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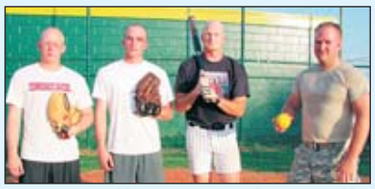

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Community stands up with Army

Covenant signing represents long tradition of support

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On the day local community leaders joined with Redstone Arsenal officials to sign a community covenant, Nansi Clark said goodbye to her son as he left home to become a freshman – better known as a plebe — at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

And with that farewell, she joined the ranks of families making sacrifices so that the country's Army remains strong, steadfast and ready to stand up for freedom anywhere in the world.

"I am so proud. But at the same time it is so hard," she said of her son Zach's departure.

Clark was also preparing to say goodbye to her daughter, Shige, who would leave later in the week to join her older brother at West Point.

"They both wanted to serve their country," she said. "My daughter has wanted to since she was very young. My son has felt that same want during the last couple of years. They both want to serve their country and get an education, and they knew they could get the best education at West Point. They've always looked up to military officers."

Clark – sometimes teary eyed and other times smiling – made it a point to attend the Community Covenant Signing Ceremony at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's Davidson Center for Space Exploration on June 25. She knows little about the support the Army provides its families. Although both her children participated in the JROTC program at Bob Jones High, theirs is not a military family.

"We had to go through the entire process, including the congressional recommendation, so they could go to West Point," Clark said.

While at the ceremony, Clark met representatives of Army Community Service, which works to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their families as well as DoD civilians. She also shook hands with many of the community leaders who participated in the covenant signing.

"This was a great ceremony. It's nice to see military families get so much support from the community," Clark said.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT— Garrison commander Col. John Olsheski, third from right, signs the Army Community Covenant while other signees wait their turn to make official the community's support of the Army during a covenant signing ceremony at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center on June 25, which was part of Armed Forces Celebration Week. At the signing table with Olshefski are, from far left, Irma Tuder of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Army vice chief of staff Gen. Richard Cody, waiting spouse and Missile Defense Agency employee Gabriel Wiley, Redstone Arsenal and AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Madison County Commission Chairman Mike Gillespie, Madison Mayor Sandy Kirkindall, State of Alabama representative Bruce Anderson, community leader Joe Ritch, AMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Cooper. Standing behind them are Redstone Arsenal Soldiers, waiting spouses and, at the podium, retired Brig. Gen. Larry Capps.

Army Community Covenant text

Together, we are committed to building strong communities.

We, the Community, recognize …

… The commitment Soldiers and their families are making every day.
… The strength of Soldiers comes from the strength of their families.
… The strength of families is supported by the strength of the community.
… The strength of the community comes from the support of employers, educators, civic and business leaders and its citizens.

We, the Community, are committed to …

… Building partnerships that support the strength, resilience and readiness of Soldiers and their families.
… Assisting in the implementation of the Army Family Covenant.

An open lane random survey

How are you coping with the rising gasoline prices?

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Rodney Polk
Retired first sergeant, Huntsville
"We've made some changes. My family and I have made some changes in the way we commute back and forth to work and throughout the city. We own three vehicles but in order to save gasoline we've begun to carpool. We carpool and we really shop around for the best price."

Pvt. Cord Roberts
Bravo Company
"I'm just paying for it. We drive less and don't stop at just any gas station."

Dani Freeman
Shoppette cashier
"It's ridiculous – the gas prices. But I don't go anywhere. I live about a mile and a half off post. And I go to work and I go to school and go home."

Carl Pack
Garrison Motor Pool supervisor
"What we're doing is we're not letting vehicles sit and idle. We try to combine our runs – instead of making one trip with one person, we'll try to get several people going in that area. That's about it. There's not a whole lot you can do in this type of operation. When it's time to go, you go."

Quote of the week

'Oil prices have fallen lately. We include this news for the benefit of gas stations, which otherwise wouldn't learn of it for six months.'

— Bill Tammeus, in Toronto's National Newspaper, 1991

Letters to the Editor

Saluting veterans on Fourth of July

It's that time of year again, when Americans from coast-to-coast celebrate the founding of our country. There are barbecues, fireworks and parades almost everywhere as people take one day out of the year to remember the high cost of freedom and the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have served and continue to fight to preserve our freedoms since 1775. But is one day a year enough to demonstrate our appreciation for having the privilege to live in such a great country? Personally, I don't think so and decided to do something about it.

Five years ago I started creating patriotic events for our troops. About two years ago, I learned about the U. S. Army Freedom Team Salute program. The U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute program allows anyone to thank discharged Army veterans for their selfless service to our nation. Additionally, the program provides Soldiers — active duty, National Guard and Reservists — the opportunity to recognize their supporters with a Freedom Team Salute Commendation.

As a citizen of this great country, I have made it my duty to thank Army veterans who have sacrificed so much, so that I can celebrate our nation's freedom on the 4th of each July, as well as every day in between. If you would like to thank an Army veteran, visit www.freedomteamsalute.com. Army veterans will receive an official U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute Commendation Package, which includes a certificate of appreciation and a personalized letter signed by the secretary and chief of staff of the Army, a customized U.S. Army lapel pin, and U.S. Army decals.

So this Independence Day, celebrate our freedom as a nation and remember the brave men and women that have made it possible. If you want more information on the U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute program, visit www.freedomteamsalute.com or call me directly at 829-0324 or e-mail david.r.carney@us.army.mil.

David Carney
volunteer ambassador,
U. S. Army Freedom Team Salute program

Good Samaritan appreciated

I would like to thank the person that expressed concern for my physical condition on Tuesday, June 17, at the site of a traffic incident on Redstone Arsenal at the intersection of Redstone Road and East Line (E Line) Road. I would like to meet this person and offer my personal thanks. Please contact 313-8972.

Name withheld by request

Housing residents urged to be heard

Survey seeks your opinion

There's good news for Redstone housing residents. You still have time to respond to an Army survey because the deadline was extended to July 15.

You should have already received the "Official Army Resident Survey." This survey is intended to capture your most valued opinions concerning the quality of life in your respective housing areas.

Officials are asking you to identify any areas of concern that you may have. Now is the time to let them know how they are best serving you, their customer, their main focus. What can they do to change things for the better?

Please take the time to fill out your survey. The answers are confidential, and the postage is free. The survey results will help benefit all on-post family housing residents.

If you have questions, please call the point of contact on your survey letter. *(Garrison release)*

Getting to know you

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Name: Cindy Davis

Job: Hairstylist (with 30 years experience), Redstone Beauty Salon, PX mall

Where do you call home?
Huntsville

What do you like about your job?
Working with the public. I've got a God-given talent for producing unique hairstyles.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Spend a lot of time at the pool and Guntersville Lake.

What are your goals?
To build a successful clientele. Continue to grow spiritually.

What's your favorite type of music?
I like all types, but if I have to pick one I guess I'll go with classic rock.

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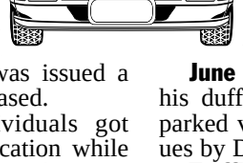
Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents:

June 20: Two individuals, while at the Bowling Center, got into a verbal altercation which became physical resulting in an assault. Minor injuries were reported which required no medical attention. The subject was issued a violation notice and released.



June 21: Two individuals got involved in verbal altercation while at the Horse Stables resulting in threats being made. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

June 23: Huntsville Police requested assistance in serving a warrant on an Arsenal worker. The worker was located and detained by Redstone Police and later released to Huntsville Police.

June 23: An individual reported that someone damaged her private vehicle while the vehicle was parked and unattended at her workplace. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

June 23: A Soldier reported that his duffle bag was stolen from his parked vehicle. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

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

Violation notices issued: 24 speeding, 6 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 simple assault.

Child killed at air show

Huntsville's Airshow 2008 turned to tragedy Sunday when a sudden gust of strong wind uprooted several massive tents, killing a 5-year-old Athens boy and injuring 12 others.

A sudden microburst of wind in a thunderstorm hit Huntsville International Airport about 2 p.m. Along with the tents, a giant air-conditioning unit also blew over, killing the boy while other falling debris injured the others.

Madison County coroner Bobby Berryhill identified the child as Aaron Miller of Athens. *(From published reports)*

First woman nominated for fourth star

Dunwoody is choice to command AMC

WASHINGTON – President George W. Bush has nominated the new deputy commanding general of Army Materiel Command for the rank of four-star general and the top slot at AMC.

If her nomination is confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, who became AMC's 43rd DCG on June 17, will become the first woman in U.S. military history to gain a fourth star.

"Lt. Gen. Dunwoody's leadership, character and career have best prepared her to lead the Army Materiel Command," said Secretary of the Army Pete Geren. "She will bring 33 years of experience to over 56 thousand Soldiers, DA civilians, and their families in 40 states and 50 countries as she serves as the next commanding general of Army Materiel Command."

"This is an important day for the Dunwoody family, the military and the nation," added Gen. George W. Casey, chief of staff of the Army. "Lt. Gen. Dunwoody's nomination not only underscores her significant contributions and success throughout 33 years of service, but also shows the level of possible opportunity in our Army's diverse, quality all-volunteer force. Our nation will continue to benefit from Lt. Gen. Dunwoody's leadership as the Army continues to build strength from our diversity." *(Army News Service)*

Photo by Melissa Bohan

WELCOME CEREMONY— Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, AMC's new deputy commanding general, and her husband, Craig Brotchie, greet Lane Collie, principal deputy of AMC's G-3/5, at Dunwoody's welcome ceremony June 17 at AMC headquarters. Dunwoody is the Army Materiel Command's 43rd DCG and the first woman to hold the position.

Fatigued driving comparable to drunk driving, experts say

By LORI YERDON
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FORT RUCKER – Driving while fatigued may be just as dangerous as driving intoxicated, researchers believe, prompting Army and nationwide awareness on the perils of fatigued driving.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, many Americans are too tired to drive. In a recent NSF poll, 36 percent of participants admitted to nodding off or falling asleep while driving. Fatigued drivers endanger not only themselves but everyone on the road.

"Although there is no quick roadside test that determines fatigue levels, research shows that 24 hours without sleep is comparable to a BAC (blood alcohol content) of .10 which is legally intoxicated in all of the United States and most of Europe," said Dr. Patricia LeDuc, Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center Human Factors Task Force director.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates there are 100,000 sleep-related crashes in the United States every year, with 1,550 fatalities and 71,000 injuries.

During fiscal 2007, the Army experienced 11 Class A fatigue-related accidents. Three have occurred to date in fiscal 2008 and Army safety officials remain committed to reducing the number of fatigue-related accidents through engaged leadership, awareness and Army initiatives.

Redstone drinking water meets standards

The Garrison Environmental Management Division has completed and published the Installation's 2008 Drinking Water Quality Report and announces that the drinking water on Redstone Arsenal continues to meet or exceed all federal and state requirements.

The annual water quality report is provided to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water right-to-know initiative which is known as the Consumer Confidence Report rule. Under this rule, all community water supply systems are required to prepare and distribute drinking water quality reports to their consumers annually. This report provides water quality testing data for monitoring conducted during 2007, or the most recent monitoring year.

EMD has made the report available to Redstone's housing residents by direct mail distribution through the Postal Service. The report will also be available to installation personnel and organizations on the Garrison home page site map under "Drinking Water Report."

The CCR will enable individuals to make practical and knowledgeable decisions about their drinking water and their health. You are encouraged to review the CCR; and if you have any questions or comments regarding your drinking water, call Eugene Daniels of the Garrison Environmental Management Division at 955-7591. *(Garrison release)*

Army reports five deaths from mishaps

FORT RUCKER — The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center provided the following list of accidents Armywide during May 30 through June 4:

• A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident May 31 at approximately 6:38 p.m. in Lansing, Kan. He was operating a 1998 Yamaha YZF motorcycle at a high rate of speed when he reportedly ran a stop sign and broadsided a Ford Ranger pickup. He was wearing a helmet. The Soldier had not attended an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course and did not have a motorcycle endorsement on his license. The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center is investigating the accident.

• A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident June 4 at approximately 7:25 p.m. near Belton, Texas. He was operating a Suzuki GSXR 600 with four other Soldiers on a group ride when he lost control of the motorcycle in a curve, left the roadway and struck a fence. He was wearing the required personal protective equipment, had a motorcycle endorsement on his license and had attended an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course.

• Two Soldiers were killed in a helicopter accident June 5 at approximately 12:50 p.m. in Afghanistan. The Soldiers were on a maintenance mission in an OH-58 Kiowa Warrior. The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center is investigating the accident.

• A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident June 5 at approximately 10:15 p.m. in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. He was operating a 2006 Yamaha R1 motorcycle at a high rate of speed when reportedly he failed to yield at an intersection and collided with a car. He was not wearing a helmet, was not licensed and had not completed an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course.

Veterans clinics planned

WASHINGTON — Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., announced Thursday that the Department of Veteran Affairs will establish two new Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Alabama. Upon completion, the new clinics will be located in Guntersville and Enterprise.

"Our nation's veterans deserve to have convenient access to VA health care services," Shelby said. "Establishing these new CBOCs in Alabama will ensure that the veterans in our state continue to have access to the important medical services they need."

The new clinics are scheduled to be activated over the next 15 months.

Post profile

NCO/Soldier of Year have Windy City roots

Marvan and Shannon both from Chicago

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Judging from the outcome of the 2008 Redstone Arsenal NCO/Soldier of the Year competition, maybe this is the year the Chicago Cubs will win their first world championship since 1908.

After all, this year's winners are both from Chicago and they are Cubs fans.

Staff Sgt. Anthony Marvan and Spc. Kenster Shannon were announced as the NCO and Soldier of the Year, respectively, at the annual award luncheon June 23 at the Officers and Civilians Club. It was among the first events during Armed Forces Celebration Week.

"This is an incredible thing that's occurred here for these two Soldiers," post commander and keynote speaker Maj. Gen. Jim Myles said. "They will always remember this for the rest of their lives."

He presented each honoree with an Army Commendation Medal. This was followed by a series of presentations from sponsors in the community: checks, gift certificates, savings bonds, and so on – amounting to several thousands of dollars for each.

"It's overwhelming, to tell you the truth," said Shannon, 22, a pharmacy technician at Fox Army Health Center.

"You get a better sense of the Army. It encourages you to become a non-commissioned officer and try to lead Soldiers. It motivates me to do the best I can while I'm in the service," Shannon said.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

BEST OF BEST— Staff Sgt. Anthony Marvan and Spc. Kenster Shannon are Redstone Arsenal's NCO and Soldier of the Year, respectively.

A bachelor, he was accompanied by his parents Deborah and Willie Shannon from Chicago and his girlfriend India Watkins from Newark, N.J.

Shannon, a member of MEDDAC, has been in the Army nearly four years and stationed at Redstone the past three years. He said his goals are to become an NCO, get his associate degree in general education, and eventually become a pharmacist.

Marvan, 35, is an instructor/writer for Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade. He also serves as a squad leader for Charlie Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

He has been in the Army since November 1990 and arrived at Redstone in April 2007. His wife, Joan, resides at their primary residence in Dinwiddie, Va.

Marvan's specialty is Integrated Family of Test Equipment operator/maintainer. He plans to continue being an instructor, working toward a bachelor's degree in computer science from Grantham University out of Missouri, and obtaining his private pilot's license.

"It's a major accomplishment," Marvan said of becoming NCO of the Year. "It's a goal I set. It was a big challenge and it was something I was able to accomplish."

The competition to determine the best-of-the-best included a written exam, an appearance before a formal board of senior NCOs, the Army Physical Fitness Test, weapons qualification, warrior tasks training, and a land navigation course. About 290 people attended the award luncheon.

The other NCO of the Year candidates included Staff Sgt. Christopher Payne of HHC 59th and Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Waddell of MEDDAC. The other Soldier of the Year candidates were Spc. Marketa Burnett of HHC 59th and Sgt. Mickey Hensley of MEDDAC.

Army selects 2008 Drill Sergeant of Year

By CARROLL KIM
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — Staff Sgt. Herbert Thompson IV of Fort Jackson, S.C., and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Noland of the 95th Reserve Division in Oklahoma City have been named the 2008 Drill Sergeant of the Year in a competition hosted by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

"It's been a long road of competition. I never thought I would have gotten to where I am today," Thompson said.

"(My) drill sergeant instilled so much pride and dedication in (me) and I'm just proud that I can follow in his footsteps," Noland said.

The competitors of the 39th Drill Sergeant of the Year competition arrived at Fort Monroe on the Army's 233rd birthday, and the competition began a day later, June 15. Seven candidates, five representing the active-duty posts that have initial entry training programs and two from the Reserve divisions, competed on Fort Monroe and Fort Eustis in a weeklong competition targeting technical, physical, academic and leadership abilities.

■ Civic leaders join Army officials in covenant signing

Support

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Community leaders from Huntsville, Madison, Madison County, the communities of the Tennessee Valley and the State of Alabama joined with Army vice chief of staff Gen. Richard Cody, Redstone Arsenal and AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski, and other Arsenal and community representatives to sign the Community Covenant. The ceremony included a performance by the 82nd Airborne All-American Chorus.

Speaking on behalf of Redstone Arsenal and the entire Army, the Army's 31st vice chief of staff thanked the local community for support that is "critical to keeping the Army strong, fully mission capable and with an edge against the enemy."

The support and appreciation the local community gives its Soldiers and their families "lets them know America cares about them," Cody said.

"Soldiers and family members don't ask much. But they do ask 'Is America behind them? Does America appreciate their selfless sacrifice?' We don't agree on everything. But we do agree to support the men and women of the military. And that's the strength that holds this great nation together."

Myles said the community's signing of the covenant represents "continued support. This is a special community. This community gets it. This community understands what the military mission is. This community understands what our Soldiers and their families need – and that's our support."

The Army is working with all communities in which it has a presence to sign a community covenant, which is designed to foster effective state and community partnerships with the Army in improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their families, both at their current duty stations and as they transfer from state to state. The goal is to have all Army communities participate in covenant signings by December.

The local covenant signing ceremony was part of the annual Armed Forces Celebration Week, and it served to restate the commitment Huntsville, Madison, Madison County, the Tennessee Valley and the State of Alabama has had with the Army at Redstone Arsenal for many years, retired Brig. Gen. Larry Capps told the audience at the ceremony. That commitment is a "responsibility not taken lightly" by the community, he said.

"The Army has the support of a community determined to preserve a legacy" that started with the nation's space program at Redstone Arsenal and is today symbolized by the Saturn 5 rocket on display overhead in the Davidson Center, he said.

The covenant signing "celebrates our strong bonds uniting our community with the military," said Irma Tuder, chair-elect of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. "This is an important declaration of our continued support and is in keeping with the community's long tradition."

Mentioning the local universities, research parks, the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and the Arsenal, Tuder said "the military defines who we are today … Our community is committed to helping Soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors. We cherish these relationships."

Photo by Kari Hawkins

READY TO SPEAK— Community leaders, from left, Madison Mayor Sandy Kirkindall, Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce chair-elect Irma Tuder and retired Brig. Gen. Larry Capps make last minute preparations at the podium prior to the Army Community Covenant Signing Ceremony at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's Davidson Center for Space Exploration.

Four-star general thanks community for support

'You're making a difference on the battlefield,' Cody says

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The annual Armed Forces Celebration Week is well-known as a time when Huntsville and its surrounding communities come together to express their appreciation to the military and Redstone Arsenal.

But one of the Army's top-ranked Soldiers used the occasion this year to return that thanks – expressing his appreciation for a community that is keeping the Army strong.

Referring to the DoD civilian and contractor base supporting Redstone Arsenal as well as the area's large number of military retirees, Army vice chief of staff Gen. Richard Cody told local media prior to the Armed Forces Celebration Salute Luncheon on June 25 at the Von Braun Center that the "Army values what the community does for men and women in uniform."

Despite the devastation of Sept. 11, 2001, and issues surrounding the nation's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Cody said the past six years have solidified the American public behind its military.

"What we're seeing is our local communities wrapping their arms around Soldiers and their family members," he said.

Now 30 years into an all-volunteer force, Cody said there are many American families who have had no family member serving in the military in the second and third generations since the draft of the Vietnam War.

"It's an education process for those who haven't served," he said. "Yet men and women know what war is about and they still enlist. Last year, 80,000 enlisted watched the war on TV and still said 'In time of need, send me.' Today, we have the highest quality and most dedicated force serving."

Cody is familiar with the worries and sacrifices families of today's Soldiers are making. His oldest son is now finishing his fourth combat tour while his younger son is stationed at Fort Rucker.

"We ask a lot of our families," he said.

But those families know their Soldier is making a difference.

"The people of Afghanistan and Iraq are free today because of the American Soldier. We are exporting the American dream to those countries so their people can live in harmony and reach their full potential," he said.

Cody's comments to the media carried over into his speech at the salute luncheon, one of many events that occurred during Armed Forces Celebration Week.

"We're blessed with leaders who grew up out of the Vietnam War and the Cold War," he told his luncheon audience. "This community here does something very, very special that needs to be emulated throughout the Army."

Because of the work ethic of the work force at Redstone Arsenal, Cody said the Army has flown 2.5 million helicopter hours in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Those aircraft give the tactical edge to our Soldiers on the ground," he said. "We have the best military, the best aircraft, because of you. … We haven't lost an aircraft due to maintenance issues in more than a year and we haven't had an aircraft shot down in that time either. In Afghanistan and Iraq, our aviators and those who fly on those helicopters trust what you do to save their lives."

Cody takes the maintenance of Army aircraft personally. His oldest son pilots Apache helicopters in Afghanistan.

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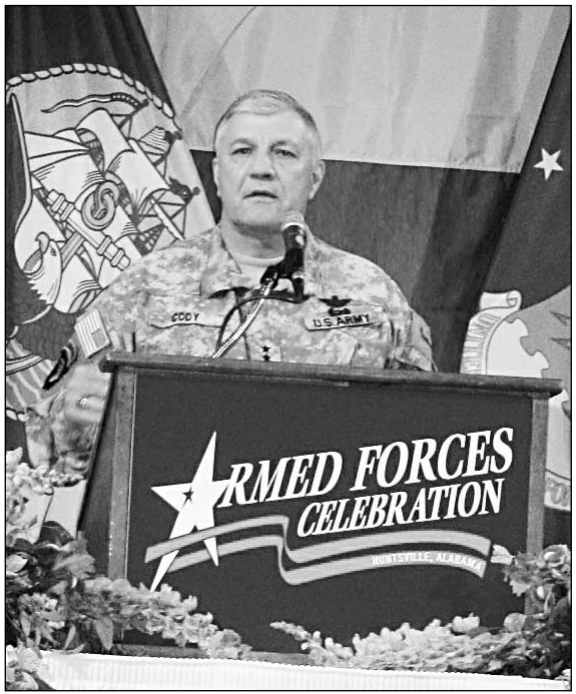

Photo by Kari Hawkins

A LEADER FOR TODAY'S ARMY— Gen. Richard Cody, the Army's vice chief of staff, thanks Huntsville and the communities of the Tennessee Valley for their support of Soldiers and their families during the Armed Forces Celebration Salute Dinner on June 25 in the Von Braun Center's North Hall.

Proclamation launches Armed Forces Celebration Week

Local leaders meet troops on field

By JO ANITA MILEY
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Local leaders officially kicked off Armed Forces Celebration Week festivities with a proclamation signing ceremony June 23 on the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School parade field.

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Madison Mayor Sandy Kirkindall and Madison County Commissioner Mike Gillespie joined military and civilian leaders from Team Redstone to sign the proclamation dedicating a week-long series of events to honor Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines in the local community.

Representatives from the offices of Reps. Bud Cramer and Robert Aderholt and Sens. Jeff Sessions and Richard Shelby also attended.

"The theme for this year's event is 'America Supports Our Men and Women,'" said retired Brig. Gen. Larry Capps, this year's chairman of Armed Forces Celebration Week, who served as master of ceremonies. He gave a recap of the various activities that local businesses had in store for servicemembers.

"We are proud to pay tribute to military members in our community," Capps said. "We have exceeded our expectations for the success of this event. The Army has recognized Redstone Arsenal's celebration of Armed Forces Week as the best in the nation."

Among the speakers for the occasion was Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command. With outstretched hands, Myles addressed the Soldiers.

"You are the reason we are here today, and you deserve our honor. We couldn't do it without you. We thank each of you for protecting us!" he said.

Myles asked the military and civilian leaders present to take five minutes to shake the hand of each Soldier on the parade field.

Spencer, Kirkindall and Gillespie joined Team Redstone's top civilian and military leaders as they moved through the crowd shaking the hands of the Soldiers on the field.

Spencer said interacting with the troops during the ceremony was very special to her.

"Being able to reach out and touch 'face to face' members of our military community is a great honor for me," she said. "As I walked through the formation shaking hands with the Soldiers, one of them asked how I was doing, and I turned and gave him a hug. I wanted him to know that I appreciate what he is doing for me as he serves our nation. I'd hug each and every one of them (the Soldiers) here today if I could."

Both Kirkindall and Gillespie mentioned during their speeches a desire to give servicemembers a better home away from home while they are in the area.

"We (leaders) who are present today represent more than 300,000 persons in this community," Kirkindall said. "You are a part of this number. You are not transitional; you are a part of us. We are a better community because of you. We welcome you to our community, and want to get to know you better. This is just the beginning."

The troops said they were looking forward to getting to know Huntsville and its citizens better during the activities last week.

"Having this celebration lets us know that we, too, are important in the community," Spc. Wendy Tucker of the Garrison said. "It really shows that our leaders are supporting all of us (Soldiers) whether in Garrison or overseas in the war zone."

"The activities scheduled for this year's Armed Forces Week are focused on many facets of the military community," Spencer said. "We want to reach out to our servicemembers on many different levels. This is just the beginning."

Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

THANKING THE SOLDIERS— Ronnie Chronister, deputy to the commanding general of AMCOM, goes down a line of trainee Soldiers, shaking hands and thanking every one of them for their service to this country during the proclamation signing June 23 for Armed Forces Celebration Week.

■ Cody's sons following his footsteps as Soldiers

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"It's a comfort to me as a father to know the dedication of the work force and community to see that these Soldiers go into combat with the best …. You can't judge your importance to the fight by your proximity to the battlefield," he said. "You're making a difference on the battlefield."

DoD employees involved in providing needed parts for maintenance and repairs, and in developing new systems that make helicopters more effective and safe are just as essential to a helicopter's successful mission as its pilot and co-pilot.

All DoD civilians and contractors help to make a difference on the battlefield, Cody added. So, too, do the military retirees and the public who support Soldiers no matter what their politics.

"You have a love and respect for Soldiers that wear the cloth of the nation and keep freedom for all," Cody said. "We don't ask much. You make the hard days and sleepless nights worth it.

"Soldiers are men and women who believe America is worth fighting for and they have seen what happens when there is no democracy. They want to free Iraq and Afghanistan. Where American Soldiers walk, freedom follows in their boot steps."

Cody ended his speech by quoting a letter written by 21-year-old Pvt. Joshua Pearce to his family before his death in Iraq in 2006.

"We are not here to kill. We are here to help as many as we can to live a better life … I'm here because this is my choice. I don't want to die. But if that's what I was put on this Earth to do, then everyone should know that I went for a cause that in my heart was worth dying for — America," the letter said.

Nearly every day, Cody passes Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C., on his way home from work.

"I ask myself 'Am I living a life worth their sacrifice? Am I doing everything possible to support the Soldier and do I have the same moral courage and bravery?'" he said.

With the support of communities like Huntsville, "the all-volunteer Army will be able to face the challenges of today and those of tomorrow … Go the distance with our Soldiers," he said in closing.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

ALL-AMERICAN PERFORMANCE – Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne All-American Chorus perform patriotic music for the audience at the Armed Forces Celebration Salute Luncheon on June 25. They sang such favorites as "America the Beautiful," "An American Soldier," "All-American Soldier" and "God Bless the U.S.A." They also performed the crowd pleasing "My Girl." The chorus received a standing ovation after its performance.

Soldier Show thrills with music from past, present

Performances add spice to celebration week

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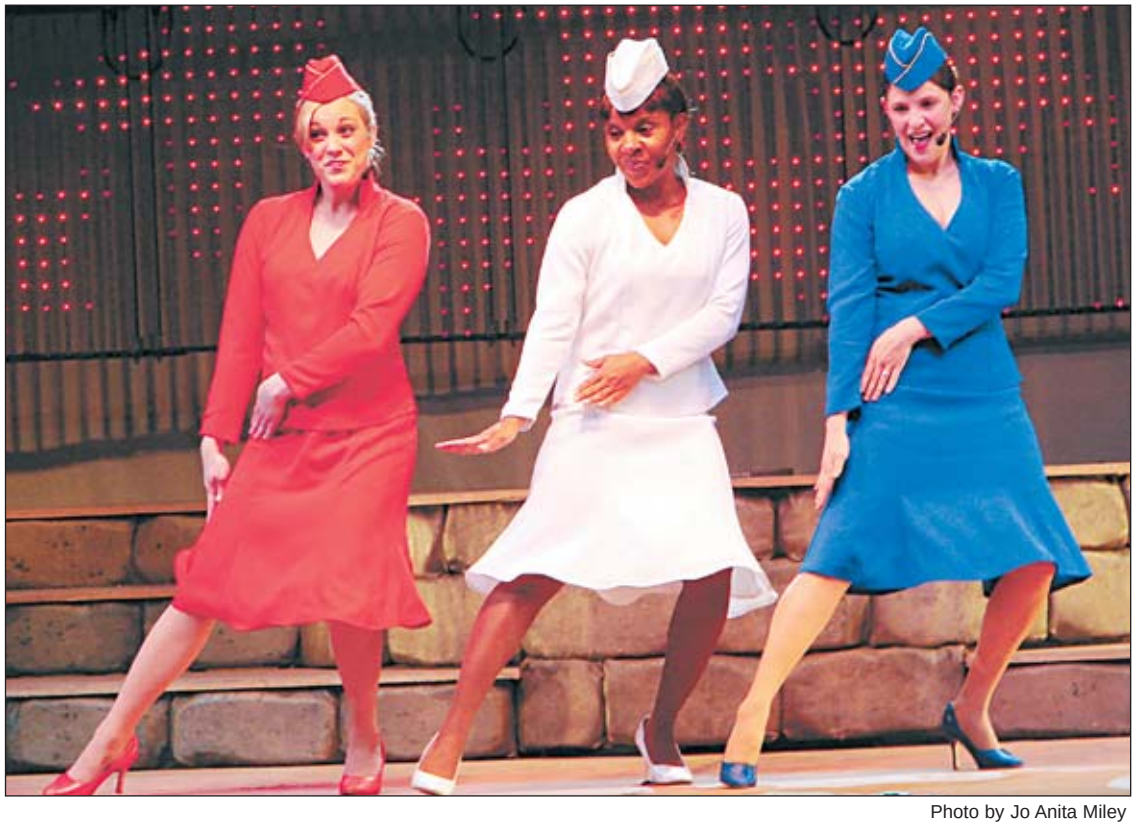

Photo by Jo Anita Miley

THROWBACK TUNE— Cast members, in 1940s attire, perform the Andrews Sisters' hit "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" at the Von Braun Center.

It was standing-room-only at three performances of the 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show's 25th Anniversary Tour June 24-25 at the Von Braun Center.

The Soldier Show was part of Armed Forces Celebration Week.

The cast members are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing. The show's 18-member cast is comprised of active-duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers selected from commands throughout the Army. The show is assembled in five weeks, and then tours for six months.

Music, dance and video, blending current up-tempo, chart-topping hits, memorable oldies, uplifting inspirational numbers and soothing ballads illustrated the show's theme, "For the Soldier, By the Soldier." The concept is representative of a Soldier's inward reach to give back to one another.

The show opened with the presentation of a Freedom Team Salute award presented by Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command, on behalf of the Freedom Team to Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Lozano, parents of Sgt. Joshua Hamilton, a joint network node operator out of Bravo Company, 15th Sustainment Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas. Hamilton, a cancer survivor, nominated his parents for the award.

The Freedom Team Salute is an official Army program sponsored by the secretary of the Army and the Army chief of staff. The award is a personal commendation from a Soldier to a spouse, employer or parents for commitment to and support of their Soldier. The award includes a certificate of appreciation and a letter of thanks, both signed by the Army chief of staff and the secretary of the Army.

The cast honored the modern era of the show's 25th anniversary with a World War II tune, "This is the Army, Mr. Jones," which was written in 1942 by Soldier Show founder Irving Berlin for "This is the Army." A display of video clips, photographs and posters accompanied the number to recount a quarter century of Soldier Shows.

The show also incorporated Michael Jackson's "Thriller," from the all-time best-selling album of the same name, marking its 25th anniversary. With the use of black lights and multi-colored costumes, the night-vision effect spilled onto the stage to give the audience an illusion of watching with night vision glasses. Amidst loud clapping, shouting and whistles, the audience gave several standing ovations during the performance.

Other memorable songs featured were Akon's remake of Jackson's "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin" mixed with Rhianna's upbeat "Don't Stop the Music," Alicia Key's soulful "No One," and an incredible song and dance interpretation of pop artist Timbaland's "Apologize."

Although many of the songs early on were from other genres, patriotic songs were the foundation in the show's finale. The cast performed these songs dressed in both Army combat and Class A uniforms. Many in the audience joined in singing, and Soldiers in the audience stood during Julia Ward Howe's patriotic anthem "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and Lee Greenwood's "I'm Proud to Be an American."

Myles spoke at the show's close.

"These men and women make it very easy for us to forget that they aren't professionals, that they're Soldiers," Myles said. "A focus on the strength of our Soldiers was shown from the opening montage to the finale. Army Strong!"

Myles pointed out the sacrifices the cast members have made as Soldiers to protect this nation. He said the members of the show make sacrifices in both their performances and in their regular duty assignments.

To emphasize this point, Myles asked each cast member who had served on combat duty to acknowledge this by a show of hands.

As these Soldiers raised their hands, Myles clapped and the audience joined in with thunderous applause and a standing ovation. He also presented the cast a plaque from Team Redstone.

"This is one more selfless thing that you (Soldiers) do to help everyone else. You are the best of the best," Myles said. "We thank you!"

Also making presentations during the shows were representatives from Bill Heard Chevrolet, AT&T, Regions Bank and Association of the U.S. Army. They each gave a plaque to the cast and crew of the show on behalf of their sponsored organizations.

Vickie Marks, marketing specialist for the Redstone Arsenal Morale Welfare and Recreation Division, said all three shows were filled.

"The cast members told us that they really look forward to coming to Redstone each year. It's always their favorite stop on the tour," Marks said. "It's largely because of the level of support they are given by the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce and other sponsors."

The audience showed its appreciation with standing ovations.

"I've been to six of those shows and this one was by far the best," said Rose Dawson, an employee of the Space and Missile Defense Command, who attended the June 24 show.

"I like the variety of music in the shows," Dawson said. "The members of the crew and cast are exceptionally talented, and make it difficult to believe that they are not professional singers. I'll be back again next year!"

Photo by Kari Hawkins

ACS experience

From left, Army Community Service volunteers Jan and Ray Bushnell talk with Pvt. Kristopher Gillespie, Pvt. Charles Moore and Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski about the work they do for ACS. The group shared stories about the Army and Army Community Service while attending the ACS Open House on June 26. Visitors were given a tour of the ACS facility on Redeye Road, provided information about services and treated to a lunch buffet. The annual event was part of the Armed Forces Celebration Week.

Four students bag Commissary scholarships

Each receives $1,500 award toward college education

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RECIPIENTS— From left are Commissary scholarship recipients Laura Macedonia, Elisabeth Lane and John Hergenroeder. The fourth honoree, Samuel Kreulen, was unable to attend the ceremony.

Commissary shoppers were puzzled by the morning ceremony June 25 in the produce section.

"What's going on?" asked one man.

It was the annual presentation of Scholarships for Military Children, a Defense Commissary Agency program funded by vendors and manufacturers. The program offers military children the chance to earn a $1,500 scholarship to a four-year college or university.

This year's Redstone recipients include Laura Macedonia, Elisabeth Lane, John Hergenroeder and Samuel Kreulen.

"The Scholarships for Military Children program is one of many programs initiated by the Defense Commissary Agency to involve commissaries even more deeply in the fabric of the military community," store director Robin Daniel said.

The scholarships were open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders including active duty, retirees, National Guard and Reserve members. The program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, which operates a network of comfort houses located near military medical centers, providing a home-away-from-home for the families of hospital patients in crisis.

Guest speaker Pamela McTiller, collaborative elementary teacher in Huntsville city schools and an adjunct instructor with Virginia College and J.F. Drake State College, congratulated the recipients and shared some advice.

"Be flexible, open to new ideas and enjoy your experiences to the fullest," McTiller said.

Ray Fernandez, the Southern region manager for Overseas Service Corporation, spoke on behalf of the scholarship sponsors. OSC is the military food broker for Bayer health care and Energizer batteries.

"Set goals for yourself," Fernandez told the recipients, "and with real strong work ethic and lots of dreams you will be successful."

Macedonia, 19, daughter of retired Lt. Col. David and Elaine Macedonia of Madison, is a sophomore at Auburn University majoring in animal sciences. She graduated from Bob Jones High in 2007.

"I am so honored to receive this scholarship from Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House Foundation," she said.

Lane, 18, daughter of retired Master Sgt. Ronald and Sandra Lane of Flintville, Tenn., graduated from Lincoln County High in Fayetteville. She will attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and major in chemistry and premed.

Hergenroeder, 18, son of retired Col. David and retired Lt. Col. Melanie Hergenroeder of Madison, is a sophomore at Washington University in St. Louis majoring in computer science and political science. The 2007 Bob Jones High graduate is a summer hire at the Program Executive Office for Aviation.

Graduating high school seniors, as well as students currently enrolled in a four-year program, were eligible to apply. Among the requirements for consideration were a minimum 3.0 grade point average, demonstration of community involvement and a short essay on "Every able-bodied citizen should be required to serve a two-year period of time in the military. Why or why not?"

Degree mills manufacture misery for recipient and public

Education counselor encourages research

By PHIL OLIN
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Degree mills — what are they? Are they legitimate? Is there a problem in using them? How do they affect me?

Degree mills are often just web sites that offer a degree — BA, MA or PhD — for a fee. They pretend to be legitimate schools and claim to offer legitimate credentials, but most often are legitimized by their own misleading claims. Many states outlaw degree mills, but when hunted, they just move somewhere else. They provide what most of their customers want: a degree without any blood, sweat or tears.

The consequences of using a degree mill are many. The loss of a job, loss of a professional license, loss of a security clearance, deportation and criminal prosecution are results most people don't think about when they apply for a fake degree.

So who is harmed by these degree mills besides the customer who knows he is taking a risk? Sometimes a victim of their fraud is truly innocent — dumb, but innocent. But employers are harmed by thinking they have hired someone with legitimate credentials and pay them more than they otherwise would have. Customers of bogus degree holders are sometimes literally harmed, even killed, by fake doctors, psychologists or nurses who do not have the training they need. You are being bilked if you are a taxpayer because you are paying the salaries of government employees who have bogus degrees. Certainly companies are hurt when adverse publicity results from high ranking officials being found out; stocks can decline, customers and sales can be lost also.

The point is simple: don't even consider getting a degree you don't have to work for. When you look for a school, do some research. Don't be taken in by a name — degree mills use names that sound similar to legitimate institutions. Make sure it is accredited by a regional or national accrediting association, such as the Distance Education and Training Council, Middle States Association, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Southwest Association of Colleges and Schools, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or the Commission on Colleges or the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Also, military personnel should ensure the school is a member of the Servicemember Opportunity Colleges, listed by DANTES, or certified by the VA for use with the GI Bill.

When conducting your college search visit the Education Center at building 3222 on Snooper Road, call 842-9761 or e-mail redstone.edcenter@us.army.mil. We will make sure that you are not dealing with a degree mill.

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Upbeat speaker

Dr. Alan Zimmerman, founder and president of Zimmerman Communi-Care Network Inc., of Prior Lake, Minn., speaks June 27 in Bob Jones Auditorium on "Staying Up in a Down World: Keys to a Positive Work Environment." The three-hour workshop was sponsored by the South Central Region Civilian Human Resources Agency and the Redstone Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

THAAD missile passes intercept test

Air Force Lt. Gen. Trey Obering, Missile Defense Agency director, announced June 25 the completion of a successful "hit to kill" intercept in partnership with the Army for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missile defense test element at the Pacific Missile Range Facility off the island of Kauai in Hawaii.

Preliminary indications are that planned flight test objectives were achieved. This test involved the intercept of a separating target (mock warhead separated from the booster rockets) in the "mid-endoatmosphere" (inside the earth's atmosphere). The target, representing a threat ballistic missile, was launched from an Air Force C-17 aircraft flying over the Pacific Ocean at 4:16 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (10:16 p.m. EDT). Approximately six minutes later the interceptor missile was launched from a mobile THAAD launcher on the range facility. This was the 35th successful hit-to-kill intercept of 43 attempts in the atmosphere and in space since 2001, and was the 29th of 30 successful tests conducted since September 2005.

This was the fifth successful intercept for the current THAAD program in five attempts. A sixth intercept test was conducted in September 2006 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., that was not completed due to a malfunction of the target missile after it was launched. No intercept of this target was attempted.

The primary objective of this highly operationally realistic test was to demonstrate target acquisition, tracking and aimpoint selection by the avionics software contained in the THAAD interceptor, and to intercept a separating target. Another objective was to observe the effects of an interceptor launch on adjacent missile canisters in the THAAD launcher.

The ability of Soldiers to conduct launcher, fire control and radar operations was also observed. Using current tactics, techniques and procedures developed by the Army Air Defense School, Soldiers, for the first time in a THAAD test, manually engaged the target using the systems semi-automatic mode. Soldiers operating the equipment were not aware of actual target launch time. All of these factors provided increased operational realism to the test. The Navy cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG-70), received a tracking cue from THAAD and used its advanced SPY-1 radar to successfully track the target, and conducted a simulated Standard Missile-3 interceptor missile launch to engage the target.

The Ballistic Missile Defense System now in development, testing and initial deployment and operations is currently or will be capable of providing a layered defense for the U.S. homeland, its deployed forces, friends and allies against ballistic missiles of all ranges in all phases of flight. The higher-altitude and theater-wide protection offered by THAAD provides more protection of larger areas than lower-tier systems like Patriot alone. THAAD can be transported by air to wherever it is needed worldwide, and consists of radar, fire control unit, missile launchers, and interceptor missiles.

The Army's first THAAD battery was activated last month at Fort Bliss, Texas, giving Soldiers the opportunity to train on THAAD equipment for approximately one year in anticipation of fielding.

The THAAD program is managed by the Missile Defense Agency in Washington, D.C., and executed by the THAAD Project Office in Huntsville. Lockheed Martin Corporation is the prime contractor. *(Missile Defense Agency release)*

Courtesy photo

TAKEOFF— A THAAD interceptor is launched during a successful intercept test June 25 at the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, Hawaii.

Ordnance school part of Redstone tradition

Moving to Fort Lee, Va., by 2011 under BRAC

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There is more to becoming a Soldier than just making it through basic training. In order to become a skilled and productive member of the Army, troops attend Advanced Individual Training. One such stop is the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

The school arrived in the mid-1950s and is among five locations across the country. Each site teaches a portion of 14 military occupational specialties. Some are exclusive to that location; others teach a segment before sending their students to another post for the next part.

"This is the brigade headquarters, but we actually have five geographic locations," OMEMS chief of staff Lt. Col. David Dye said. "We have training conducted at Fort Gordon, Ga., Redstone, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Sill, Okla."

OMEMS is not just an education center. It is also the 59th Ordnance Brigade.

"We're dual-hatted here," said Dye, who also serves as brigade executive officer. "It's really one organization."

The philosophy behind each course is the same. Instructors strive to prepare their young charges for Army life. On the surface, that means giving them specific job skills. They range from explosive ordnance, conventional munitions and electronic maintenance for weapons systems and radios.

Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

CLASSMATES— Soldiers from the 59th Ordnance Brigade head to class at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

Tenants of Redstone
Fifth in a series

"Here at Redstone we teach EOD, conventional munitions, maintenance of MLRS, TOW and electronic diagnostics," Dye said. "We probably have nine of the 14 (specialties) we teach here."

The preparation goes deeper than any textbook or lab, however. OMEMS works to help its students make the transition from civilian to Soldier. It is a course in military culture.

"The most important thing we do is soldierization," Dye said. "We take these young Soldiers, privates for the most part, right out of basic combat training and ensure that they fully embrace the institution of the Army's values. We want to ensure that the Soldiers that begin their Army experience in basic combat training begin learning what it is to be a Soldier, continue that here.

When they go to their first unit of assignment, they are prepared to be a Soldier, so they can leave this unit and immediately go to work and contribute in their first operational unit."

It is a larger organization than it seems. It occupies approximately 70 buildings, with close to 500 staff members, both military and civilian. An additional 150 people are working at the other locations. Two-thirds of the roughly 1,200 students attend courses at Redstone.

"That includes all shapes and sizes of our facilities. We have the training buildings, which are more high profile, but we have a lot of other smaller buildings throughout. We have buildings on all the ranges. We've got igloos and ammunition bunkers," Dye said.

The relationship between the school and the installation has been close over the almost 50 years OMEMS has called Redstone home. While the school has benefitted from the amenities and support of the installation, it has tried to reciprocate.

"We love our relationship with Gen. Myles and Col. Olshefski," Dye said, referring to AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski. "We get great support. We feel like it really is Team Redstone. We hope that the other folks feel the same way."

OMEMS Soldiers have been part of the labor force for Morale Welfare and Recreation events like Oktoberfest and the Army Concert series. They represent Redstone in parades. They are among volunteers at Special Olympic events.

"We participate a lot with displays and Soldiers," Dye said. "We do a lot of the physical labor for the MWR events. It's a symbiotic relationship."

Under base realignment and closure, OMEMS will move within the next few years to Fort Lee, Va.

"We will start moving in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2010," Dye said. "By Sept. 15 of 2011, we are supposed to be completely moved to Fort Lee, Va."

Helping hands

Vietnam veteran pays back by volunteering

Retired major helps at ACS and Fox

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Rex Mills retired two years ago. But that didn't stop him from being involved with the military that he loved.

Mills' entire working career has revolved around the Army — first as a Vietnam veteran who retired at the rank of major and then as a contractor working on computer systems for the F-16 fighter aircraft and the Navy P3C antisubmarine aircraft.

After a few years away from the military, Mills came back. But this time as a volunteer.

His smiling face and boisterous voice can be seen and heard in the halls of Army Community Service, where he does odd jobs for the staff and takes time to talk with young Soldiers. He has recently also joined forces with the American Red Cross, signing up to work as a volunteer at Fox Army Health Center's pharmacy on Friday mornings.

"I like to be involved," the high energy 65-year-old said. "I did volunteer work for a hospice group where I visited a shut-in for a year. But then he passed away and I wanted to find something else that put me in touch with people."

ACS was just the right place for him to get involved.

"I come when they need me. I'm the 'Hey, Boy!,'" he said, laughing.

"When they need me to do something, I do it. It's manual labor, like moving furniture. But I also update the property book records. And I talk to the young Soldiers. I really get a kick out of them."

Mills was raised in New Mexico, the oldest of eight children. He grew up listening to the war stories of his uncles, who all served during World War II. At 15, he dropped out of high school to work in the uranium mines.

"My father was a carpenter. It was a pretty rough life," he recalled. "My father told me 'You're getting too big to raise.' So at 17, I joined the Army. It was the best thing I ever did."

Photo by Kari Hawkins

VOLUNTEER WITH RANK— Retired Maj. Rex Mills enjoys being around young Soldiers so much that he finds time to talk with them when he volunteers at Army Community Service. Recently, he received training from the Red Cross to also work as a volunteer at the pharmacy at Fox Army Health Center.

Mills served with the infantry at Fort Benning, Ga., and then at Fort Hood, Texas, for a total of three years. Then, unsure about what he wanted to do with his life, Mills left the Army and worked as a construction laborer in New Mexico. That stint only lasted nine months, when Mills rejoined the Army in 1963.

"I realized I wasn't going anywhere," he said of his civilian job.

An aptitude test landed Mills an assignment with the Army Security Agency, where he monitored Soviet communications, and then worked with military intelligence. The assignments had him stationed for 30 months in Germany, where he met his German-born wife, Karin. The couple then moved to Fort Hood.

"Fort Hood is my favorite duty station," Mills said. "It's just the real Army. It's the largest armored post in the Free World. There were two armored divisions there at that time. It's a post with 400 square miles. You're always in the field. You're always training."

In 1968, Mills' career took him to Vietnam, where he worked with the Military Intelligence Detachment at division headquarters. With a desire to serve again with the infantry, Mills asked for and was granted a transfer to Company E, 51st Infantry stationed at Cha Lai.

"We were an all-volunteer long-range patrol company of 124 Soldiers. We were the best of the best," he said. "We were all-volunteer because they only wanted Soldiers who wanted to be there.

"We would be assigned to five- or six-man teams. Then a chopper would drop us out 20 miles or so away from the base. Our job was military intelligence. Whenever there was a lot of enemy movement in the area, they would need a team like us on the ground to see what was going on. So they'd drop us in by chopper and come back for us in three days."

During those missions, Mills and his team kept a low profile — hunting the enemy, but not striking.

"It was not our goal to get in a fire fight," he said. "Our goal was primarily reconnaissance. We went in before the air strikes or before an infantry company or a battalion came in to sweep the area. I'm really proud of the work we did."

Team dynamics within the patrol company went by experience, not by rank.

"The ones with the most experience made the decisions, and the rest of us pulled the weight," he said. "My job was to be the radar operator and point man."

Although he excelled at his job, Mills came home after his one-year tour because of his young family. Waiting for him was his wife and an infant son. After he left Vietnam, Mills' company was reclassified as the 75th Ranger Battalion.

Mills has two brothers who also served in Vietnam. All three survived their tours, with Mills going on to Officers Candidate School.

"I was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina," he recalled. "I had combat experience and they were really pushing for Soldiers with combat experience to go to OCS."

After graduating from OCS, Mills came to Redstone Arsenal. The assignment gave him enough off-duty time to obtain his bachelor's degree in business administration from Athens State and his master's degree from the Florida Institute of Technology while stationed at Redstone Arsenal.

His career at Redstone Arsenal included serving as a company commander for a student company at OMEMS, working in the Hawk Division of the former Missile Command and serving a rotation in Korea in 1979 before retiring at Redstone Arsenal in 1981.

"We decided to stay here. The jobs were here and we have a lot of friends here," he said.

Mills then took on a civilian career, working as a military contractor for 24 years.

Today, Mills is eager to help wherever he is needed. Besides ACS and Fox, he also works as a Pot Shots volunteer, helping young people with air rifle shooting at the Blue Gray Rifle Club's rifle range near Guntersville Dam. Mills also enjoys spending time with his wife, Karin, his son and daughter and his grandchild.

As both a professional Soldier and a volunteer, Mills loves his work with young Soldiers the best – first, with those he worked with while at OMEMS and then with those he now meets though ACS.

"I try to convey to young Soldiers all the opportunities the Army has for them. They just have to take the time to take advantage of them," he said.

"I want Soldiers to feel comfortable when they are here (at ACS). I want them to understand that whatever they are going through is not unique and they can get through it. The Army will help them if they want to help themselves."

The staff at ACS can guide Soldiers through troubled times, if that's what's needed, and help them make decisions that can positively affect their military service, Mills said.

"The Army is not a job. It's a career, a way of life," he said. "The Soldiers who come in to ACS are at the threshold of making a decision that will impact their life. They need to make the correct decision so they can take full advantage of the opportunities presented to them. The Army has a lot of money invested in them and they want to keep them. There isn't a unit commander who won't help a Soldier if he wants something bad enough. But you've got to want to help yourself first."

Mills lives by the motto he picked up from an article in *Stars & Stripes* that told the story of a Soldier who risked his life to

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Data support workers celebrate grand slam

Achieve mid-level industry standard

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AMCOM's information managers decided two years ago to try to speed up their customer service. They embarked on a major streamlining of their processes.

This ongoing team effort has achieved a milestone.

Members of the Command Data Applications Support Directorate, in AMCOM Chief Information Office G-6, held a celebration June 24 for reaching the third of five certification levels. These industry standards are set by the Software Engineering Institute out of Carnegie Mellon University, Pa.

"Every one of these people deserves to be commended for the hard work they've done in making us successful," CDAS director Sherri Howard said. "Every single one of them has contributed."

In May the directorate achieved Capability Maturity Model Integration Level 3, just a year after reaching level 2. The organization is working toward level 4 and then 5.

Eighteen process areas were examined by a level 3 appraisal team.

By using tools such as Lean and Six Sigma, the directorate reduced the required number of approvals in a process from 63 down to nine. The number of steps per process was reduced from 65 down to 22.

"We significantly reduced the amount of time" required for a process, Howard said.

The directorate's baseball-theme celebration in the Diane Campbell Recreation Center included balloons, food, awards and a casual town hall meeting. A few shouts of "Play ball!" followed the national anthem.

Susan Bassham, an acting supervisor for the software engineering process, said the directorate has about 130 government and contractor combined at the Aviation and Missile Command.

"It's a benchmark accomplishment," Bassham said of the level 3 certification.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

HOT DOGS AND SNACKS— Members of the Command Data Applications Support Directorate, in AMCOM Chief Information Office G-6, hold a baseball-style celebration June 24 in the Diane Campbell Recreation Center.

Don't let warm weather spoil your picnic

Safe food handling easy as 1-2-3

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Get ready. Get set. Grill!

Warm weather is the ideal time to cook out. More people cook outdoors in summer than at any other time of year. Unfortunately, the warm summer temperatures are also ideal for bacterial growth in the foods we enjoy at picnics and parties. There are some simple guidelines you can use to ensure your picnic isn't "spoiled."

Start your safe food handling measures right in the supermarket. Select perishable meats, poultry and dairy products last, right before checkout. Place raw meats and poultry in plastic bags to prevent cross-contamination from any juices leaking onto other foods. Ideally, place these perishable items in the car itself, where it's cooler, instead of in the trunk. If you live quite a distance from the supermarket, you should consider taking along a cooler packed with ice to pack perishables for the ride home. In either case, don't leave your perishables in a hot car while you run other errands.

After arriving at home, immediately place perishables in the refrigerator or freezer. If you won't be using the meat within 1-2 days, it should be frozen to avoid spoilage. Remember that every time you handle the raw food product, you introduce more bacteria, so only rewrap the food when the store wrapping is damaged or soiled. If rewrapping is necessary, use clean plastic wrap or aluminum foil and wash your hands well before handling the food. Check the temperature in your refrigerator and freezer. Refrigerator temperatures should be 40 degrees F or less and freezers should be maintained at zero or less.

Remove the foods from cold storage right before preparation. Frozen foods should be thawed in the refrigerator and not on the kitchen counter. Before preparing the food, wash your hands thoroughly and clean all countertops and cutting boards with hot soapy water. And of course, use clean utensils. If you're taking food to a picnic site or elsewhere away from home, pack all perishable items in a cooler with ice or gel packs. Ensure all foods are wrapped securely or in leak proof containers and keep the cooler in the shade or shelter. Use utensils, rather than your hands, to mix salads.

Meats and poultry should be thoroughly cooked prior to serving. Poultry should be cooked until juices are clear and the flesh is no longer pink. Hamburger and other ground meats should be cooked until they are brown in the middle with no pink juice. Other meats should be cooked to 145 degrees except pork which should reach 160. Keep the food hot until served – you may need to set it to the side of the grill rack to accomplish this. Any bacteria present in the raw meat can contaminate the cooked meat, so don't place cooked meat on the same platter the raw meat was on. Place any leftovers back in the cooler. If food has been in warm temperatures for more than an hour, it's better to discard it than risk re-serving it.

So you see – safe food handling is easy as 1-2-3. Keep foods at safe temperatures; protect foods from contamination; keep your hands and utensils clean. So, c'mon let's have a picnic!

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■ Retiree often talks with Soldiers at Army Community Service

Veteran

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save an injured Soldier caught in the middle of a fire fight.

"The Soldier said he went back to save the injured Soldier because, he said, 'one day I may be laying out there and need someone to help me.' I feel the same way about helping these young Soldiers," Mills said. "I want to pay back what the Army did to save my life. I feel like I owe something back."

Often, Soldiers who visit ACS are in need of some type of assistance, whether that be financial, educational, legal or a number of other things.

"Many of these young Soldiers think they are the worst off," Mills said. "But I will tell them 'You think you've got it rough? Go out and lay your hand on someone who's worse off. It will make you appreciate what you have.' The opportunities for Soldiers are so good here."

Program trains auxiliary police officers in Afghanistan

By Navy Lt. NEIL MYERS
Special to American Forces Press Service

KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – A Kunar Provincial Reconstruction Team program here trains Afghan men to become part of the Afghan National Auxiliary Police force.

The three-week Police Training and Advisory Team program was conducted at Camp Wright, near Asadabad, and is the only one of its kind in the province. The trainees come from every district in the province and are housed at the Asadabad police headquarters during their training.

"Many of the police trainees arrive at the ANAP course with poor discipline," Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Carlos A. Ramirez, of the Kunar PRT, said. "We teach them discipline through repetitive activities and specially designed physical exercise."

After physical exercise, the trainees attend classroom training led by one of three Afghan police officer instructors attached to the Police Training and Advisory Team program.

Trainees learn traffic accident investigation, weapons familiarization, domestic violence investigation, vehicle searches, community policing, explosives detection, the penal code, baton training, handcuffing, and a variety of other law-enforcement skills.

"I think it's good to have our three Afghan teachers leading the lecture part of the training, because they speak the Pashto language, and about half of the trainees speak very little English," Navy Seaman Brian L. Boyd Jr. of the Kunar PRT said.

The Police Training and Advisory Team military staff, assisted by four interpreters, teaches practical, hands-on training in the afternoon.

"Initially the trainees are reserved, due to the fact that for many, this is their first interaction with coalition forces," Boyd said. "Midway through the class, they interact more with us. By graduation, many of us are good friends. If we maintain this program, Afghanistan will improve, because these trainees want to become (Afghan National Police officers) and truly want their country to succeed."

Navy photo

GRADUATION DAY— From left, Navy Petty Officers 2nd Class Jovener R. Mironchik and Elizabeth M. Luna, along with Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Carlos A. Ramirez and Seaman Brian L. Boyd Jr., gather with Afghan National Auxiliary Police officers before a graduation ceremony at the Kunar Provincial Reconstruction Team's training facility near Asadabad, Afghanistan.

The goal of coalition forces is to have Afghanistan secure and govern itself. Security is a big issue in Kunar province, and the police play a huge role toward accomplishing that goal, PRT officials said, and the PTAT contributes to that effort by providing a steady pool of well-trained police officers who are ready to serve their country.

A typical auxiliary police candidate, 36-year-old Ali hails from the Shigal district. He is married and has seven children. Ali is eager to complete the training and eventually get hired by the Afghan National Police at the end of his three-year auxiliary police contract. He has a positive attitude toward the coalition forces and understands they are here to help him rebuild his country, officials said.

The program also mentors police chiefs.

"We go to every district and survey the police station, meet with the police chief, and ascertain their needs," Ramirez said. "Whether it be facility improvements, more staff or equipment, the PTAT mentors and shows police chiefs how to properly coordinate assistance with other agencies for help to run their stations. In some cases, PTAT provides assistance with building upgrades and repairs."

To date, PTAT has trained 290 auxiliary police officers, with 90 more candidates now enrolled.

Editor's note: Navy Lt. Neil Myers serves with the Kunar Provincial Reconstruction Team.

General officers panel completes 10 quality of life issues

Steering committee part of family action process

By MARGARET McKENZIE
FMWRC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Ten of the 25 issues submitted to the General Officers Steering Committee through the Army Family Action Plan process were listed as completed at the GOSC conference June 5.

The issues completed or resolved were: Dental Services for Retirees Overseas; Nonsubsidized Reserve Component Group Health and Dental Insurance; Reserve Component Retired Pay; Leave Accrual; Enlisted promotion points submission; Temporary lodging for single servicemembers with partial custody/visitation; shortage of professional marriage and professional counselors; Staffing to support the physical disability evaluation system; Army Community Service manpower and funding; and Funding for the exceptional family member program respite care.

Six issues were deemed unattainable, and there were nine issues that remain active and will continue to be worked toward resolution.

Most of the issues were reflective of the mobilization and deployment operational tempo, Army transformation, and the Army's commitment to provide a better quality of life for military members and their families.

In his opening remarks, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren thanked everyone for the work they do to support the AFAP process.

"This is a critical time in the life of the Army," Geren said. "The contributions that you are all making are shaping our Army so that it works for the entire Army family. I want to thank you very much for all you've done and look forward to continuing to work with you to advance your initiatives.

"This process is detailed and occasionally tedious," Geren said. "But this is the type of effort that's necessary in order to work through these issues and make them work for Soldiers families."

He went on to thank the vice chief of staff of the Army and his wife, Gen. Richard and Mrs. Vicky Cody, for the contributions they have made to the health of Army families as part of the initiative too improve Army quality of life.

"Our Army could not have two greater champions for Soldiers and families than you and Vicky, so thank you for your extraordinary work and leadership," he said.

This is the eighth and last AFAP conference that Cody will chair. Under his watch, 53 issues have been completed, resulting in nine legislative changes, 21 DoD or Army policy changes, and 22 improved programs or services.

Some of the changes that the AFAP GOSC closed while Cody was the chair include: separate dental and vision insurance options for civilian employees; the implementation of family readiness support assistants to the battalion level, Army-wide; access to military installations for family care plan providers; and expansion of education benefits for surviving spouses, to name just a few. Cody also saw the inclusion of the Army Teen Panel and wounded warriors as active participants in the Army Family Action Plan process.

"You all have been great scouts on behalf of our families and our Soldiers and our civilians, active, guard and reserve, during a very historic time for our Army," Cody said. "Six years at war with an all volunteer force — those of us who came in during the Vietnam War scratched our heads and said, 'An all volunteer Army?' but look at where we've come.

"I do believe, and I've stated many times in testimony, that the center of gravity of this Global War on Terrorism is our ability to retain the all volunteer force," he said.

"Never in the history of our country have so many people been dependent on so few, and asked so few to carry such a heavy rucksack. That rucksack goes not just to the Soldier in the field but also to the family members who have now supported two, three and four combat tours. What you do here is lighten that rucksack. You'll be 8,000 miles away from the combat zone, but your contributions here may be some of the most important things we do to sustain this all volunteer force."

Troops, NASA clash in all-star softball game

Unit representatives look for fifth straight victory

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Redstone's troop all-stars will try to keep their perfect record intact against NASA.

The troops have won this softball game all four years. They won three of the four in their final at-bat.

NASA is host – meaning the home team and batting last — for the fifth annual game July 8 at 6 p.m. at Linton Field.

"I think with the team we've got this year we're going to be a more defensive-minded team," Redstone second-year coach Rodney Henshaw, representing the post champion National Guard, said. "Just looking at the roster so far it looks like we have a lot of potential of not giving up many runs. Also it's a younger, faster team, more mobile, more versatile in positions this year. I think if we'll just hit it'll be five in a row for us this year."

Last year the troops overcame a 6-0 deficit after three innings. Redstone rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat NASA 11-10 last July 31 at Linton Field.

"It was defense," Henshaw said after last year's game. "It was defense – defense and clutch hitting at the end."

Marshall Space Flight Center's Victor Pritchett and Jim Lomas are organizing the NASA team again this year.

"We think we have a real good shot at (winning) it," Pritchett said. "We've run into some bad luck and good competition. All the games have been close except one. I think we have a good shot."

Redstone won 12-11 in 2004, 16-15 in 2005 and 21-8 in 2006.

The Redstone all-stars include pitcher/shortstop Henshaw, first baseman John Boyd, third baseman Marty Jones, outfielder David Ali and shortstop/outfielder Anthony Rusnak, all from the National Guard; pitcher/third baseman Matthew Wood, shortstop/second baseman Terry Spangler and outfielder Charles Magers, all from Bravo Company; outfielders Chris McNally and Sean Newsom, both Marines; and Joshua Shaw of Headquarters & Alpha.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

READY TO ROLL— The Redstone troop all-stars include, from left, Matthew Wood, Terry Spangler, Marty Jones and player/coach Rodney Henshaw.

Byers earns Greco-Roman berth in Beijing Olympics

Soldier pins down place in heavyweight class

By TIM HIPPS
FMWRC Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS – Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers secured an Olympic berth by defeating U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program teammate Spc. Timothy Taylor in the Greco-Roman heavyweight finals of the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling on June 15.

Three other Soldiers reached the finals of their respective weight classes but fell short of earning spots on the U.S. Olympic Team during the three-day tournament at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' Thomas & Mack Center.

Byers, the 2002 Greco-Roman heavyweight World champion, defeated Taylor in their first match, 1-1, 4-0, but lost the second bout of their best-of-three series, 2-5, 2-1, 1-1.

"Taylor is pretty good at being a wall when he wants to," said Byers, 33, a native of Kings Mountain, N.C., who is stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., where he trains daily with Taylor. "I really don't have any tricks for him. He knows what I'm going to do every time.

"He's a fast learner, a quick study, and his body's coming together," Byers said of Taylor, a 2007 Armed Forces champion who finished second in the U.S. Nationals and third in the U.S. World Team Trials last year. "That first match, I saw it. And in that second match, I really saw it – this guy is coming and he's defending hard.

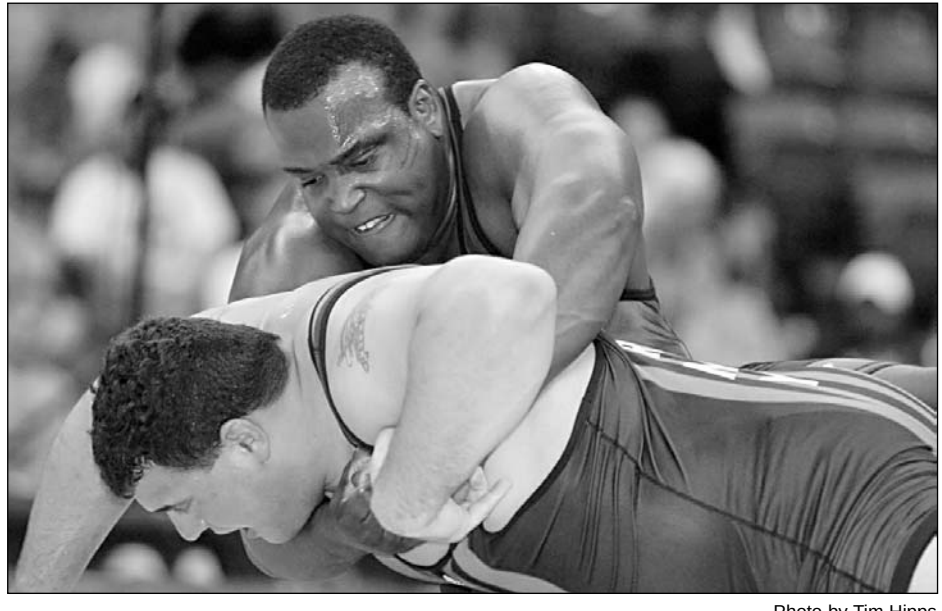

Photo by Tim Hipps

HIGH ROLLER— Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers defeats U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program teammate Spc. Tim Taylor in the finals of the 264.5-pound Greco-Roman division of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling June 15 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' Thomas and Mack Center. Byers won the best-of-three series, 2-1, and earned a berth in the Summer Olympics, scheduled Aug. 8-24 in Beijing.

"I knew it was time to take it up a notch and do what I'm supposed to do."

In the decisive third match, Byers dominated the first period, 4-0. In the second period, he scored five points with a high-amplitude throw of Taylor that ended the match and tournament in dramatic fashion.

"I just felt that if I worked my under hooks it would pay off, and right there in a clutch moment, it paid off – just like I had hoped," said Byers, who was interviewed mat side by his former training partner and archrival, MSNBC color analyst Rulon Gardner, who struck Olympic gold at the 2000 Sydney Games and bronze in the 2004 Athens Games.

"It's been a long road. It's been a real long road," said Byers, who thanked a long list of supporters – including All-Army coach Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis – that helped him along the way. "Some of it was luck and a lot of it was hard work. I'm very fortunate to be here right now.

"I think life starts now."

Byers plans to fulfill the promise of winning an Olympic medal for his late grandfather, Theodore, in Beijing in August.

"He probably would have asked me why I lost that one match," said Byers, who won his spot on the Olympic team on Father's Day. "Coming out that tunnel, and every time I looked up, I said: 'I know you're watching. I know you're watching.'

"I wish he could be here."

Taylor made sure Soldiers would be represented on the U.S. Olympic Team by

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reaching the 264.5-pound finals against Byers with a 3-0, 0-3, 1-1 victory over Russ Davie of New York Athletic Club.

"I knew whoever won the first period was winning the match, regardless of what happened," said Taylor, 25. "I had to get the first period – got the first period. Tried to stand up in the second period and he kept me down, so I just stopped moving. Third period, same situation: if I don't get turned, I win.

"Coach has been always saying that you have to have heart with 30 seconds left to win the match," said Taylor, a proud, new father of 11-week-old Makyla Aleece Taylor. "Being Father's Day, I was thinking about her. Reached down, thought about her, stood up – and once I stood up, there was no way he was getting a point."

Several other Soldiers competed gamely in the Olympic Trials.

WCAP Spc. Aaron Sieracki wrestled through longtime nemesis Jacob Clark, a former Marine, and WCAP teammate Sgt. Brad Ahearn, who grappled with a broken hand, before losing 6-0, 3-0 in the 84-kilogram Greco-Roman finals to New York Athletic Club's Brad Vering, a two-time Olympian and four-time World Team member.

"I wrestled well, overall – just wish I had stepped it up a little more for the finals," Sieracki said. "I just made a couple of mistakes, and if you make a mistake here, it's going to cost you."

Nothing stung Sieracki, however, quite like seeing his older brother, Keith, leave his boots on the mat, signaling the end of a brilliant Army wrestling career.

"Wow, that's tough to talk about," said Aaron, who buried his head in his sweatshirt to absorb the tears of disbelief. "He's the one who drove me. He's why I'm where I'm at. I can't believe he's retiring. It just won't be the same without him."

Staff Sgt. Keith Sieracki, an Olympic Trials winner in 2000 and 2004, lost to NYAC's Cheney Haight in the 74-kilogram Greco finale of the challenge tournament. Walking off the mat for the final time gave Sieracki a bittersweet sense of relief.

"I was hoping to do it at the Olympics, but I knew this was my last go-around," Keith said. "If you don't have the fire, mentally, it's hard – you're on auto-pilot. I gave it everything I had. I just didn't have anything left. Don't get me wrong, I wanted to make the Olympic team, but when it's all said and done, I've been in the top two (in the United States) for the last 13 years.

"The Army has given me the opportunity to wrestle this long. I can't say enough good things about the Army. I never in my life thought I would get such a privilege. I get to be a Soldier and I get to wrestle for the Army and honor these guys. It's amazing."

Sieracki lost his 2000 Olympic spot in a legal battle with Matt Lindland, who Keith defeated on the mat in the U.S. Olympic Trials at Reunion Arena in Dallas. He also made the 2004 team that failed to qualify the weight class for the Athens Games.

"Yep, I'm (the answer to) a trivia question," said Sieracki, 36, an 18-year Army veteran who will be remembered as a two-time U.S. Olympic Team member who never graced a mat in the Games. "But now the pressure is gone. I'm so tired of carrying that weight on my shoulders of hearing 'this is your year.'"

WCAP Staff Sgt. Glenn Garrison made it to the 60-kilogram Greco-Roman finals but lost back-to-back matches to NYAC's Joe Betterman.

"I feel like I wrestled good in my last match – thought I took it to him," said Garrison, 34, a five-time Armed Forces champion from Portland, Ore. "In my first match, I made a couple of mistakes that really cost me. I just didn't come out hard enough."

WCAP Pfc. Jeremiah Davis finished third in the same weight class with a 6-4, 6-0 consolation victory over C.C. Fisher.

WCAP Spc. Faruk Sahin, 32, a two-time Turkish national champion, lost 2-3, 7-5, 3-0 to Minnesota Storm's Jake Deitchler in the 66-kilogram Greco finals. Sahin was leading 5-0 in the second period before the bottom fell out.

"I guess I wasn't pumped up enough to win, but that was a great match," Sahin said. "He just goes, goes, goes, goes – that's his advantage – but I did my best. I'm happy with my performance. Now, I'll get ready for the CISM World Championships."

En route to his Olympic Trials finale, Sahin eliminated 2004 Olympian and All-Army teammate Sgt. Oscar Wood from the challenge tournament semifinals.

"He is the epitome of a warrior," Lewis said of Wood, who defeated Deitchler, 8-0, 8-0, earlier this year at the Sunkist Invitational. "He just leaves it all on the mat. We have a little saying that some people wrestle to the death and some people are scared to death. He's definitely a wrestle-to-the-death kind of guy. Every single time, he brings it, and I don't know what it is about the Olympic Trials, but he wrestled his butt off. I was getting excited for him to be a back-to-back finalist in the Olympic Trials."

WCAP Staff Sgt. Marcel Cooper, 37, also left his boots on the mat after losing to Gator Wrestling Club's Harry Lester in a Greco-Roman 66-kilo consolation bout. This was Cooper's second retirement from the sport.

"I left my shoes out there four years ago at this same tournament," said Cooper, who then was wrestling for the Marines. "I just have too many injuries. My body can't hold up any more. I've been doing this for a long time. Guys are just younger and stronger. I just can't compete at that level no more. That's not the way I wanted to go out, but I have no excuses. I had a good career.

"It's time to let it go," added Cooper, who began wrestling at age 5. "I have a bunch of surgeries I've got to get. My body was really telling me four years ago to let it go. But I have no complaints. I'd do it all over again. I gave it my best, but I want to be able to walk after all this is over."

Lewis, a 13-time Armed Forces champion on the mat, paid Cooper an ultimate compliment.

"We went at it several times and I always had utmost respect for him because he was one of the only guys I knew in the United States who could stop my gut wrench," Lewis said.

Three Soldiers competed in the women's freestyle tournament

Sunkist Kids' 17-year-old Tatiana Padilla pinned WCAP 1st Lt. Leigh Jaynes with 14 seconds remaining in a 55-kilogram freestyle semifinal.

"I just made a technical error," Jaynes said. "You need to be on your game at all times, and she stuck me in the last 20 seconds. It's heartbreaking, but she's a fighter and I knew better to tie up with somebody who didn't have anything to lose at that point."

In the same weight class, 2nd Lt. Tina George, a two-time World silver medalist and seven-time U.S. World Team member, lost to Gator Wrestling Club's Sally Roberts in the semifinals before wrestling back to take third place with a consolation victory over GWC's Sharon Jacobson.

WCAP Sgt. Iris Smith, a 2005 World champion and four-time U.S. Nationals champ, lost 1-0, 0-2, 3-0 in the women's 72-kilo challenge tournament semis to NYAC's Kristie Marano, a two-time World champ and nine-time World medalist (the most among U.S. women). Marano prevailed with a takedown in the final 20 seconds of the match.

"Iris definitely had the momentum going and Kristie was tired," Lewis said. "That takedown really was a tough one for me. I expect my world champions to get it done, but when you lose, you can't say anything but we've got to get better."

Lewis realizes the end is near for a few more All-Army wrestlers.

"The gladiators are going to get moved out by the younger gladiators one day, and that's really what's happening," he said. "Over my 20-plus-year career in wrestling, I have never seen so many people retire at the same tournament. It's a changing of the guard, and that's the way it's supposed to be."

Soldier's service rooted in patriotism

New Orleans native deployed in Iraq

By Pvt. CHRISTOPHER McKENNA
Special to American Forces Press Service

CAMP STRIKER, Iraq – When terrorists attacked the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, a high school student in New Orleans knew he needed to fight back.

"I was 16 years old when 9/11 happened, and being the hot-blooded person that I am, I joined the Army on my 17th birthday," said Spc. Jontel Watson, a combat medic with 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment. "I graduated (from high school) early and went to basic training in 2002."

Watson, who was raised in a military family, planned to join the Army even before the events of 9/11.

"I was going to go to college and get a degree first," he explained. "After I finished college, I was planning to come in as an officer, until 9/11 happened. For me, it was the final nail in the coffin toward joining. I was going to do it right away."

Watson graduated from basic combat training at Fort Benning, Ga., and received the Soldier of the Cycle award.

"I felt proud; I felt unstoppable," he said. "I had just gone through what people told me would be the most difficult place for basic, and I came out on top."

Watson faced a major decision in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina destroyed his family's home in New Orleans.

"I literally had nothing to go back to," Watson said. "My family was safe, though. They left the city prior to the actual hurricane, when the mayor ordered evacuation."

Watson was stationed in South Korea at the time and was given the option of receiving a compassionate reassignment to be closer to his family.

"My family is proud," he said. "They refused to receive assistance from myself, the government or anybody; but as time's gone by, they have improved and are once again doing well."

He spent another year in South Korea before receiving orders for reassignment to Fort Campbell, Ky. Shortly thereafter, his unit received orders to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"When we came on orders to deploy here, I expected the worst," Watson said. "I was expecting some adventurous stuff."

Stories told by servicemembers who had served multiple deployments in Iraq cultivated Watson's expectations of what lay before him. But he found that conditions have improved.

"I haven't had to work on one American Soldier during this deployment," he said. "I have, however, worked on a couple of gunshot wounds and stab wounds (on local citizens and Iraqi soldiers), things I have already seen before."

Watson said being deployed to this area of Iraq gives him a positive outlook on the future. He's decided to shoot for a college education when he leaves the military.

"I'm looking to pursue a degree in engineering, or maybe even journalism," he said.

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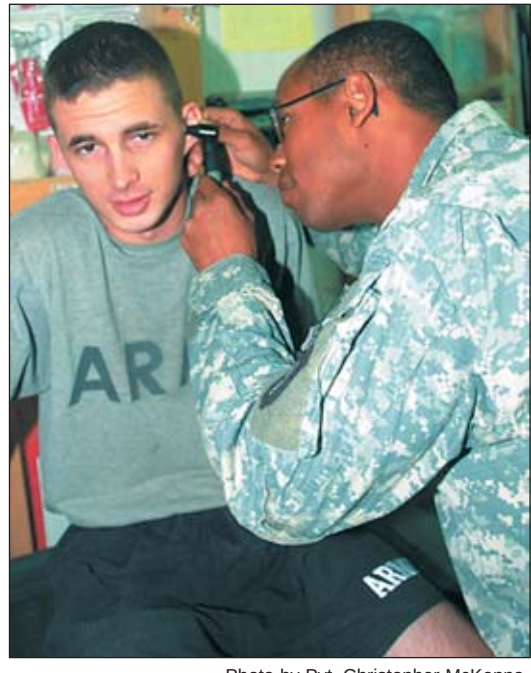

Photo by Pvt. Christopher McKenna

CHECKUP— Spc. Jontel Watson, a combat medic with 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, examines another Soldier in the Patrol Base Yusifiyah, Iraq, aid station, June 15.

Troops in Afghanistan kill, capture enemy fighters

WASHINGTON – Coalition and Afghan forces killed enemy fighters and detained four suspected militants in Afghanistan June 25.

Afghan and coalition forces killed several insurgents while patrolling the Maywand district of Kandahar province.

Insurgents attacked the combined security patrol with small-arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades and indirect fire. The patrol returned small-arms fire before calling in a precision air strike that killed an unknown number of enemy fighters.

In a separate incident, coalition forces in Paktika province detained four militants during an operation aimed at disrupting Taliban activities.

One of the enemy fighters coalition forces captured in the Sar Hawza district raid was a Taliban Haqqani network leader known to conduct financing operations in the area, military officials said.

Editor's note: The American Forces Press Service compiled this article from Combined Joint Task Force 101 news releases.

Rocket Announcements

Sports & Recreation

Racing night
Huntsville Speedway will have another Military Appreciation Night on Thursday. "This does not include the dependents, sorry," a prepared release said. "Celebrate Fourth of July early with racing and wrecking." Racing starts at 7:30 p.m. The program will include 50 Lap Super Trucks, 25 Lap KBC Development Mini Stock, 20 Lap Williams Drywall Super Stock, 20 Lap Pro Buzz, 15 Lap American Classifieds Buzz, and a 15 Lap X Factor Graphix Hot Shot, along with a fast action boat race. For more information, call the track 882-9191 or visit www.huntsvillespeedway.com.

Bicycle races
The public is invited to Huntsville's Spring City Cycling Club annual USA Cycling Federation races July 19-20. The Alabama Bicycle Coalition and ERC Inc. sponsor the ERC Kids Rocket Races during the Criterium races Sunday, July 20 in downtown Huntsville. Criterium races have been described as "NASCAR on two wheels." See bike racing in many categories and all children under 13 years old are invited to race for awards and prizes – all for free. Racing begins at 8 a.m. and the ERC Kids Races begin about 11:15, one block south of Big Spring Park on Gallatin Street, with the youngest children racing first. Bring your bikes and helmets. Get your bikes ready, do a little riding with your kids, and bring the whole family downtown July 20. For more information, visit www.springcity.org under "SCCC Summer Races."

Conferences & Meetings

Chapel women
The Protestant Women of the Chapel summer study will meet July 10, 17, 24 and 31 at the Bicentennial Chapel fellowship hall. "We will be studying the names of God from a book called 'Lord, I want to know You' by Kay Arthur," a prepared release said. The morning study is from 9:30-11 a.m., the lunch study is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the evening study meets from 6:30-8 p.m. For more Bible study information, call Laura Keegan 489-7686. For child watch care information, call Sharon Olshefski 489-0404.

Town hall
When the Logistics Modernization Program Town Hall with AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles kicks off July 16 at 8 a.m., the LMP Countdown Clock will have struck Day Number 235. The town hall, in Bob Jones Auditorium, will be broadcast on Team Redstone Television Channel 42. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the auditorium. Badges must be worn by all attending. All AMCOM, PEO-Aviation and PEO-Missiles and Space employees working the LMP transition are encouraged to attend.

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.

Computer users
The Huntsville Personal Computer Group will meet July 12 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave., starting at 9:15 a.m. with the Windows/Internet Special Interest Group. Kevin Wangbickler, past president of HPCUG, will discuss the importance of protecting your computer from viruses with frequent updates of free software and backing up your valuable data. At 10:45 there will be a short business meeting followed by Eunice Bellingrath, a longtime HPCUG member and teacher, presenting a program on free home inventory software useful for personal and insurance purposes. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

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Recognized resources

The American Society of Military Comptrollers Redstone/Huntsville Chapter honors two recipients of national awards. Lisa Sparks, left, of First Commercial Bank, received 2008 Corporate Sponsor of the Year; and Jessica Dunaway received recognition in Education/Training and Career Development.

Civil War discussion
Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet July 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. southeast. Morris Penny, an award winning author on the Civil War, will discuss "Patriotism Tested: The Civil War Tribulations of Union General John A. Logan and Confederate Colonel William Oats." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for $6.95. Call 858-6191 for more information.

Resource managers
The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is July 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Rick Turner, director or Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, is to talk about "Building the Work Force of Tomorrow While Developing the Work Force of Today." Tickets are $11 for members and $12 for non-members. For more information, call Kim Wright-Ouattara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

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.

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Alabama PTA

Want to be more involved in your child's school? Come to Alabama PTA leadership training for all 2008-09 PTA officers or future officers July 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Westlawn Middle School. "Alabama PTA will offer invaluable training, share successful programs experiences and provide pertinent documents that will help you in your role as a PTA leader," a prepared release said. "Principals admitted free!" For more information, call 1-800-328-1897 or go online at www.alabamapta.org. The local contact is Laurie McCaulley 533-5446.

Divorce round table

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. It has experts from the fields of financial planning, law, mental health, insurance, real estate as well as the mortgage and banking industries. For more information, visit the web site www.divorceroundtable.com.

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

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

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New vehicle

The Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation Inc., doing business as Phoenix Service, has performed the postwide custodial contract at Redstone Arsenal for the past seven years under Public Law 92-28, the AbilityOne program. As the contract enters its eighth year, Phoenix has begun replacing the older vehicles used in the contract performance with vehicles designed to be safer, more efficient and more environmentally friendly.

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or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

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

Motorcycle safety

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

Thrift shop

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

Reserve unit

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

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.

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 Bevill 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/.

Photo by Sam Bertling

Korean cuisine

A choir performs for Korean War veterans during their third annual luncheon June 23 at Hyun's Korean Garden Restaurant. About 27 veterans and their wives attended. "Sirs, sacrifices you've made during the Korean War were not in vain," said guest speaker Col. Tom Newman, AMCOM chief of staff. "You would be proud of their accomplishments. South Korea has become a modern nation, and competes equally on the world stage in sports, economics, technology and academics."

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.

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

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Ray Boles or James Taylor, Transportation Division, Garrison Directorate of Logistics, at 876-3119.

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.

Sleep disorders

Learn the latest from the Crestwood Center for Sleep Disorders health professionals on July 17 from noon-1 p.m. at Fox Army Health Center in the Wellness Center Classroom located on the first floor. "Join us to learn more about common sleep disorders including sleep apnea, obstructive sleep apnea, periodic limb movements, restless leg syndrome, insomnia and available treatment options," a prepared release said. 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. To sign up call 955-8888, ext. 1026.

Embry-Riddle classes

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus is now registering for the fall term, Aug. 11 to Oct. 12. Classes offered include Aviation/Aerospace Integrated Logistics; Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Basis of Management; English Composition; Algebra; and Aircraft Accident Investigation. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses. Registration deadline is Aug. 8. Call 876-9763, visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222; see the web site at http://www.erau.edu/huntsville; or e-mail huntsville.center@erau.edu.

Graduate certificate

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus has added a graduate certificate of completion in Project Management to its offerings at Redstone Arsenal. The courses required for the certificate of completion in Project Management may be taken as a stand-alone program or in conjunction with the Masters of Science in Management under the general management option. For more information, call 876-9763 or e-mail huntsville.center@erau.edu.

Health center news

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Friday, the Fourth of July. On Thursday, the Primary Care Clinic will be open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for scheduled appointments. The Pharmacy will be open 7:30-11:30 and the Tricare Service Center will be open until noon. The Central Appointments telephone line will be answered until 4:30 p.m. The Dental Clinic will be open all day. All other clinics and services will be closed the entire day for a training holiday.

Artists wanted

All artists in any medium are invited to participate in Redstone Arsenal's annual Oktoberfest juried art show Sept. 11-14. Submission deadline is July 31. "This is a great opportunity to display and sell your artwork to a very large public audience," a prepared release said. For more information and an application, call event coordinator Alison Levson 975-1975. Sponsors include Morale Welfare and Recreation, Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Huntsville Art League, Art By Alison, and Gina Hurst.

PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours for the Fourth of July: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. … Concessions closed. … Furniture Store closed. … One-Stop Goss Road, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. … Tire Store closed. … Burger King closed. … Military Clothing closed. … Barber Shop, building 3479, closed. … Food Court – Anthony's closed; Cinnabon closed; Baskin Robins, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Robin Hood, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Churchs closed; and American Eatery closed.

Military discount

Lowe's Companies Inc. announces it will offer all active, reserve, honorably discharged, and retired military personnel and their immediate family members a 10 percent discount on in-store purchases made during the Fourth of July holiday. The discount is available through July 7.

CFC volunteers

The Combined Federal Campaign office is in need of enthusiastic individuals with leadership and organizational abilities to be a part of its 2008 Loaned Executive Program. "The LE program is an excellent vehicle to train dynamic men and women for career and community leadership," a prepared release said. Individuals nominated will be required to attend a four-day workshop in August and be able to volunteer up to 20 hours per week during the campaign. Nominations for participation are now being accepted. For more information, call the CFC office 842-1037.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF 26 JUN 08	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION LOCATION	PAY PLAN & SERIES	GRADE LEVEL	POT GRD	PAY RANGE (FROM - TO)	WHO CAN APPLY? A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK08730611	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	
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
SCBK08719805	Interdisciplinary: Supv Psychologist; Supv Social Worker;	2-Jul-08	MEDDAC	YC-0180, 0185	2	2	57,146 - 110,691		X		X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK08800506	Electronics Engr	2-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK08800506D	Electronics Engr	2-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08779119	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913			X			X		X			X	
SCBK08784252	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913			X			X		X			X	
WTST08699982R	Security Spec	3-Jul-08	AMCOM, Intelligence & Sec Dir	GG-0080	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	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										
SCBK08827167	Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X						X			X	
SCBK08790050	Realty Spec	7-Jul-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-1170	7/9	11	37,164 - 71,500		X	X					X			X	
WTST08773779	Intelligence Spec (I&TS)	7-Jul-08	Material Cmd, I&TS	GG-0132	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08825937	Health Physicist (Leader), Physicist	7-Jul-08	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-1306, 1310	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X										
SCBK08823594	Supv Supp Spec	7-Jul-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YC-2001	2	2	57,146 - 110,691		X						X			X	
SCBK08836234	Accountant	7-Jul-08	SMDC	GS-0510	11	12	54,999 - 85,701				X								
SCBK08746199	Supv Mgmt Analyst	8-Jul-08	Mgmt Analysis Div	YC-0343	3	3	80,302 - 130,211		X		X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK08832974	Supv IT Spec (APPSW)	8-Jul-08	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	YC-2210	2	2	65,278 - 126,442		X										
SCBK08833139	IT Spec (APPSW)	8-Jul-08	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	GS-2210	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X										
SCBK08841874	Ofc Automation Tech	8-Jul-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YB-0326	2	2	35,650 - 65,080						X			X		X	
SCNAFBK0855	Child & Youth Serv Asst Dir	8-Jul-08	CDC, Child & Youth Serv Dir	NF-1701	3	3	21,100 - 41,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08828191	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-Jul-08	SMDC	YC-0346	2	2	57,146 - 110,691		X	X					X			X	
SCBK08668350DR	General Engr	9-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08821852	Mech Engr	9-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0830	3	3	65,921 - 101,913		X		X		X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK08821852D	Mech Engr	9-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0830	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	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	
SCBK08763947	Lead General Engr	10-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		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	
SCBK08763939	General Engr	10-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
SCBK08662675	IT Spec (Network)	10-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-2210	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X				X		X			X	
SCBK08788827	Electronics Engr	10-Jul-08	USADTC	GS-0855	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X											
SCBK08795795	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Jul-08	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-0346	12	13	65,921 - 101,913	X	X										
SCBK08808638	Human Resources Spec	10-Jul-08	AMCOM, G1 (Human Resources)	YA-0201	2	2	45,015 - 101,913		X										
SCBK08600730	Electronics Engr	10-Jul-08	USADTC	GS-0855	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X											
SCBK08830878	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X						X			X	
SCBK08828159	Mgmt Analyst	11-Jul-08	SMDC	GS-0343	12	12	65,921 - 85,701								X			X	
SCBK08791717	Supv Human Resources Spec	11-Jul-08	CHRA, Human Resource Dir	YC-0201	2	2	65,278 - 89,986		X										
SCBK08823750	Paralegal Spec	11-Jul-08	SMDC	GS-0950	9	9	45,458 - 59,100			X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK08823750D	Paralegal Spec	11-Jul-08	SMDC	GS-0950	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08784602	Prgm Analyst	11-Jul-08	Accessions Cmd, USA 2nd Recruiting Brigade Headquarters	GS-0343	11	11	54,999 - 71,500			X	X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK08740475	Electronics Engr	14-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141.657		X										
SCBK08735123	Opers Research Analyst	14-Jul-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YD-1515	3	3	93,107 - 157,412		X	X	X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK08735123D	Opers Research Analyst	14-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
SCBK08799693D	Supv Oper Research Analyst	16-Jul-08	SMDC	YF-1515	3	3	87,977 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08802070	Electronics Engr	17-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		X	X	X	X		X	X			X	
WTST08694131	General Engr	18-Jul-08	TSMO	GG-0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0852	Bowling Equip Repair Supv	18-Jul-08	Bus Oper Div	NS-4819	7	7	13.23 - 13.23	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08741077	Supv Electronics Engr	19-Jul-08	USADTC	YD-0855	3	3	77,018 - 130,211		X										
SCBK08741077D	Supv Electronics Engr	19-Jul-08	USADTC	YD-0855	3	3	77,018 - 130,211	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	
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476						X						
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997						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	
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997			X					X			X	
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK08771439	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	68,625 - 89,217				X				X			X	
SCBK08799693	Supv Oper Research Analyst	21-Jul-08	SMDC	YF-1515	3	3	87,977 - 148,740			X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
WTST08791733	General Engr	22-Jul-08	TSMO	GG-0801	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08840152	Inspector	24-Jul-08	AMCOM, Ofc of the Inspector Gen	YA-1801	1	2	30,001 - 71,500		X						X			X	
SCBK08600730D	Electronics Engr	25-Jul-08	USADTC	GS-0855	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08789030D	Supv General Engr	28-Jul-08	USADTC	YD-0801	3	3	88,050 - 132,379	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	18-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500		X	X					X			X	
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	18-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100		X	X					X			X	
SCNAFBK0813	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.88 - 9.88	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0821	Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.85 - 10.93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0822	Lead Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Outdoor Recreation	NF-0189	2	2	7.61 - 13.97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0825	Sales Clerk	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-2091	1	0	5.85 - 10.93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0826	Laborer	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	8.06 - 8.06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0833	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	4	4	8.69 - 8.69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0857	Recreation Aid	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.85 - 11.41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504		X	X	X				X			X	
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476						X						
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997						X						
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997			X					X			X	
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500		X	X					X			X	
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100		X	X					X			X	
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SCBK08800506D	Electronics Engr	2-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08699982R	Security Spec	3-Jul-08	AMCOM, Intelligence & Sec Dir	GG-0080	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08773779	Intelligence Spec (I&TS)	7-Jul-08	Material Cmd, I&TS	GG-0132	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08836234	Accountant	7-Jul-08	SMDC	GS-0510	11	12	54,999 - 85,701				X								
SCBK08841874	Ofc Automation Tech	8-Jul-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	YB-0326	2	2	35,650 - 65,080						X			X		X	
SCBK08668350DR	General Engr	9-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08821852D	Mech Engr	9-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0830	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08828159	Mgmt Analyst	11-Jul-08	SMDC	GS-0343	12	12	65,921 - 85,701								X			X	
SCBK08823750D	Paralegal Spec	11-Jul-08	SMDC	GS-0950	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08694131	General Engr	18-Jul-08	TSMO	GG-0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08799693	Supv Oper Research Analyst	18-Jul-08	SMDC	YF-1515	3	3	87,977 - 148,740			X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK08741077D	Supv Electronics Engr	19-Jul-08	USADTC	YD-0855	3	3	77,018 - 130,211	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08799693	Supv Oper Research Analyst	21-Jul-08	SMDC	YF-1515	3	3	87,977 - 148,740			X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
WTST08791733	General Engr	22-Jul-08	TSMO	GG-0801	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08600730D	Electronics Engr	25-Jul-08	USADTC	GS-0855	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08789030D	Supv General Engr	28-Jul-08	USADTC	YD-0801	3	3	88,050 - 132,379	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07347979D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
F- All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
U - All U.S. citizens

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

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

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