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THAAD battery does outreach

Soldiers in Fort Bliss unit adopt shelter in El Paso

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FORT BLISS, Texas – The Soldiers of the Army's first THAAD battery are doing more than undergoing new equipment training on the air defense system. They're also reaching out to the El Paso community.

Battery A of the 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade under the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, has adopted a domestic violence shelter in El Paso. The shelter is called Dame La Mano, which is Spanish for Give Me Your Hand.

Since March, the Soldiers have provided supplies for maintenance of the shelter's facilities and conducted a clothing drive for this outreach program.

"It's just to offer the Soldiers an opportunity to give a little bit extra back to the community as well as to establish relationships with the El Paso community," battery commander Capt. Curtis Zervic said in a phone interview June 10.

Zervic, 28, from Chicago, became commander last November and has been in the Army six years. The unit started receiving Soldiers in December and was officially activated as the first of four THAAD batteries May 28. THAAD stands for Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, a program managed by the Missile Defense Agency.

"It's obviously an honor and a privilege to be selected amongst all the people that could be on the job (as commander)," Zervic said. "It's an exciting moment for the regiment to field a new weapon system."

The battery is up to 90 Soldiers. Each battery is to have 100 Soldiers; and its equipment will include phased array X-band radar, THAAD command and control, a launcher control station, and three launchers. Each launcher carries eight interceptors, for a total of 24 missiles.

"Right now we're going through new equipment training where the air defense Soldiers are learning how to operate and maintain the THAAD missile system," Zervic said. They're also doing common mili-



Lockheed Martin photo by Scott McGill

NEW BATTERY— Soldiers of Alpha Battery, 4/11 Air Defense Artillery, stand in front of a complete THAAD system following an activation ceremony May 28 at Fort Bliss.

tary training; and the battery is sending Soldiers through military schools for professional development.

The new equipment training is being provided from prime contractor Lockheed Martin through the THAAD Project Office, which is based at Redstone.

The training is to continue until November. After that, the battery will enter a collective training event where it will take the equipment into the field to train. The equipment will be turned over to the battery within the next year and the unit will be ready to deploy. The second battery is to begin in 2009 and activate in 2010. Equipment delivery for the third battery is planned 2012 and the fourth in 2013.

Zervic, an air and missile defense officer, praises the THAAD system, which has been in development about 17 years.

"I think it provides not only the Army but the nation with a legitimate capability against multiple threats to include threats of weapons of mass destruction," he said. "Regardless of what we hear in the news today, there are viable threats out there. And

I think we're very important to the fight."

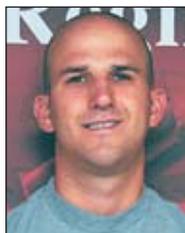
Battery members Staff Sgt. Daryl Way and Sgt. Derrek Mortensen formerly served with the THAAD flight test team.

Way, 26, from Cleveland, Ohio, has been in the Army seven years; and his specialty is Patriot missile operator and maintainer. His involvement with THAAD began in March 2005 and took him to flight tests at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., and the Pacific Missile Range in Kauai, Hawaii. He operated the radar on flights 1-3, the THAAD fire control and communications on flight 4, the radar on flight 6, and the fire control again on flights 7-8.

"I think it's an amazing system. The capabilities are awesome," Way said. "I know it's successful. It can protect the troops and protect metropolitan areas. It can be put in any situation (where) the ballistic missile threat is there."

Mortensen, 24, from Sierra Vista, Ariz., has been in the Army seven years. His specialty is Patriot launcher maintainer/operator. He was in the flight test unit about two years. He observed flight 6, served as assistant on the launcher crew on flight 7, and was the primary operator on the launcher for flight 8.

"I think it's highly effective," Mortensen said. "I've dealt with the Patriot system before. It's a lot easier to use (than Patriot)."



Staff Sgt.
Daryl Way



Sgt. Derrek
Mortensen

An open lane random survey

Why should we celebrate
Armed Forces Week?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Alfredo Reza
Garrison

"To appreciate the hard work they do and thank them for what they give us."

Betty Anderson

Military Personnel Office

"Because you should pay tribute to all the Soldiers, all the personnel, who've been through that before. They need the support and the honor. We have been there, we have fought through the hurt and the pain. And we owe all the support and contribution to them as individuals who went out and helped us."



Maj. Kengi Hutchins

SMDC/ARSTRAT G-3 (Operations)

"It's a chance to celebrate those men and women, other than ourselves, that are in the service. It's easy for us day-to-day to see the military in action, but (this week is for) the civilian population to see that we're trying to make a difference."



Audrey Dodson

AAFES vendor

"We should be glad and be proud to celebrate the armed forces for our country. They fight for us. They risk their lives and sometimes they lose their lives. They leave family and friends behind. And what more can we ask of people than to go to war for us? And everyone that I've talked to has always been so nice. They're just wonderful, great people."



Bicyclist's view of roadway

Thanks to the *Redstone Rocket* and the Garrison Safety Office for providing Redstone Arsenal Regulation 190-5, regarding Bicycle Traffic/Safety (*Redstone Rocket*, June 11, page 2). Allow me to provide a perspective from a bicyclist's viewpoint. Bicycle commuting to work is a personal decision that can provide multiple health benefits for the bicyclist, while conserving a minor amount of gasoline. Bicycle commuting does include risks to the bicyclist.

No bicyclist is interested in delaying a car, truck or SUV from arriving at their appropriate parking spot and office location. If a bicyclist is in the path of a car, truck or SUV, the bicyclist either has no other option for a paved path, or has made a mistake in gearing or maneuvering his/her bicycle. Each bicyclist normally attempts to stay as far right as possible when arriving, traveling on, and leaving Redstone Arsenal, which includes using the paved right shoulder as much as possible. There are roads or portions of roads on Redstone Arsenal that have no paved shoulders, and bicyclists only have the option of riding along the far right portion of the lane normally reserved for cars, trucks or SUVs.

When approaching bicyclists, it is respectfully requested for drivers of vehicles to please move over toward the center portion of your lane, or move slightly further left when there are no oncoming vehicles. Remember that bicyclists are not trying to delay your progress, are not trying to encourage you to change the vehicle you drive, and are not trying to create an accident (the bicyclist will always suffer from an encounter with a vehicle). You may even consider slowing down a little, which conserves your gas and should reduce the risk of hitting a bicyclist.

Your efforts to maintain space between a bicyclist and the vehicle you operate is very much appreciated by each bicyclist. If I could ride a significant distance apart from all vehicles on all roads, I would. If I could ride faster and not delay any vehicles traveling around Redstone Arsenal, I would. Thank you for practicing safe driving habits.

Jack K. Greer

Letters to the Editor

Just watched a movie

It's almost 1 a.m. and I just watched this movie called "Bobby." The 2006 film was written and directed by Emilio Estevez and had a star-studded cast. It was about the assassination of Bobby Kennedy in June 1968.

I feel compelled to write through my tears. I feel compelled to say something about how people sometimes can do unspeakable evil to others. I feel compelled to say something about how sometimes people can kill other people for no reason. I just want us to think about how sometimes good people die for no reason. Maybe someday the violence will end. I think I'll go to sleep now.

Skip Vaughn
Rocket editor

A war story from long ago

Since the Fourth of July is upon us, I thought I would relate a story I heard once—many years ago in a land far away.

At the height of the Vietnam War, our armed forces recruited from the jails and asylums of our nation. Every courtroom was a recruiting station. Relatively minor offenses would be forgiven if the accused/convicted would "volunteer" for the military. The problem was that with the race riots and social unrest of the late '60s, the military often had someone who had been convicted of grand theft auto. The problem was that the charge of grand theft auto had been down-pled from manslaughter one. That made for some lovely companions.

I was in the "crotch" at that time. That is what we called the Marine Corps. Thefts were so common that on pay days they made us record the serial numbers on all bills \$5 and larger. Then if there was a theft, the powers that were would search everyone's gear. Woe be to a barracks thief. Unless an assault was involved, accused thieves were usually left in their unit of

origin. They also frequently slipped in the shower.

That brings me to the Ezra H. from Atlanta, Ga. Ezra was one of the best and brightest. He had an eighth-grade education, broken family and had been convicted of 11 counts of assault and battery when he came in the Corps. Three of those assaults were against women. Needless to say, he had a jail cell recruitment.

Ezra could sing like a bird, but if you were an equal of his and had to give him an order, watch out. He would start complaining and saying, "Why me, man?" Someone in charge

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Quote of the week

'The Army has carried the American ... ideal to its logical conclusion. Not only do they prohibit discrimination on the grounds of race, creed and color, but also on ability.'

— Tom Lehrer (1928 -)

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Huntsville

What do you like about your job?
It's interesting and fun.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Hang with my friends. And study. (I will be a senior this fall at Johnson High.)

What are your goals?
I want to be a pediatrician.

What's your favorite type of music?
R&B and rap



Photo by Jennifer Pasai

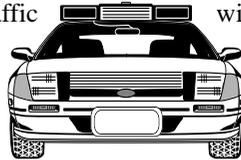
Graduation day

The Integrated Materiel Management Center recognized its graduating Army interns June 11 with certificates. From left, in bottom row, are Stephen Lovejoy, Juanita Smith, Latonia Hatcher and Pamela Dykema. In top row are Chad Tarpley, Monique Harper, Sonya Tajalle and Sherry McCrory. Not pictured is Bianca Gambles.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

May 7: An individual was observed by police exceeding the speed limit on west Martin Road. A traffic stop revealed that the driver's license is revoked. The subject was issued two violation notices and must appear in court.



May 10: An individual selected items in the Main Exchange and departed without paying. The subject was detained by store security and processed by police for shoplifting.

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

Violation notices issued: 13 speeding, 1 driving while revoked, 1 improper backing, 3 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 expired tags.

Huntsville Center issues \$388M in contracts

The Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, June 6 awarded contracts, not to exceed a total of \$388 million, to four contractors.

The contracts were awarded to the following firms: Syska Hennessy Group Construction Inc., of Los Angeles; BMAR & Associates LLC of Hopkinsville, Ky.; J&J Maintenance Inc. of Austin, Texas; and John J. Kirlin Special Projects LLC of Rockville, Md.

These contracts require the firms to provide quick response for medical facility repair, renovation, conversion, alteration, additions, construction, equipment procurement/installation and maintenance services on installed equipment systems at government medical facilities, officially identified

as Medical Repair and Renewal.

The contractors should also provide site investigations and reports, feasibility studies, work plans/designs, and construction or repair/renewal efforts to include architectural, mechanical, electrical, civil, structural, instrumentation, communications, security, force protection, safety, systems, and cost, as well as environmental and hazardous materials abatement of government medical facilities.

These contracts are indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contracts, base year with four option years.

The firms will perform work throughout the continental U.S., District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. territories and possessions. (Huntsville Center release)

Army reports fatal mishap

A Soldier was killed in a hit-and-run accident May 19 at approximately 1:30 a.m. in Chicago, according to the Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center at Fort Rucker.

The Soldier was struck by a vehicle while crossing the street and was later found.

Emergency notification explained

The Garrison Directorate of Emergency Services provided an answer to the following question from a Redstone Rocket reader regarding 911 calls.

Question: I was in a training class yesterday and the 911 system came up. We were told that if you are on post and call 911 from any phone but a Cisco Systems phone (this includes cell phones) you are routed to the Huntsville 911 dispatch, not Redstone Arsenal. You have to ask to be transferred to the Redstone Arsenal dispatch. We were also told that this information hasn't been very widely disseminated. Any chance you can put it in the Rocket?

Answer: All calls made on Redstone from a non-government or cell phone ring into the Huntsville 911 Center. The dispatcher will determine the location of the emergency and immediately transfer the call to the Redstone 911 Center. The appropriate emergency dispatch will then be made. As funds become available, Phase II of the Redstone 911 Center will provide for direct connection of all phones.

Reservists prepare for possible deployment to Africa



Photo by Kari Hawkins

A HUG FOR MOM— Makiya Shearer, 3, gives her mom, Reserve Spc. Latisha Shearer, a big hug just minutes after Shearer and other members of the 375th Engineer Group of Huntsville returned from four weeks of training at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. Makiya's father, Sgt. Shaun Shearer, also participated in the training. Makiya and younger brother Devonte were cared for by their grandmother and great-grandmother in Huntsville during their parents' absence

Four-week training program makes them fit for mission

By **KARI HAWKINS**
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Little Devonte Shearer had a surprise for his mom and dad when they returned home from four weeks of military training at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif.

Devonte, who will be 2 in September, and his sister, 3-year-old Makiya, spent the time away from mom and dad — Reserve Spc. Latisha Shearer and Sgt. Shaun Shearer of Birmingham — with their grandmother and great-grandmother in Huntsville.

And during that four-week absence, Devonte managed a milestone that is big news for any parent of a toddler.

“He’s got a surprise,” his grandmother Rosemarlyn Gibson said out of earshot of Devonte’s parents. “He just got potty trained.”

Four weeks isn’t much of an absence by military standards. But it can still be a

time full of changes when there are children at home.

It didn’t take long, though, for the Reserve Soldiers of the 375th Engineer Group to reconnect with their children and other family members when they returned to the Reserve headquarters on Patton Road June 10.

Fifty-seven Soldiers from the 375th participated in the training mission — known as Operation Sandcastle — at the National Training Center as a requirement in preparation for a possible deployment in late 2008 or early 2009. The 375th was originally scheduled to mobilize in July for a mission in Africa. But those plans have been postponed.

“We are still on alert,” commander Capt. Lawrence “Mac” McKiernan told family members of the 375th during a brief Welcome Home ceremony following their return.

“The mission we had is still a valid mission. But the time frame has changed.”

While families waited for their Soldiers’ return June 10, family readiness group coordinator Christy McKeirnan talked to the crowd about the FRG’s role in a deployment.

“We need to have a strong FRG to support our Soldiers,” she said. “And to support each other as the Army family ... We want to build unity and cohesiveness and communication in this family readiness group.”

The Soldiers of the 375th were joined at Fort Irwin by 44 Soldiers of the 844th, who will mobilize with the 375th. The group now includes 101 of the 166 Soldiers needed for its mission.

Regardless of when the group mobilizes, McKiernan said the training they received at the National Training Center was “the best training they’ll ever receive.”

The center provides range and warrior task training in an environment that includes a fabricated Iraqi village built in the Mohabi Desert. Training includes creating realistic situations and then testing Soldiers by placing them in various conflict situations.

“We had warrior tasks and leader tasks,” McKiernan said. “We went on 25 combat convoys.”

“It was just like being in theater. We’d start every day by loading up. We’d have

Contract awarded for Kwajalein cable system



Courtesy photo

ISLAND CONNECTION— Kwajalein Island, Republic of the Marshall Islands, hosts the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Missile Range in the central Pacific Ocean.

A contract awarded June 11 to establish a secure fiber optic cable system will allow the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll to be connected to the continental United States through facilities on Guam.

The Kwajalein Cable System is a positive move by U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site to continue supporting national defense missions.

The Kwajalein Cable System is scheduled for completion in March 2010.

TKC Technology Solutions LLC, of Fairfax, Va., was awarded a 10-year, \$101 million contract. The Army is funding KCS through

a Defense Information Systems Agency Procurement Directorate contract.

The goal of the Kwajalein Cable System is to provide the capability for meeting the nation's evolving space and missile defense research, development, test and evaluation requirements by transitioning to affordable, remote test range operations. The remoting concept is that range operations will be conducted in real time at the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command headquarters on Redstone Arsenal, vice from USAKA/RTS, Republic of the

Marshall Islands as is currently done.

SMDC/ARSTRAT is committed to maintaining USAKA/RTS as a critical test range capability for the DoD while reducing the operating costs of this remote location. Currently all communications into USAKA/RTS are satellite based, resulting in bandwidth limitations and latency issues.

The submarine fiber optic cable system connecting Kwajalein to Guam will enable USAKA/RTS to have relatively limitless high-speed, low-latency bandwidth for meeting its growing mission needs. (SMDC/ARSTRAT release)

Family members greet 375th Engineer Group from training

Training

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one team clear the route and then we'd move out to the job site. We could get attacked anywhere along the course to the job site. Once at the job site, we had to set up security and do our construction project for the day."

The Soldiers also tested their skills on various weapon ranges and experienced several detainee situations. They conducted combat patrols where they had to defend themselves against vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, and where they were engaged with live rounds against enemy targets.

"It was an opportunity to do a lot of great things," McKiernan said. "It was an incredible opportunity to learn the strength and weaknesses of these Soldiers, and to see these Soldiers bond with each other.

"This experience makes us a better team. We are more fit and more ready to fight when we come together."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

UNPACKING— Members of 375th Engineer Group of Huntsville unload their gear upon returning from four weeks of training at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

DADDY'S GIRL— Raegan Weissend, 4, gives her daddy, Reserve Spc. Ricky Weissend of Cullman, a pretty smile as he holds her in his arms. Reagan missed her daddy while he was away training with other Soldiers of the 375th Engineer Group. She welcomed her dad in one of her favorite dresses, and with her fingernails and toenails painted.

Workshop focuses on latest logistics tools

Third annual event accomplishes goals

By **BILL EDWARDS** and **ROBERT SALINAS**
For the Rocket

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics, in collaboration with the Logistics Support Activity, conducted the third annual Life Cycle Logistics Tools Workshop and Users Group Meetings on June 3-4 at the Four Points by Sheraton Huntsville Airport hotel.

This year's event focused on Life Cycle Logistics Decision Support Tools and was attended by representatives from more than 18 government agencies/activities as well as more than 40 defense contractor organizations.

Day one of the workshop included an overview of key Life Cycle Logistics Decision Support Tools, Logistics Industry Standards, along with other initiatives, including the recently deployed DAU LOG-210, Supportability Managers Tools Course.

Day two consisted of multiple, individual Tool User Group training and feedback sessions. These individual sessions included training sessions on the new Systems Planning and Requirements System.

"(SYSPARS) is an expert system that helps supportability managers and their staffs in preparing required program management strategies and planning documents," product lead Keith McLendon said.

David Kelley, a member of the product team, said there are SYSPARS modules for Supportability Strategies, Acquisition Strategies, Performance-Based Logistics Strategies, Materiel Fielding Plans, Provisioning Plans, Performance Based Agreements, ILS Statements of Work, Transportability Reports, Simulation Support Plans, System Life Cycle Schedules, a Warranty Adviser, Diminishing Manufacturing and Materiel Shortages

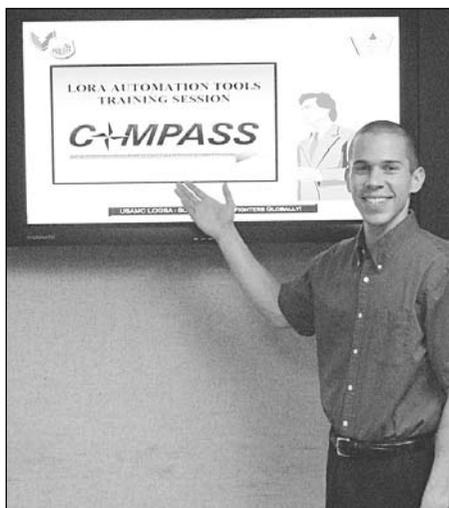


Photo by Bruce Cotton

PRODUCT LEAD— Mark Patrizi, product lead for COMPASS, explains how the Computerized Optimization Model for Predicting and Analyzing Support Structure is used to perform a level of repair analysis during the 2008 Life Cycle Logistics Workshop.

Plans, Systems Engineering Plans, and Test & Evaluation Master Plans. For more information, visit <https://www.logsa.army.mil/lec/syspars/>.

An all day session was held on the PowerLOG-J Logistics Data Support System.

"The PowerLOG-J System provides the ultimate means for a PM and the logistics workforce to manage their enormous volume of logistics data," project team leader Jay Lasher said.

The system satisfies GEIA-STD-0007, Logistics Product Data; MIL-PRF-49506, Logistics Management Information as well as former MIL-STD-1388-2B Logistics Support Analysis Record requirements. During the users group portion of the event, the PowerLOG-J team discussed recent developments and ways PowerLOG-J is being used in the logistics community. The group discussed how CECOM is using PowerLOG-J for their

CCSS/LMP Data Cleansing Efforts and how TACOM is using PowerLOG-J to support their Two Level of Maintenance activities. Lasher and the PowerLOG-J team also highlighted the new product capabilities such as spreadsheet like entry screens, additional LMP edits, and new reporting capabilities built into PowerLOG-J's latest 1.6 release. The session culminated in an open floor panel discussion with the PowerLOG-J developers. For more information on PowerLOG-J, visit <https://www.logsa.army.mil/lec/powerlog/>.

Another major decision support tool, known to the acquisition community as Post Fielding Support Analysis, provided a daylong meeting for current and potential users.

"The PFSA tool provides the capability to evaluate system performance in an operational environment by exploiting data that is available from multiple sources," product lead Dave Hendricks said.

The users group discussed the use of PFSA for acquisition programs and the capabilities it provides to support tracking performance when executing a performance based agreement. Additionally, the team provided general training on PFSA and group discussions on capabilities required by the user community. More details on PFSA may be found at <https://www.logsa.army.mil/lec/pfsa/>.

On day two, a joint users-group session on the Computerized Optimization Model for Predicting and Analyzing Support Structures and the Cost Analysis Strategy Assessment tools was conducted in the morning and repeated later in the afternoon.

"CASA is a Life Cycle Cost decision support tool that is widely used to deter-

mine item/equipment life-cycle cost and optimize total cost of ownership from an engineering perspective," product lead Phil Paschel said.

The CASA portion of the users meeting provided current and new users with training in the use and application of CASA as well as provided time for user-developer dialogue and feedback on ways to improve CASA in order to meet emerging demands. More information on CASA may be found at <https://www.logsa.army.mil/lec/casa/>.

The Computerized Optimization Model for Predicting and Analyzing Support Structure also shared portion of the session, highlighted the Army's standard Level of Repair Analysis model.

"The tool is used to determine and optimize repair level decisions in order to reach a targeted operational availability," product lead Mark Patrizi said. The latest version of COMPASS can be used to consider Two-Level Maintenance, repair vs. discard, organic vs. contractor, and sensitivity analysis. To learn more about COMPASS, go to <https://www.logsa.army.mil/lec/compass/GSA>.

Jim Bryant, chief of LOGSA's Logistics and Engineering Center, said: "The workshop successfully accomplished its dual objectives of training government and industry life cycle logistics community participants on the latest versions of LOGSA's decision support tools, and obtaining user recommendations on ways to improve the utility of our logistics support tools."

Bryant also expressed his thanks to the participants for their attendance and recommendations. He wanted to assure all attendees that his office will evaluate, prioritize and integrate all the recommendations submitted as appropriate.

Improvised explosive devices subject for technology forum

The Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization will present a Technology Outreach Forum in Bob Jones Auditorium on June 30 to July 1, hosted by the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

The goal of this event is to present attendees with the current status of JIEDDO's Counter IED initiatives and to discuss where the U.S. and Coalition forces most need help in defeating IEDs as weapons of strategic influence.

The Outreach Forum's agenda will include an overview of JIEDDO and its

unique acquisition process, an intelligence update, Science and Technology capability gaps, and presentations about other IED-related topics.

To register for the Outreach Forum and for more information, visit the web site at http://dcgsworldwide.com/jieddo08/attendee_registration.shtml.

People who wish to attend the outreach forum must be U.S. citizens with a verifiable U.S. secret clearance and must submit a visit request by June 23. The forum is limited to 700 attendees. (AMRDEC release)



Photo by Trent Shields/Letterkenny

Education advocates

Leaders who made a new Training and Education Center possible at Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., gather May 28 to cut the ribbon and dedicate the facility. From left are Lt. Gen. William Mortensen, deputy commander of Army Materiel Command; Dr. Lorna Edmundson, president of Wilson College; Sen. Terry Punt; John Blake, executive deputy secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; and depot commander Col. Steven Shapiro.

Americans give more than \$6.5M in phone cards to servicemembers

DALLAS – Just four years after the Department of Defense authorized the Exchange Services to sell Military Exchange Prepaid Phone cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase them for deployed troops, the American public, through the “Help Our Troops Call Home” program, has provided more than \$6.5 million in telecommunications support.

As of May 31, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s telecommunications initiative has generated \$6,522,898 for troops serving throughout Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. All totaled 156,769 individual orders have been placed to send more than 270,000 phone cards designed for the unique needs of deployed troops and their families back home.

“The response over the last four years to this initiative has been both amazing and inspiring,” AAFES’ senior enlisted adviser Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton said. “To average more than \$1.5 million in support per year is a testament to the American public’s commitment to keeping spouses, chil-

dren, mothers, fathers and siblings connected to loved ones far from home.”

Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone cards purchased through the “Help Our Troops Call Home” program can be sent to individual servicemembers or “any servicemember” through charitable partners such as the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, Fisher House Foundation, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Soldier & Family Assistance Center and USO. These charities have distributed almost 27,000 of the proprietary phone cards since the program’s inception in 2004.

By simply logging on to aafes.org — <https://thor.aafes.com/scs/default.aspx> — or calling 800-527-2345, friends, family members and even civic groups can take part in the “Help Our Troops Call Home” effort by sending any one of three Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone cards, including a 550-minute denomination card capable of providing more than two hours of call time from any of 74 phone centers in Iraq, Afghanistan or Kuwait to the United States. (AAFES release)

Contractor wins industrial security honor

Arcata Associates Inc. has been selected to receive a 2008 James S. Cogswell Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement Award by the Defense Security Service.

The Cogswell Award, DSS’s highest recognition of industrial security excellence, will be presented to Tim Wong, Arcata president and CEO and Barbara Connors, Arcata facilities security officer

at the Society of Industrial Security Professionals seminar today in Mashantucket, Conn.

Arcata is one of 23 facilities selected to receive an award in 2008 from among approximately 12,000 defense contractor facilities that are subject to annual inspection. The company has been a contractor at Marshall Space Flight Center since 2001. (Arcata release)

■ Relating a tale from a land far away

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would have to explain to him that the commandant of the Marine Corps was looking for a good man to clean the head (Marine jargon for bathroom) and his name was mentioned. Since Joe was doing this, and John that, his fair share would be to do the head. At that point, Ezra would complain a little and go to work.

He was a pretty good soldier in a fire-fight. He was up and shooting and doing his part. I guess he just wanted to get his licks in. He outlived many of his contemporaries and worked up into an “intelligence” slot. Despite his about 80 GT score, Ezra was given the job of taking the prisoners from the field to the base camp. The fox was in the hen house. His contemporaries had to watch him like a hawk. I never heard anyone say they had seen him kill a prisoner, but he would wrap dead cord (explosive rope) around their necks, hook them up to a detonator (called “hell boxes”), and then throw shrapnel at the captives trying to make them run so he could blow their heads off (just a story I heard of course). Toward the end of his tour, Ezra’s platoon got a new lieutenant. The butter bar made the mistake of shouting an order at Ezra. Ezra flipped his loaded M-16 to full auto and shoved it inside the lieutenant’s mouth. Everyone froze and got really nice. “Good Ezra, nice Ezra, please

take the loaded M-16 out of the good lieutenant’s mouth. He did not mean bad things.”

Well, Ezra did take it out. As soon as he did, one of his platoon members slapped it away, several grabbed him, and someone tied him with WD-1 wire. Then they called for a helicopter to take nice Ezra away for his court-martial and a life of fun and games at the Portsmouth Naval Prison or Pendleton Brig for eternity.

Not so fast. That is not where the story ends. Before court-martialing anyone, the Corps gave them a mental and physical exam. Ezra was never in any danger of going to jail — an asylum maybe.

It turned out that dear Ezra was an acute paranoid schizophrenic. He should not have had a sharp pencil, much less a loaded rifle. He probably had done the best he could do for a year. Instead of a court-martial, he got a 30 percent disability rating and was turned loose on the streets of Atlanta. I always expected I would read about him in the limelight of some other former Marines — Lee Harvey Oswald and Marcus Whitman — but never did. I expect that he is dead now.

To be on the safe side, I would be careful of whom I shot the bird to while driving through Atlanta — or so I have heard.

Name withheld by request



Photo by Patrick Sheahan

Helicopter recipients

The Army has presented the first UH-72A Lakota Light Utility Helicopter to the Army National Guard in Tupelo, Miss. This presentation marks the fulfillment of an aviation transformation plan put in place in 2004. Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, the deputy program executive officer for aviation, represented Team Redstone in presenting the aircraft to the 1-114th Aviation unit. The Lakota is "ahead of schedule and under cost," Crosby said.

Kit Kittredge on display at Post Library

Youngsters invited to prize drawing

Children age 6-16 are especially invited to visit the MWR Post Library during June to borrow "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" books and to enter a drawing to win (first prize) an American Girl Doll of choice, (second prize) the Kit Kittredge series of six books, and more prizes to come. The drawing is scheduled July 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hail and farewell

Commissary director returns to her roots

Worked in Maryland before rejoining store

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Returning to the Redstone Commissary was like homecoming for Robin Daniel.

She became the store director June 9 after serving in the same capacity at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., since 2006. She was at Redstone from August 1999 until February 2001, leaving as assistant grocery manager to become a store director in Annapolis, Md. She was store director at Walter Reed from 2003-06.

“I feel like I’m coming back to my roots actually,” Daniel said. “This was my first management store, and I left here in 2001. And now I’m back.”



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PLACE TO SHOP— Store director Robin Daniel is also a customer at the Commissary.

Her goals here are “to increase sales and build our customer clientele and our customer

satisfaction and to make it the place that our military dependents and all military – including

Guard, Reserves, retired, all military – want to shop.”

“There’s a lot of competition out there,” Daniel said. “And we want to get the word out that this is the best place to shop and the cheapest. And it’s my place to shop (as a customer), and I want to get that word out to customers.

“We want to make it known to the customer that this is the best bang for their buck. The Commissary is still the best and cheapest place to shop with an overall savings of 30 percent.”

The Redstone store does around \$2.5 million in sales each month.

Daniel, 49, grew up in an Army family. As such, she has traveled throughout her life. Tullahoma, Tenn., where her daughter resides, is the closest to being her hometown.

She has nearly 23 years of government service. Her husband, Glenn, is a retired sergeant

first class who served 20 years. They have a daughter, Adrien, 30, of Tullahoma; a son, Dustin, 26; and three grandchildren. Daniel is in a hotel while her husband and son are moving from Pasadena, Md.

She enjoys going to the gym to work out and riding her motorcycle.

Daniel succeeded former store director Amber Bray who left to accept a job with the Missile Defense Agency.

“I’m glad that I have the sense of familiarity and the home feeling that the people have given me already,” Daniel said. “A lot of the people are still here (in this store). So in a sense it feels like I’m coming home. And I’m glad the people I’ve talked to are willing to work with me to make the necessary changes that all store directors have to implement. And I’m glad they’re open-minded and willing enough to accept it.”

Secure motorcycles, bicycles to prevent theft

Owner negligence could bar claim

By **ERIKA McPHERSON**
Claims Office chief

With high gas prices in full effect and warm beautiful sunny days occurring frequently, many persons are switching to bicycles and motorcycles for transportation. Unfortunately, thieves are always on the lookout to see whether someone has carelessly forgotten to secure his or her personal property. Theft incident to service may be payable by the Claims Office.

Theft is an intentional, wrongful taking of someone else's property. If a claimant fails to report theft immediately or as soon as practicable, the claim for theft may be denied for failure to substantiate it. In addition, if a claimant is negligent in securing his or her property in a reasonable manner, the negligence will bar the claim.

A claimant is expected to keep a bicycle, motorbike or motorcycle indoors, or to chain it to a fixed object outdoors such as a rack, pole, post or tree (if one is reasonably available), to prevent the item from being stolen. Locking

handlebars, or locking the wheels together, normally does not provide sufficient protection. If no fixed, immovable object is available, a claimant may be deemed to have acted reasonably by parking the item in a secure manner. However, a claimant who chooses a more convenient parking area

that lacks an immovable object, instead of parking in an area within walking distance where the motorcycle or bicycle could have been secured, will probably be deemed to have acted negligently.

In addition, securing a helmet to a motorcycle by the chinstrap, or by a lock run through the chin-

strap, does not provide sufficient protection. This is because chinstraps can be easily cut. Motorcycle and bike helmets should be taken inside or secured by a wire-locking device run through a hole in the helmet.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. In this

case, taking small but vital steps to secure a motorcycle, bike or helmet will benefit the claimant. In the event a theft occurs on post, report it immediately to the MPs, then visit the Redstone Arsenal Claims Office to file a claim. For more information, call James Friday at 876-9006.

IMCOM realigns regions, creates capital district

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Installation Management Command will realign the boundaries of its three U.S. regions July 1, moving 13 states and their 11 installations of various sizes from the West Region to Northeast and Southeast regions.

The rebalancing refines realignment actions carried out under the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law that consolidated the Northwest and Southwest regions in 2006. The combined West Region became very large, taxing region staff to adequately oversee all its far-flung installations. With this move, installations including forts Leonard Wood and McCoy move to Northeast, while Fort Polk and Pine Bluff Arsenal move under Southeast.

IMCOM has six regions worldwide. The Northeast, Southeast and West regions are in the continental United States. The realignment of the states within these three regions will increase effectiveness and efficiency of regional resources, IMCOM officials said.

"With the current structure, the director of Installation Management Command in the West Region, Randy Robinson, and his staff are responsible for installations in 27 states ranging from as far east as Ohio to the West Coast," said Maj. Gen. John Macdonald, IMCOM deputy commander.

"After the regional boundaries shift, the (West Region) staff will spend less time traveling across the country, and more time with commanders stationed within borders comparable to the other continental United States regions," Macdonald said.

Another part of the regional rebalance is development of a National Capital Region District that will be commanded by Brig. Gen. Dennis Rogers. Rogers is the deputy director of operations and facilities at Headquarters Installation Management Command in Arlington, Va.

In preparation for the relocation of the Headquarters Installation Management Command to San Antonio, Texas, in 2011, the new district will remain and operate out of Washington, D.C., area offices. Current Northeast Regions installations Fort Meade, Md., Fort Belvoir, Va., Fort Myer, Va., and Fort McNair, Washington, D.C., will shift under Rogers' command as part of the National Capital Region District on July 1.

This continental U.S. regional rebalance distributes the major installations to nine in the West, 10 in the Southeast and seven in the Northeast. These actions are part of the Army's strategy to complete Base Realignment and Closure and other stationing actions by September 2011. (IMCOM Public Affairs release)



Photo by Lira Frye

Story time

Child and Youth Services celebrated the Army's 233rd birthday Friday with cake, barbecue and picnics. Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski reads the Army Birthday Children's Storybook to youngsters attending the Youth Services summer camp.

Huntsville Center engineer helps set standard

Ammunition storage idea wins Armywide approval

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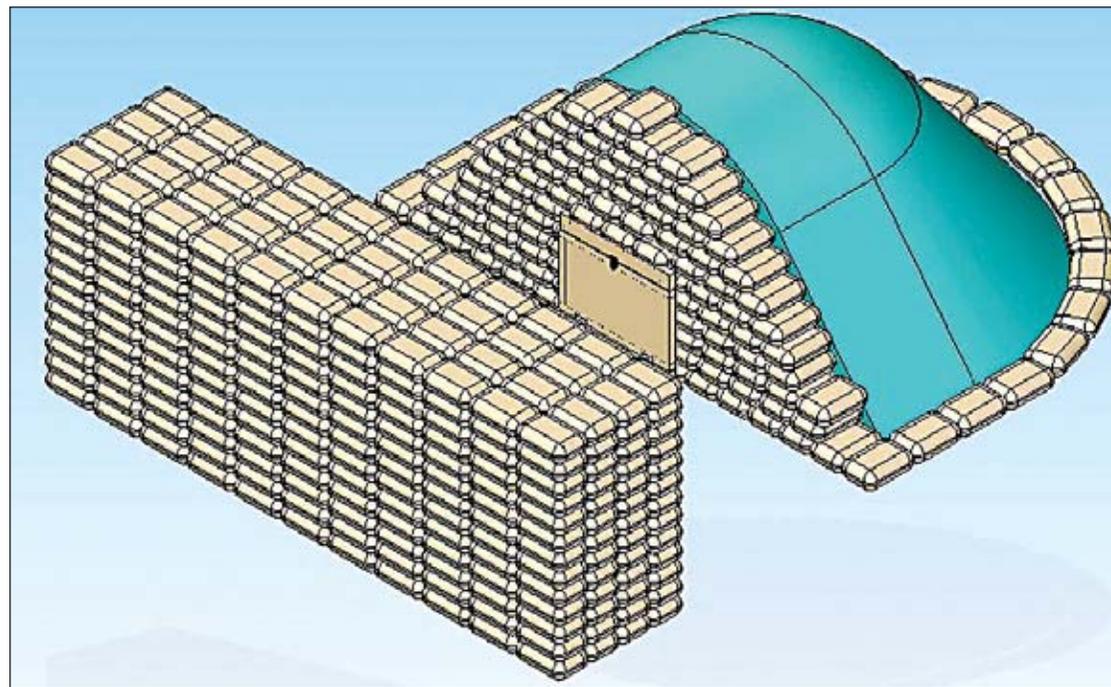
After Soldiers have spent a long hard day out on maneuvers or on patrol in Iraq or Afghanistan, the last thing they want to do is go to the Ammunition Supply Point or the Basic Load Ammunition Holding Area to return ammunition carried during the day. Quite often that ammunition is left in vehicles, placed in arms rooms or even placed in living quarters — all of which are safety and security violations. The ammunition is not returned to safe and secure storage areas because of the distance and time required to complete the turn-in process, especially when the convoy escorts or units returning from patrols will need the same ammunition the next day or even later in the same day.

Now there is an Army-approved standard for 40mm ammunition storage thanks to Dr. Michelle Crull, a structural engineer in the Advanced Technology Branch, Engineering Directorate, Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, and Greg Heles, a logistics management specialist with the Army Technical Center for Explosives Safety, Defense Ammunition Center, McAlester, Okla.

Headquarters, Coalition Forces Land Component Command asked the Army Technical Center for Explosives Safety to develop temporary storage of 40mm linked grenades for the MK 19 grenade launcher.

Request from field

"This project originated because Soldiers asked some



Courtesy graphic

STORAGE DRUM— This is an artist's rendering of a 55-gallon drum storage unit for 40mm ammunition. This new Army standard for ammunition storage was developed by Army Engineering and Support Center engineer Dr. Michelle Crull.

questions in the field," Crull said. Those questions led to conversations between Huntsville Center, Defense Ammunition Center and the Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board.

"There was a need to store linked 40mm grenade cartridges in a real estate deficient location," Heles said. "Standard solutions would not apply in this case. We needed a solution that would use minimum real estate; would be convenient to use because if it isn't convenient, it won't be used; and constructed using easy to obtain materials in theater."

Crull, with the assistance of Heles, and with this design criteria in mind was instrumental in designing a storage solution for this linked 40mm ammunition.

And with the cooperative efforts of all three organizations, the process was shortened.

"We started working on this in June 2007. I worked directly with USATCES from the beginning," Crull said. "Normally explosive safety designs are submitted through an organization's safety chain. In this case because I was working directly with USATCES, they were able to send it directly to the DoD Explosives Safety Board for review and approval. We received approval from the DDESB in November 2007. It took six months almost to the day."

Initial rejection

Although it sounds like it was easy to develop a solution, it wasn't. The first concept developed and sent to the field was

rejected.

"It was based on false information about the equipment available in the field," Crull said. "We had to ask a lot of questions to come up with a concept they could build."

Crull developed an inexpensive solution that used materials available in any deployment environment. The design uses a 55-gallon drum, hence the name drum magazine, placed on its side and covered with 2 feet of dirt or sandbags. A 24-inch diameter corrugated steel pipe could be used in lieu of the 55-gallon drum. The concept behind this design is that the 2 feet of cover will stop any fragmentation generated by an explosives accident from escaping out the back, sides or top. Fragments that exit out the front

would be controlled by orienting the front of the magazine toward uninhabitable terrain such as a mountain side or out to sea from a beach.

If the drum magazine cannot be oriented toward uninhabitable terrain and there is a possibility that personnel might be "down-range" of the front of the drum magazine, then a front barricade is necessary.

The storage of one case of 40mm grenades normally requires a safety separation of 200 feet in all directions. By constructing and using this specialized drum magazine, the required safety distances can be reduced to as little as 69 feet in all directions, a savings of almost two-thirds the required distance.

Positive experience

This design standard has Army and DDESB approval allowing it to be used on any Army site to provide reduced quantity distance storage for small amounts of 40mm linked grenades. Since it has DDESB approval, any other service can opt to approve it for use on any of their sites.

The final outcome of the project was a positive experience for both Crull and Heles.

"I love to work on projects that require thinking outside the box like this one did," Crull said. "It's always good to feel that I've helped solve an issue for the Soldiers."

Heles agrees. "The small details of crossing every T and dotting every I aren't fun, but the concept phase is (what about this solution ... that won't work ... what about this ... what if I turn it 90 degrees); and the writing/reviewing the analysis is fun. I expect there will be other cooperations between our respective organizations in the future."

Community salutes armed forces with 9 days of events

Stars, Blue Angels
part of activities

By KARI HAWKINS

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This year's Armed Forces Celebration Week will come in with the fastball of a baseball game and fly out with a grand finale of a high-speed, aerobic air show.

And between those two fast-action events will be concerts, Soldier Shows, and military displays and activities that will mark June 21-29 as the most patriotic days of 2008 for Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley community. The theme for this year's Armed Forces Celebration Week is "America Supports You: Our Military Men and Women."

"This particular Armed Forces Celebration Week has been named one of the best such celebrations in the country," said retired Brig. Gen. Larry Capps, who has worked with a committee of volunteers to organize the annual celebration.

"A lot of communities around military bases do, in fact, honor their Soldiers and their military throughout the year. But no community does it as well as Huntsville. And this year is no exception. It is going to be a great week for the community and for the military men and women who make this community their home. We look forward to making this happen."

So, too, does the local military community. The celebration gives both entities – the local civilian community and the military community – a chance to show their appreciation for each other.

"Huntsville and the entire Tennessee Valley are longstanding supporters of Redstone Arsenal and the military here. Armed Forces Celebration Week is an example of that support," Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles said.

"It means a great deal to all of us on Redstone Arsenal to feel the support and dedication this community has toward its military and support personnel. Even though this week of military recognition is focused on thanking the military, it's also a chance

for us on Redstone Arsenal to show our appreciation to this amazing community."

Hosting an event such as the Armed Forces Celebration Week is important to communities where there is a large military influence.

"Even though we give recognition year-round, this week puts the jobs our armed forces do in the spotlight for the community and reminds our citizens to thank them and their families for the sacrifices they give," Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer said.

"The way the community participates in the events of the week showcases the value and pride taken in having Redstone Arsenal located here. In addition, the week highlights the sacrifices that our veterans from all branches have made and brings to mind how many of our military have retired here."

This will be Myles' first year as commander at Redstone Arsenal during the Armed Forces Celebration Week. It's a week-long event the general plans not to miss.

"The reputation of the Tennessee Valley and its Armed Forces Celebration Week is known throughout the Army. This week's activities are something I've been looking forward to experiencing all year," Myles said.

"I came on board at Redstone Arsenal right after last year's celebration. So, this celebration is sort of a culmination of the work I've been involved with here at Redstone Arsenal during the past year. It's a great way to celebrate a year's worth of achievements at AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal."

Myles is looking forward to enjoying the entire week's activities – the Huntsville Stars baseball game complete with a fireworks display, the Concert in the Park featuring the Army Materiel Command's Own 389th Army Band, the Soldier Shows, a golf tournament at Redstone Links, two luncheons honoring Redstone Arsenal's top Soldiers and leadership, and the Huntsville Air Show.

"The week is filled with military-oriented activities that can be enjoyed by both our military and their families, and the families of local civilians," Myles said.



Courtesy photo

SOLDIER SHOW— The cast of the U.S. Army Soldier Show will bring its high-energy ensemble production to the Von Braun Center's Concert Hall for three performances during the Armed Forces Celebration Week. This all-Soldier cast is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the modern Soldier Show, and will perform such hits as the World War II tune "This is the Army, Mr. Jones," Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" and Rhianna's "Don't Stop the Music" along with music from AC/DC.

"We hope the local community will come out to enjoy all the activities. There's something for everyone. I am very excited about getting to experience the entire week of activities. I will especially enjoy the events that bring our Soldiers together with the local community."

For the past seven years, Capps has been involved with the organization of the Armed Forces Celebration Week. And every year, the celebration gets bigger with more events and more public involvement.

The first event of the celebration – the Huntsville Stars baseball game on Saturday, June 21 – is a military buyout game sponsored by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. Free tickets are available to all military ID card holders at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. with plans for the youngest Soldier in attendance to throw the ceremonial first pitch.

Several events are scheduled for Monday, June 23. The first event is a proclamation signing at 9:30 a.m. at the OMEMS Parade Field on the Arsenal. Spencer, Madison Mayor Sandy Kirkindall and Madison County Commission Chairman Mike

Gillespie will participate in the signing of a proclamation declaring Armed Forces Celebration Week. The proclamation will be presented to Myles and other Arsenal leaders with OMEMS students in attendance.

At 11 a.m. Monday, the NCO/Soldier of the Year Awards Luncheon will take place at the Officers and Civilians Club.

One of the major events of the week will occur Monday night, but at a different location. The Arts Council's Concert in the Park – featuring the Army Materiel Command's Own 389th Army Band and opening with a local group known as Juice – has been moved to Joe Davis Stadium.

"The Concert in the Park on Monday night is always a highlight of the week. But this year, because of the number of people who attend, we have moved it to Joe Davis Stadium," Capps said.

"We had to do this because parking became an issue. Two years ago, when we had it at Ditto Landing, we had 5,000 people in attendance. Last year, at Big Spring International Park, even though it rained, we still had 3,000 to 4,000 people in attendance. At Joe Davis Stadium, we can accommodate a much larger number of people and we have plenty of parking."

The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. and will end with fireworks over the stadium. The public is encouraged to arrive early to view the military hardware that will be on display just outside the stadium. Hardware will include a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, CH-47 Chinook helicopter, OH-58 Kiowa helicopter, High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, SLAMRAAM (Surface Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile air defense system, Avenger air defense system, TOW missile, Light Armored Vehicle and TAIS (Tactical Air Space Integration System). There will also be a rock climbing wall displayed by the Alabama Army National Guard and representation from the Marine Corps, Air Force and Veterans Memorial Museum.

Three U.S. Army Soldier Shows are scheduled for the Von Braun Center's Concert Hall – one on Tuesday, June 24 at 5 p.m., and the other two on Wednesday, June 25 at 3 and 5 p.m. Tickets to these events are free and can be obtained from the MWR ticket office at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center (876-4531) and off post at the Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St. There is a limit of four tickets per person.

Also on Wednesday, June 25, there will be an Army Community Covenant signing at 9:30 a.m. at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center that will involve both military and community leaders. The covenant, which is being signed by communities all across the U.S., is designed to develop and foster effective state and community partnerships with the Army to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

Gen. Richard Cody, the Army's vice chief of staff, will be a special guest at the local covenant signing. He will be joined by Myles and Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski, several community leaders, military family members and representatives of the local Base Realignment and Closure Committee.

Cody will also be the guest speaker at the Armed Forces Salute Luncheon, scheduled 11:30 a.m. June 25, at the Von Braun Center North Hall. The

Armed Forces Celebration Week calendar

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show will culminate the evening.

Tuesday, June 24

• U.S. Army Soldier Show – 5 p.m., Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Tickets are free and can be obtained from the MWR ticket office at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center (876-4531) and off post at the Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St. There is a limit of four tickets per person.

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• 2.5M Flying Hours Ceremony — 8:15 a.m., Bob Jones Auditorium

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• U.S. Army Soldier Show — 3 and 5 p.m., Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Tickets are free and can be obtained from the MWR ticket office at the Diane Campbell Recreation

Center (876-4531) and off post at the Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St. There is a limit of four tickets per person.

Thursday, June 26

• AUSA Golf Tournament – 8:30 a.m., Redstone Links. For more information, call Mike Kelley at 542-5100 or e-mail Michael_kelley@raytheon.com.

• Army Community Service Open House — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., building 3338, Redeye Road

• Whitesburg Baptist Church's "I Love America" – 7 p.m., Whitesburg Baptist Church, 6806 Whitesburg Drive. Performance honoring WWII veterans. Tickets are free and can be obtained at the church.

Friday, June 27

• Whitesburg Baptist Church's "I Love America" – 7 p.m., Whitesburg Baptist Church, 6806 Whitesburg Drive. Performance honoring Korean War veterans. Tickets are free and can be obtained at the church.

Saturday, June 28

• Huntsville Air Show – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Huntsville International Airport. Featuring the Army's Golden Knights parachute team at noon and the Navy's Blue Angels at 3 p.m. along with performances by ACC A-10 West Coast Demonstration Team demonstrating the capabilities of the A-10 Aircraft through aerial maneuvers, national aerobatic champion Patty Wagstaff flying low-level aerobatics routines, "Sons of Legends" Matt Younkin flying the 1929 Travel Air "Mystery Ship," the Aeroshell Aerobatic Team flying formation maneuvers with the WWII North American Advanced Trainers, and the Wright Attitudes' Paul Johnson and his jet van routine. Admission to the air show is free, parking is \$10 per car, and the public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating, and umbrellas for sun protection. Air show maps will be distributed

at the airport gates. Tickets can be purchased for box seats and concourse chalet tickets. Tickets can also be purchased for the private pilot party. For more information, call 772-9395 or check out the web site at <http://www.hsvairport.org/airshows>.

• Whitesburg Baptist Church's "I Love America" – 7 p.m., Whitesburg Baptist Church, 6806 Whitesburg Dr. Performance honoring Vietnam War veterans. Tickets are free and can be obtained at the church.

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There will be an Army Community Service Open House on Thursday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 3338 on Redeye Road.

Also on June 26, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA will hold a golf tournament at the Links at Redstone beginning at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call Mike Kelley at 542-5100 or e-mail Michael_kelley@raytheon.com.

tleopold@hsvchamber.org.

One new addition this year will be Whitesburg Baptist Church's "I Love America" program. The program is usually offered around the Fourth of July, but has been moved to be part of Armed Forces Celebration Week.

"I Love America" will be presented June 26 through June 29. Evening performances that Thursday, Friday and Saturday begin at 7 p.m. and the Sunday performance is at 3 p.m. Each performance honors a specific veteran group – Thursday will honor WWII veterans, Friday will honor Korean War veterans, Saturday will honor Vietnam veterans and Sunday will honor veterans who have served in a modern-day conflict and Soldiers currently serving. Tickets are free and can be obtained at the church located at 6806 Whitesburg Drive.

The culmination of the week will be the Huntsville Air Show featuring the Army's Golden Knights parachute team and the Navy's Blue Angels at Huntsville International Airport

on June 28 and June 29. Public shows are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day with a private party with the show's pilots scheduled from 7-10 p.m. June 28.

The air show will include displays and exhibits with the Golden Knights performing at noon each day and the Blue Angels performing at 3 p.m. each day.

Also scheduled between these two events will be performances by ACC A-10 West Coast Demonstration Team demonstrating the capabilities of the A-10 aircraft through aerial maneuvers, national aerobatic champion Patty Wagstaff flying low-level aerobatics routines, "Sons of Legends" Matt Younkin flying the 1929 Travel Air "Mystery Ship," the Aeroshell Aerobatic Team flying formation maneuvers with the WWII North American Advanced Trainers, and the Wright Attitudes' Paul Johnson and his jet van routine.

Admission to the air show is free but parking is \$10 per car. The public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating, and umbrellas for sun protection. Air show maps will be dis-

tributed at the airport gates. Tickets can be purchased for box seats and concourse chalet tickets. Tickets can also be purchased for the private pilot party. For more information, call 772-9395 or check out the web site at <http://www.hsvairport.org/airshows>.

In addition to the Armed Forces Celebration Week events, Soldiers can receive free or discounted tickets at several local attractions, including the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Burritt Museum, Huntsville Botanical Garden, EarlyWorks Museum, Huntsville Art Museum, SciQuest, Tennessee Valley Vipers games and Huntsville Stars games.

Capps said the weeklong celebration is for all Soldiers and retirees, DoD civilians and contractors, and the families, friends and local residents who support them.

"There are a lot of Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who have retired to this community," he said. "We all feel strongly about supporting our military. This is a community that really comes together to support its military, and this celebration shows that support."

Behind all the events and ceremonies of the week, Myles knows the driving force is a sincere desire to celebrate what the military means to the entire Tennessee Valley community.

"No words can express my gratitude to Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley, and its leaders for the recognition and support they give our military," he said. "An event like this celebration requires hours and hours of work by many volunteers. This celebration is meaningful and powerful because of the people who stand up to put it together year after year."

"The Armed Forces Celebration Week is one of many events — and certainly the largest event — this community puts on to show their support for our military. The Tennessee Valley community is a generous community filled with patriots who love their military. And for that reason, Redstone Arsenal is one of the best places to grow the Army. Thank you, Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley, for the gift of this celebration and all the other military-oriented activities that make those of us wearing the uniform feel your appreciation."

Organization heads aviation and missile efforts

AMCOM has worldwide mission to provide war fighter support

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In 1997, the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis merged with the Missile Command to form a new organization at Redstone Arsenal. Thus the Aviation and Missile Command was born. It represents the link between new technologies and systems and the aviation and missile equipment in the depots and theater.

“AMCOM is responsible for the sustainment of the Army’s aviation fleet and missile fleet,” chief of staff Col. Tom Newman said.

While it may appear simple on the surface, AMCOM’s mission is a concerted effort between thousands of employees in several fields. The core work force of AMCOM is comprised of 3,796 people, but that is only a fraction of the total workers. In addition to the core work force, there are 5,267 people at the depot level in Corpus Christi, Texas, and Letterkenny, Pa., under AMCOM command. Another 833 people working the mission are located within program executive offices, according to the latest numbers from AMCOM G-1 Human Resources.

There is more to sustaining a missile or aviation system than is immediately obvious. Behind every bolt that is turned or

part that is ordered is an intricate partnership between contract specialists, subject matter experts, technicians, mechanics and logisticians, among others. AMCOM handles everything from where and whom parts come from; to the process by which they are ordered; to how they are maintained in the field. When their time is finished, AMCOM handles retiring systems and disposal of materials.

“It’s keeping the missile systems operational while they’re in storage. It’s keeping helicopters flying. When systems go down, (it’s) getting the right repair parts and the right people to the site to repair

Tenants of Redstone

Third in a series

them. It’s developing strategies for the long haul for depot maintenance when necessary. It’s contract and logistics support,” Newman said. “It’s a wide variety of things that we do to keep our missiles ready for the fight, replace the ones that are used, to keep our helicopters flying and integrate all the systems.”

For the aspects they don’t handle directly, they collaborate closely with the organizations that do. It’s all part of the Army’s newest way of looking at their systems. In 2004, sustainment further evolved with the creation of Life Cycle Management. The concept gave AMCOM the primary responsibility for all of the Army’s aviation and missile systems. It was a way to align all of the offices working on different aspects of each system



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

FRONT OFFICES— Sparkman Center building 5300 contains command staff offices of the Aviation and Missile Command.

under a single head. This allows for smoother flow of both equipment to the field and information between organizations. It is also the first such command for the Army.

“Under Life Cycle Management we unite everybody’s effort to deliver these systems,” Newman said. “If you look at the typical product, it starts with the research and development phase. That’s AMRDEC (Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering

Center). Then it moves into the acquisition phase, which has several phases in itself. That’s where the PEOs and their program managers do their thing. Then the sustainment phase and ultimately the retirement phase is AMCOM’s. By uniting the efforts of all these organizations from the beginning we can make intelligent decisions up front as we develop the system which will allow us to sustain it at a lower cost, more effectively and then retire it more effectively. We work together to deliver to the war fighter the tools they need to do their mission.”

The size and importance of the mission AMCOM fulfills has served as a magnet of sorts for others over the years. It makes sense for both Army and private organizations working with aviation and missile systems to be as close as possible to where the proverbial action is. The pull has helped to ensure the prosperity of the installation as a whole. It has also laid the groundwork for Redstone’s future. Recent and upcoming Base Realignment and Closure moves will see several organizations relocating to Redstone. Those movements may affect some of the basic aspects of Arsenal life.

Regardless, AMCOM will be on the job ensuring that the Soldiers can count on aviation and missile systems for their missions and their lives. There are more than 10,000 people making sure they can.

“There are a lot of people working very hard doing some very complex things, but working as a synchronized team to ultimately deliver high readiness to the war fighter,” Newman said.

Meet the guitar man from Guntersville

Enjoys making music more than 3 decades

By JO ANITA MILEY

Army Engineering and Support Center

Jerial Henderson likes his job as a project management specialist at the Army Engineering and Support Center, but his after-hours gig gets him most excited.

The Guntersville native is wild about playing the bass guitar.

Henderson can play any type of music — gospel, contemporary Christian, jazz, country, bluegrass, blues or rock ‘n’ roll, to name a few. He can tell you almost anything you want to know about the instrument and how to get the best sound out of it. He can even distinguish whether a musician is using a four-, five- or six-string bass guitar in a song by just hearing a couple of notes.

However, what he fails to tell you is he is a musician who has played bass guitar all over the Southeast.

Henderson’s uncle introduced him to the bass guitar.

“I would go to hear my uncle play, and he’d let me try my hand playing in front of a large group,” he said. “I practiced with them for a while, and after awhile, playing became natural to me. Eventually, I started playing on my own.”

He took on other music jobs and played guitar for local bands in Guntersville and Arab for several years, and decided to take classes to learn more about music.

While he liked playing other guitars,

Henderson always returned to the bass guitar.

“I played a little bit on the regular guitar, but always felt more comfortable with the bass, especially the six-string one. I just fell in love with the thump (sound) the instrument makes when I play.”

Excited by his talent for playing, Henderson learned to read music in the seventh-grade and continued to play anywhere he could during his school years at Crossville. He played in one group for more than 17 years and played all over the Southeast until they got tired of playing together.

The military played an important role in Henderson’s music career as well. He played with different groups while serving in the Army. He played the bass guitar for the local USO. He played shows for Soldiers stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Vietnam during the mid- to late-1960s.

“I was proud to be a musician playing for the local United Service Organization. My most memorable shows were the ones in Vietnam where troop morale was at an all time low because of the war going on. We (musicians) always tried hard to lift their spirits with our music, and would often ‘spice it up’ for the Soldiers,” Henderson said. “I knew how important these shows were to the troops who were fighting the war with me. It was the music that kept us going.”

Henderson’s playing for the military wasn’t limited to the time he served as a Soldier. During his more than 28 years as a civilian at Huntsville Center, he’s had an opportunity to play for his co-workers during organizational day picnics.



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LONGTIME FRIEND— Jerial Henderson, a project management specialist at Army Engineering and Support Center, holds his six-string bass guitar. He has been playing the guitar for more than 30 years.

Warrant officer chapter gives annual scholarship

By JOHNIE KEETER

Retired chief warrant officer 4

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a local student June 11. Retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joe Shiver, chapter vice president, presented the scholarship to Katherine Richards.

Richards is the daughter of Mark and Mary Richards of Huntsville. She is a 2008 graduate of Huntsville High with an advanced diploma and gpa of 4.15. Throughout the school year, she volunteered in the Huntsville Hospital Pre-Operation Department, Humane Society Thrift Shop, was a tutor and community service coordinator for the National Honor Society at Huntsville High. She will attend Gettysburg (Pa.) College this fall, majoring in biology.

The chapter started its scholarship program in 2004 pledging to make it an annual event. The chapter uses charity and fund-raising events as an opportunity for its members to come together. The members donate their time either by volunteering for projects such as CASA (Care Assurance System for Aging and Homebound) of Madison County building wheelchair ramps, Madison County Veterans Day Parade marshals or by raising funds for the scholarship fund and other community events. Last year the

chapter donated more than 1,500 volunteer hours to various projects in the Tennessee Valley.

"We couldn't be prouder of our scholarship program," retired Chief Warrant Officer



Photo by Johnie Keeter

YOUNG SCHOLAR— Huntsville High graduate Katherine Richards receives a \$1,000 scholarship from retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joe Shiver, vice president of Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association.

4 Max Bennett, chapter president, said.

Bennett went on to explain that warrant officers' greatest strength, all knowing one another, is actually a weakness in this type of competition. "We wanted to judge the students solely on the merits of their submitted packets, not on who their dad or mom might be," he said.

Twenty-seven student submission packets were received. The student's packets were 'sanitized' by a board member, removing all references to gender, race, last names, parent's rank, etc., and the packets labeled A, B, C, etc. The packets were reviewed by the committee chairman to ensure the applicants qualified for the scholarship. The submissions were then judged by members of the selection committee and scored independently. Finally, the scores were tallied by the committee chairman and the best student submission was selected.

More information on the RSA Chapter of the USAWOA as well as the rules for next year's scholarship submissions can be found at the chapter's web site as follows: www.redstonewarrants.com.

Editor's note: Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Johnie Keeter is secretary of Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association.

Volunteer tutor sharpens young math skills

Tuesday afternoon sessions conducted at Youth Center

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Michael Petrie is used to starting at the beginning of the chapters in his fifth-grade math book.

So when tutor Ed Burchenal skipped forward to the chapter review, Michael was a little confused.

"I thought we'd go right to the chapter review," Burchenal explained to his student. "I want to get you up to speed. I want to work on geometry and things you'll see in sixth-grade math."

With that, it was on to reviewing points, lines and planes for Michael during his weekly math tutoring session.

"These look pretty hard, but it's really easy," Burchenal told Michael, pointing to the different types of lines and planes.

"That's the good thing about math. We start simple and build on it."

During their time together, Michael learned about rays – a line that starts at a point and goes in one direction – and planes – something that's flat that can go on forever in all directions – and a little about applying math to the world around him.

"The world is not just a circle or a square. It's a circle with a square on it," Burchenal told him as the two worked together to combine the geometric shapes.

Every Tuesday afternoon, even during the summer, Burchenal volunteers a few hours to tutor students in math at the Youth Center. In fact, Burchenal enjoys his summer tutoring sessions the most because they don't come with the stress of school schedules.

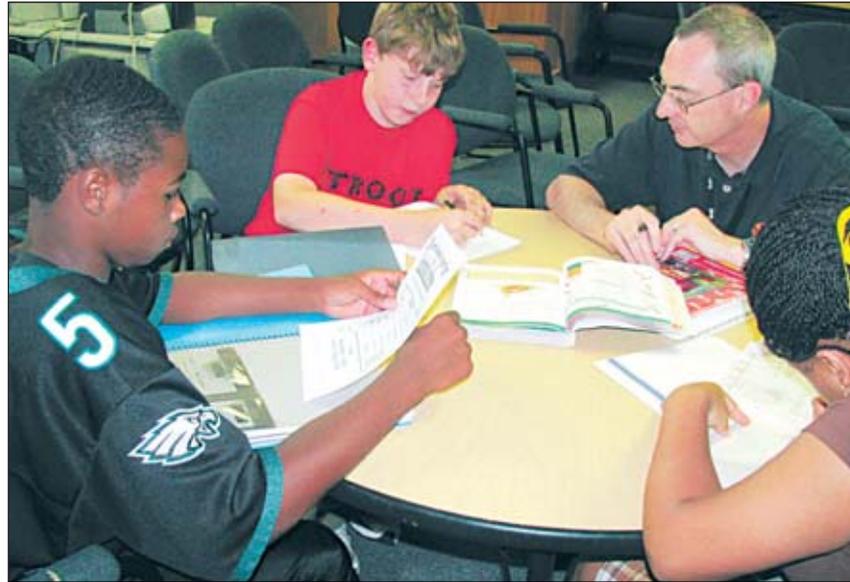


Photo by Kari Hawkins

DELVING INTO LINES AND PLANES— Volunteer math tutor Ed Burchenal helps Michael Petrie with a review of fifth-grade math in preparation for the challenges of sixth-grade math. Burchenal has tutored students in math at the Youth Center for nearly two years. Michael is the son of Staff Sgt. Robert and Pam Petrie. In foreground are Matthew Eady and Ashley Dorsett.

"In the summer, we can work more on fundamentals because we don't have to worry about a test coming up or the homework that's due tomorrow," he said. "This is a time we can devote to math to make it fun and see improvement."

Burchenal, a systems engineer for Applied Data Trends who works on aviation mission equipment for the Program Executive Office for Aviation, began volunteering as a math tutor at the Youth Center about two years ago. Some of the students he works with have problems with math while others are looking for a little help to further advance in their math skills or to prepare for a college entrance exam.

"I get students for all kinds of reasons," Burchenal said. "Home school kids like Michael aren't so constrained by the school calendar so we can work on more specialized tutoring."

"I'm also working with a rising ninth-grader who has taken the SAT (SAT Reasoning Test or formerly Scholastic Aptitude Test) once and now wants to get prepped for next year's Honors Geometry class. I've got another student whose father wants him to get more comfortable with math, particularly the math on the SAT."

Burchenal enjoys working with the students at any math level. The volunteer

Team Redstone gets Space Camp discount

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center announces special pricing for selected educational programs for Redstone Arsenal's military personnel – including active duty, retired, National Guard and Reserves – along with its civil service employees and the employees of the Arsenal's support contractors. This summer, they'll all qualify for a special \$300 discount when enrolling their children or grandchildren in Space Camp or Aviation Challenge.

"We've wanted to do something special for our friends at the Arsenal for a long time. This just seemed like the right thing to do and the right time to do it," Larry Capps, the space center's CEO, said. "Redstone workers laid the foundation for what this city would become. Making our programs more accessible and helping them expose their children to the wonders of math and science through our camp programs is simply our way of saying thank you."

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center, an agency of the state of Alabama, has been providing educational camp programs for 26 years. Its world-renowned Space Camp program uses a space-science curriculum to stress the importance of science and math. Among their many hands-on activities, trainees prepare for and carry out a simulated space shuttle mission. Aviation Challenge focuses more on the science and physics of flight with training modeled after that of a military aviator.

Camp programs are available for children age 9 through 18. This special, limited time offer for current and retired employees and the employees of their support contractors is based on availability and includes all tuition, room and board. The discount applies to the six-day Space Camp and Aviation Challenge Mach I programs for age 9-11, the six-day Space Academy or Aviation Challenge Mach II sessions for age 12-14, and the eight-day Advanced Space Academy or Aviation Challenge Mach III programs for age 15-18. Reservations must be made by July 18, and children must attend by Aug. 22. Simply use the code "CRD8" when making your child's reservation online, in person, or over the phone.

Last year, children from all 50 states and 57 foreign nations joined the half-million who have graduated with their Space Camp wings. This year, the space center salutes the men and women of Redstone Arsenal by making it easier for their children or grandchildren to earn their wings and reach for the stars.

For more information, call 1-800-63-SPACE or visit www.spacecamp.com. (U.S. Space & Rocket Center release)

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Army birthday celebrated at SMDC/ARSTRAT

Command looks back on tradition of service

By GISELLE BODIN
For the Rocket

SMDC/ARSTRAT had a message Friday for the Army: Happy 233rd birthday.

The birthday celebration kicked off at 8:30 a.m. in the courtyard behind building 5220 with opening remarks by Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

Campbell then introduced the special guest speaker for the event, Cpl. Newton Duke, a veteran of the Korean War and Purple Heart recipient. Duke survived 27 months as a prisoner of war in North Korea from 1951-53 and was wounded seven times throughout his career.

"We are honored to have Mr. Duke here to celebrate with us today ... his actions during the (Korean) war made a difference to the people of our nation," Campbell said.

Said Duke, "I would do it (volunteer for the Army) again if I had to. I love the Army and what it stands for, and I love America."



Photo by Dottie White

TIMELINE— Costumed interpreters representing 11 eras in American military history participate in Friday's Army 233rd birthday celebration at the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. The event was sponsored by the SMDC/ARSTRAT historical office.

Following Duke's remarks was the Army birthday cake-cutting ceremony.

In alignment with Army tradition, the youngest and the eldest command Soldiers typically make a ceremonial cut with an antique Army saber provided by the historical office. Campbell, as the eldest, deferred this honor to Duke. Staff Sgt. Jimmy Ayala, as the youngest command Soldier, performed the

ceremonial cut along with Duke.

The birthday celebration featured costumed interpreters representing 11 different eras in American military history. This "historical timeline" was set up in the courtyard on the north side of the building.

Living history volunteers included representatives of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Seacoast Artillery, the

Seminole War, the Civil War, Indian Wars, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

Most of these volunteers are amateur historians who take part in similar memorials and living historical events on their own time, using their own uniforms and equipment for the benefit of educating the local community. Each of them had a wealth of knowledge on the Army historical era they represented, providing short descriptions and answering questions as visitors stopped at their stations.

Three of the volunteers were SMDC/ARSTRAT employees who were outfitted with historical office uniforms — Stephen Hutson of the Technical Interoperability and Matrix Center, John Yim of the Office of New Initiatives and Innovations, and Sgt. 1st Class Erika White of the Equal Opportunity Office.

Yim represented the Vietnam War Soldier of 1975 and later. Yim said his uniform was similar to the uniform he wore when he was part of the 187th Infantry Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky., from 1993-95.

The helmet was different because it included room for "bug juice" (insect repellent) and ciga-

rettes. Vietnam Soldiers also wore jungle boots, which were better suited to their surrounding environment.

Though he is not a regular interpreter, Yim was pleased to be "drafted," as he said, by the historical office.

"It is an honor to participate in this Army birthday celebration, and I feel like this is a way I can pay tribute to all the Vietnam Soldiers who fought for our nation," Yim said.

Yim's sentiment was echoed by many others who shared their knowledge with visitors from SMDC/ARSTRAT, the Missile Defense Agency and the community. Other volunteers were from organizations such as Calhoun Community College, PEO Aviation, AMRDEC, Florence Public School, Alabama Veterans Museum, MDA, and PEO Missiles and Space.

Another interesting component of the day's events included musket and cannon firing demonstrations that were held on a rotating basis every half hour.

Mark Hubbs of the SMDC/ARSTRAT historical office explained the day's activities as a "celebration and event that could give attendees insight into the history of the Army and the history of its Soldiers."

Computer reuse program lives in new location

Excess equipment still available for schools and other agencies

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With budget constraints tightening more and more each year, local schools have made good use of the IT Reutilization and Donation Program to supply their students with computers and equipment. Rumors that the office on Redstone was closing, and the program disappearing with it, has had local educators worried.

“When we heard, it just broke our hearts,” Katherine Hardiman, a teacher at Providence School for kindergarten through eighth-grade, said.

But the program will continue after all. It just won’t be managed locally. Rather it is being centralized at Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service in Warner Robins, Ga.

There is a continuing need because many local schools do not have the funding to purchase all of the computers they require. Instead, students share computer labs. Every teacher is allotted a small block of time per week. For teachers with classes that don’t follow the normal format, like Hardiman’s, there was no way to carve that block so that all her kids got computer time.

“I teach the SPACE Program for gifted students. I have different kids at different grade levels on different days of the week,” Hardiman said. “Teachers get an hour a week in the lab.”

Because of the donation program, Hardiman’s students were able to make use of a portable computer lab of networked laptops. The additional computer time they have gained made more complex technology projects a possibility. They have been able to compete in the Alabama Council for Technology in Education Regional Fair. This year, Hardiman’s students took home the second, third and 11th place honors in web page design.

The IT Reutilization and Donation Program was a dream come true for local schools. For more than 10 years, it turned Redstone’s excess equipment into treasures. When organizations and offices no longer needed computer equipment for whatever reason, they would hand it over to the program. After the necessary assessments and cleaning of the machines’ memories, it was then donated to schools, law enforcement agencies and military units who had completed the application process. From October 2007 until May of this year alone, Earl Williams, IT Reutilization and Donation Programs, said 1,386 items had been donated to schools. The value of those items is estimated at \$1,653,877.



Courtesy photo

WELCOME TO AUTOMATION— Fourth-graders from Kathy Collins’ class at Providence School make good use of computers received from the IT Reutilization and Donation Program at Redstone Arsenal.

As of June 1, however, the Redstone office is officially closed. They will complete the donations that were already in process, but no more will be started. The news has spread like wildfire among local educators. Like any rumor, the news became bigger and more disheartening along the way.

“I have recently heard that the mission is being transferred to DRMO where they won’t go through the equipment any more,” Jim Collins, a logistics management specialist whose wife teaches fourth-grade at Providence, said. “(They will) just ship it to Georgia where it will simply be disposed as scrap.”

Fortunately, the rumors aren’t entirely true. The program isn’t disappearing. Instead, it is being centralized at Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service in Warner Robins. Williams said that in all actuality, it was their mission to begin with.

“It isn’t part of our common levels of support,” Williams said. “It was always their mission, the Garrison just supported it.”

The Garrison had kept the Redstone program afloat by assigning people from related offices to staff it. Now that the mission has returned to DRMS, they will return to their respective positions.

The organizations on post will still be able to turn in their used equipment to the Installation Supply Activity. Other organizations will still be able to request equipment. A link — <https://garrison.redstone.army.mil/itreutilization/default.aspx> — on the Garrison web site has already been established for such requests. Another will follow on AMCOM’s web page, Williams said.

“It should be on there soon,” he said.



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Computers for schools

The Logistics Support Activity recently turned in excess computers to the Garrison Directorate of Logistics. The Guntersville City School Board applied to the Department of Defense Computers For Learning Program and was the recipient of 18 computers turned in by LOGSA. The Guntersville City School Board plans to use the computers in its computer laboratory and classrooms. From left are Kathy Reaves, director of federal program for Guntersville City Schools; Sherry Manley, director of community education for Guntersville City Schools; Col. James Rentz, LOGSA commander; and Edward Jimenez, chief of information technology division, LOGSA.

Federal, state and local agencies, like schools, will be able to request items through DRMS’ web page, <https://wex.drms.dla.mil>. There they can get the required forms. DRMS recognizes those who have already been approved through the previous process. There are a few differences in how it works from there.

“They will have to select equipment themselves. The class of material they are used to getting from us is ‘B.’ They need to make sure they look at that,” Williams said. “We used to choose equipment for them here.”

Once their donation request has been approved, the school or agency will be responsible for taking control of the items. They will have to make the arrangements to get the equipment to their location themselves.

“They’ll have to go pick it up,” Williams said. “I don’t know if they’ll ship it. I think they’ve had problems with that before.”

While teachers and students are sad to see the local office closed, their grief is mitigated by the fact that the program isn’t gone — just moved. It may not be as convenient, but the extra effort will pay off.

“The hands-on projects really get the kids excited about technology,” Hardiman said.

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work goes beyond math as Burchenal also enjoys being a role model for his students.

“The main reason I do this is because it makes a big difference for the student and for their parents,” he said.

“I have volunteered as a tutor in the past in an Orlando (Fla.) center for at-risk students. It’s very satisfying because you can see you are making a difference in their lives. I can help students who just need help with their homework, students who are working on advanced and honors assignments or students who need help so they can get a high score on their SAT or pass their high school graduation tests.”

Burchenal knows there are some students who just don’t like math. But he’s found that such a dislike often stems from a lack of confidence and math skills.

“I find a lot of times, they’ve missed some fundamentals. Math is a subject where if you miss the fundamentals you have a hard time,” he said. “And if a student struggles with math and gets behind in school, their motivation goes down and it becomes a self-fulfilling cycle.”

Burchenal breaks that cycle by growing a student’s confidence in math.

“If they can get the fundamentals, they can get any math,” he said. “So, I like to work on the fundamentals to fill any gaps they’ve had in learning math. Once they see their improvement, they become motivated to do better in math.”

Math is serious business, Burchenal said, because it can make a difference when it comes to getting accepted into a good college and obtaining college scholarship money.

“This can be huge for the students and it can be huge for the parents,” he said. “Good math scores on the SAT help students get into the college they want.”

It can also make a difference in the type of career a student pursues.

“Math is a fundamental subject for many disciplines they’ll go into in college or work,” Burchenal said. “Scientists and engineers use math. But because of technology we’re seeing math used increasingly in other areas, too. Math is fundamental in many work disciplines.”

Even for students who don’t want to pursue a career that involves math skills, mastering math in middle and high school is important for their overall sense of accomplishment.

“It’s part of their education,” Burchenal said. “Even if they aren’t interested in math, they can learn it and complete a task. It lets them know that they can take on a task and succeed even if they don’t enjoy it. If they can conquer

math, they know they can conquer other things in life that they might not enjoy.”

While many students may not see how math can affect their futures, they do know what math success can mean in the classroom.

“He (Mr. Burchenal) got me ahead of my teacher in ninth-grade Algebra,” said 14-year-old Ashley Dorsett, who is taking some tutoring classes this summer.

“I went into the ninth-grade knowing the basics. I had a better jump off point than the other students in my class.”

Dorsett wants Burchenal to help her prepare for the challenges of taking two math classes – Geometry and Algebra II/Trigonometry – in 10th grade at Bob Jones High. Burchenal is also working this summer with Matthew Eady, 13, on Algebra I and SAT math.

“Not only will the tutoring this summer help me be confident, but it will help me know and understand a lot of the math all the way to the 12th chapter,” Dorsett said. “The key to math is not just doing it, but understanding what you are doing and applying it.”

Editor’s note: Tutoring and homework assistance services are offered through Child and Youth Services to children of military, and DoD retirees, civilians and contractors with access to Redstone Arsenal. Children who want to participate in the program must be registered with Child and Youth Services, 876-3704. Children requesting tutoring assistance should call Janice Brazile at 876-5437.

Win
or lose

National Guard repeats as softball champion

Guardsmen beat Bravo in postseason final

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The top two seeds in the postseason softball tournament were planted as expected – in the championship final.

In one dugout June 11, you had the defending champion National Guard which entered the night at 2-0 in the tournament and 13-1 for the year.

In the other dugout awaited top-seeded Bravo Company. The Guard had knocked the

Bulldogs into the losers bracket two nights earlier, but Bravo survived by beating the Marines. The Bulldogs, 2-1 in the tournament and 13-2 overall, needed two wins against the Guard to claim the title.

But the National Guard prevailed at Linton Field for its second straight title. After dropping the first game 7-6, the Guard beat Bravo 10-8 in the nightcap.

“It was defense because we definitely did not hit,” said National Guard coach Rodney Henshaw, who played shortstop the first game and pitched the second.

In the bottom of the seventh inning of game one, the National Guard scored two runs but stranded two base runners. In the second game, the Guard trailed 6-0 after two innings but outscored Bravo 10-2 the final five.

Henshaw doubled, tripled, singled and scored two runs in the first game. Jeremy Hamilton had three hits with a double and scored twice. Roger Clemons took the loss on the mound.

Bravo in the first game was led by



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DEUCES WILD— Bravo second baseman Terry Spangler doubles in the second inning against the Marines but he gets stranded at second base during the night’s second game June 10.

catcher Mathew Bender, who went 2-for-3 and scored twice.

“We didn’t hit the ball the second game,” Bulldogs shortstop/cleanup hitter Jay Gavigan said. “And we made a couple of errors there. We had them 6-0 in the second game. We proved to them that we can beat them. We just didn’t pull that second game out.”

The National Guard’s David Ali and Doy Taylor each went 2-for-3 and scored twice in the clincher. Ali tripled and Taylor doubled.

“The second game we knew where their players were hitting,” National Guard left fielder Jeremy Thompson said. “Our infield really tightened up in the second game.”

This was a comeback season for Thompson. He missed most of last year after separating his left shoulder and breaking his collarbone while making a running catch and rolling over in left field.

“I was glad to be able to contribute to



Courtesy photo

STILL THE ONE— Members of the National Guard softball team celebrate their second consecutive post championship.

winning the trophy (this year),” Thompson said. “Last year I was out with an injury. This year I was able to come back and make a contribution for the trophy.”

In the first game, Thompson went 2-for-4 with a double and scored a run. He went 1-for-2 and scored in the nightcap.

“We were glad to win back-to-back titles,” Henshaw said. “(This) was a great championship game because it was a great, hard-fought game, back and forth for the title.”

The National Guard (14-2) advanced to the final by beating Bravo 23-14 on June 9. In elimination games later that night, Headquarters & Alpha beat the NCO Academy 18-3 and the Marines stopped Charlie 16-5.

On June 10, the Marines blanked

Headquarters & Alpha 15-0 before falling to Bravo 13-2.

“Today we played with a lot more confidence, aggressive defense, smart baserunning and base hits,” Bravo coach/pitcher Chris Mazur said after the win against the Marines.

Gavigan scored three runs for the Bulldogs (14-3). Chris Cole took the loss for the Marines (9-7).

“We lost to the better team,” Marines coach/left fielder Sean Newsom said. “They outthit us. You can’t win with two runs.”

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).

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Sports & Recreation

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.

Tennis association

Huntsville Women's Tennis Association has the following weekly events this summer: men's round robin Monday at 8:30 a.m.; women's round robin Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.; and mixed round robin Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Tennis Center, John Hunt Park, 2305 Airport Road. Cost is \$5 for non-members. For information call 883-3986. A summer social is this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. To sign up for the social, call Kathy French 721-1100 or Pam Vickory 971-1772.

Golf tournament

Bill Heard Best Ball Golf Tournament is

Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. The cost is \$35 per person and does not include greens fees. The price does include golf car, prizes and refreshments. For more information, call 883-7977.

Stars baseball

The Huntsville Stars will play the West Tenn Diamond Jaxx at the kickoff event for Armed Forces Celebration Week during Military Appreciation Night on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Joe Davis Stadium. The Association of the United States Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will host the event and encourages all military active duty, Reserve, National Guard, Army civilians, veterans, retirees and family members to attend. Tickets are available at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center and at the stadium. For more information, call Bob Whiteford 721-1111.



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 Olsheski 489-0404 or Erica Hobbs 325-3152.

Sergeants major

The Sergeant's Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Members are offered breakfast for \$6 plus tip. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are

open to all E-9 ranks, from all services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Membership into the association is a one-time lifetime fee of \$30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-6778.

Veterans group

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

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.

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. Thursday at the Corps of Engineers building, 4820 University Square. Cost of the meal is \$10. For reservations call Amber Martin 895-1834.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will have a financial planning program for its monthly meeting Thursday at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and

Civilians Club. Guest speaker Deborah Severn of Ameriprise Financial will address the special interests of women in planning or preparing for retirement. The meeting is free and open to everyone. You may bring a lunch or the buffet line is available for those wishing to purchase lunch. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold "A Mexican Fiesta" on June 28 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Reservations are required by this Friday. The chapter's informal monthly breakfast is also June 28 at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call Carrie Hightower 882-3992.

Small business conference

The Missile Defense Agency Office of Small Business Programs will hold its ninth annual small business conference July 21-22 at the Von Braun Center North Hall. The theme for this year's conference is "MDA: Teaming for Global Missile Defense." Cost for the conference is \$75 if registration is received before June 21, and \$100 thereafter. To register and for more information, visit <http://www.mdasmallbusiness.com/conference/>. On-site registration will also be offered on a space-available basis. Participation will be limited to the first 500 registrants. For questions not answered by the web site, call Robert Sever 955-4409 or Lorena Henderson 955-2885.

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

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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.divorceroundtable.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. 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.



Courtesy photo

Jerusalem in miniature

Petty officer Loannis Sarantis from Greece visits the Ave Maria Grotto in Cullman with the International Military Student Office on June 8. The IMSO also took the students to visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. The students were from Korea, Bosnia, Greece and Taiwan.

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.

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi

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

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honored at this event. To RSVP your seat, call Hyun's Korean Garden Restaurant 489-8888.

Arts stroll

Visit downtown's courthouse square Thursday night from 4:30-8:30 for the return of the Sidewalk Arts Stroll. Artists from across the state will be around the square selling original artwork. Entertaining the crowds will be a Uilleann piper performing traditional music, an acoustic guitarist, several singer/songwriters, and the North Alabama Flute Choir. Meet featured artist Yuri Ozaki, a Japanese native who specializes in oil paintings and watercolors of downtown Huntsville. Stop by 301 Franklin St. for a chance to own Ozaki's featured artwork, "Respite at the Arts Stroll," which will be raffled off with all proceeds donated to The Dog Spot, downtown Huntsville's dog park. For more information, call 534-8376 or 776-2864 or visit www.sidewalkartsstroll.com.

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.

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Picture by Patrick Sheahan

Support for students

Janice Sanders accepts a donation on behalf of the Tennessee Valley AAAA chapter from Keith Roberson, Utility Helicopters deputy project manager. The project office's recent charity golf scramble raised more than \$1,350 for the Army Aviation Association of America scholarship program. AAAA will use this donation to support Tennessee Valley students.

Veterinary clinic

Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Services will have walk-in evening clinics Thursday 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.

Cancer walk

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

Butler High reunion

The Butler High School Class of 1973 is having a reunion, with a special invitation to the classes of 1972 and 1974, on Sept. 13 at the Beville Conference Center and Hotel on the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. The cost is \$35 per person. Checks should be made out to "BHS 1973 Class Reunion" and mailed to Paula Neely Yerby, 2888 Bob Wade Lane, Huntsville, AL 35749-9160, or Margie Keever Jefferson, 25904 Jay Bee Way, Elkmont, AL 35620. For more information, call 852-4662. The web site is as follows: <http://www.srbutlerhighreunions.com/>.

Warrant officers

Warrant officer recruiting briefings are scheduled June 23-24 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Education Center, building 3222, room 10.

Education fund

An educational savings account has been established for the two children of Darren Spurlock, a Marshall Space Flight Center engineer who was killed May 30 in an automobile accident on Redstone Arsenal. Checks payable to College America may be sent to First Financial Group, 400 Meridian St., Suite 100, Huntsville, AL 35801, with a note designating the contribution for the Spurlock Education Fund.

Dog park benefit

Huntsville/Madison County Leadership's Connect Class Seven presents "Barking 4 Bucks," a fund-raising event for the city's Dog Spot, on June 29 from 2-5 p.m. at the Downtown Dog Park. From Meridian Street go under the freeway, and turn right on Cleveland. For more information, call Kerri Wellendorf 533-2507, ext. 226.

Pet wellness

What kind of dog can you afford to own? Do you have concerns about heat stress on your pet during the summer? Do you know the best pet for your lifestyle, the health benefits they provide, and how heat can affect your pet? You are invited to learn the latest information provided by the animal professionals from Therapy Partners Inc. of

Huntsville on Thursday from noon-1 p.m. in the Wellness Center Classroom, first floor, Fox Army Health Center. "Please, no food at this class as there will be animals present and the instructors do not want them to be distracted," a prepared release said. "Class size is limited to 24 people." To sign up, call 955-8888, ext. 1026.

Senior health screenings

CASA of Madison County invites seniors to participate in a free health fair July 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the District 3 County Shed, 4273 Highway 72 East in Brownsboro. The screenings will include blood sugar, bone density, blood pressure, vision and hearing. Lunch will be provided by county commissioner Jerry Craig. Free smoke detectors and fire extinguishers will be available to qualifying county residents age 55 and over. Applications will be taken for NOAA weather radios to be distributed by the Madison County Severe Weather Early Warning Project. To qualify you must be low-income seniors 60 and older or low-income homebound (wheelchair or bed-bound). For more information, call Craig's office 776-2475 or CASA of Madison County 533-7775.

Soldier Show

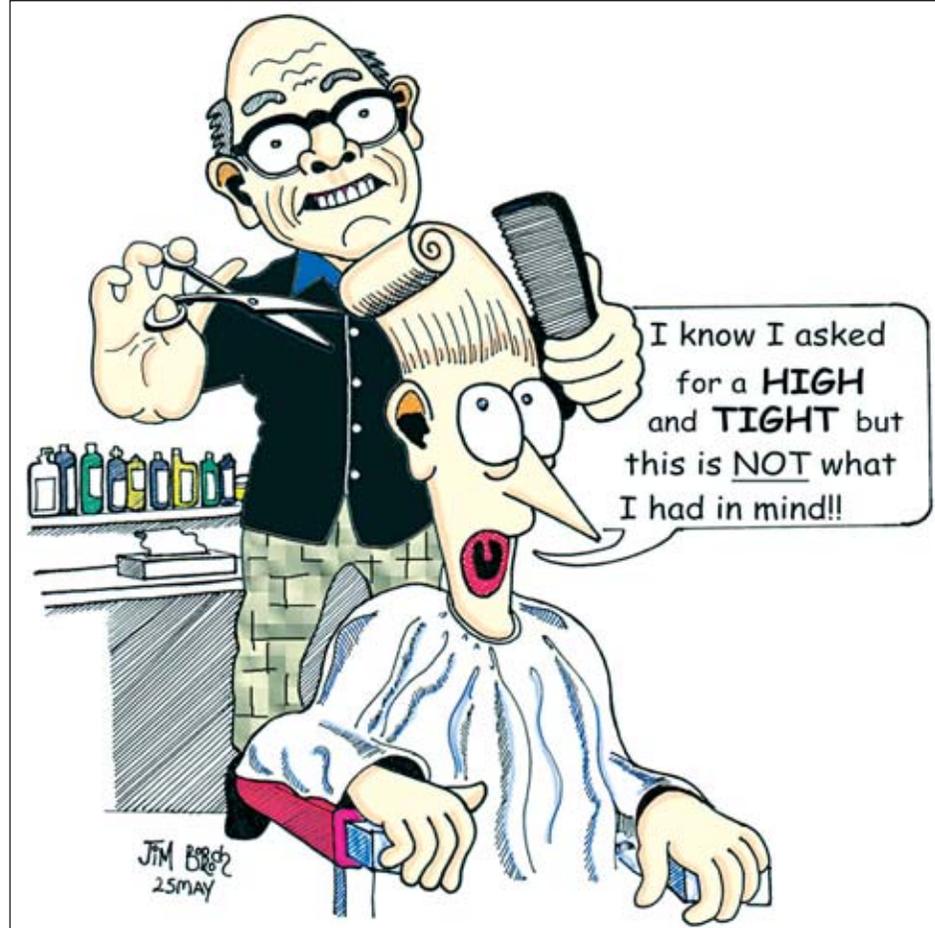
Redstone Arsenal MWR and the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce present the 2008 Soldier Show on June 24 at 7 p.m. and June 25 at 3 and 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Concert Hall. Tickets are free and are first come, first serve. Tickets are available to the Redstone community at the MWR Ticket Office, phone 876-4531. The public can get tickets from the Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St., which can be reached at 535-2000. There is a limit of four tickets per person. For more information, call 876-4531. The Soldier Show is sponsored by the Army National Guard, AT&T, Freedom Team Salute, Bill Heard Chevrolet, Regions Bank, Knology, WZYP, Networx and Avion.

Library books

The MWR Post Library is always happy to receive donations of books – both hardcover and paperback. Currently the library is especially interested in receiving any children's books for ages infant through teen. Books are added to the collection as needed with all the rest to be used as door prizes. Most mass market adult paperbacks go into the library's "Read & Return" selection. During the summer, the children's books are given as rewards to the CYS Summer Camp children visiting the library weekly. For more information call the library, building 3323 on Redeye Road, at 876-4741.

School bus signup

Redstone Arsenal bus registration is July 21-25 for school year 2008-09. Registration will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Additionally, students may be registered on Parent/Principal Night, July 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Diane Campbell



Recreation Center, building 3711. Sponsors must show military ID. Bus transportation will be provided to Williams Elementary School (grades K-5), Williams Middle School (grades 6-8), New Century Technology and Columbia High School (grades 9-12). For more information call Carl Pack, supervisor of bus operations, Northrop Grumman, at 876-3938, or call Ray Boles or James Taylor, Transportation Division, Garrison Directorate of Logistics, at 876-3119.

EarlyWorks museum

Anyone showing military I.D. on June 28 can visit all three sites of the EarlyWorks Museum Complex for only \$6. The Historic Huntsville Depot will have Civil War guided tours, K-9 presentations, Rescue Dogs, Wild Animal Rescue, and Huntsville Animal Services. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 320 Church St. For information call 535-6525.

Women veterans

The United Female Veterans of America Inc is looking for members in Madison County. Membership in UFVA is comprised of women who have served or are serving in the United States armed forces. This includes the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard (active duty, Reserve and National Guard). For more information, call Kristi Newton 705-1357 or visit <http://www.ufva.us/>.

Innovation exchange

The MITRE Corporation will hold an Innovation Exchange on June 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club for all government workers and their supporting contractors. "This

exchange provides a unique opportunity for the Huntsville research, development and acquisition community to meet with MITRE staff to discuss the research taking place in the MITRE Innovation Program," a prepared release said. For more information, call MITRE 890-3310.

Health education

Celiac disease is a digestive disease that damages the small intestine and interferes with absorption of nutrients from food. People who have celiac disease cannot tolerate a protein called gluten found in wheat, rye and barley. Gluten is found mainly in foods but may also be found in products we use every day such as stamp and envelope adhesive, medicines and vitamins. You are invited to learn the latest on this disease in a class, provided by a Fox Army Health Center pharmacist, July 10 from noon-1 p.m. in the Wellness Center, first floor at Fox. The class is open to all active duty military and their family members, retired military and their family members and DoD civilians. Class size is limited to 24. Call 955-8888, ext. 1026 to sign up.

Chapel reopens

Chapel programs will be resuming at the Bicentennial Chapel, located on Goss Road. There will be no weekly Catholic Mass during the weeks of June 23-27 and July 1-4 as the chapel and staff transition back in. Religious services will resume Saturday, June 28 with Saturday Evening Mass at 5 p.m. On June 29, Sunday Schools will resume at the Bicentennial Chapel as well as Catholic Mass at 9:15 a.m. and Protestant Service at 11. Child care will remain at the CCD next door to the chapel on Goss Road. For more information, call 842-2964.

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SCBK08654438	Civil Engr;Mech Engr;Electrical Engr;Physical Scientist;Geophysicist	18-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810,0830, 0850,1301, 1313	3	3	87,977 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08654438D	Civil Engr;Mech Engr;Electrical Engr;Physical Scientist;Geophysicist	18-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810,0830, 0850,1301, 1313	3	3	87,977 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08701798	IT Spec (PlayPin/CustSpt)	18-Jun-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	11	12	54,999 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08701764	Intelligence Spec (I&TS)	18-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	GS-0132	12	12	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08805544	Budget Technician	18-Jun-08	MEDDAC	GS-0561	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08805765	Admin Supp Asst (OA)	18-Jun-08	SMDC	GS-0303	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08805874	Budget Analyst	18-Jun-08	SMDC	GS-0560	11	12	54,999 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08779245	Supp Transition Serv Spec	18-Jun-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YC-0301	1	1	32,217 - 62,593	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08767666	Logistics Mgmt Spec	18-Jun-08	AMCOM, Sec Asst Mgt Dir	GS-0346	11	12	54,999 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08786185	Electronics Engr	18-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08711140R	Electronics Engr	18-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08704342	Family Readiness Supp Asst (OA)	18-Jun-08	USAOEMMS	GS-0303	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08783519	Legal Asst (OA)	18-Jun-08	USAAC	YB-0986	2	2	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08730633D	Computer Engr	19-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YD-0854	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08802128	Logistics Mgmt Spec	19-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08802150	Equip Spec (General)	19-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-1670	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08778172	Mgmt Asst (OA)	19-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08778770D	Mgmt Asst (OA)	19-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DK-0344	3	3	37,164 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08764939DR	Computer Scientist	19-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-1550	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08764939R	Computer Scientist	19-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-1550	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08730607D	Contract Spec	19-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YA-1102	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08705410D	Historian	19-Jun-08	USAOEMMS	GS-0170	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08619482D	Mech Engr	19-Jun-08	USADTC	GS-0830	12	12	59,663 - 76,949	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCNAFBK0851	Laborer (Bowling Facility Maintenance)	19-Jun-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	8,31 - 8,31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08741020	Prgm Supp Asst	20-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DK-0303	3	3	37,164 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08810546	Supp Sys Analyst	20-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-2003	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08693962	Prgm Analyst	20-Jun-08	AMCOM, G8 (Res Mgmt)	GS-0343	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08797162	Safety Engr	20-Jun-08	AMCOM, Safety Ofc	GS-0903	11	11	64,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08805822	Procurement Analyst	20-Jun-08	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08745013	Supv Nurse (Clinical/Ambulatory)	20-Jun-08	MEDDAC	YH-1002	2	2	57,146 - 105,420	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08782651	Civilian Pay Tech	22-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YB-0544	2	2	32,217 - 56,973	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08641474D	Computer Scientist	23-Jun-08	USADTC	GS-1550	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	23-Jun-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SSCBK08783512	Data Spec	23-Jun-08	LOGSA	GS-0301	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	23-Jun-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08575221D	Civil Engr;Environmental Engr;Mech Engr;Electrical Engr;Chem Engr;Architect;Landscape Architect	23-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810,0819, 0830, 0850,0893, 0808,0807	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08787380	Computer Engr	24-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08787380D	Computer Engr	24-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08787380S	General Engr	24-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08763935D	General Engr	24-Jun-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08773813	Criminal Investigator	24-Jun-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-1811	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08802142	Logistics Mgmt Spec	24-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08730629D	Computer Scientist	25-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YD-1550	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08730629D	Computer Scientist	25-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YD-1550	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08701823	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	AM-0346	4	4	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08781836	Supv Fire Protection Inspector	25-Jun-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0301	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08797162D	Safety Engr	25-Jun-08	AMCOM, Safety Ofc	YS-0803	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08505064R	Architect	25-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0808	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08505064DR	Architect	25-Jun-08	Corps of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0808	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08712926	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08787756OC	Electrical Engr	25-Jun-08	GARRISON	GS-0850	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08789108	Executive Asst	26-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	GS-0301	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08787828	Prgm Analyst	26-Jun-08	MEDDAC	GS-0343	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08770147	Budget Analyst	26-Jun-08	IMMC	GS-0560	9	11	45,458 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08730619D	Opers Research Analyst	28-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YD-1515	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08730619D	Opers Research Analyst	28-Jun-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YD-1515	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08712926	IT Spec (PlayPin)	30-Jun-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0132	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08786593	Lead Materials Engr	1-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08730611D	Opers Research Analyst	2-Jul-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YD-1515	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08730611D	Opers Research Analyst	2-Jul-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YD-1515	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08767641	General Engr	7-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08741016	General Engr	10-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK0876347	Lead General Engr	10-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08786984	Computer Engr	10-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08763939	General Engr	10-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08740475	Electronics Engr	14-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08692083OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofc	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X														