is June 26-27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Governors Drive. This conference will address how to understand and end generational poverty. Social workers who attend may earn up to 11.5 CEU hours approved by the Alabama State Board of Social Work. To register call 428-9435 or visit www.cwj.net.

Divorce support group

Meeting in an informal setting, Divorce Round Table is a group of professionals offering practical advice, support and guidance to men and women at any stage of the divorce process. Experts from the fields of Financial Planning, Law, Mental Health, Insurance, Real Estate as well as the Mortgage and Banking Industries will provide information you will need and use. For more information, visit the web site www.divorcroundtable.com.

Young business leaders

Young Business Leaders will have its summer luncheon June 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Scheduled speaker is Capt. Scott M.

Redstone Announcements

Smiley, 2007 *Army Times* Soldier of the Year. Smiley began his career with the Army soon after his 2003 graduation from the U.S. Military Academy. It could well have ended April 6, 2005 in Mosul, Iraq, when he faced down a car bomber from the hatch of his Stryker combat vehicle. That moment — and his decision not to shoot the driver — would change his life forever. When the car bomber detonated his payload just 30 yards in front of the Stryker, Smiley's eyes were permanently destroyed. He continues to enjoy physical activities like running, cycling, surfing and sky diving. He has not allowed blindness to prevent him from climbing Mt. Rainier in Washington. Cost for the luncheon is \$15 each, or a table of eight is \$120. Register by June 23 by calling the YBL office 882-6003 or e-mailing ybl@arilion.com.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National

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

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

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

Motorcycle safety

To permanently register a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal, the DoD requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. There are two programs offered free of charge to Army personnel and on a space available basis to others authorized access to Redstone Arsenal. For information call Keith Coates at the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383, e-

mail keith.coates@us.army.mil or e-mail MSF instructor Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

Thrift shop

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

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/>.

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.

Air show volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Huntsville International Airport Air Show, June 28-29, a free event. 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. For information on the show, which includes the Navy's Blue Angels and Army's Golden Knights, visit www.hsvairshow.com.

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.

Lee High reunion

Lee High School Class of '73 is planning its 35 year reunion Saturday 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.

Spouse employment

A representative will be available Thursday 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 Thursday 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, Crestwood 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.

Army birthday party

The Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Historical Office will celebrate the Army's 233rd Birthday on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Von Braun Complex on Redstone Arsenal. The celebration kicks off at 8:30 in the courtyard behind building 5220 with opening remarks by SMDC/ARSTRAT commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell. All Redstone employees are invited. In the event of inclement weather, applicable activities will be moved inside the lobby area of building 5220. For more information, call 955-2830 or 955-1133.

