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# 'Personal courage kept me going'

Army Times Soldier of Year blinded in Iraq, carries on

By KARI HAWKINS

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Named the 2007 Soldier of the Year by *Army Times*, Capt. Scott Smiley is a living example of the Soldier's creed.

Every day, he puts the mission first and refuses to accept defeat.

He is disciplined, physically and mentally tough, and proficient in his warrior tasks and drills.

He is ready to engage and destroy the enemies of the U.S.

He is a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

And, he is blind.

Smiley is one of three Soldiers who have continued to pledge their service to their country despite war injuries that have left them sightless. Since the war began in Iraq, more than 100 Soldiers have been blinded and 247 have lost sight in one eye.

The Blinded Veterans Association estimates 13 percent of all combat hospital emergency procedures in Iraq have involved eye injuries and more than half of the Soldiers with traumatic brain injuries also suffer some visual impairment, making eye injuries the third most common injury – behind post traumatic stress disorder and brain injuries – in Iraq.

Yet, because of today's technology, a deep faith in God and a sheer determination to continue his Army mission, Smiley has remained a productive and successful Soldier.

Speaking to members of the local chapter of the Christian-based Young Business Leaders organization at a June 27 luncheon at the Huntsville Marriott, Smiley told how his faith in God, the support of his family and his belief in the Army values helped

him accept and overcome the injuries he sustained when a car bomb went off as he led his platoon of Stryker Soldiers on patrol in Mosul, Iraq, in April 2005.

"My faith has allowed me to be the man I am today," he said. "Don't look at the hardships, pain, agony, strife. Look at what God has given you, and your ability to glorify Him and praise Him.

"I know that it is tough, that it is hard. I miss seeing my beautiful wife. I miss not being able to see my son

(1-year-old Grady). But my attitude and faith carry me through each day. I know God has trusted and loved me, and will always love me, and I look at life and everyone else through the love God has shown me."

Smiley still lives his life based on the seven Army values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. But it is a Soldier's commitment to personal courage – the ability to face fear, danger or adversity – that led Smiley to "rely on Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, allowed me to withstand the blast and saved my life, allowed me to be a happy man and enjoy my life now."

Even before his injuries, Smiley led his life based on the Christian values he was taught as a child, values that were later restated in the cadet honor code lived by this West Point graduate and put to the test in Iraq, where he was a platoon leader for Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division.

Those values were the "basis to do what's right on the battlefield," he said. "Each day, I was in charge of a 45-man platoon. My faith helped me to make the right decisions on which doors to knock down, which people to save, which lives to take" while facing the threat of insurgent attacks in Mosul.

But the true test of his faith and values came on April 6, 2005, as Smiley and his platoon searched for suicide bombers on the supply routes around Mosul.

"We were fighting terrorists on a daily basis," he recalled. "There were fire fights, IEDs (improvised explosive devices), people getting injured all the time."

Smiley and his Soldiers knew there was military intelligence information stating suicide bombers were in the area.

"It was personal courage that kept me going. I had the courage to still do my job, to lead my men, to not stay hidden, to help the Iraqi people," he said. "Personal courage brought me out that day and I believe helped me to do the right thing."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SERVING COUNTRY**— Capt. Scott Smiley, with his wife Tiffany, has not allowed his blindness to end his aspirations to serve his country as a Soldier. Named the *Army Times*' 2007 Soldier of the Year, Smiley lost his eyesight in a suicide bomber explosion while patrolling the streets of Mosul, Iraq, in 2005. The West Point graduate has continued his Army career and will soon be teaching leadership classes at his alma mater.

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# An open lane random survey

When's your birthday and what's your birthday wish?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Roy Barrett

Supply branch supervisor, Northrop Grumman



**"March 24th (will be 49). Honestly, probably the first thing that pops in my mind is just to have health and prosperity in my immediate family. That's always No. 1 every day with me."**

Staff Sgt. Corey Collins  
Charlie Company

**"Jan. 28 (will be 39). All I wish for is that my family be taken care of, be taken care of all the time. And basically (that) the Lord always be looking over me."**



Pvt. Araceli Chavarria  
Charlie Company

**"Nov. 19 (will be 26). I guess for my kids to be healthy and happy."**

Heather Orne

Soldier's spouse

**"Nov. 26th (will be 22). Better luck at our next duty station."**



## Quote of the week

**'M**arriage is the alliance of two people, one of whom never remembers birthdays and the other never forgets them.'

— Ogden Nash (1902-71)

## Letters to the Editor

### Postcard from twin in Iraq

**M**aking the decision to come to work in Iraq for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and leave the safety of home behind was tough. A big part of my decision was the fact that my twin brother, Matt, had done two tours already and would probably be doing a third here shortly.

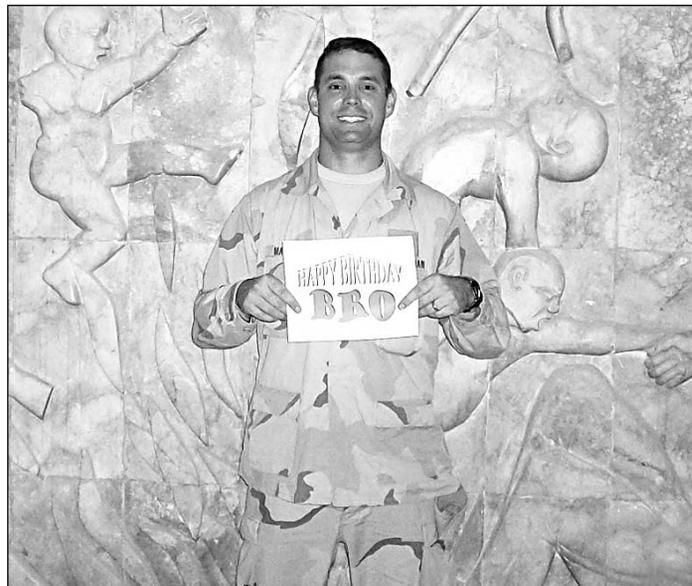
Before I came over here, I found a picture he had sent me during Operation Iraqi Freedom III which was taken on our birthday. The photo was pretty neat. How many times do you get a background like that?

Having dug up that photo, I made it a priority to see if I could surprise Matt with the same one as I would be over here for our 30th. After several weeks of hunting, I found the location at Palace Prosperity the day before I needed it. The next day, I attached the two photos and e-mailed them his way. It took about five minutes of explaining to him that they were not enhanced, and actually the real deal.

I am glad I could do something special like this and make my brother's day on our birthday. For me, this tour has a lot of those same qualities, being a great opportunity to do something worthwhile for the Iraqi people and to help many in Iraq.

**R. Bruce Mackey**

GRC MNSTC-I program manager,  
Ramadi and Fallujah PM  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Courtesy photo

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS—** While deployed in Iraq, R. Bruce Mackey of the Corps of Engineers holds a birthday message to his twin brother, Matt.

### Drivers talking on cell phone

**T**here are signs all over Redstone Arsenal indicating no cell phone use while driving. More and more drivers are failing to pull over to the shoulder of the road to use their cell phones. But how are people going to learn to do this if the Redstone Police/law enforcement are not practicing this act of safety themselves? During the morning of June 18, I witnessed a Redstone police officer, in his patrol car, turn off of Patton Road onto Redstone Road while using his cell phone. ...

Now, if I were the car in front of this or any other officer, I would have been pulled over and given a citation for using my cell phone while driving on post.

I'm no police officer, but I believe that just because I wear the badge doesn't give me the permission to break the law that I myself am enforcing with the general public or in this case the Soldiers and employees of Redstone Arsenal.

As a contractor for Jacobs, I would like to use this little rant as a "Safety Minute": When driving on the post of Redstone Arsenal and any other road you may travel, always keep in mind safe driving habits.

Even if it's not against the law to use cell phones while driving on other roads within the State of Alabama, you should always pull over if you need to make/receive a call on your cell phone. Just the slightest distraction within a second could cause a major accident injuring others and yourself.

#### Name withheld by request

*Editor's note: The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following response. "Garrison Policy 385-55, Use of Hand-Held Communication Devices while Operating a Motorized Personal or General Services Administration Vehicle, states: 'Vehicle operators on a DoD installation and operators of government owned or leased vehicles not on RSA installation property shall not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device. The wearing of any other portable headphones, earphones or other listening devices (except for hands-free cellular phones) while operating a vehicle is prohibited. Emergency responders, while in the performance of their official duties, are exempt from this prohibition.'"*

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# Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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**Name:** Lt. Col. Martha Hall

**Job:** Case manager supervisor, CBHCO-AL  
(Community Based Health Care Organization  
of Alabama)

**Where do you call home?**  
Dyersburg, Tenn.

**What do you like about your job?**

We take care of Soldiers. We get the Soldiers back home when they've been injured or gotten sick. Because home is where the Soldiers heal best.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I don't have any spare time right now because I'm about to graduate Aug. 9th with my master's degree in nursing case management from University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Capstone College of Nursing. So that's been my hobby for the last three years. And I have six grandchildren I like to spend time with when I go back home to Tennessee. The youngest is 2 months old. And the oldest is 20 and he deployed Friday (June 27) to Afghanistan.

**What are your goals?**

I'd like to stay on this mission until retirement (in 2011). And then go back to Dyersburg and teach in the community college nursing program, and have lots of time to play with my grandchildren in Tennessee.

**What's your favorite type of music?**

Contemporary Christian



Photo Lab

## Star workers

Several members of the Logistics Support Activity have received a three-star note signed by Lt. Gen. Ann Dunwoody, Army Materiel Command's deputy commander, and a coin for the contributions they made toward the monthly publication of the Army Supply Bulletin 700-20. The notes and coins were presented by Sarah Finnicum, director, Supply Directorate, headquarters Department of Army, G-4, during a local ceremony June 20. In the front row, from left, are William Somerville Jr., Beverly Alexander, Lynetta Cain, Katherine Daly, Finnicum, Annette Harris, Minnie Everard of Army G-4, Debra Coma and Chief Warrant Officer 4 William Bazile of Army G-3. In the back row are Dana Thorpe, Troy Whitehall, Linda Sneed, Quinntilus McClurkin, Richard Manley, William Chaplow Jr., Edward Jimenez and Dennis Zelinsky.

## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**June 27:** A Soldier entered the clothing sales store, selected several items and left without rendering payment. Post Exchange personnel detained him and notified Redstone Police. He was processed by police and released to his unit.

**June 28:** An unidentified driver at the Shoppette dispensed gasoline valued at \$31.72 and drove off without paying. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

**June 28:** Police while on patrol observed an unoccupied vehicle in a ditch near building 111. The driver returned to the vehicle and police detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from him and inside the vehicle. After he failed sobriety tests, he was transported to the Police Station where he submitted to a Dreager test with a result of .22 percent blood alcohol content. After his result reached an acceptable level he was issued violation notices for driving under the influence, underage drinking, and minor in possession of alcohol. He was then released pending a court date.

**June 29:** A driver was stopped for speeding by police near Gate 9. A check through NCIC revealed nine misdemeanor warrants issued by Douglas, Ala., Police. The subject was issued a violation notice for speeding and released to Douglas Police.

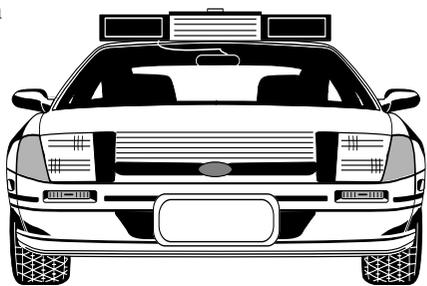
**June 29:** When a driver approached Gate 9 and requested a visitor pass, it was revealed that several misdemeanor warrants existed for the subject issued by Huntsville Police. The subject was released to Huntsville Police.

**June 30:** A Soldier reported that someone entered his barracks room and stole a Play Station 2 and accessories valued at \$500. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

**July 1:** The driver of a vehicle approached Gate 8 while under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested by Redstone Police and transported to the Police Station where he submitted to a Dreager test with a result of .26 percent blood alcohol content. After his result reached an acceptable level, he was issued a violation notice for driving under the influence and released.

**July 2:** The driver of a vehicle at Gate 1 had a revoked Alabama driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Traffic accidents reported:** five without injury, none with injury.



## Army reports six deaths from mishaps

FORT RUCKER — The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center provided the following list of accidents Armywide during June 6-12:

- A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident June 8 at approximately 1:30 a.m. on co-located Otis Air Force Base/Camp Edwards, Mass. He was operating a 2000 Harley Davidson 1500cc Sportster at a high rate of speed when he tried to negotiate a curve, lost control of the motorcycle, struck a curb and was thrown into a utility pole. He had completed an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, was wearing a helmet and had a valid license.

- A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident June 8 at approximately 3:10 a.m. in Dillon, S.C. He was operating a 2007 Suzuki at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the motorcycle while negotiating a curve and crashed. He had completed an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course and was wearing a helmet.

- A Soldier was found dead June 10 at approximately 10 a.m. at Fort Bragg, N.C. He was participating in a land navigation course

exercise when he failed to report in. The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center is investigating the accident.

- A Soldier was killed in an apparent fratricide accident June 9 at approximately 4:30 a.m. in Iraq. The accident is under investigation.

- A Soldier was killed in a negligent discharge accident June 11 at approximately 9:54 p.m. in Pueblo, Colo. The Soldier was at the residence of a fellow Soldier who was cleaning his personally owned pistol when it discharged and a bullet struck him.

- A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident June 12 at approximately 7 p.m. near Barstow, Calif. He was operating a 2001 Yamaha 72FR1 at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the motorcycle and crashed into a guardrail. Reports indicate the Soldier was passing vehicles and standing on his motorcycle seat on one leg. He had completed an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course and was wearing a helmet; however, his license was expired. His chain of command was aware of the expired license and counseled him against riding illegally.

## Missile Defense Agency promotes small businesses

*Upcoming forum unveils new acquisition strategy*

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
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The Missile Defense Agency is changing how it does business. And that should mean better opportunities for small businesses.

That's according to Lee Rosenberg, MDA's director for small business programs.

Under a new program called Missile Defense Agency Engineering and Support Services, which begins later this year, support contracts will be awarded along functional lines. This means businesses can compete to provide agency-wide support for particular functions – such as testing or intelligence. Previously, contracts were awarded in the various program areas; one program office had its own testing contractor while another program office used another company, for example.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BY THE BOOKS— Lee Rosenberg is the Missile Defense Agency's director for small business programs.**

There are 14 functional areas within the engineering and support services program.

"It's all our contracts that pro-

vide advisory and assistance service," Rosenberg said.

"We have an opportunity here, and we're taking it, to

reshuffle the cards in the way we do business here and in the process I think there is going to be more opportunity for small businesses," he said.

The new program will be phased in over the next two to three years. Existing contracts will run their course; and the new system will begin gradually as a parallel effort. None of the new contracts will be longer than five years, so competition is promoted.

The engineering and support services program will be explained during MDA's Office of Small Business Programs' ninth annual small business conference July 21-22 at the Von Braun Center North Hall. The conference theme is "MDA: Teaming for Global Missile Defense."

"Basically the conference is organized around the MiDAESS program this year," Rosenberg said. "This year we're bringing the functional managers in to talk about what their needs are."

Cost to attend is now \$100. To register and for more informa-

tion, visit the following web site: <http://www.mdasmallbusiness.com/conference/>.

"Registration is filling up fast," Rosenberg said. "As soon as we reach our limit, we'll cut it off. We're nearing 400 here. It's first come, first serve."

Unlike most Defense Department agencies, MDA's acquisition approach is capabilities-based rather than requirements-based. The agency's mission is to develop and progressively field a multilayered ballistic missile defense system to defend the United States, U.S. deployed forces and its allies and friends against ballistic missiles of all ranges in all phases of flight.

"We're increasing the capabilities in different areas and delivering that capability to the war fighter," Rosenberg said. "So we're very different in that regard from the rest of DoD."

Last year MDA spent more than \$142.5 million total for both its Small Business Innovative Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs.

## Units add 42 Soldiers during month

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

- Col. Gregory Gonzalez, Program Executive Office for Aviation; Col. Warren Odonell, PEO Missiles and Space; Col. Anthony Potts, PEO Aviation; Capt. Marcella Barnett, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Capt. Dana Bogard, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Clarissa Lewis, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Mittlebeeler, PEO Aviation;

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kevin Cox, Logistics Support Activity; Lt. Col. James Benson, Garrison; Lt. Col. Tracy Brown, Space and Missile Defense Command; Lt. Col. Andrew Hamilton, PEO Aviation; Lt. Col. Kevin Mobley, PEO Aviation; Lt. Col. Paul Terrell, Space and Missile Defense Command; Maj. Joseph Manley Davis, PEO Missiles and Space; Maj. Brian Hackenberg, Missile Defense Agency; Maj. Michael Kelley, Aviation and Missile Command; Maj. Kathleen Kelly, AMCOM; Maj. Arthur Pack, PEO

STRI Orlando; Maj. Rebrindo Ramirez, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas; Master Sgt. Bryan Wright, HHC 59th;

- Sgt. 1st Class Charlotte Elmore, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Cecil Taylor, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Walters, HHC 59th; Sgt. Justin Bollay, SMDC; Sgt. Terek Myers, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Spc. Andre Brooks, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Spc. Matthew Gross, MEDDAC; Staff Sgt. Erick Austin, Headquarters & Alpha; Staff Sgt. Jonathon Conner, HHC 59th;

Staff Sgt. Ian Crawley, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Joshua Grimes, NCO Academy; Staff Sgt. Peter Harker, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Lamar Hizer, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. Jason Hull, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Kathy Jackson, Charlie Company; Staff Sgt. Steven Jeffers, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. David Lounmala, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Jonathan Martin, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Amanda Rodriguez Smith, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Michael Snell, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Garrick Whitley, Charlie Company; and Staff Sgt. Jay Wilson, HHC 59th.

# 1950s era missiles work after all these years

## Honest John solid rockets roar in static firing tests

The Redstone Technical Test Center successfully static fired six Honest John solid rocket motors June 24-26 at Test Area 5.

The test firings were the culmination of an unprecedented stockpile reliability program in which the motors stored in World War II-era bunkers at Redstone Arsenal survived 45 years of storage and still met performance criteria.

The Honest John missile system, developed in the early 1950s during the Korean crisis, was the first U.S. tactical

nuclear weapon and was fielded to Army Field Artillery units in early 1954. The motors undergoing test were manufactured in 1963-64 and were approximately 16 feet long and 23 inches in diameter producing approximately 100,000 pounds of thrust in about five seconds.

“The Honest John motor produces an enormous amount of thrust in a short burst of energy utilizing approximately 2,000 pounds of high explosive propellant,” Walter Ruh, chief of the Propulsion Test Branch at Test Area 5 of RTTC, said. “It is truly humbling to see a part of the Cold War history still successfully operating after all these years. A true engineering accomplishment.” (RTTC release)



Photo by Ed Harris

**BIG BOOM—** An Honest John solid rocket motor is static fired at Test Area 5.

# Interns become helicopter pilots for a day

## Four item managers visit Kiowa cockpit

Four OH-58D item managers working in the Scout Observation Directorate were given the opportunity May 29 to tour the Kiowa Systems Integration Lab at Redstone. One of the many functions of the lab is testing new software and equipment to be used on various aircraft.

The Armed Scout Helicopter Office advocates item managers’ familiarization of the systems being managed. The opportunity proved to be a valuable learning opportunity for the item managers in that through their tour, they were able to physically see and operate a simulated Kiowa cockpit identical to the ones used in training OH-58D pilots at Fort Rucker. The simulated cockpit provides combat-situational environments in which the pilots must fly the aircraft and operate weapon systems against enemy targets.

“I never realized how difficult it was to successfully acquire and shoot down a target,” item manager Joseph Munson said. The item managers were also given a

demonstration of the Mast Mounted Sight system which is the source of sight capability for the aircraft that allows the pilots to locate, range and designate enemy targets so that either they, or other helos like the Apache, can attack. The item managers received further briefings on the functionality of the Hellfire missile and how it uses laser precision to lock onto targets, as well as a Blue Force Tracker demonstration. The tracker is equipped on aviation and ground units that use the system to display hostile or friendly forces to transmit intelligence collected to the Tactical Operations Center for course of action procedures.

The item managers thanked the Armed Scout Helicopter Office, Tony Nguyen (SED OH-58D System Software Team), and the lab workers for allowing them to become pilots for a day, and for the opportunity to better understand their own importance in meeting and exceeding the mission at hand of supporting Army aircraft and more importantly, the war fighter.

*Editor’s note: This article was provided by item managers Brittany Sikes, Joseph Munson, Jennifer Lynch and Blake Martin.*

# Telling aviation unit's story one Soldier at a time

*PS Magazine* writer visits the 25th brigade

By Sgt. BRYANNA POULIN

25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD, Hawaii — From tail rotors to engine parts, there are numerous components that make up an aircraft. Each component must work in unison to allow the aircraft to fly and the aviator to complete the mission.

For the Soldiers who spend countless hours turning wrenches to ensure those components do work in unison, remaining current on technical manual updates, safety notifications and maintenance trends is a must for mission success. So the Soldiers of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade turn to the *PS Magazine*, a preventive maintenance monthly publication based at Redstone Arsenal.

During the second week of June, Soldiers from the 25th CAB had their chance to share ideas for *PS Magazine* with Frank Chase Jr., the senior aviation writer for



Frank Chase Jr.

*PS Magazine*, as he visited Wheeler Army Airfield. Chase's focus was to find out what Soldiers of the CAB were doing in the field of maintenance and safety that would be useful to Soldiers across the Army.

"I visit three installations a year to get story ideas from Soldiers," Chase said. "Basically, *PS Magazine* writes articles on general repairs and better ways of doing something in the TM." The

input comes from the bottom up as Soldiers feed Chase with story ideas.

*PS Magazine* is an official publication of the Logistics Support Activity. The focus of the magazine is to provide insightful information for all Soldiers with maintenance and supply duties and the leaders providing oversight of those areas, according to Chase.

Concluding the weeklong visit with Soldiers from 25th CAB, Chase received a variety of story ideas and boosted the morale of the Soldiers he talked to. He ultimately achieved his goal of gathering 25 to 30 ideas for future maintenance articles from Soldiers in the field. His presence also provided encouragement to the Soldiers at the 25th CAB. It demonstrated that the powers that be want to know what is happening where the rubber meets the road.

"Everyone in aviation seems to like *PS Magazine*," Chase said. "So when I talked to Soldiers and told them who I was with, they all were excited to speak to me and made my visit here exciting."



Russell Moore/Photo Lab

## *Athens native*

Lt. Col. Drew Clanton has succeeded Lt. Col. Mark Pincoski, who retired, as the product manager for Precision Guided Missiles and Rockets. The Athens native has served with the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space during two previous assignments.

# Logistician helps fix launcher process

*Streamlining results in cost avoidance*

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

In a seemingly incongruous recipe — mix a Texas Longhorn with a Texas Aggie — the PEO Missiles and Space has produced a prize-winning and fund-saving hero in the person of Rachelle Lapperre.

Specifically, that Lone Star State blend is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, who has achieved an historical first and set the standard for her building 5250 teammates by becoming the program executive office's first certified Black Belt.

"She was very diligent throughout this project, and the entire PEO Missiles and Space applauds all of her efforts," the PEO's Frank DeLuca said. "Her tenacity has set the standard and her efforts totally align with Army's Business Transformation practices and Brig. Gen. (Genaro) Dellarocco's philosophy of Starting Every Day Lean."

An AMC fellow, Lapperre has slogged through a 13-month master's degree and is currently in year four of the five-year program.

"I have two career programs: Logistics and Program Management," the Texas native said. "But, in terms of the Texan-Aggie blend, it could be said that I crossed over to the Dark Side, became an Aggie, and emerged as a Black Belt."

In the PEO, a Black Belt crosses the finish line by completing the five LSS steps, ideally at the eight-



Rachelle Lapperre

month mark.

"The five LSS steps: Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve and Control mean that a trainee has to pay his or her dues at each 'toll gate' to get certified," DeLuca said. "The process owner, or Champion, in addition to a Board of Directors, assures that all requirements are met and satisfied at each of the five toll-gate evaluations."

The mechanics of the project's scope are integral to the entire effort.

"Discovering what is the best way to work this defined solution at each of the following four gates is key," DeLuca said. "Looking at options to maximize the solution is vital."

Staying within Control limits dictates if the Army reaps benefits, with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology as well as the Army Materiel Command writing the 'report card' on Control Limit



Courtesy photo

**HARDWARE—** This is a Hellfire missile launcher on an Apache helicopter.

benefits.

"A Black Belt is always measuring to assure that Control Limit — long-lasting fixes are maintained," Lapperre said. "That becomes part of the process; data will continue to be collected and charted on Hellfire M299 and M272 missile launchers Reset."

She traveled with the Reset Team to the unit's locations for depot-level repairs. They worked launcher Reset at the Tennessee National Guard, in Boise, Idaho and at Fort Bragg, N.C., actually 'turning wrenches' on flight lines 12 hours per day, with eight-hour Saturdays.

"I do woodworking, so this was just using a different set of tools. I had a lot of fun and the guys were truly great," Lapperre said. "They were very supportive and did not get tired of answering all of my questions."

Using LSS proved to be the right tool, at the right time and at the right place.

"The team looked at the situation and arrived at a solution, thanks to Rachelle's second set of Black Belt-trained eyes," DeLuca said. "The result is a win-win situ-

ation; that is, the product is better for our war fighters and better for the work force."

Quickness and efficiency proved to be the hardware keys unlocked by using LSS tools.

"Rachelle had a 20-percent cycle time reduction goal at the outset, but actually came up with a 25-percent reduction and an annual cost avoidance of \$94,000," DeLuca said. "She changed the flow of the operation to optimize the solution set. Basically, she sat down with the workers, asking them: 'Why are you doing that?'"

A new set of eyes was the crucial linchpin.

"We used an industrial-standard spaghetti diagram to track the movement of people," Lapperre said. "I discovered that they spent about 45 minutes walking around to get parts during a 12-hour shift. I centralized the parts location and reorganized the layout, eliminating non-value-added actions and steps."

She also researched an automatic parts washer that incorporates a rust inhibitor to prevent corrosion, as well as designed a new test bench and other tools that make the Reset process easier and faster.

"My grandfather was a carpenter, who actually built his own house," Lapperre said. "I grew up working with my hands and basically thought it was fun, so this whole project was a natural for me. It was just a different set of tools and working with metal instead of wood."



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## Admin achievers

Participants in the Administrative Professional of the Year competition, held in Mobile at the IAAP Alabama Division Annual Meeting, include from left Renita Hill, Birmingham Chapter; Slone West, Huntsville Chapter; Ellen Mahathey, Redstone Arsenal Chapter; Diane Hargrove, Alabama Power Chapter; and Nancy Williams, Mobile Chapter. Mahathey was named 2008 APY for the Alabama Division. The scoring is done on points accumulated for education, community service, IAAP involvement and a question in front of a panel of judges.



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## Logistics summit

Representatives from the Aviation and Missile Command attended the Logistics Modernization Program training summit at the Computer Sciences Corporation in Marlton, N.J. Attendees included AMCOM LMP integration director Cathy Dickens; Al Gonzales and Melody DeMaris, Corpus Christi (Texas) depot LMP leads; and Mark Sheffield and Nadine Stoler, Letterkenny (Pa.) depot LMP leads. An LMP Town Hall will be held July 16 at 8 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium.

# Moving Wall honoring veterans to make stop locally

Five-day visit starts Thursday

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Guntersville will pay tribute to veterans during a five-day exhibit that will center around "The Moving Wall," a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Although the wall honors Vietnam veterans, Guntersville Mayor Bob Hembree said the exhibit will offer an opportunity for citizens to show their appreciation to all U.S. veterans.

"This exhibit is very worthwhile to have in our city to pay tribute to all our veterans," Hembree said. "We think it will be well received. This is an exhibit that impacts all visitors no matter if they served during wartime or what war they served in."

The Moving Wall will be on exhibit at the Guntersville City Harbor beginning with a ceremony at 5 p.m. Thursday and continuing through Monday, July 14. It will be open to visitors continually during those five days. The harbor is located on the north side of U.S. Highway 431 as visitors travel east over

the Guntersville bridge.

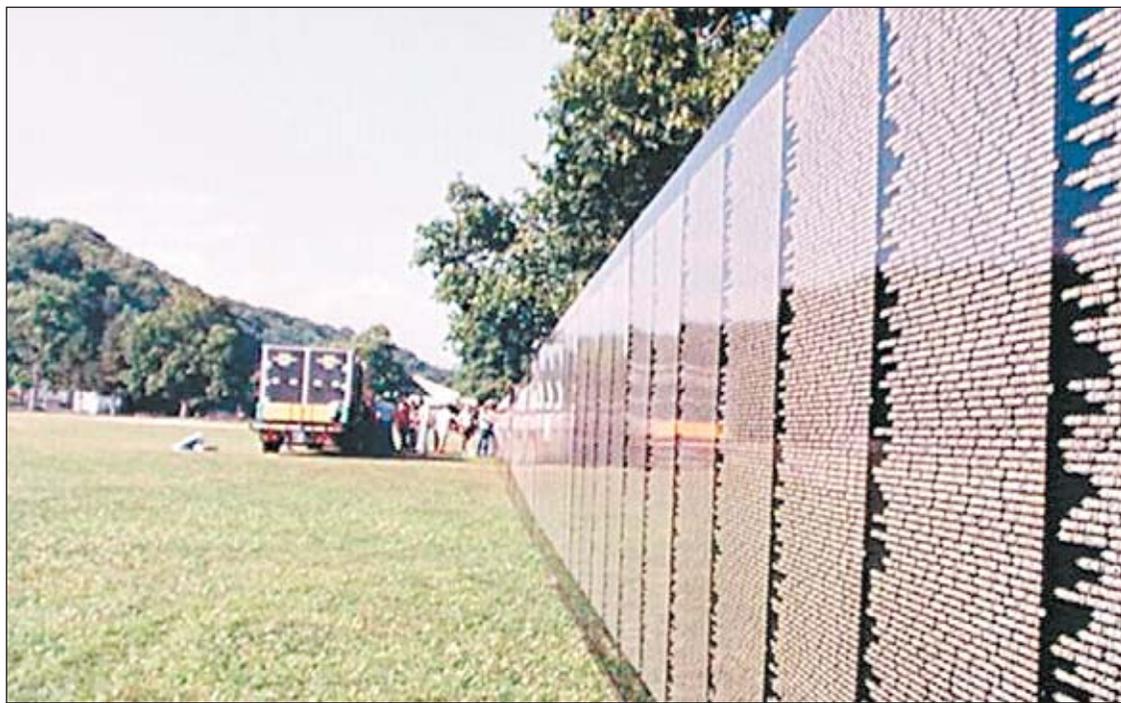
The City of Guntersville is sponsoring and coordinating the event. The 253-foot wall, built by Vietnam veteran volunteers, has been displayed in cities around the nation since it was first displayed in Tyler, Texas, in 1984. The names of veterans killed in the Vietnam War are engraved on the wall.

"We wanted to do something special for the Vietnam veterans," said Wendy Walker, who is coordinating the event for the city. "This was a great opportunity to bring the wall here."

The opening ceremony will include patriotic music, a color guard from the Alabama Army National Guard and comments from guest speaker retired Lt. Gen. Jim Link. Ten Vietnam veterans from Marshall County will receive special recognition during the ceremony.

The Moving Wall will be constructed Thursday by volunteers who will build a platform for the wall. The exhibit will be decorated with American and POW/MIA flags donated by American Legion Post 8 in Guntersville.

More than 200 volunteers will serve as hosts during the exhibit. Those volunteers are headed by T.C. Hamby, an Air Force Vietnam War era veteran who works



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**COMING TO GUNTERSVILLE—** The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be on exhibit in Guntersville beginning Thursday and continuing through Monday. An opening ceremony is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday and will include comments from retired Lt. Gen. Jim Link.

as a contractor for Marshall Space Flight Center, and Korean War veteran Ernie Brantley.

"We've got a lot of volunteers. But we're not turning any-

one down at all," Hamby said. "Anyone who wants to volunteer can be part of this. Volunteers welcome visitors, provide information and help visitors find names on the wall. We will also have counselors there to assist visitors."

Hamby said visiting The Moving Wall – or the actual memorial in D.C. – is a moving experience for many.

"I have a friend from high school whose name is on the wall. It touches home for me," he said. "I recommend that everyone see this wall. It touches you in ways you don't know. It's going to be very emotional."

The exhibit will be open 24 hours a day to give all veterans a

chance to experience it.

"A lot of Vietnam veterans will come through around midnight and the early morning hours to sit at the exhibit and find peace," Hamby said.

Hamby said he is glad to be associated with The Moving Wall exhibit.

"It's absolutely wonderful," he said. "I can't do enough to help with something like this. I just feel privileged to have this opportunity."

Those wanting to volunteer can call 571-7590 or 797-0590 or e-mail wendy.walker@guntersville.al.org. For more information on The Moving Wall, check out the web site at <http://www.themovingwall.org>.

## Museum also honors veterans

Visitors to The Moving Wall may also want to visit the Guntersville Museum, where an "Honoring Our Veterans" exhibit is on display through September.

The exhibit features veterans from Guntersville, a brief history of U.S. wars and conflicts, and such unique items as the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to retired Col. Lee Mize, cannon balls fired during the Civil War dur-

ing attacks on Guntersville, a Viet Cong pith helmet and an original letter from Gen. Robert E. Lee to Georgia Mountain resident Ira Roe Foster.

The museum is located at 1215 Rayburn Ave. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call 571-7597 or visit <http://www.guntersvillemuseum.org>.

# Army opens gate to automated installation entry

Redstone among posts to receive upgrade

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The Army is ushering in the next generation of installation access at gates across the world — Automated Installation Entry — and the Access Control Point Program at the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, is poised to play a major role as that becomes reality.

These AIE gates will read radio frequency identification tags on car windshields and scan identification cards, rather than have a person visually check ID cards as people enter installations.

Redstone Arsenal is on the list of installations that will get the upgrade. Work to upgrade the infrastructure at five Redstone gates is set to start in late October.

“We will be upgrading the infrastructure at gates 1, 3, 7, 8 and 10, and also installing barriers at gates 1, 8 and 10,” said Amy Venable, a project manager with Huntsville Center’s Installation Support and Programs Management Directorate. “\$1.7 million is budgeted to improve the ACPs and get them ready for the AIE install scheduled for fiscal year 2010.”

Upgrades will include installing conduit for AIE system equipment, new guard booths and canopies with lighting. Typically these upgrades take about six months, Venable said.

Partners on this project include Williams Electric of Arab; the Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District; LaRue Wisener, Physical Security at Redstone Arsenal; Joe Skinner, Garrison Directorate of Public Works; Khaleelah Muhammad, Directorate of Information Management; Kim Torrence, project engineer with Huntsville Center’s Engineer-



Photo by Debra Valine

**WORK IN PROGRESS—** Gate 3 at Redstone Arsenal is one of five gates that will be upgraded in August in preparation for an Automated Installation Entry System scheduled for fiscal 2010.

ing Directorate; and Brian Erickson with the Protective Design Center at Omaha District, Corps of Engineers.

This work is not in response to an incident at Redstone Arsenal June 6 where police chased suspects onto the Arsenal, resulting in a crash and death of a Marshall Space Flight Center employee and injuries to five other employees.

In October 2002, the Army’s Product Manager for Force Protection Systems selected the Huntsville Center to plan and manage this gate upgrade initiative to include survey, design, purchase and installation of ACP equipment at all Army installations. Since that time, the program has evolved into two sub-programs under ACPP — Access Control Point Equipment Program and Automated Installation Entry Program. The ACPP efforts are executed in conjunction with the priorities established by the office of the Provost Marshal General and as directed by PM-FPS.

AIE is already a reality at Fort Hood, Texas.

Fort Hood, on its own initiative, built the Army’s first AIE system — the Phantom Express.

With AIE in place, payroll was reduced an estimated \$6 million annually at Fort Hood due to fewer guards being necessary.

Michael Norton, the program manager for Huntsville Center’s ACP program, said the Phantom Express was used as a starting point to develop a system that can be duplicated and used at installations around the world. The center also has been tasked with making sure the new AIE system meets all Armywide gate security regulations.

Huntsville Center is installing AIE prototypes at Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., and Fort Carson, Colo. Norton said those two installations were chosen

because they represent different sizes of installations.

“Letterkenny is a smaller post with a high percentage of civilians, and Fort Carson is more your traditional large base with a high turnover of its population of Soldiers and their families,” Norton said. “This way we can see how the system performs in two different sets of conditions.”

Norton said Huntsville Center is intricately involved in making sure the existing programs can seamlessly work together.

However, AIE brings more important security improvements, said Thad

Stripling with the ACP program.

“The improved vetting of credentials and overall improved security on installations is the ultimate goal of automation,” Stripling said. “Cards will be read and verified versus having someone just look at them. While providing more thorough checks of credentials, the system will also allow installations to keep a record of who is coming on post and when.”

*Editor’s note: Chris Gardner started writing this article before he left Huntsville Center for training. He now works for the Corps’ New York District.*



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## Product manager

Lt. Col. Greg Paul has succeeded Lt. Col. John Chicoli, who retired, as the Precision Fires Rockets and Missile Systems Field Artillery Launchers product manager. Paul comes to building 5250 following an Army systems coordinator assignment.



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## Graduation day

Acquisition Basic Course director Maj. Christine Hackett, second from left, presented awards to three graduates from Korea. From left are Maj. Yong-Su Kim, Maj. Kwang Young Kim and Maj. Tae Hee Lee. Yong-Su Kim and Lee made the Commandants List.

# Project removes explosive hazard at Tooele depot

Huntsville engineers use controlled heat

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TOOELE ARMY DEPOT, Utah — A project to remove an ammunition processing building at Tooele Army Depot presented an explosive challenge to the Facilities Reduction group at the Huntsville Center.

Building 1245, which was used as a munitions (Trinitrotoluene or TNT) washout facility, contained equipment likely coated with unknown amounts of explosive residue that made traditional demolition dangerous.

The building contained equipment that was too large to remove and had to be rendered “safe” for unrestricted release as scrap before the building could be demolished. To get to that point in the project, Huntsville Center had to ensure the explosive danger was eliminated.

Larry McFarland, the project manager at Tooele, and Huntsville Center technical manager Kevin Healy turned to PIKA International, a company that uses a process called thermal convection, to destroy explosive residue. Thermal convection uses controlled heat from a standard source, similar to how a self-cleaning oven works, to destroy explosive residue in a building, rendering it safer for a “near normal” demolition effort.

Using a thermal convection system is a first for Huntsville Center.

Finding innovative solutions for facility removal is not new for Huntsville Center. Each project is unique and project managers look for the best technical method of removal at the least cost to the customer. Other examples of creative



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**CONTAINER—** Workers are building an insulated enclosure around the TNT washout facility equipment at Tooele Army Depot, Utah.

facility removal have included implosion, sealed bid auctions and the establishment of a directed demolitions team.

“PIKA’s proposal to prepare the building using the TCS and demolition of building 1245 resulted in a savings to the government of approximately 60 percent of the original program costs,” Healy said.

Preliminary demolition activities started May 29. Demolition is expected to be complete by mid-July.

PIKA may be able to speed that process up just a bit. When the initial

preparatory operations were conducted at the site June 15, hidden explosive residue exploded, causing the corrugated tin building shell to crumble and come off the steel beam frame.

“That will save us a lot of man-hours,” said Paul Ihrke, the vice president of federal programs for PIKA. “This really helped the demolition process along. The tin can now be sent to the recycling facility without further processing.”

The initial operation was conducted according to work plan and approved

explosives safety submission and executed flawlessly with no one getting injured, Ihrke said.

“We do this to get to any hidden residue,” said Lloyd George, the PIKA senior unexploded ordnance supervisor at the site. “We maintain the maximum safety distance of 2,373 feet, which is the Department of Defense Explosive Safety Board-approved Minimum Separation Distance before we conducted the venting operations. No one was in the area on Sunday (June 15).”

PIKA is building an insulated enclosure around the TNT washout facility equipment so that any explosive residue on the equipment can be burned off with the TCS. The combination of the enclosure and the TCS create a portable oven to destroy the hidden explosive residue. It burns propane that is routed into the enclosure.

Two TCS units will operate at around 750 degrees Fahrenheit for six to seven hours to remove any explosive residue. The residual ash can be wiped off, just like a self-cleaning oven.

“We take anything of hazard out of the building and place all the pipes and other pieces of equipment on top of the TNT washout machine,” George said. “Everything that might have explosive residue on it will fit into the enclosure being built for the operation.”

“The concrete will be busted up and reused on site as clean hard fill for sumps or sent off-site for recycling,” said Lewis Kovarik, PIKA’s on-site safety officer. “The steel and tin will be cut up and sent to a recycling facility. When we’re finished, there won’t be anything left.

“Everything leaving Tooele will have a chain of custody letter explaining that the material is free of explosives,” Kovarik said.

# Golf instructor aims to share experience

*Atnip assumes top role for Links at Redstone*

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Golf is more than a hobby to many people. It is a way of life, representing the endless struggle for personal perfection. David Atnip, new golf instruction director for the Links at Redstone, is helping golfers master the skills they need to take their game to the next level.

"The fundamental things people need to play golf are how to grip, how to align to a target and how to stand," Atnip said. "They sound like simple things, but not necessarily easy to accomplish."

Atnip has been playing for almost 50 years. In fact, the sport has been a central factor in his life.

"I started at a rather young age. I lived near a golf course in Colorado Springs and practically grew up on it," he said. "Basically everything I've ever done has been in the golf business. I was in the military (Air

Force) right after college. Even then I played golf and actually helped build a golf course, so I've never been away from it."

He took over as instruction director at the Links at the end of May. He now heads up all of the teaching aspects of the course, including golf lessons and clinics. Atnip is available for private or group lessons. He tries to keep groups small, so that he can truly devote the time and attention to each player that is necessary.

"I'll take up to six in a group, but no more than that," he said. "Any more than that and it's difficult for one instructor to work with everyone. It's not worth their while."

He also works with golfers of all ages and skill levels. He has found that beginners are the easiest to teach because they are a blank canvas. However, more experienced golfers can still reap rewards from instruction. He just goes about it a little differently.

"It can be difficult for them to make a change because it doesn't feel right or look right to them," he said. "Depending on how well they hit the ball, I try not to make a lot of changes to their swing."

This isn't Atnip's first time teaching golf in Alabama. He was the resident pro at the Huntsville Country Club for a time during the 1970s. He also spent time as a pro in Fort Walton Beach and Montgomery. Since he played professionally for 38 years, Atnip doesn't technically have a handicap.

"Professionals don't have one. You're supposed to play scratch," he explained. "If I had one it would probably be around 5."

Seeing why so many people fall in love with the game is easy, Atnip said, even if the game itself isn't.

"It's the challenge of having to do it yourself," he said. "You're out there with Mother Nature."

Because the format of the game is so different from every other sport, it can be hard to get the hang of it. The motions and stance are not something that comes naturally.

"The hardest part is learning to control the golf ball. You would think it would be easier since the ball is just sitting there wait-

ing for you to hit it," Atnip said. "But you're aiming 90 degrees away from where you're facing. Most sports you get to look at your target."

He is available five days a week. A simple call or visit to the clubhouse is all it takes to get on his schedule. Lesson prices are reasonable — \$40 per 45 minute lesson, which is below the average off post. The Links also offers discounts for groups. Junior golfers pay half price. For more information, call 883-7977.

"We have a package deal here," Atnip said. "If you buy four lessons, you get the fifth one free."

He also encourages those thinking about picking up a club to do so. While trying anything for the first time can be intimidating, Atnip said the only real requirement to get started is the desire.

"You have to want it," he said. "If a person wants to learn and they're interested, then it can be a lot of fun."

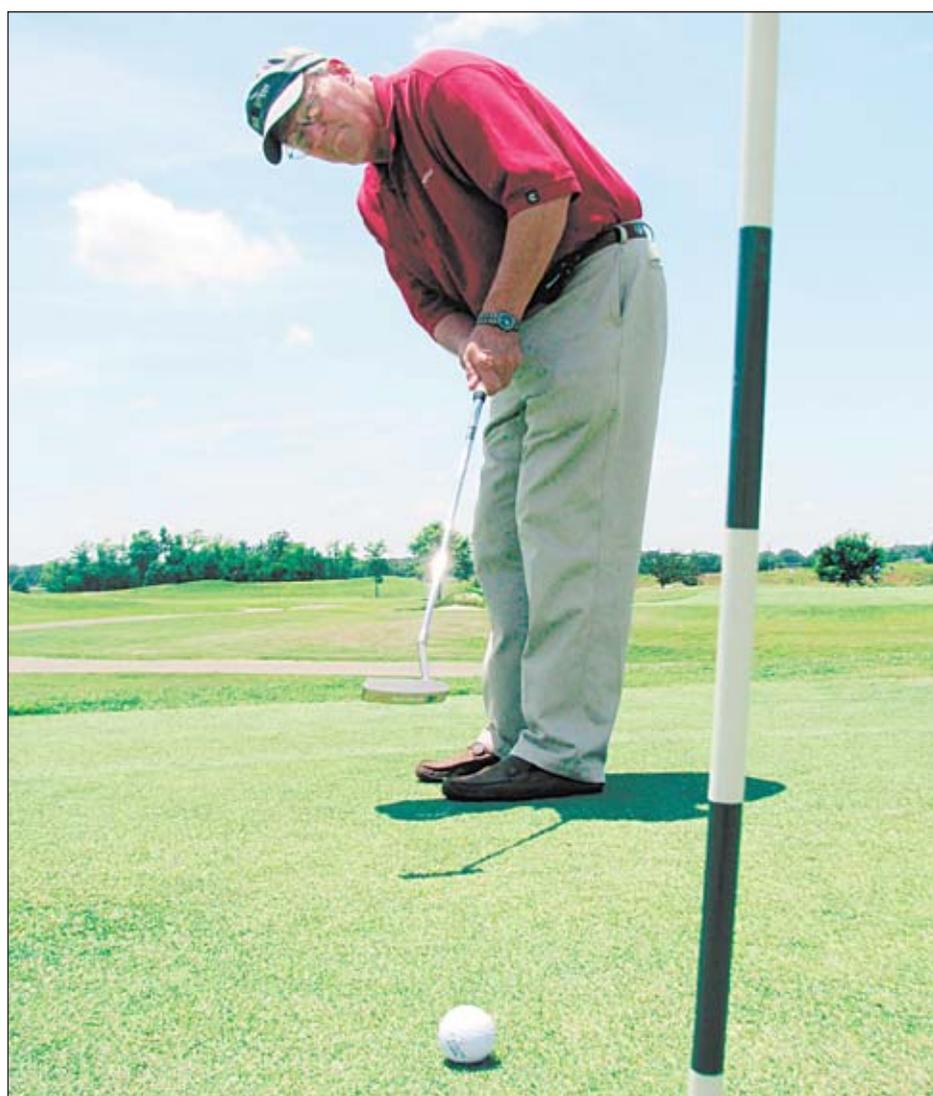


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**ON LINE—** Golf instruction director David Atnip works with golfers of various ages and skill levels.

# U.S. grants NATO request to extend unit's Afghan tour

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WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Robert Gates has approved a NATO-led International Security Assistance Force request that the 2,200 Marines of 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit remain in Afghanistan a month longer than planned.

Marine Corps spokesman Maj. Dave Nevers said the Marines “have been doing an effective job” in Regional Command South.

NATO officials said the ISAF commander, Army Gen. David McKiernan, requested the one-month extension.

“The extension will allow these Marines to reinforce the success they have had on the ground,” a Defense Department official speaking on background said.

The unit is part of a one-time deployment to Afghanistan that began in March. The original orders called for the Marines to be back at Camp Lejeune, N.C., in October. The extension will move their return into November. Families began receiving notification of the extension July 2.

There are still no plans to replace the Marines once their tour in the volatile area is complete. A total of 12 Marines have been killed fighting the Taliban and their al-Qaida allies since the deployment began.

# Montana Guard starts program on post-deployment stress

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WASHINGTON – TriWest and the Montana Army and Air National Guard recently launched a pilot program to help Guard members and their families deal with post-deployment stress.

TriWest administers the military's Tricare health care program in 21 western states.

The program gives servicemembers at armories in Helena and Great Falls, Mont., face-to-face and confidential opportunities with TriWest mental health providers to discuss post-deployment stress issues. The providers also participate in monthly unit-level health training.

Post-traumatic stress is a disorder more and more common in servicemembers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. In April 2006, the Montana National Guard formed a task force to evaluate the care and needs of Guardsmen returning from deployments, said Capt. Jeremy Hedges, manager of the post-deployment health reassessment program for the Montana National Guard.

The task force made 14 recommendations to change existing post-deployment programs, includ-

ing mandated enrollment in the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system, mental health-focused training, and the TriWest pilot program, according to a progress report issued in May.

The task force found that the Montana Guard was following all of the state's guidelines, but that guidelines fell short of taking care of returned veterans, Hedges said.

Cooperation with TriWest, the state of Montana and the National Guard led to the commitment to implement all 14 recommendations. Hedges said officials hope the changes and the TriWest program will aid in providing immediate service and early detection.

“This program has the potential to save lives,” he said. “If a Guardsman has thoughts of suicide or is in a risk category, these professionals will be able to diagnose and talk to him, and immediate referrals will be made for the Guardsman to seek further treatment.”

The program began June 1 and is scheduled to continue through the end of the year. The task force will track progress and feedback, with hopes to secure a long-term commitment from TriWest and other sources, Hedges said.

# Army retiree rejoins to support the cause

*60-year-old Soldier still willing to serve*

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Jim Richards' uniform is a little stiff and he's still fiddling with the Velcro adjustments at the wrists. His boots are just now getting broken in and he is learning how to shape the Army beret so it sits just so on his head.

Richards has just joined the Army — for the second time — at age 60.

He is known as a voluntary retiree recall. He is a Soldier who retired 15 years ago as a major and has once again felt the yearning to answer his country's need.

"I felt this was something I wanted to do," Richards said. "I am still mentally and physically fit enough to do the job. If it keeps from sending another Soldier back for their second or third tour then I feel I've made a difference. I'm a patriotic person. But I don't wear it on my sleeve. I love my country and this is something I wanted to do."

Richards turned 60 in March. About four years ago, the Army started the retiree mobilization and recall program for retirees who wanted to voluntarily rejoin the military. Richards signed up for the program, thinking he wouldn't be selected for service.

"It's a two-tier program and Soldiers who retired 10 years or less ago have a much better chance of being recalled," he said.

Richards was informed through e-mail of opportunities he could volunteer for, most of which were in the Human Resources Command in St. Louis.

He applied for a few, but nothing came of those applications. Then, in September 2007, he received an e-mail from the Department of the Army Chemical Branch announcing three openings they were trying to fill with retiree recalls.

"A couple were in the combat arms unit with the 10th Mountain Division. I thought I might not be able to keep up with that," he recalled. "But another one



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**READY TO GO—** Maj. Jim Richards is preparing for a deployment to Iraq with the 44th Medical Command based at Fort Bragg, N.C. Richards voluntarily rejoined the Army after 15 years of retirement under the retiree mobilization and recall program. His wife, Angela, supports his decision.

was with the 44th Medical Command at Fort Bragg (N.C.). I felt I would be a good fit for them.

"Originally, I started my military career as a corpsman (medic) in the Navy so I had a little medical background. And they were planning to deploy to Iraq in September 2008, which is something I wanted to do. The 44th Medical Command will have control of medical assets in Iraq during their deployment."

So, Richards volunteered. The paperwork was completed and he received his orders in April. He took a temporary leave of absence from his job as an environmental specialist at Teledyne Solutions and reported to Fort Jackson, S.C., on May 25 for a physical and retraining. He then joined his unit at Fort Bragg on June 6. Richards was home recently to collect personal items — along with his wife Angela — and return to Fort Bragg for training before the September deployment.

"I was really excited they chose me. It also occurred to me that this is my fifth decade that I've served on active duty," he said.

"I'm mentally and physically able to still do the job. I've got old high school classmates who have passed away or who are in poor health for a variety of reasons. But I look at myself in the mirror and say 'Gee, I think I'm in a lot better shape.' And the fact that the Army let me come back on active duty reinforces that for me."

Richards' military career began in 1969, when he joined the Navy. In 1973, he left the Navy to pursue a college degree. "The ROTC program in college was recruiting veterans after Vietnam. They were having a hard time getting students in ROTC," he said. "The job market wasn't so good so I signed up for ROTC. In 1975, I became active duty Army and I stayed in the Army until I retired in 1993."

His military career included stints as an ordnance officer and a chemical officer. His duty stations included Redstone Arsenal, 18 months in Korea, the Johnston Island Chemical Storage Facility in the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii and the chemical school at Fort McClellan in Anniston. His post-retirement civilian



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**OUR HERO—** Neighbors in the Richards' southeast Huntsville neighborhood decorated their homes and mailboxes with patriotic red, white and blue to show their support for Maj. Jim Richards' return to active duty.

work with Teledyne Solutions has involved managing life cycle environmental documents for the Army's missile and aviation programs on Redstone Arsenal.

Richards will pick up his Army career where he left off — as a chemical officer.

"I will make sure the Soldiers of the 44th Medical Command are prepared for any chemical, nuclear or biological threat. But, realistically, since those threats are relatively low, I will be involved with plans and operations shift work in a tactical operations center in Baghdad," he said.

Reactions concerning Richards' new Army career have been mixed among family members (including five daughters and four granddaughters), friends, co-workers and the Soldiers in his new unit.

"People are surprised. But they are also supportive and respect my decision," he said.

"The unit that I'm with is drawing additional staff from Reserve elements. I don't know if any are quite as old as I am.

But there will be a lot of older Soldiers coming back on staff from Reserves."

Richards admits he is having to get used to the Army again. But the challenge has not been difficult.

"A lot of things have changed. To some extent it's like it's all new," he said. "But to a larger extent, it's like riding a bicycle. You never forget. As a volunteer retiree recall, I can't get promoted. So I don't have to worry about physical training tests and evaluations. The biggest change is getting used to being back in uniform again and remembering the military courtesies of saluting and being saluted."

He has also felt the difference in the public's attitude toward the military since he put back on the Army's combat uniform.

"When I was first in the military, it was the Vietnam era. If you didn't wear a uniform during the Vietnam era, then it's hard to explain how poorly the military was looked on by the public," he said. "Today, even though the war in Iraq is not real popular, it's totally different how people support those in uniform. I've gone from experiencing the bad end of the spectrum as a Soldier to the best end. It's really humbling."

Richards' wife has supported her husband in his decision, and his daughters and granddaughters are OK about the decision.

"A couple were concerned about my safety," he said. "Even though I won't be participating in convoys, it is still a war zone. There is a certain amount of concern. A couple of my granddaughters think it's awesome to see me in uniform."

For Richards and his wife — who will either remain at Fort Bragg during his deployment or return to their Huntsville home to wait for her husband's return — his assignment is a new challenge in their lives.

"We look at life as an adventure, as a journey rather than an end," Richards said. "Retiring from the Army started a new adventure for us. Going back on active duty is another new adventure for us. I want to take this adventure and help support the Soldiers who are defending our country and our freedoms. I want to support the cause."

# One-stop shop for civilian personnel matters

## Advisory center meeting needs

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When you work for an organization as large as the Army, it can be difficult to figure out personnel issues on your own. Employees have questions about benefits, pay and leave. Managers want to know how to hire new employees or handle discipline issues with existing workers. Fortunately, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is there to serve all their needs.

"We provide a full range of human resources support to all of Team Redstone," CPAC director Don Dixon said.

The Redstone CPAC is located on the first floor of Sparkman Center building 5308. The organization in its current form dates back to 1996, but Dixon said there has always been a human resources office of some kind on the installation.

Currently the CPAC employs 90 people. That includes approximately 35 former Civilian Personnel Operations Center employees who joined the CPAC in May as part of organizational restructuring.

"The people who are actually doing referral lists and announcements that were once part of what was called the CPOC have now been assigned to the CPAC. Most of them are still here at Redstone," Dixon said.

The addition of that staff has expanded the work that the CPAC does. While they continue to provide advisory services to Team Redstone, they have added to the hiring services they provide.

## Tenants of Redstone Sixth in a series

"We also do the actual announcements, the actual referral lists and a lot of the actual production work that was once done by the CPOC," Dixon said. "Now the people who are giving the advice and



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the people who are doing the referral lists are sitting side by side. We're actually cross-training so that one person can provide both the advice and the product in the staffing classification area."

Now when an organization needs to fill a position, the CPAC can walk them through the process from writing an announcement, referral lists and selection criteria. They serve a large customer base. Not only do they service people on the installation, they also assist Army organizations located in the surrounding community. That includes workers based out of Redstone organizations, but located around the world.

"Some are deployed with the Global War on Terror," Dixon said. "Others are permanently located at other sites. We service them because they are part of Team Redstone even if they are assigned elsewhere."

It makes for big numbers. Dixon estimates that they are working for and with about 10,000 workers across 25 commands and activities. Within that number, approximately 400 of those are non-

appropriated fund workers.

"Those are people who work in the clubs, childcare and that sort of thing," he explained.

Once an employee is hired, however, the CPAC's service doesn't end there.

"The CPAC is not just about filling jobs," Dixon said. "We also have a management/employee relations area that handles employee grievances, disciplinary actions and labor relations."

When an employee has an issue, they can come to the CPAC for help. That can mean filing a grievance. It can be a question about their pay or benefits.

"We have people who deal with the different insurance programs. We help with things like health insurance, life insurance and survivor assistance," Dixon said. "Whatever issue you have, come to us. We can't fix it if we don't know about it."

Managers can use CPAC resources for assistance in disciplinary actions and other issues. The labor relations portion of the CPAC works closely with both management and labor unions.

"Most of our employees are part of

bargaining units," Dixon said. "We work with those unions and managers on any issues involving those employees."

The training division offers assistance with the resumix system, application process and personnel pay systems. They offer supervisor development workshops and other management tools. They hold new employee orientation and training sessions. While the frequency varies, Dixon said there is always a training session of some kind going on. They also provide custom sessions to suit an organization's needs.

"If they have a specialized need for training in a particular area, we will come and provide that for them," Dixon said.

He urges anyone with a human resources question to give the CPAC a call before it becomes a problem.

"Get us involved early. If you're getting involved with an HR process for the first time, especially, get us involved in the planning," he said. "Sometimes people aren't aware of the assistance they can get from someone walking them through the entire process."

# Sixteen children earn Space Camp scholarships

Association presents awards for 12th year

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Redstone Arsenal youngster Alan Villanueva is already preparing for what he wants to do some day – become a pilot.

He was among 16 winners of Space Camp scholarships from the Air, Space and Missile Defense Association. For the 12th year, the association provided scholarships for children to attend the weeklong camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

The association's Space Camp Scholarship committee reviewed applications and selected winners based on numerous factors, including a handwritten essay and academic performance. The scholarships were open to any child age 9-11 whose parent or parents are assigned to the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, U.S. Strategic Command, Missile and Space Intelligence Center or the Missile Defense Agency.

"It was very cool that by writing an essay to the best of my ability I was able to earn a scholarship to this camp," said Villanueva, 11-year-old son of Air Force Capt.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ENJOY THE RIDE**— Space Camp students 11-year-old Alan Villanueva, left, of Redstone, and Michael Parnell, 9, of Kodiak, Alaska, talk with Larry Burger, board member and past president of the Air, Space and Missile Defense Association. Burger is director of the Future Warfare Center at SMDC.

Alan and Carmen Villanueva.

The sixth-grader, who is home schooled, attended Space Camp with the other winners from June 29 through July 4. They attended the association's

Space Camp luncheon July 2.

"It's very cool," Villanueva said of the camp. "You get to go on a bunch of simulators. You get to learn about the history of space. I would recommend this

for any kid that can go to this camp because it's a very educational, fun camp."

This year's winners included children from Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Nebraska, Korea, and

Kwajalein Atoll.

The luncheon was sponsored by Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, who was among those who gave remarks along with keynote speaker Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of SMDC/ARSTRAT.

"I'm just glad you're here and I hope you're having a wonderful week," Spencer told the youngsters.

Campbell thanked the association for sponsoring the scholarships. He advised the youngsters to stay in school, keep themselves healthy and never give up in their endeavors.

"This is an important program," Campbell said. "We want you to have fun with it."

A luncheon attendee later asked Villanueva about his career goal. "I'd like to be a pilot, sir," he replied.

The scholarship winners included Amon Butler of Korea, Stephanie Earnest of Colorado Springs; Cameron Jones, Kelly Yuson and Jillian Werthman, all of Omaha; Jack Judy and Tarique Latrell Burke Liner, both of Huntsville; Alan Villanueva of Redstone Arsenal; Elizabeth Wilborn and Valerie Krepel, both of Delta Junction, Alaska; Michael Parnell of Kodiak, Alaska; Joshua Whitehead of Adak, Alaska; Joe Makua, Kate Everts, Jordan Hadley and Danielle Junker, all of Kwajalein.

## Post Library contest winner screams with joy

Youngster receives doll of her choice

Sabrina Berndt wanted to increase her chances of winning a contest at the Post Library.

The 10-year-old entered the drawing all three times she checked books out at the library during the May through June contest. The winner would receive an American Girl doll of choice in the Kit Kittredge – Army Library Program partnership promotion.

Alice Myles, wife of Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, went to the library July 2 to draw the winning name. And the winner was ... Sabrina Berndt.

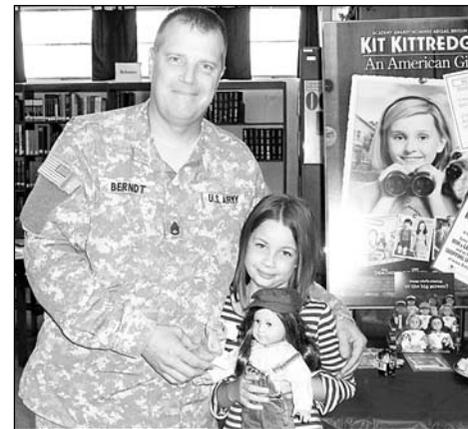
"My ears are still ringing from when she screamed in the car," said her dad, Staff Sgt. Jim Berndt, an instructor at the

Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. He told her the happy news when he picked her up after receiving a call at work from library director Gail Alden.

Sabrina said she has read one set of the American Girl books and is on the list waiting to check out more of the Kit Kittredge books. She selected the display doll with the basset hound because dogs are her favorite animal and she used to have a basset hound. Her actual doll has been ordered and will be delivered to her at home. Although Sabrina lives in Colorado for much of the year, she enjoys being at Redstone during the summers.

"I like the library here," she said.

Sabrina and her father were planning to see the Kit Kittredge movie. (From a Post Library release)



Courtesy photo

**MOMENT WITH DAD**— Sabrina Berndt, with her father Staff Sgt. Jim Berndt, is winner of the Post Library's Kit Kittredge drawing for an American Girl doll of choice.

# Marine colonel visits Huntsville hometown

*Logistics service commander makes business trip home*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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When Marine Col. Laura Jersey Sampsel took command last year of the Defense Logistics Information Service in Battle Creek, Mich., the Huntsville native says she didn't fully comprehend the scope of its mission.

"We are the data managers for DoD and provide logistics solutions to the war fighter with a heavy IT focus," Sampsel said during a business trip last week in her hometown.

She and four members of her command met with Logistics Support Activity leaders regarding the Mine Resistant Ambush Protective Vehicle, which is deployed to ground forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The rapid fielding of that weapon system in an unprecedented period of time has required a very agile and flexible approach to logistics," Sampsel said.

Her command is under the Defense Logistics Agency. Army Gen. Robert T. Dail serves as director of DLA, based in Fort Belvoir, Va.

"Under the leadership of General Dail and Mae DeVincentis, my immediate boss, I've been given opportunity that I never thought possible," said Sampsel, the first woman to lead the Defense Logistics Information Service and DLIS' 20th commander.

Of her first year at the helm, she said, "You're in command. What could be better? I've been given unbelievable opportunity that I've never fathomed."

She leads 851 government civilians, 300 contractors and three servicemembers — one apiece from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

"I could never do this alone. I've got the strongest support team in the world," Sampsel said. She was accompanied to Huntsville by her deputy, Debbie Greger; Joe Layton, program manager for the Federal Logistics Information on Portable Media; Theresa Knife, the DLIS MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protective Vehicle) program manager; and Sandy Baldwin, DLIS MRAP production lead.

Sampsel, 46, was commissioned as a Marine second lieutenant in 1983 when she graduated from Vanderbilt University. She has also earned master's degrees in economics from the University of Oklahoma and in nation-



Col. Laura Jersey Sampsel

al resource strategy from the National Defense University. She is a 1979 graduate of Grissom High.

"I had no clue it (the Marine Corps) would be this unbelievable," she said. "The Marine Corps has always had 100 percent faith in me and they have always challenged me. I have persistently been given greater responsibility. They've always challenged me to excel. They expect and receive appropriately 100 percent."

She and her husband, Kirby, an American Airlines pilot, have a son, Craig, 20, a junior at Purdue University majoring in history and on a Marine scholarship, and a daughter, Lauren, 17, a senior at Gull Lake High in Richland, Mich. In her spare time, Sampsel likes to "sail and hang out with my kids."

Her relatives in Huntsville include her 76-year-old mother, Claudia Jersey — "she is an unbelievable woman," Sampsel said; her sister, Dreama Carlson, who served in the Army; and her niece, Davie Sampson. "Huntsville's always been home for me," she said while visiting from June 29 through July 1.

Her father, the late Army Col. Donald Jersey, served in World War II, Korea and completed three tours in Vietnam as part of his 30 years of service.

Asked about her future in the Marines after 25 years, Sampsel said, "My future is whatever the Marine Corps wants. We're a nation at war. And I'm going to give every ounce I can to ensure this nation's will."

# Officials dedicate medical intelligence facility

National center  
in Maryland

WASHINGTON – Leaders from across the U.S. intelligence community dedicated the National Center for Medical Intelligence on July 2 at Fort Detrick, Md.

Established by the secretary of defense as the premier producer and coordinator of medical intelligence, NCMI produces medical intelligence for global force protection and homeland health protection to safeguard U.S. interests worldwide.

“The National Center for Medical Intelligence is the critical link between Department of Defense force protection and broader homeland health protection,” said Lt. Gen. Michael D. Maples, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. “It demonstrates the vital contribution that medical intelligence makes to public health security.”

Medical intelligence is the assessment of potential health risks and health care capabilities that allows planning for medical countermeasures, health care



Photo by Gary Fike

**RIBBON CUTTING** — From left, Air Force Col. Anthony Rizzo, National Center for Medical Intelligence director; Army Lt. Gen. Michael D. Maples, Defense Intelligence Agency director; James Clapper, undersecretary of defense for intelligence; and Charles E. Allen, undersecretary for intelligence and analysis, Department of Homeland Security, participate in a ceremony dedicating the National Center for Medical Intelligence at Fort Detrick, Md., July 2. The center formerly was known as the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center.

support and medical personnel support. NCMI, formerly known as the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center, was established in 1982.

NCMI’s designation as a national center reflects the growth in its roles and responsibilities which has been underway for several years, officials

said. This growth has included expanded relationships beyond the Defense Department and the intelligence community, and now includes the Department of

Homeland Security, the White House, the State Department, coalition and foreign partners, and other domestic, non-Defense Department customers.

The growing integration between homeland health protection and medical intelligence allows NCMI to focus on a broader range of foreign medical threats to U.S. military and civilian personnel, allies, and other critical national interests, officials explained — pandemic flu, avian flu or other animal diseases that potentially could threaten the United States, for example.

The national center includes a growing network for enhanced situational awareness and early warning, officials added, which will strengthen the integrated picture of health threats to U.S. citizens at home and abroad.

NCMI officials expect to break ground in December on a 15,000-square-foot addition to the existing facility.

*Editor’s note: American Forces Press Service provided this article from a Defense Intelligence Agency news release.*

# Two civilians arrested on drug charges

Cortney Rae Wilson, 28, of Redstone Arsenal, and Dennis Raymond Griffith, 30, of Huntsville, were arrested this week on Redstone Arsenal based on a one-count federal complaint charging them with conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

The announcement was made July 7 by U.S. attorney Alice H. Martin, Greg Borland, assistant special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Directorate for Emergency Services on Redstone Arsenal.

According to the complaint, firefighters on Redstone Arsenal responded to a kitchen fire in the early morning hours of July 6 at 541C Willow Circle where Wilson, the wife of a deployed Soldier, was living with her two children. Later that morning, agents from the Army's Criminal Investigation Command and the Drug Enforcement Administration began an investigation which revealed that Griffith and Wilson were engaged in a methamphetamine cook in the apartment. According to the complaint, numerous items used in the manufacture of metham-

phetamine were discovered in the apartment, the carport, and in Wilson's automobile.

The two defendants were transported to Birmingham on July 7 for initial appearance hearings before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert R. Armstrong. The U.S. Attorney's Office moved that the defendants be held without bond, and a detention hearing was expected to be scheduled. The defendant's case is expected to be presented to a federal grand jury later this month.

"Redstone Arsenal is a somewhat unique installation in that

our federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction over civilians who commit offenses on the base," Martin said. "The clandestine manufacturing of methamphetamine is an extremely dangerous activity, and I am glad that the collaborative efforts of the DEA and agents from the Army were able to quickly investigate the case and remove these two individuals from the base."

Based upon the charge in the complaint, the defendants face a term of imprisonment of not more than 20 years, a fine of not more than \$1 million, and a term of supervised release of not less

than three years after any prison term is completed.

The investigation of this case was conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Army's Criminal Investigation Command. The case is being prosecuted by assistant U.S. attorney Russell Penfield.

Members of the public are reminded that a criminal complaint contains only charges. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial. (*Justice Department release*)

# Total shipment losses payable through program

By WYKETA WATKINS  
Claims examiner

Full replacement value is a great new personal property shipping benefit for members of the federal workforce. In order to appreciate this new program one should understand how the settlement process works.

FRV provides members with the current market value replacement of personal property that is damaged beyond repair during a shipment or storage. FRV applies to personal property shipments with a pickup date on or after Oct. 1, 2007 for international shipments to or from outside the continental United States; Nov. 1, 2007 for domestic shipments; and March 1, 2008 for nontemporary storage and direct procurement method shipments.

First of all, claims for FRV are filed directly with the transportation service provider rather than with a military claims office. The loss of damaged items is still

recorded on Department of Defense Form 1840 (for damage or loss discovered at time of delivery) or DD Form 1840R (for damage or loss discovered after delivery). A claimant must submit these forms to the Transportation Service Provider within 75 days of the date of delivery of shipments. If mailed, send the information to the TSP by certified mail. If faxed, keep a copy of the delivery message as proof the TSP received the forms. In the alternative, the DD Forms 1840/1840R may be taken to the nearest military claims office within 70 days after delivery and the claims office will dispatch it.

Perhaps the most misunderstood change is with the settlement of FRV claims submitted through the TSP. Claims submitted to the military claims office are adjudicated and payments are directly deposited into the member's bank account. The TSP, on the other hand, has the option and discretion to pay the claimant cash for the repairs or replace-

ment of the damaged items; having the items repaired and paying the repair agency for the repairs; or simply replacing the items through purchasing and delivering the item to the claimant. This means that in some cases the member will not receive a cash payment at all, and this is fully acceptable through the rules of the FRV program.

Secondly, if the TSP denies a member's full claim, makes an offer on the claim that isn't acceptable or does not respond within 30 days of the claim, the claimant can then transfer the disputed claim items over to the military claims office within nine months of delivery. The military claims office is only authorized to pay for the depreciated replacement cost on the claims, if it warrants payment. The military claims office will then attempt to recover the full replacement value from the transportation service provider. If successful, the military claims office will pay the claimant the difference between the depre-

ciated cost already paid by the claims office and the FRV cost that is recovered from the transportation service provider.

Finally, claimants must remember to contact the TSP within nine months of delivery to file a claim for FRV, as opposed to the two-year limit that is in place with claimants that choose to continue to file their claim with the military claims office.

Additional information on the FRV program can be located on the Redstone Arsenal Claims Office web site by going to [www.redstone.army.mil/legal/claims.html](http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal/claims.html), or by contacting the claims office directly at 876-9007/9008. All inbound personnel subject to FRV are urged to contact the Claims Office as soon as their shipment is delivered so that they may be briefed in depth about the FRV program. The Claims Office is located at building 111 on Goss Road. Its hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Services are provided on a walk-in basis.

# IndyCar zooms National Guard into limelight



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill

**ROAD WARRIORS**— Driver Vitor Meira; Maj. Gen. Ray Carpenter, special assistant to the director of the Army National Guard; and Panther Racing team owner John Barnes unveil the new 230-mph, No. 4 National Guard IndyCar at the Army National Guard Readiness Center, at Arlington Hall in Arlington, Va., June 25. The National Guard is participating in the Indy Racing League for the first time.

*230-mph vehicle  
on racing circuit*

By Staff Sgt. JIM GREENHILL  
*Special to American Forces Press Service*

ARLINGTON, Va. – A new relationship with IndyCar promises to propel National Guard recruiting forward and give citizen-Soldiers/airmen a more personal interest in another sport.

The new 230-mph, No. 4 National Guard IndyCar was unveiled at the Army National Guard Readiness Center at Arlington Hall on June 25.

“We’ve been involved with NASCAR for a number of years,” said Maj. Gen. Ray Carpenter, special assistant to the director of the Army National Guard. “This is the next step in racing for us. It’s a great, great opportunity for us to showcase our National Guard capability in a different forum. It’s a great, great step forward.

“The benefit for us is that it provides another venue for us to tell the National Guard story and reach out to a target population.”

Driven by Vitor Meira for Panther Racing team owner John Barnes, the Dallara IR car has a 3.5-liter Honda Indy V-8 engine and runs on ethanol.

Meira said a visit to wounded Guard members at Brooke Army Medical Cen-

ter, in San Antonio, was the moment he truly understood what the National Guard stands for.

“I’m gaining so much from every Soldier I meet,” he said. “It’s something very different than other sponsors. We pass the message on — a message of honor, a message to be proud and stand for the great things this country stands for. I’m really honored to drive the National Guard car. The Soldiers influence me. If I drove as good as they perform their duty every day, I would be in the winner’s circle every time.”

Meira sees common ground between the training he must do and the training Soldiers do. “Training is everything in life,” he said. “Soldiers and the Guard are a statement of that. The amount that they train and how well they perform their duty is a statement that training is everything.”

Adrenaline and the spirit of competition are among Meira’s driving forces. “It’s my way of life,” he said. “It’s not work. It’s something I was doing as a kid — something I would pay to do and now get paid to do.”

The National Guard was the car’s primary sponsor at Richmond International Raceway on June 28 and is also scheduled to be Aug. 9 at the Kentucky Speedway and on Sept. 7 at the Chicagoland Speedway.

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## Jackson top military retiree golfer

Jack Jackson of Melbourne, Fla., won the eighth annual Rocket City Retired Military Golf Classic held June 3-5 at Redstone, Municipal, and Sunset Landing golf courses.

There were 264 entries in the tournament for military retirees. Chili Littlecott was the men’s watch recipient; and Mary Jascenia was the ladies watch recipient.

Winners from each flight included:

- A Player – 1. James F. Long, 2. Bob McGarry, 3. Shelly L. Kelly
- B Player – 1. Wayne Thomas, 2. Donn Lee, 3. Jerry Cashion
- C Player – 1. Jack Jackson, 2. Fred Brown, 3. Fran Cronwell
- D Player – 1. Pete Halden, 2. Mary Evans, 3. Joy McGuire



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

## Born to run

Members of 59th Ordnance Brigade, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, Marine Detachment, and NCO Academy participate in an early-morning enlisted run July 2. The run, led by the 59th's Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle, was to build team morale, motivate the Soldiers and Marines, and to remind them to be safe before the holiday weekend.

## Helmick takes helm of training mission in Iraq

WASHINGTON – Lt. Gen. Frank Helmick assumed command of Multinational Security Transition Command Iraq and the NATO training mission in Iraq during a ceremony at the Iraqi Cultural Center here July 3.

Helmick relieved Lt. Gen. James Dubik, who will retire after 37 years of service.

Under Dubik's leadership, the security transition command helped the Iraqi military and police forces grow to nearly 185 army, national police and special operations battalions. The forces under the Iraq's ministries of Interior and Defense now number more than 550,000.

Prior to this assignment, Helmick was the commanding general of the U.S. Army South-

ern European Task Force.

Multinational Security Transition Command Iraq was established June 28, 2004, building on previous efforts under the Coalition Provisional Authority. The command helps the government of Iraq organize, train and equip its military and police forces.

NATO's training mission in Iraq was established Aug. 14, 2004, to provide training and assistance to the Iraqi security forces. Key focus areas include officer professional development, mentoring of high-level Iraqi military and police operations center personnel and training of leaders. (*American Forces Press Service*)

## National Guard takes another step in car racing

### Racing

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Panther Racing hosts up to 200 Guard members at each race. Owner John Barnes is in his 42nd year of racing, and he said he's come full circle: The racing driver who was his father's best friend and best man and who inspired Barnes to enter the world of the track himself was a National Guardsman.

"Now to have the National Guard support my team is unbelievable," he said, "something I never dreamed of."

Sometimes race car drivers are called heroes, Barnes said.

"The true heroes work in this building, and they work at the Guard units across the country, whether it's taking care of floods or tornadoes or whatever," Barnes said. "Every day, 17 gov-

ernors call the Guard to activate them for something or other, and to know that we have that support as American citizens is just incredible. It's the framework of our country, and it's an honor to be a part of that."

Barnes' car has 18 races scheduled in the 2008 IndyCar series, including appearances in Australia, Canada and Japan.

"Initiatives like this have contributed to the Army National Guard going from 330,000 end strength in June of 2005 to 358,000-plus today," Carpenter said. "There's not been any single silver bullet here. It's taken a collection of NASCAR racing, of what we're doing here with Indy racing and all of the rest of the things we've got out there — the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (and) Active First — have all come together and made this happen."

*Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill serves with the National Guard Bureau.*

## Soldier lives Army values despite life-changing injury

### Courage

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While on patrol, Smiley came across a man parked in a car that was sitting low to the ground.

"We had strict rules of engagement that didn't allow us to do anything," Smiley said, adding that the man could have been moving heavy items in his car, could have been from out of town and lost, or could have been a suicide bomber. In a war fought among civilians, Soldiers are not allowed to shoot based solely on suspicion.

"I yelled at the man to get out of the car," he continued. "He raised his hands and moved forward. I shot around the vehicle, and he stopped and raised his hands. He started coming forward again. I shot another round. Then, boom! And everything went black. When I woke up a week later, my life had really changed."

Smiley was relieved to learn that he and the suicide bomber were the only ones injured in the blast. "Personal courage saved my men's lives and the lives of Iraqis," he said.

But, sadly, he learned the cost of his personal courage was the loss of both eyes and the frontal lobe of his brain, all damaged beyond repair by flying shrapnel that cut through his ballistic glasses. He remembered the early days of his recovery, when his wife Tiffany and his family would take turns reading Bible verses to him. He remembered a friend bringing his guitar on visits and singing praise songs for him.

"The Bible gave me encouragement, and I had a survival instinct to fight and love the Lord," he said. "I felt the Lord's spirit on me."

And, Smiley saw a chance to continue to serve. He was assigned to the Individual Training Assessment Team, Army Accessions Command at Fort Monroe, Va., under the Wounded Warriors Program. In that position, he advised other wounded warriors about Army resources available to them, provided expertise on enemy tactics and wartime training needs at various military training centers, and led an effort to rewrite training and doctrine regulations.

"Technology is getting more and more advanced, and is providing me with the ability to work and still contribute," he said. "From the business standpoint of the Army, they have invested so much in my education and knowledge. They know that 'Yes, he's injured. But he's not useless.' By allowing me to still contribute the Army is showing they are not leaving fallen comrades behind."

Smiley has also spoken about his faith and his Army experience

to various groups, including the U.S. national basketball team as they prepared for the world championships.

Personally, his life has been enriched by the birth of his son. And, despite his blindness, Smiley has surfed in Hawaii, skied in Colorado, skydived in Texas and climbed Mt. Rainier in Washington. His visit in Huntsville included time with the family of fellow West Point graduate Capt. David Webb, who was serving with Smiley in Iraq in 2005 and who is preparing for his fifth deployment.

Smiley is studying for a master's degree from Duke University and, upon graduation in a year, he will teach leadership classes at West Point. He hopes to make a difference in the lives of young Soldiers studying at his alma mater.

"I hope they can look at the examples I give and I pray they all become Christians," he said of his future students. "I hope they learn about leadership from me, and why they want to be there and why they want to serve."

He is excited about the opportunity to teach young Soldiers about Army leadership and to share with them what it was like to fight for freedom in Iraq.

"Soldiers who are serving in Iraq know we are making a change for the country's people. But it's going to take time," he said. "Our Soldiers who are serving in Iraq are awesome. They are very honorable. I look to all of them as my heroes."

Smiley hopes his designation as the *Army Times* Soldier of the Year will provide him with more opportunities to share his faith and his Army experience with people from all walks of life.

"I was definitely surprised when I heard I won it," he said. "So many Soldiers out there have done so much and haven't been recognized. Thousands and thousands are giving their lives in service to their country each and every day. I prefer not to be recognized because there are so many others who are deserving. But at the same time it's awesome to be an example for other Soldiers."

Although he can't physically see, Smiley said "every day I look at what the Lord has blessed me with. I am so thankful. I definitely could retire. But the service I'm able to give to my country means so much more to me than doing something for myself."

Today, it is the Army value of selfless service — putting the welfare of the nation, Army and subordinates before his own — "that continues to feed me and give me strength," Smiley told his audience. "It is selfless service that allows me to continue to grow and give my life to God ... I encourage you to live a life of thankfulness and gratitude."

# Rocket Announcements

## Sports & Recreation

### 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](http://www.springcity.org) under "SCCC Summer Races."

### Golf tournament

The 100 Black Men of America, Greater Huntsville Chapter will hold its ninth annual John Riche Golf Tournament on July 25 from 1-6 p.m. at the Colonial Golf Course, 400 Colonial Drive, Meridianville. Player/team registration will begin at noon; and there will be a shotgun start at 1 for the Four Man Scramble. Cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per team. This includes greens and cart fees, grab bag, and barbecue ribs and chicken buffet immediately after the tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place male and female teams as well as trophies for the longest drive and closest to the pin. Sponsorship opportunities include Gold Sponsor (\$1,000 which includes two/four player teams, advertising and promotional banner with logo, plaque, choice of tee-off hole and hole marker), Corporate Sponsor (\$750 which includes one four player team and a hole marker) and Hole Sponsor. Individuals wanting to participate can call Mirie Westbrook 694-0646 or the 100BMOA GHC business office 536-8050 for individual, team or sponsorship forms. The

100BMOA GHC is a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization.



## 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 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 Saturday 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.

### Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday 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 Thursday 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.

### 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 Saturday 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](http://www.alabamapta.org). The local contact is Laurie McCaulley 533-5446.

### Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments and social time begin at 9:30 a.m., and the business meeting at 10 with the program to follow. The guest speaker is Chuck Spurlock, state director for Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala. For more information, call 519-3327 or 539-1333.

### Security professionals

The Mid-South Chapter of NCMS, the Society for Industrial Security Professionals, invites you to Industrial Security Professional

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Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

## Hold still, mom

Pfc. Melony Soto holds Ray, 3, as he pins his laughing mom, Sgt. Marketa Burnett, during Burnett's promotion ceremony July 1. Ray, whose mother is a member of HHC 59th along with Soto, had his family and mom's peers laughing as he carefully worked with the Velcro rank, placing it crooked on his mother's chest.

certification training July 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Applied Geo Technologies, 5151 Research Drive, Suite D. This training is for government, military and DoD employees who protect this nation's secrets. Jeffrey W. Bennett, author of "ISP Certification — The Industrial Security Professional Exam Manual," will lead the class. There is no fee for the class — bring your own lunch. To register, send an e-mail to [jeff.bennett@westwindcorp.com](mailto:jeff.bennett@westwindcorp.com).

### Engineer society

Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers meets July 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The cost of the buffet lunch is \$10. For reservations call 895-1834 or e-mail [amber.d.martin@usace.army.mil](mailto:amber.d.martin@usace.army.mil).

### 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](http://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 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access

[www.cpol.army.mil](http://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](http://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](mailto:keith.coates@us.army.mil) or e-mail MSF instructor Ralph Harris at [93hdstc@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto:jwk108@yahoo.com) or visit the web site <http://imad.redstone.army.mil/>.

### College recruitment fair

The first Historical Black Colleges Recruitment Fair is Saturday and Sunday

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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](http://www.the3day.org).

### Butler High reunion

The Butler High School Class of 1973 is having a reunion, with a special invitation to the classes of 1972 and 1974, on Sept. 13 at the Beville Conference Center and Hotel on the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. The cost is \$35 per person. Checks should be made out to "BHS 1973 Class Reunion" and mailed to Paula Neely Yerby, 2888 Bob Wade Lane,

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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/>.

## 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 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, Thursday 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](mailto:huntsville.center@erau.edu).

## 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 Aug. 1. "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, Huntsville Art League, Art by Alison, and Gina Hurst.

## 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.

## Russert books

The Post Library has copies of both books by Tim Russert, the highly respected and popular host of "Meet the Press" who died suddenly of a heart attack June 13. Both "Big Russ & Me: Father and Son — Lessons of Life" and "Wisdom of Our Fathers: Lessons and Letters from Daughters and Sons" are owned by the library in hardcover format and as audiobooks on CD. The library is open to everyone in the Redstone community, including military, civilian and contractor. Located on Red-eye Road, between Vincent and Mauler roads, it can be reached at 876-4741.



Courtesy photo

## Say cheese

A shopper walks near a display in the Commissary from the Dunham and Smith Agency, representing Sargento Cheese. A portion of the proceeds from the cheese purchases will be donated to the 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.

## Military music CD

Cheryl McAuley, president of Wish You Were Here Inc., has released a military music CD titled "Remembering Carlisle Barracks: A Musical and Pictorial Journey." It is available on [www.militarymusic.com](http://www.militarymusic.com) from Altissimo! Recordings in Nashville. One purpose of this CD is to commemorate the second oldest Army post in the nation, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., during its 250th anniversary year. Each piece of music that was selected relates to its history. Some of the music is familiar and other compositions that are included have never been recorded before. Unique photographs and program notes walk the listener through the home of the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks. Partial proceeds will go toward the new Army museum to be completed there in 2010. Several musical organizations contributed to this project including the U.S. Army Band and Chorus, the Federal City Brass Band, the Huntsville Community Chorus Chamber Choral, and others. Excerpts are available on the distributor's web site. For more information, contact McAuley, executive producer, at [carlisle\\_bks\\_cd@bellsouth.net](mailto:carlisle_bks_cd@bellsouth.net). The record label is Wish You Were Here Inc. Productions at [www.wish-you-were-here-inc.com](http://www.wish-you-were-here-inc.com).

## Garrison ceremony

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski will relinquish command to Col. Robert Pastorelli at 10 a.m. July 29 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

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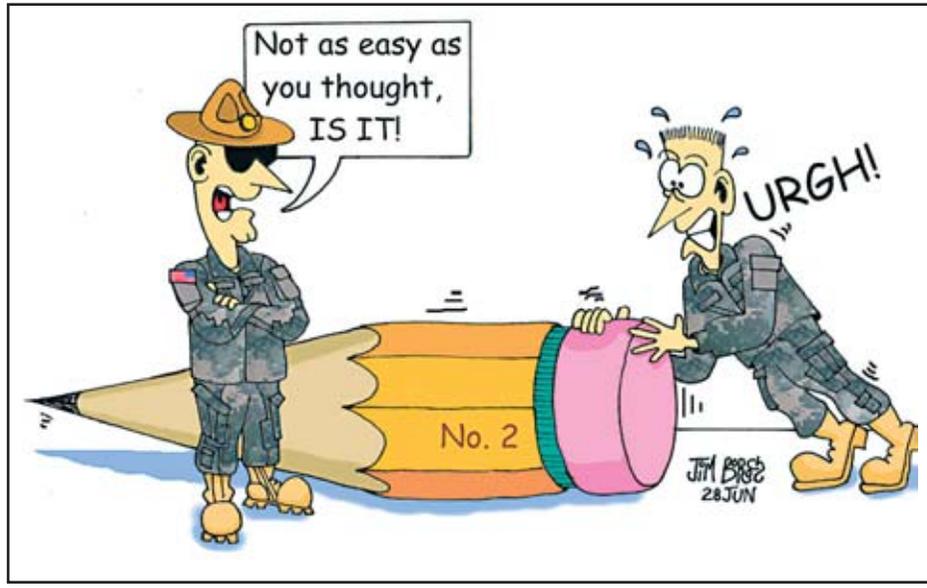
**School supplies needed**  
Christmas Charities Year Round is accepting donations of school supplies to assist an expected 300 students. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 2840 Jordan Lane (one mile north of Woody Anderson Ford). Supplies needed include loose leaf notebook paper, No. 2 pencils, black/blue ink pens, pencil sharpener with catcher, folders with and without brads, highlighters, washable markers, crayons, scissors (large and small), glue sticks, dictionary, thesaurus, clear plastic pencil bag, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, 3x5 index cards and holding containers, colored pencils, three-subject spiral notebook, protractor with measurements, nap/rest mats, construction paper, school box and back packs. More information can be found at [www.christmascharitiesyearround.org](http://www.christmascharitiesyearround.org).

**School physicals**  
Tricare Prime beneficiaries enrolled at Fox Army Health Center are invited to participate in School Readiness Day on July 19 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sports physicals, school age immunizations and Alabama Blue Cards will be given, by appointment only. Parent/guardian must provide school physical paperwork and shot record or old Alabama blue card at the time of the appointment. Call 955-8888 to schedule an appointment.

**Acquisition careerists**  
Quality applicants are being sought to apply for fiscal 2010 project/product manager and acquisition director positions at the GS-14/15 (or pay band equivalent) level. The announcement opened June 25 and will remain open until Sept. 12 and is located on the USAJobs and Human Resources Command web pages. For more information call LaVerne Kidd 313-5039 or your acquisition career manager. You must be an Acquisition Corps member to apply.

**Latin dance**  
SaborLatino invites you to the "Summer Fun Latin Dance" on Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave. with disc jockey Abe. Cover charge is \$10. You must be at least 18 to party and 21 to drink. For information call hostess Yvonne 783-5756.

**Fox health center**  
State-of-the-art medication dispensing equipment will be installed in the Fox Army Health Center Pharmacy on Saturday and Sunday. Staff will be training on this new equipment Monday through Thursday, July 14-17. This will result in an increase in patient wait times as the staff adjusts to the new, safer process of medication dispensing. If possible, patients are encouraged to avoid picking up prescriptions on these days of training to avoid long waits, a Fox release said.



**Book Fair**  
Books Are Fun, a division of Reader's Digest will present a corporate book fair in the Sparkman Center cafeteria Tuesday and Wednesday, August 5-6. Books Are Fun is the nation's leading provider of book fairs to corporations and government

offices. Over 500 heavily discounted book titles along with games, music and gifts in a wide range of interest categories will be on display. Of special interest will be a large selection of early childhood educational products along with titles appropriate for classroom or homeschool use.

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AD-1910-HH5(3)-852-08	Professor of Production, Quality and Manufacturing	25-Aug-08	Defense Acquisition University	AD-1910			60,461- 108,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													
AD-1515-HH9-852-08	Professor of Business Cost Estimating	29-Jul-08	Defense Acquisition University	AD-1515			60,461 - 108,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													
AD-346-HH8-852-08	Professor of Life Cycle Logistics	21-Jul-08	Defense Acquisition University	AD-0346			60,461 - 108,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													
AD-1102-HH1-852-08	Professor of Contract Management (Pricing)	14-Jul-08	Defense Acquisition University	AD-1102			60,461 - 108,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													
AD-1102-HH2-852-08	Professor of Contract Management	9-Jul-08	Defense Acquisition University	AD-1102			60,461 - 108,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													
AD-801-HH4-852-08	Professor of Systems Engineering (Software Engineering)	9-Jul-08	Defense Acquisition University	AD-0801			60,461 - 108,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													
AD-1101-HH7-852-08	Professor of Acquisition Management	4-Aug-08	Defense Acquisition University	AD-1101			60,461 - 108,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													
AD-801-HH11-852-08	Professor of Financial Management	28-Jul-08	Defense Acquisition University	AD-0505			60,461 - 108,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													
AD-1750-HH13-852-08	Instructional Systems Specialist Learning Support Faculty	10-Jul-08	Defense Acquisition University	AD-1750			60,461 - 108,412	X	X	X	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.

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SCBK08821852	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																		
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SCNAFBK0859	Laborer	9-Jul-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	8,31 - 8,31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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SCBK08662675	IT Spec (Network)	10-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-2210	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	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																													
SCBK08808638	Human Resources Spec	10-Jul-08	AMCOM, G1 (Human Resources)	YA-0201	2	2	45,015 - 101,913	X																													
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SCBK08830878	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X																													
SCBK08809078	Facility Opers Spec	10-Jul-08	MEDDAC	GS-1640	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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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																		
SCBK08813067	Lead Supply Sys Analyst	14-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-2003	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X																													
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SCBK08776672	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X																												
SCBK08813135	Supv Financial Mgmt Analyst	15-Jul-08	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	YC-0501	2	2	65,278 - 126,442	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																		
SCBK08784651	Prgm Analyst	16-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0343	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X																													
SCBK08835782	Public Affairs Spec	16-Jul-08	Accessions Cmd, USA 2nd Recruiting Brigade Headquarters	YA-1035	2	2	45,014 - 74,249	X																													
SCBK08802070	Electronics Engr	17-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08847314	Medical Records Tech	17-Jul-08	MEDDAC	GS-0675	4	4	26,815 - 34,865	X																													
SCBK08845938	General Supp Spec	17-Jul-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X																													
SCBK08766325D	Hospital Housekeeping Ofcr	17-Jul-08	MEDDAC	GS-0673	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08843328	Administrative Clerk (Ofc Automation)	17-Jul-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0303	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	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																		
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																		
SCBK086929920C	Fire Protection Inspector	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK086920970C	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X																													
SCBK086920880C1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X																													
SCBK086929960C	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X																												
SCBK086919390C	Security Guard	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X																													
SCBK086919530C	Police Ofcr	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X																												
SCBK086929840C	Lead Police Ofcr	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X																												
SCBK08771439	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	68,625 - 89,217	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	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																		
SCBK08782400D	Electronics Engr	22-Jul-08	USADTC	GS-0855	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	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																													
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																		
SCBK08789030	Supv General Engr	28-Jul-08	USADTC	YD-0801	3	3	88,050 - 132,379	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																		
SCBK08782400	Electronics Engr	28-Jul-08	USADTC	GS-0855	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X																													
SCBK08808552	Security Ofcr	1-Aug-08	USADTC	GS-0080	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X																													
SCBK08808552D	Security Ofcr	1-Aug-08	USADTC	GS-0080	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK087818110C	General Supp Spec	18-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK087818000C1	General Supp Spec	18-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0813	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9,88 - 9,88	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0821	Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5,85 - 10,93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0822	Lead Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Outdoor Recreation	NF-0189	2	2	7,61 - 13,97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0825	Sales Clerk	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-2091	1	0	5,85 - 10,93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0826	Laborer	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	8,06 - 8,06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0833	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	4	4	8,69 - 8,69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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																		
SCBK086929920C	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK086920970C	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X																													
SCBK086920880C1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X																													
SCBK086929960C	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X																												