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# Citizens reminded to vote this year

Federal voting program  
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By SKIP VAUGHN

Rocket editor

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In case you haven't noticed, this is a pivotal time in America's history – a general election year.

And all you have to do to participate is vote.

Installation adjutant general Ronnie McDaniel serves as the assistant senior voting officer for Redstone. Joe Winston, the Garrison's director of human resources, is the senior voting officer.

"One should vote because it's important for everyone to exercise their right as citizens of the United States of America. And in doing so, they let their voice be heard," McDaniel said.

He pulls out a 466-page manual titled the "2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide," published by the Federal Voting Assistance Program under the Department of Defense. Each of the nearly 30 voting assistance officers throughout Redstone has a copy.

"In a nutshell, (this program) is our requirement to provide information and assist Soldiers, family members and civilians in obtaining required voting information be it absentee balloting, dates of elections, those types of things," McDaniel said. "We are here to assist in the voting program, not only for Army but DoD as well."

Armed Forces Voting Week is Aug. 31 through Sept. 7 when there will be a push to ensure all Soldiers, family members and civilians are informed "so they can make their vote count," he said.

Voting information tables have been set up throughout the year at three locations: the Redstone Bowling Center, the Post Exchange mall (near the vehicle registration office between the PX and Commissary), and in the Officers and Civilians Club.

The tables will be up through the presidential election scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 4. The 56th consecutive quadrennial presidential election will select the president and vice president of the United States.

This election will coincide with the 2008 Senate elections in 33 states, House of Representatives elections in all states, and gubernatorial elections in 11 states, as well as various state referendums and local elections.

"Every organization on the installation has a voting assistance officer who can answer your questions or provide additional assis-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BE COUNTED—** Installation adjutant general Ronnie McDaniel is the assistant senior voting officer for Redstone.

tance," McDaniel said. "We want to make sure everyone's vote counts. Therefore, we ask you to please contact your voting assistance officer should you need assistance or have any questions about the program."

Voting assistance officers, and their phone numbers, include the following:

- AMCOM/Garrison: 1st Sgt. Paul Grosch 842-7091

- Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School: Desiree Burgess-Fields, headquarters OMEMS, 876-9527; Capt. Bernita Briggs, 59th Ordnance Brigade, 876-6627; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Anthony Caudle 955-6794, Staff Sgt. Edward Cruz 842-7808, Sgt. 1st Class Richard Stevens 876-9367, Sgt. 1st Class Walter Latham 876-6790, Staff Sgt. Tommy Haygood 842-9668 and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Robar 876-7070, all of HHC 59th; 1st Lt. Jacob Quinn, Headquarters & Alpha, 955-7021; 2nd Lt. Wayne D. Rogers 842-0607 and Staff Sgt. Mathew Denbow 842-0609, both of Bravo Company; 2nd Lt.

Susana Ash, Charlie Company, 876-6997; Sgt. Stephen Ross 842-2898 and Addie Johnson 842-2902, both of NCO Academy

- Space and Missile Defense Command: Sarah Trial 955-3352 and Sgt. 1st Class Willie Kelly 955-5844

- 8th Brigade, ROTC: Master Sgt. Alex Taylor 876-1310

- Marine Corps Detachment: Staff Sgt. Brian Walker 876-1691

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# An open lane random survey

What's the greatest invention ever and why?

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Sgt. Michael Inchausti  
Bravo Company

**"Let me go with Play Station 3 with built-in blue ray for DVD player and graphics. Because that plays videogames and movies, and the graphics are sick! On a 51-inch, high def TV.**

1st Lt. Boris Bates  
Bravo Company

**"I'll go with the wheel. It makes the world go round."**



Brandy McBride  
Redstone Flower Shop

**"The greatest invention ever would have to be electricity. Because without it we wouldn't be able to do a lot of things – wouldn't be able to cook faster, wouldn't be able to see at night, couldn't use telephones, cars too because the battery has to use electricity."**

Victoria Hatch  
Soldier's spouse

**"It would have to be trains. Because at a time when there were horse-and-buggy and horseback, it took forever to get from one place to another. Now we have bullet trains. It's a lot easier, economical and safer than flying. I hate flying – can you tell?"**



## Quote of the week

'As you walk down the fairway of life, you must smell the roses. You only get to play one round.'

— Ben Hogan  
Golf legend

## Letters to the Editor

### Army experiences safe holiday

Over the recent Independence Day holiday period, the active Army experienced zero recordable fatalities resulting from off-duty accidents. To put this into perspective, this is the first recorded fatality-free Fourth of July holiday period the Army has experienced since the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center began keeping records in 1974. Unfortunately, there were three reserve component, not in-duty status Soldiers, who lost their lives in motorcycle accidents.

Although the loss of a single Soldier is too much, our leaders continue to demonstrate that engaged leadership does immediately save lives. This reversal of a 34-year trend is a direct result of engaged leadership at every echelon.

Every leader, Soldier, family member, civilian and battle buddy who used composite risk management and made good decisions to avoid or prevent off-duty accidents, on what is historically one of the most hazardous holidays of the year, contributed to this "safety success."

Engaged leaders communicate effectively with their subordinates to gain an in-depth understanding and knowledge of their behaviors. Soldiers and Soldiers' expectations are defined by influences of their past. To change or adjust Soldiers' lifestyles, all the while, capitalizing on what they bring to the fight, without degrading inherent capabilities of independent thought is tough work. Successful leadership requires engaged leaders to take actions to influence attitudes, clarify standards and ingrain habits of adherence to those standards and instill Soldiers with the confidence in their leaders' abilities to enhance and ensure mission success.

Engaged leadership lays the foundation for a cultural shift and that, in conjunction with Soldiers taking personal responsibility for their own safety, will further drive down accidental losses.

It is important for all of us in our Army to take a moment and acknowledge such a momentous milestone. However, we cannot afford to rest on the laurels of our success and give accidents a chance to strike when our guard is down. We must always remain vigilant to preserve our nation's combat power, both on and off duty, if we want to continue to enjoy our success.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

**Brig. Gen. William H. Forrester**  
Director of Army safety

### Check out Post Library

With the price of gas and (it seems) most everything else rising steadily, I would like to remind Arsenal workers about a recreation "gem" that's located right under their noses ... the MWR Post Library. It's a small library, but has so much to offer — hard copy books of course, but also audio books, movies and special events like the annual Big Read. The library personnel are so friendly and helpful, and if they don't have an item you want, they will move heaven and earth to get it for you. Besides, the library is not far from most work locations on the Arsenal, so you don't have to drive out of your way to get there. I encourage everyone to check it out!

**Carolyn Cunningham**  
SMDC/ARSTRAT

### Adding up gas prices at Shoppette

Over the last several years I have heard several explanations for gas prices at the Class Six.

One explanation was that the Class Six personnel surveyed gas prices at neighboring gas stations within a certain radius and matched prices. This explanation sounds right because you don't want to charge your active and retired community more than what they would have to pay at a local gas station.

A second explanation was that by regulation the Class Six cannot sell gas cheaper than what it pays. This sounds right because everything in the military is by regulation.

So which is it or is it a combination of both?

One thing I do know is that on the morning of June 20, a gallon of regular gas at the Kangaroo on University Drive and on Memorial Parkway was \$3.81; at the Wal-Mart Highway 231, \$3.78; and Jet Pep, Raceway, Murphy on the Parkway, \$3.81. The price of a gallon of regular gas at the Class Six was \$3.94, a 13 cent per gallon difference; and if you are filling up your pickup or SUV, that difference can add up.

It is obvious that the first explanation — a survey of local gas station pricing is not the answer

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## Letters to the Editor

### Replying to political note on windshield

To the Redstone Arsenal guest who left partisan information on my personal vehicle during duty hours: On Thursday, July 10 you placed what was clearly an e-mail transmitted on a federal government network containing partisan-specific political information on my POV for reasons you could have but failed to make known to me. Was it because you did not like the presumptive party's nominee paraphernalia that I displayed on my personal vehicle, disliked where I parked my POV or simply loathed the make, model, year or color of my POV? Whatever your reasons were, I have chosen to publicly address your actions and why they were unequivocally out of line, lacked aptitude and to draw attention to what federal employees may and may not do during this and any election season.

The information you left for me is processed data that was of some perceived value to you. Having that perception is OK. You are entitled to that. What you are not entitled to while a guest of Redstone Arsenal and more likely, federal employee is to engage in political activity while at work or while wearing a uniform or identification connecting you to federal employment. Furthermore, I am entitled to display political bumper stickers or other materials for any party on my personal car. You on the contrary were extremely out of line for physically altering my car by placing your hands on it to insert your political information underneath my windshield wiper during duty hours. Tell me, how you were supporting the war fighter by not working but in the parking lot placing your political information on my car?

I gather that from the time and effort you took to print the e-mail, remove the top portion with your name and the e-mail addresses in the to/from fields, highlight the subject with a yellow highlighter, staple it, and write the current cost of

gas on the pages in an easily identifiable handwriting, you are very passionate about your political affiliation's perceived data and shoving it down the throat of others. Let me tell you what I am passionate about though. I am passionate about our country, for I have served it in and out of uniform and pray for its leadership, no matter the party, every day! I am passionate about my and others' safety as well as our right not to be violated by actions like yours. There are laws to protect those whose rights are infringed upon by people like you. One in particular is called the Hatch Act. Look it up. You obviously have the time to do so. I encourage you to be a little more deliberate in your actions next time. I would hate for you to be removed from your federal position because you wanted to make a point that was futile and that could have brought before you charges for tampering with another's POV or personal property.

There is much to be said about the courageous and lost art of intellectual dialogue. It has and will always propel people into action to build better communities. While I don't know who you are, you know who I am and/or the organization I work for. I invite you to come to my workstation and very simply but courageously say, "Hi! May I meet you at a local coffee shop, off post, after duty hours, not wearing our Common Access Cards and non-altering to each other's personal belongings, to sit and talk about the state and affairs of our country and this upcoming partisan election?" When you are able to do that, I will share my opinions with you because you requested it. I am looking forward to our conversation.

(P.S.: This information was sent to the editor from my personal home computer and personal e-mail during non-duty hours.)

Name withheld by request

### Weapon training has a reason for Marines

Part of every Marine's training was, and I suspect still is, marksmanship. Recruits qualified in boot camp and shot more and often in the subsequent Infantry Training Regiment or ITR as it was called. After that, in non-combat assignments Marines qualified annually. Back in the 1950s and early '60s, that got an extra \$2 a month if they qualified expert. Every Marine went through ITR for a couple of weeks with infantry men or 0311 Military Occupational Series Marines going through a longer period of training. I took part in this training in early 1969 on my way to Vietnam.

During boot camp, the only time the drill instructors let up on you a little in discipline was on the rifle range. One thing that was always emphasized was rifle/fire arms safety. Our

weapon for training in boot camp was the M-14, .308. In ITR, we did shoot other weapons for familiarization training such as the M-79 grenade launcher, the M-60 machine gun, the 3.5 rocket launcher (bazooka-like), .45 pistol, M-16 rifle, and maybe some others I do not recall.

To go on with the story, I need to explain a little of what the Corps called a safe M-14 rifle on the rifle range. The weapon had to have the fire selector on the rifle in the SAFE position and the bolt to the rear but released and held back by an ammo strip that was inserted in the rifle receiver. An ammo stripper was a little metal clip with a lead insert. The lead had little tabs on each end that held five rounds of .308 rounds stacked on top of each other in place. The strips could be

inserted into a little tang in the top of the receiver above the bolt and permit rapid loading a magazine. With the bolt to the rear, you just put the stripper in the tang and mashed down with your thumb to load five rounds at a time. I think there were adapters that would permit magazine loading outside of the M-14 rifle. I know that the devices existed for the M-16 and those were in 10 round stripper clips. Old men get fuzzy memories.

The bolt would be pulled to the rear and would be released against the stripper to keep it under tension and keep the bolt to the rear. Without the tension, the stripper could fall out and any jar would cause the bolt to go forward.

The USMC was serious about weapon safety and was

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### Cold War relics still work

I really enjoyed the article about the successful test firing of six Cold War era Honest John rocket motors by the Redstone Technical Test Center. It's great to see proof once again that nobody does it better than the Redstone missile and rocket team.

I was highly amused at the quotation by an RTTC official, "It is truly humbling to see a part of the Cold War history still successfully operating after all these years." My friend, I can assure you that a great many of us relics of the Cold War are still successfully operating all over this post!

In good humor,  
**Russ Asson**  
CMDS Project Office

## Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN

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**Name:** Brian Bannister

**Job:** Firefighter, Directorate of Emergency Services

**Where do you call home?**  
Huntsville

**What do you like about your job?**  
Just an opportunity to help people out that may need us.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
Play sports, and hang out with my family (including wife Jana, 7-year-old son Jaxon, 4-year-old daughter Emma and 9-month-old son Eli).

**What are your goals?**  
Finish my bachelor's degree in emergency management from Jacksonville State University.

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



## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**July 3:** An individual approached Gate 9 and could not produce a driver's license. An NCIC check revealed that the subject was driving with a revoked driver's license. The subject was issued a violation notice and released.

**July 6:** Redstone Fire responded to a house fire in the enlisted family housing area. After the fire was extinguished, investigators observed what they believed to be drug paraphernalia used to manufacture methamphetamine inside the

quarters. Suspected methamphetamine was subsequently found by police in temporary quarters assigned to the displaced family. Two subjects were released to drug enforcement agents.

**July 9:** An individual was found to be operating his vehicle with a suspended driver's license when stopped at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 14 speeding, 4 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 child not restrained properly.



## Specialist re-enlists to better life for family

*Made right decision for future, he says*

By Spc. RYAN STROUD  
 59th Ordnance Brigade Public Affairs

Spc. Jerry Jones' Monday morning began unlike many others in his military career. He was standing within the front doors of Newhall Hall with the highest officials of the 59th Ordnance Brigade staring at him and his 5-year-old daughter, Natalie, dancing around his legs.

He was then asked to raise his right hand. Nope, this wasn't a normal day at all.

But what would seem like a scary moment for some Soldiers turned out to be one of the proudest moments of this young Soldier's military career. Jones was taking a big step and furthering his military service to his country by re-enlisting for five extra years.

However, getting to this moment wasn't easy for Jones, a member of HHC 59th, or his family. With a lot of hard work and dedication, nothing could hold this track mechanic back.

"After graduating high school, I went to college for a year and after that, I worked at the golf course on Fort Rucker," Jones said. "Soon after, I joined the Army. There weren't many jobs where I am from, so the Army felt like the right decision to make to help take care of my family.

"I wanted to join the Army because the pay's really nice," Jones added with a smile. "They take care of housing and utility bills, plus they give me money for food. It's a good deal and the Army has done well taking care of my family."

But Jones' wishes to be an American Soldier almost didn't happen.

"I got into some trouble a few



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

**REPEAT AFTER ME—** Capt. Allen Hughes, commander of HHC 59th, re-enlists Spc. Jerry Jones for five more years of service. Jones says he would like to serve at least 20 years.

years back but now I've cleaned up my act," Jones confided. "The Army has helped me realize I needed to get my head on straight and stop doing (wrong) things. Because of the Army, my family is being taken care of and I've bettered my life."

### *Why I serve*

#### *First in a series*

Now in service, Jones said re-enlisting wasn't a hard decision.

"It took so long for me to get in the Army; I told God that if He helped me get in, I would at least do 20 years of service," he said. "I will uphold that promise. I know He played a big part in getting me in and I owe it to myself, my family and to my faith to do the best I can while I'm in."

Jones, 27, has a bright future ahead of him and even has his retirement plans laid out for himself, his wife and daughter.

"I've re-enlisted for five more years of service and will be heading out to Fort Benning (Ga.), where I hope to work on tanks again and possibly go downrange," he said. "I'm trying to look at deployment positively and invest the extra money my family will receive in buying a house after my 20 years are up.

"Plus, retiring at the age of 45 is still young, it's better than retiring at 60 or 70. After I retire, I would like to move to Tuscaloosa, buy a house out there and work part time as a mechanic and collect two paychecks. I'm hoping by the time I retire, I will at least be an E-8. The rest is up in the air."

Jones still has a few months left here on the Arsenal before heading out to Fort Benning. Until then, he says he'll keep doing what the Army asks and looks forward to future opportunities.

"Re-enlisting was a good feeling," he said. "I really love the Army. That is why I serve. The Army takes care of me and my family."

## Redstone citizen Soldier re-enlists in Kuwait

By JIM HINNANT  
 401st Army Field Support Brigade

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – When he heard there was going to be a mass reenlistment ceremony at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait on Independence Day, Sgt. Robert Ritchie decided it was the right time and place to raise his right hand one more time.

Ritchie, an Army reservist assigned to Detachment 9 of the Army's Multifunctional Support Command, which is augmenting the 401st Army Field Support Brigade, joined 18 other Soldiers at the Zone 1 Chapel here, July 4, and were administered the Oath of Enlistment by 3rd Army/U.S. Army Central commanding general, Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace.

"What a privilege it is to have a moment in time and re-enlist 19 great Soldiers," Lovelace said.

After recognizing five career counselors from the ARCENT/Arifjan re-enlistment team, Lovelace went on to talk about the importance of noncommissioned officers. He told the audience "the NCO is the single point of success or failure for everything our Army does."

The Soldiers who re-enlisted July 4 represented nine different states and Puerto Rico, and came from the active component, Army Reserve and the Army National Guard, Lovelace said.

He challenged the re-enlisting Soldiers by reminding them that by again taking the Oath of Enlistment, they were swearing to provide selfless service to a country that embodies what is in the U.S. Constitution and its rich history.

He ended his remarks by telling them of their importance to their country. "We need you," he said. "This nation is at war, I want this to resonate with you."

Lovelace then administered the Oath of Enlistment to the Soldiers, who stood in formation as the audience in the chapel stood at the position of attention.

For Ritchie, whose Army military occupational specialty is 92Y – unit supply specialist – the opportunity to re-enlist meant more opportunities as a Soldier.

"I'm not ready to hang up my uniform yet," he said. "I have other goals, like more rank, to see things I haven't seen and to change my MOS to 51 Charlie – contract specialist."

When not in uniform as an Army reservist, Ritchie is a Department of the Army civilian contract specialist in the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, at Redstone Arsenal.

## 1,215 servicemembers re-up in Iraq

*General Petraeus presides at event*

By MARINE Cpl. FRANCES L. GOCH  
 Army News Service

BAGHDAD – Servicemembers from all over Iraq gathered in the Al Faw Palace rotunda at Camp Victory, Baghdad, to re-enlist and celebrate Independence Day.

All 1,215 servicemembers celebrated by raising their right hands and pledging to continue defending the "land of the free" in what is the largest re-enlistment

ceremony since the all-volunteer force began in 1973 according to Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin L. Hill, command sergeant major, Multi-National Forces-Iraq.

"Volunteering to continue to serve our nation, while deployed – is both noble and inspiring," said Gen. David Petraeus, commanding general, Multi-National Forces-Iraq. "It is, as award citations often state, in keeping with the finest traditions of our military services."

Petraeus presided over the ceremony and led the airmen, Marines, sailors and Soldiers in their oath to defend their country against all enemies both foreign and domestic.

# Setting example by being all he can be

*Redstone Arsenal NCO of Year finds time for extra studying*

By Spc. RYAN STROUD  
59th Ordnance Brigade Public Affairs

“Raise Up” is the motto of HHC 59th. When each Soldier shouts the motto in the morning formations before the start of physical training, it is a verbal reminder to each Soldier to work hard, do the best they can and to go above and beyond 59th’s and the Army’s standards.

For Staff Sgt. Anthony Marvan, a member of HHC and instructor-AIT squad leader to Charlie Company, “Raise Up” is more than just a motto — it’s a way of life.

Marvan recently competed in and won Redstone Arsenal’s Post NCO of the Year competition, placing him in the spotlight of lower enlisted Soldiers and trainee Soldiers as a true leader one can look up to.

Though it’s been a long, hard journey for Marvan, it is one he was glad to take. His voyage began with a little push from those around him who saw greatness in the formations.

“My supervisors had a hand with pushing me to go to the board,” Marvan said. “They try to find high-speed NCOs to challenge and better themselves by competing in the NCO of the Month board. It’s something I’ve wanted to do. In the past, I’d competed in Soldier of the Month boards, but I hadn’t won all-the-way to the post level, so it was pretty unique to finally get to do that.

“Winning the brigade’s competition was a big step for me and winning the post level of the NCO of the Quarter was a big accomplishment, but I wanted to go further, I wanted to win it all,” he said.

But with Marvan’s busy work schedule, the dream to win it all looked dim. Marvan’s duties include early mornings and late evenings, teaching and mentoring



Staff Sgt. Anthony Marvan

others around him.

“I help assist the platoon sergeants with training the trainee Soldiers at Charlie Company,” he said. “We go and do PT in the morning with the Soldiers and in the evening, we do mentoring, counseling, inspection and any other objectives which need to be accomplished.

“Our day starts around 5:15-5:30 and ends around 18:30 (6:30 p.m.), sometimes around 2000 (8 p.m.). It really depends on what mission we have to accomplish and how long we work with the trainees. I’m also a systems instructor for the 94Y course, integrated family of test equipment, which is a type of automotive test equipment for the Army.”

But Marvan was driven to excel and show his Soldiers working hard does pay off.

“The preparation for a competition is enormous,” Marvan said with a laugh. “You literally have to be an expert at everything, which puts a ton of pressure

on you. And for all the NCOs competing in this competition to have retained all the proper skills and expertises, that’s a really big accomplishment for all of us.

“The whole process is a weeklong competition,” he continued. “You have to take a PT test, weapons qualification, land navigation, formal board, and the post competition adds on more events like a written test and hands-on testing.

“Finding time to study was a challenge. My supervisors helped me with that and when I went home, I would make flashcards to help me study,” he said. “Once I learned each card really well, I would discard it to work on the others I was having trouble with. The key thing is to manage your study time instead of trying to cram a ton of knowledge in all at once. Altogether, I spent well over 100 hours studying. With not knowing what questions you’re going to be asked, you have to study everything.”

Many might feel more than 100 hours of studying might not be worth the hassle, but for Marvan, it was.

“It’s absolutely worth it,” he said with a smile. “You put yourself out there, you become a proficient NCO. You also get a ton of bonuses from the community from cash prizes to hotel stays and food. It’s great!”

But with winning the Post NCO of the Year competition comes great responsibility.

“As far as winning the competition, that is amazing but now you have to fully carry yourself to a certain level at all times,” Marvan added. “You have now fully put yourself out there and into the spotlight. It puts even more pressure on you. My own personal goal is to be sharp at whatever I do and anything I put my mind to, I do it to the best of my ability and I hope the trainee Soldiers I work with see that and learn from it. I want to be a good example for them; I hope they follow my example. I always try to

encourage Soldiers to put themselves out there, to go to boards and accept the hard-er jobs.

“By me winning this competition, these Soldiers can see that (I’m) trying to lead by example and show them the good things that could happen to them if they work hard and be all they can be.”

Marvan and Spc. Kenster Shannon were announced as the NCO and Soldier of the Year, respectively, at the annual award luncheon June 23 at the Officers and Civilians Club.



File photo

## Cruise control

Col. Warren O’Donell has become the project manager for Cruise Missile Defense Systems. He succeeded Col. Edward Mullin in a change of charter July 8 at Bob Jones Auditorium, followed by Mullin’s retirement ceremony.

# Reach out and touch afterhours contact cards

*Facility managers should update notification lists*

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**

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If there is an emergency, like a fire or robbery, in a building afterhours how do emergency service workers know who to contact?

Each building is supposed to have a card with those points of contact listed by its entrance, facing out. However, these lists aren't always up-to-date. Each organization or maintenance office in every building is responsible for keeping those cards as accurate as possible.

"They are normally maintained by the facility manager. They can choose whoever they want," Lt. Joe McKee, Department of the Army guard supervisor, said. "But they need one (card) per door."

The contact cards, SAM form 1035, are index sized. Each lists the organization or agency that occupies the building and includes names and numbers. The contacts are listed in the



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**WHO TO CALL— Notification cards posted by building entrances, like this one, help Emergency Services contact the right people.**

order in which they should be called. The blank cards are available from the Directorate of Emergency Services' physical security section.

Redstone guards keep watch

over every corner of the Arsenal while Team Redstone workers head home for the weekend. During the course of their patrols, they occasionally find problems with the buildings they check. Sometimes the problems are dramatic, like a fire or burglary.

"If there's a burglary, they (the organizations) have to do an inventory," he said. "We have to know who to call. We don't know what they had or what's missing."

Sometimes the incidents are routine, like a water leak or a window left open.

"If a window was left open, for example, on a Friday night and we can't get a hold of anybody all weekend," McKee said, "it would be open all weekend."

Regardless, he said that having correct contact information is crucial. It is not unusual for officers to find that cards have not been updated for quite some time.

"It is a common problem. We call people and they tell us they retired two years ago," McKee said. "People have moved out of state."

At the very least, outdated

contact cards are an inconvenience – for both DES and the people who may be erroneously awakened in the wee hours of the morning with a call about a building where they no longer work. In the worst case, outdated cards represent potential security risks for equipment and information inside the buildings they are posted on.

When the information on the

cards is old or inaccurate, the guards have no way to notify anyone about the damage or threat to the building. They are forced to either post someone there until repair crews arrive or return repeatedly to the building in order to keep a closer watch on it while still carrying out their other duties.

"We have to keep someone on it," McKee said.



Photo by Brian Marbrey

## *Parking space*

**A CH-47 Chinook helicopter sits June 13 at Redstone Airfield.**

# 'Papa Bear' takes care of his troops

375th's first sergeant reservist honoree

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Army Reserve 1st Sgt. Daryl Owens doesn't often "snarl and growl" like a papa bear.

But when he does, his Soldiers know it's time for serious business.

Owens is the first sergeant of the Reserve's 375th Engineer Company based in Huntsville. As such, he's known among the unit's 98 Soldiers as the Papa Bear, the top non-commissioned officer who keeps a close tab on all Soldier activities.

"I have to ensure that all training is conducted to standards while at the same time I have to take care of feeding and clothing Soldiers," he said.

"I'm the eyes and ears of the company commander. I take care of Soldiers. I make sure they are squared away on requirements and have everything they need. I work with Soldiers who are 18 all the way up to Soldiers around my age. And I love it."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PROVEN LEADER— Reserve 1st Sgt. Daryl Owens is focused on taking care of a variety of needs and requirements for the Soldiers of the Army Reserve's 375th Engineer Company based in Huntsville. He is the Reserve recipient of this year's 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award.**

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# Helping Soldiers through tough parts of life

HHC Garrison first sergeant puts the Soldier needs first

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HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Paul Grosch remembers working with a supply sergeant who returned from Afghanistan and was temporarily assigned to the HHC Garrison staff at Redstone Arsenal while he helped care for his dying father.

It wasn't long before the sergeant's father lost his battle with cancer. Then, two weeks later, his mother also passed away.

"If you haven't lost a family member before, there is a lot that has to be done after a death that can really get to you. The death and all the other things involved with losing a loved one hits you hard," Grosch said.

"The Army recognizes that. We give these Soldiers the flexibility and allow them the time to handle all the personal business involved with a death. At the same time, I have the responsibility to bring them back up to speed to be a productive Soldier."

The staff at Headquarters & Headquarters Company, Garrison at Redstone Arsenal includes many Soldiers who are serving compassionate reassignments – temporary tours of duty where the Soldier continues to serve their country while also taking care of serious family issues. And, as the first sergeant of HHC Garrison, Grosch is there to help them through the tough times.

"These Soldiers are facing significant challenges. Their father, mother, child or another loved one is dying," he said. "There might be financial problems caused by the situation that they also have to deal with."

"I basically play mom and dad for these Soldiers. I help them get through the emotional part of life. I help them get financially back on their feet. At times, it is



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**WORKING FOR SOLDIERS— HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Paul Grosch, left, studies plans for an upcoming event involving Arsenal Soldiers with Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Cooper. Grosch recently was recognized as the active duty recipient of the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award presented annually by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.**

somewhat overwhelming for them and I'm here to help them. They have special needs. I make sure their needs are fulfilled so they can go on to be successful in their Army career."

Grosch, 45, works with HHC Garrison commander Capt. Rob Dewberry and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Cooper and the HHC Garrison staff to oversee the administrative needs of the 650 Soldiers assigned to the Arsenal (not including the Soldiers of OMEMS, Fox Army Health Center or SMDC). HHC Garrison works with several government, volunteer and community organizations that support Soldier needs on the Arsenal.

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# Guard's tradition leaves impression on first sergeant

Serving Soldiers, families the heart of his work

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The tradition of the Alabama Army National Guard runs deep in 1st Sgt. Johnny Whisenant's family.

It's a tradition that includes the loss of Whisenant's father when the family was very young. It's a tradition that helped Whisenant grow into the role of the family's patriarch. It's a tradition that Whisenant carried with him as he cared for Soldiers during a tough, but injury free, deployment to Iraq.

"The Guard is like family," he said. "I serve with the same Soldiers I grew up with. When I joined in 1971, the first sergeant and other Soldiers in the unit were the same Soldiers who served with my daddy."

"The Guard has instilled the seven Army values in me and my life. Being the first sergeant is about taking care of people, but also making sure the mission is accomplished. It's about putting your Soldiers before yourself. If you're not willing to do that, then you should-

n't be a non-commissioned officer."

Whisenant is this year's National Guard recipient of the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award presented by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. The impressive statue that sits on his desk at the National Guard Armory on Airport Road is a reminder to Whisenant of the sacrifices his family has made for the nation. It's a reminder of the bravery of his father and the Soldiers who serve in the Guard, of his mother and her determination to raise her family after their father's death, and of his own duty to his family, his Soldiers and his country.

"1st Sgt. Whisenant has been instrumental in taking care of Soldiers and family needs for his Guard unit for many years ... His dedication and loyalty have always been remarkable and upstanding," wrote 1st Sgt. J. Bruce Head of Bravo Company of the 422nd, Alabama Army National Guard, in his nomination report.

"This is a great award. But it's nothing compared to being able to get off the bus after our deployment in Iraq and knowing that all the Soldiers of Bravo Company are home," said Whisenant, who has served as a first sergeant since 2002.

Whisenant, 56, deployed to Iraq as the first sergeant of Bravo Company of the 279th Sig-

nal Battalion from March 2004 to April 2005. Bravo Company's mission was to supply communications for the 121st Signal Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division.

"My company was divided up and scattered to 10 different locations in northeast Iraq," Whisenant said. "We went with 142 Soldiers. The greatest accomplishment I've ever had was going to Iraq with that many Soldiers and bringing them all home without a Purple Heart. I worked with great Soldiers, great NCOs. My Soldiers did a fantastic job of taking care of each other."

During the deployment, Whisenant spent much of his time in convoys, traveling from one forward operating base to another to visit his Soldiers and bring them supplies.

"I would check on their health and welfare. I would make sure things were going OK with the Soldiers they were supporting," he said. "I would take them mail. Some of the Soldiers were in remote sites and I would contact them to get a shopping list and then I would bring them whatever I could buy. I did as much as I could to make sure they got what they needed and sometimes I'd surprise them with things they wanted."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**FOR THE TROOPS— 1st Sgt. Johnny Whisenant, who is the National Guard recipient of the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award, said the award belongs to Soldiers and families who make up the 115th Signal Battalion.**

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A career Soldier, Grosch is known for the compassion and generosity he shows toward Soldiers – all the way from privates to generals — who serve at Redstone Arsenal. Recently, he was the active duty recipient of the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award presented annually to outstanding first sergeants by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. 1st Sgt. Daryl Owens received the award on behalf of the Army Reserves and 1st Sgt. Johnny Whisenant received it on behalf of the Alabama Army National Guard.

Grosch was nominated for the award by his commanding officer. Describing how Grosch has helped several of his young Soldiers deal with personal issues – such as driving them to medical, financial and educational appointments, providing them with money from his personal funds to cover sudden expenses, and helping out Soldiers and their families during the holidays, Dewberry said his first sergeant goes the “extra mile.”

“He has personally gave of his experience and time in a self-sacrificing means of mentoring to make sure that young Soldiers receive valuable lessons learned and guidance in their development in becoming future NCOs, etc.,” Dewberry wrote in the nomination. “The reason I say ‘etc.’ is because it’s hard to capture the extent of time and depth he has shown and given in being a leader to the Soldiers.”

Grosch joined the Army in August 1988 at age 25, after working awhile in civilian jobs.

“The career field I was in was a dead end,” he recalled. “Most of my family had been in the military before me and I really had always had a yearning to join the military. But I was scared. It was when I figured out I could go back to school while in the Army that I decided this was for me.

“The Army was a good choice for me because I needed the Army a whole lot more than the Army needed me at the time. But I had no plans of making this a career. My plan was to do my job honorably, work as hard as I could, and get out and get an education.”

That plan changed as Grosch realized how much he enjoyed working alongside fellow Soldiers.

“In my opinion, there are no better people on earth than Soldiers and that’s what’s kept me in the Army,” he said. “I enjoy the camaraderie and the challenge of the job. I love serving Soldiers and that’s what my job is. Basically, I look out for Soldiers.”

Grosch joined the Army as an infantryman, serving at Fort Bragg, N.C., Hawaii, Fort Benning, Ga., Germany, Italy and Fort Campbell, Ky. He also served as the senior military instructor at the Marion Military Institute.

“When I first became a sergeant, that was the first time I was put in charge of troops,” he said. “To me, that was where it was at – developing someone who will take your place.”

Grosch wears a combat infantry badge with a star, representing his combat service in the Panama War, Desert Storm, Afghanistan and Iraq. He has also served during Hurricane Andrew and on a Multi-Force and Observer Tour between Egypt and Israel.

At Redstone Arsenal, Grosch is involved in HHC Garrison’s responsibilities in supporting the Garrison by performing administration and management duties associated with Soldiers on active duty with Garrison agencies and activities; providing the Honor Guard, Color Guard and Burial Detail representing Redstone Arsenal; coordinating military activities for Arsenal Soldiers; supervising command responsibilities related to supply, discipline, morale, military training and general control of Garrison Soldiers; establishing and implementing internal policies and procedures; directing the Command Information Program for Garrison Soldiers; and coordinating supply, transportation and maintenance of HHC Garrison equipment.

Grosch and the HHC-Garrison staff also coordinate logistics for transporting, feeding, caring for and supervising large groups of Arsenal Soldiers who represent Redstone Arsenal at community events, such as the recent Armed Forces Celebration Week activities and sporting events.

At every installation where he’s served, Grosch has worked and lived what he valued – the ethics and morals of the U.S. Soldier.

“A Soldier will mess up, but he doesn’t do it on purpose,” he said. “He wants to do a great job, the best job ever, 100 percent of the time. I don’t think you will find that kind of work ethic in the civilian work force.”

As with most Soldiers, his years in the Army have left their mark on Grosch.

“I know for a fact that the Army has made me a better leader, a better man,” he said. “It’s exposed me to all kinds of people from all different walks of life who learn to get along with each other and work together to accomplish the mission.”

Today, with nearly 20 years of service in the Army, Grosch and his wife, Becky, have settled in Rogersville. They have two children — Chris, who attends Western Kentucky University, and Savannah, a Shoals Community College student who is transferring to the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Throughout his career, Grosch has been committed to being the best Soldier possible – and the best leader of Soldiers. He believes the best leaders are Soldiers who are firm but fair, who are smart and educated about the world, who have a wealth of experience to draw from and who, most of all, have compassion for Soldiers and other people. Grosch hopes others see those qualities in him in his role as a leader.

“Since I took over this job, I go home every night and look myself in the mirror. That’s my check. I ask myself ‘Grosch, today did you do everything you could for those Soldiers?’ The promise I’ve made to myself is to try to do everything in my power to help my folks out,” he said. “Some nights I can’t say ‘Yes.’ But most nights I can.”

■ Reserve first sergeant puts Soldier welfare first

# Care

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As the “Papa Bear,” Owens is often who Soldiers come to with problems they are facing. “But with the proper counseling and guidance they realize they can solve their problems,” he said.

Owens, 43, was the Reserve recipient of this year’s 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award, presented annually by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. He was nominated by his commander, Capt. Lawrence McKiernan, and received recommendations from 1st Sgt. Dennis Crigger of the 844th Engineer Battalion and retired Col. Michael Coleman of the JROTC program at Lee High School.

Owens is “a firm believer in taking care of troops ... His concern for the welfare of Soldiers goes well beyond the Reserve one weekend a month and two weeks out of the year mindset. He is always available ... He demands high standards of his Soldiers, praising them when they do well and correcting them when needed,” wrote McKiernan in his nomination.

“I’m humbled by the John Ordway award,” Owens said. “My job is to take care of and push Soldiers, and if I got an award for that then I’m thankful and I’m humble.”

Owens has a combination of almost 25 years on active duty and in the Reserves. A Madison County High School graduate, he enlisted in the Army in May 1983, just

three days after his 18th birthday.

“My whole family is military. Ninety-nine percent of my family is Army with a few sprinkles of Air Force,” Owens said. “My father (now deceased) medically retired out of Redstone Arsenal. He was a star running back on the Arsenal back when they had full contact football.”

Owens became a heavy equipment operator, serving at Fort Sill, Okla., and Germany. He was serving with Charlie Company of the 7th Engineers out of Fort Polk, La., when his unit was mobilized toward the end of Operation Desert Storm. But the unit received stand-down orders before their deployment.

“In November 1992, I went into the Reserves,” Owens recalled. “I wanted to get an education. But I still wanted to serve my country.”

**H**e went on to earn his college degree, and worked various jobs as a restaurant manager, mortgage loan officer, warehouse supervisor and lumber yard manager. In 2002, Owens became a security police officer for Marshall Space Flight Center.

“This is the job that was meant for me,” he said of working on Redstone Arsenal. “I love the interaction with the people. It stays interesting because every day is different.”

At the same time, Owens continued his career with the Reserves. He was an honor graduate of the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officers course in 1999.

“That class set the tone for me. It made me realize this is what I want to do, that this is what I was destined to do,” said Owens, who was named acting first ser-

geant for the 926th Engineer Company (Horizontal) in 2006. The unit was later reclassified as the 375th Engineer Company (Vertical) and Owens was formally promoted to first sergeant.

“As the 926th, we did construction work in the building of roads,” he said. “As the 375th, we do things like pour concrete, and put in electrical and plumbing systems. We’re basically house and building builders.”

While serving with the 926th, Owens deployed with the unit to Afghanistan in 2004-05, where they began work on the Tarin Kowt Road that connects the cities of Kandahar and Tarin Kowt.

“We started the road project at both ends,” he said. “We faced IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and a little sniper fire. We spent the time bulldozing, grading and doing other aspects of standard road construction.”

He has also been deployed on humanitarian missions to El Salvador, Honduras, the Bahamas and Germany as a reservist.

**R**ecently, the 375th participated in a one-month training program at the National Training Center in California in preparation for a deployment to the Horn of Africa. Since then, the unit has received stand-down orders regarding Africa, but could be reassigned for another deployment in early 2009.

“At NTC, we passed all of our tasks with flying colors,” Owens said. “We performed to the standards that all Army Soldiers must perform to.”

As the unit’s first sergeant, Owens works with the platoon sergeants of three line platoons and a headquarters platoon to ensure

that the unit’s Soldiers have what they need to do their job. He works far beyond the part-time job of a reservist, communicating with Soldiers in his unit on a daily basis through e-mails and phone calls.

**I**n addition to his routine duties, he has identified needy Soldiers and families within his unit for holiday assistance by the Madison Cheer Brigade, counseled Soldiers with financial problems and helped them receive assistance through Army One Source and Army Emergency Relief, worked with Redstone Arsenal officials to get training facilities for required training, assisted in transforming the 375th from a horizontal to a vertical unit, served on the Junior Enlisted Promotion board for the 844th Engineer Battalion and participated in the 375th’s basketball team through Redstone Arsenal intramural sports program.

While Owens loves leading Soldiers, he also is the patriarch of his family, which includes wife Jennifer, 13-year-old son Terrell and two nieces he is mentoring as they complete their high school and JROTC careers at Lee High.

Owens is convinced the Army Reserves and the Army can do for other young people what it’s done for him.

“I think it’s made me a better person compared to when I first came into the Army. I’ve accomplished so much. I’ve learned leadership. I’ve helped make a difference,” he said. “The Reserves is an excellent choice for people interested in the military. There’s so much opportunity. It’s a good starting point for young men and women who want to serve while staying home and going to college.”

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Whisenant also ran convoys to transport Soldiers to R&R or to go to meetings in Tikrit, Iraq. Prior to deployment, he was instrumental in establishing the Family Readiness Group. And, in a unique relationship, Whisenant coordinated a weekly radio talk show with WQSB on Sand Mountain and with a Birmingham station so that Soldiers with the 279th in Iraq got to talk over the airways about their experiences while deployed.

Since their return, Whisenant has been overseeing another Soldier transition. Bravo Company of the 279th, based in Guntersville, has just recently transferred to Charlie Company of the 115th Signal Battalion based at the armory on Airport Road. For Whisenant, transitions have been just as much a way of life as traditions, starting in 1955 when his father, a World War II veteran, was killed in a truck accident while on a training assignment at Fort McClellan.

“My father got killed wearing his uniform,” Whisenant said. “I was only 3 years old. There were three of us and mom. My oldest brother turned out to be ‘slow.’ My baby brother got the German measles and that messed up his mind. And I had an older sister.”

The family sharecropped at farms all over the Sand Mountain area during those early years. By 1962, Whisenant’s mother had saved enough money to buy a 60-acre farm near Guntersville for \$8,500.

“I still live on that farm today,” Whisenant said. “I was the only one who went on to finish high school. At the age of 14, I was doing all the farming, all the planting, all the plowing.”

Despite the farm work, Whisenant found time to obtain an associate degree in electrical engineering technology. But upon returning home, he discovered he had a high number in the Vietnam draft lottery system. His mother wanted him to get a deferment, based either on the need to continue his college studies or family hardship.

“I told her ‘I’m no better than the other guys I went to high school with. If I’m drafted, I’m drafted,’” he recalled. “Then, mom wanted me to join the Guard. We both saw it as the only way I could take care of my family and serve our country.”

Joining the National Guard kept Whisenant home, where he continued supporting the family on the farm and studying toward is bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering. Whisenant started working for the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1978. In 1989, he worked briefly for the Missile Command on Redstone Arsenal before taking a job in 1991 with TVA’s Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, where he works in systems engineering as a component engineer.

But during those years, he always felt some guilt for not serving his country in Vietnam, despite the need for him to stay home and care for his family. So, when the call came to mobilize with Bravo Company of the 279th Signal Battalion in 2003 for a deployment to Iraq, there was nothing that was going to keep Whisenant at home.

“My oldest brother had passed away. But I was still taking care of mom and my baby brother,” Whisenant said. “Two other first sergeants came to me and said ‘Johnny, we’ll go in your place.’ I said I can’t do that. This time I had to go. My mom and my brother went to a nursing home in Claysville so that I could serve with my unit.”

Whisenant worries that some of the “family atmosphere” and tradition of the Guard will be lost with the recent transition to the Huntsville armory.

“Instead of 10 miles to the armory, it’s 49 miles now,” he said. “I know it’s necessary for the transformation and streamlining of the Guard and most of the Soldiers in the Guntersville unit are here.

“But some of our Soldiers went to Arab, some to Albertville. We won’t be able to have our big Christmas dinner for Soldiers, families and retirees at the Guntersville armory anymore. The retirees who would come by to visit us at the armory won’t be able to do that anymore. We are losing a big part of what the Guard has meant to Guntersville.”

So, when Soldiers come to Whisenant to ask what they should do as the Guard

streamlines, this first sergeant speaks from the experience he has gained from more than 36 years in the Guard.

“I really care for my Soldiers and their families,” he said. “I tell them ‘You need to do what’s best for you and your family. That’s what matters the most. I will give you the best advice I can, but you must do what’s best for your family.’”

Whisenant knows family is important because of the support they give their Soldiers. His own family – wife Mary Ann, son Jay (who has served in the Marine Reserves and Army National Guard) and daughter Stacy Michelle – has always been his own personal support team.

“During our deployment, my wife got a lot of phone calls from Soldier families and a lot of questions asked of her,” he said. “And, during that time, I never called home that my wife complained about anything. She never questioned anything. She was a real super trooper. She has always supported me.”

Whisenant views the Ordway award as something his mother, wife and fellow Soldiers deserve more than he does.

“I don’t see myself as being deserving,” he said. “I attribute my success a good bit to my mother for instilling my work ethic and respect for others, and to my wife for putting up with me. I served under three good first sergeants. I have had the pleasure and honor of serving with fantastic Soldiers that have made my job easy. I have been blessed with so much by the grace of God.

“This trophy should have been presented to my Soldiers and their families.”

## Army cheerleader puts attitude into print

*All's possible with 'wanna,' according to author Carney*

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The military's staunchest local cheerleader has packaged his patriotic "Hooah" into a new book that is meant to inspire, encourage, inform and entertain readers who want to unleash their own "can do" spirit.

David Carney, a retired Alabama Army National Guard sergeant first class who is active in several military organizations in North Alabama and who has been a chief organizer of Huntsville patriotic events, has recently published his first self-help book — "The Power of Attitude: Ya Gotta Have Wanna."

"It's a collection of stories and topics I've put together over the years," he said.

"The entire book has to do with attitude because I believe attitude is everything. That's a little different from the business management school of thought that says motivation is the most

important thing. Motivation is about getting your main course at the dinner table. But I like to get dessert, too."

Carney will be available to talk about his book at a three-day book signing at the Post Exchange this Thursday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"It's kind of exciting to have this book to offer people," he said. "It will appeal to lots of different people. Recruiters will like it because they can use it to show how the military can change a person's life. It's a good book for graduates and young people because it gives them advice on how to be successful in life. The book offers plenty of insight to people who want to know how to get more out of life, who want to do more in their lives."

Carney's wide variety of experiences is the source for his book's interesting narrative. His career includes eight years of active duty and 16 years with the National Guard, civilian experience as a bank loan officer, computer programmer and publisher, and military travels to more than 30 countries, including deployments to

Hungary, Croatia and Bosnia as part of Operation Joint Guard. In the past five years he has organized many patriotic events and has spoken at more than 300 events about attitude, motivation, leadership and patriotism.

"When families have a deployed Soldier we can give them the encouragement and the attitude and the 'Hooah' to overcome their trials," Carney said. "In the three years since I retired, I've spoken to thousands of Soldiers and more than 9,000 family members about attitude. I realized the message I was giving them applies to every individual, organization and corporation that is interested in achieving goals. My messages of attitude and encouragement have a universal audience."

The introduction in the book explains "Hooah," which Carney has emblazoned on his own personalized license plate. He writes that "Hooah" is an Army word that stands for Heard, Understood and Acknowledged and that is now used by all branches of the military to express their desire to overcome obstacles to reach a goal.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PATRIOTIC MINDSET—** Retired National Guard Sgt. 1st Class David Carney, who is now a motivational and patriotic speaker and event organizer, poses with his alter ego to promote his first book, "The Power of Attitude: Ya Gotta Have Wanna." Carney is known for dressing up like Uncle Sam for various local events, such as the Veterans Day parade and Operation Christmas Bear. Carney's belief in the power of attitude was developed during his years in the military and is something he now wants to share with the public.

# Fox Army Health Center watches over wellness

*Providing medical care for Redstone community*

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Fox Army Health Center sits high on a hill, overlooking Goss Road. From there, it watches over the health and well-being of active and retired military and their family members. The manner in which it does that has changed significantly over the years.

Since Redstone Arsenal's creation, there has always been a health care facility here, according to Melba Moody, FAHC public affairs. When its current location was built, the facility was renamed.

"We've been under the name 'Fox' since 1975," Moody said. "But we've been here since the 1940s. There was a clinic even then."

Fox began as an actual hospital, with in-patient beds. The bedded wards were phased out over the years.

"This building started as a 40-bed facility. Over the years it was cut back to 20," Moody said. "The last ones were shut down in the late 1990s."

The choice to make the changeover from hospital to health center was a mathematical one, according to Fox commander Col. Mark Smith.

"Those decisions are made based on active duty populations at installations," Smith said. "When you get below a certain number, you lose hospital status."

With the change in status came a change in services offered. Some specialties, like obstetrics and surgery, are now referred to one of the hospitals in the surrounding community. Even without them, Fox still has a lot to offer.

"We still do primary care here,"



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**FRONT OF CENTER—** Fox Army Health Center serves active and retired military and their family members.

Moody said.

Fox services include internal medicine, pediatrics, physical therapy, radiology, optometry, aviation medicine, behavioral medicine and the Army Substance Abuse Program. It includes the Warrior Medicine Unit for active duty Soldiers and the Warrior Transition Unit, which manages care for wounded Soldiers.

"On a regular, full day basis we see between 180 and 210 patients here every day," Smith said. "That does not include the number that come just for the pharmacy."

Fox serves as a regional pharmacy location for retirees and family members. Smith estimates that there may be as many as 200-300 other patrons coming for the pharmacy's services.

While the dental clinic is also housed within the health center's walls, it is a separate entity.

Fox has a staff of 200 employees. The percentage of military to civilian staff has changed over the years. Smith estimates

that 85 percent of the staff is now civilian. Most are government employees with only a few contractors.

"It's significant because in the last 10 years there has been a huge shift from military to civilian membership in the medical treatment facilities," Smith said. "Ten years ago it was completely the other way around."

## *Tenants of Redstone* *Seventh in a series*

Regardless of whether they are Soldier or civilian, Moody said all Fox team members feel the same level of commitment to their mission.

"(We) know we are a part of an organization that is doing the right thing for the people who serve our country and allow us to live the life that our families live," she said. "We are doing the right thing to help them and their families because they are out there sacrificing. Their wives and their children are sacrificing, too. I feel like I get to be a part of something to provide and take care of their families. Especially during the war, our civilian staff has

come to see that and feel that."

The shift in recent years, both within FAHC and Armywide, has been from reactive to preventive medicine. It is a philosophy Redstone's medical team has embraced wholeheartedly in the form of the Welcome to Wellness program.

"The vision is very unique for any health facility in America today," Smith said. "We're inspiring those who served our nation, past and present, and their families to live a lifetime of wellness."

The program focuses on the partnership between health care providers and patients. It is about creating healthy people through information and preventive steps, rather than just treating symptoms and illnesses as they come. It is also about helping people take charge of their own health.

"The ultimate tenet for wellness is being responsible for oneself. Not perfect, but being willing to step into what I call the domain of knowing what you didn't know," Smith said. "There is no medical problem, issue or illness, whether it be physical, mental, emotional or psychological which we can't take on and be outstanding coaches for our patients when they become aware and inspired to do it."

New active duty families coming into the Redstone community go through the wellness program and are matched with the primary care providers who best suit their needs. Retirees are welcomed into the program with open arms, Smith said. However, depending upon their health situation, a Fox provider may not always be the best match for them.

"Unfortunately, many of our retirees are older and have slightly higher percentages of health problems that become more complex. We just don't have the resources for our primary care doctors to manage that person who spends all their time downtown," Smith said. "The promise that I made to those retirees is that I'll ensure you have a good doctor downtown. If I hear that you don't, then I'll take some action."

## Senate confirms Petraeus, Odierno

WASHINGTON — The Senate has confirmed Gen. David H. Petraeus as commander of U.S. Central Command and Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno to receive his fourth star and succeed Petraeus as commander of Multinational Force Iraq.

The full Senate confirmed Petraeus by a vote of 95-2 and Odierno by a 96-1 margin. Odierno is the Army's 3rd Corps commander and served as commander of Multinational Corps Iraq for 14 months. (*American Forces Press Service*)

## Veterans center coming to Madison

WASHINGTON — Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) announced July 9 that the Department of Veterans Affairs will establish a new center in Madison.

"It is critical that our nation's combat veterans have access to outreach and readjustment counseling through the VA," Shelby said. "Expanding vet center services to Alabama will ensure the combat veterans in our state have access to the important services they need."

The new center is scheduled to be fully operational by the end of December 2009.

## Army revises, streamlines wounded care

WASHINGTON — To preserve its primary focus on wounded and severely injured Soldiers, the Army has moved to increase staffing of its Warrior Transition Units, streamline the disability evaluation process, and revise WTU admission criteria to reflect a priority on Soldiers requiring intensive case management.

"We will do whatever it takes to meet the needs of our wounded, ill and injured warriors," said Secretary of the Army Pete Geren and Gen. George W. Casey Jr., the Army's chief of staff, in a memo to the Army's senior leaders. The two said that while they are pleased with how far the Army has come in a short time, they believe the Army has hit a plateau in its efforts to provide world-class care for these Soldiers.

Since its inception a year ago, the

WTU system has seen its caseload double from 6,000 to 12,000 today. While strained by this growth, the system has completely reformed how the Army cares for its "wounded warriors." To keep pace with this growth, the Army has directed that by July 14, every one of its 35 WTUs will be staffed to 100 percent of the personnel required to sustain proper ratios of leaders and care managers to keep pace with the number of Soldiers assigned.

They also directed that the medical and physical evaluation processes be streamlined to hasten decisions and reduce the stress on Soldiers and families. Commanders were enjoined to resolve issues at their levels and eliminate red tape, and were instructed to "break log jams" and "protect the rights of our Soldiers." (*Army release*)

# Leadership training leaves impression on TMDE team

By ENDEA SPEARS  
USATA summer hire

Attending the U.S. Army TMDE Activity (USATA) Leadership Training really hit home for Dan Fory.

“At first, I thought the training was not at all beneficial to me, but after personally speaking with Dr. Huckaby, it really helped me become intact with my inner self and helped me understand other people’s motivations,” he said.

Fory was one of 46 USATA supervisors and team leaders attending its first leadership training held June 19 at the Redstone bowling center. The theme of the training was

“Maximize Our Leadership Potential.”

“A strong team needs to engage in activities to help promote self-productivity,” Rick Turner, executive director for Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, said. “A stronger team provides better support to the Soldiers overseas.”

Turner said the training session will ultimately strengthen each person’s skills in order to develop a stronger team.

Throughout the afternoon, the USATA team engaged in various team-building activities that were designed to help group members develop their capacity to work together effectively and lead the members in their teams.

“High performing teams have a great understanding of each other,” Dr. Gary Huckaby of Benchmark Behavioral Management System said.

Prior to the training, all attendees completed an assessment to discover their vocational personality. During the training, the attendees learned about their personality and how they typically interact with their co-workers.

“A lizard will adapt to its environment, (as) opposed to a chameleon that changes with its environment,” quipped Huckaby, a trainer and facilitator. “Leaders who have an understanding of themselves and the people they lead, better adapt to their surroundings.”

## ■ PX explains policy for gasoline pricing

### Prices

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based on a price of \$3.94. If the Class Six is going by regulations and is selling gas for what it pays its supplier, then they need to find a new supplier. Now a portion of the higher cost may be the MWR surcharge, but that surely does not account for the entire 13 cent a gallon difference.

Next time you get in your car and head for the Arsenal, check your gas gauge and if you need a fill-up check out your local gas stations first. Another thing, you can go online with one of the local TV stations and do your own survey of the lowest prices in Huntsville.

Not only does the Class Six serve an active duty population, but it also serves a very large retired military population and they all deserve a fair price.

**Richard R. Rice**  
Army retired

*Editor’s note: The Post Exchange provided the following response. “Thank you for your letter inquiring about the gas pricing policy at the Redstone Arsenal Shoppette. For the period August 2007 through June 2008, Redstone was one of several locations in the continental United States selected by AAFES (Army & Air Force Exchange Service) to conduct a test on gasoline pricing.*

*“During this test, we surveyed daily and used the average survey price to establish the sell price on our gasoline, which influenced the pricing you observed on June 20.*

*“Effective June 25, AAFES has implemented a new gasoline pricing policy. We now survey five stations in the market directly outside the fence line and establish the AAFES price equal to the lowest price surveyed for each grade of fuel sold. With this new policy you will find our prices are fair and competitive with the local community, yet allow enough income to cover operating expenses and generate monies for the morale, welfare and recreation fund for our service people.*

*“Unlike commissaries, AAFES is a ‘non-appropriated fund’ activity. We operate almost entirely on money earned from the sale of goods and services — not tax dollars. We must establish our prices to cover operating expenses such as inventory costs, employee salaries, utilities, plus new construction and renovations of existing facilities. At the same time, we have a financial commitment to support the morale, welfare and recreational (MWR) activities of the Army and the Air Force (i.e., libraries, bowling alleys, gyms, golf courses and more). In fiscal 2007, AAFES paid \$272.7 million to the MWR funds. Every cent we earn goes back to our customers in one form or another.”*

## ■ Old Marine remembers weapon lesson

### Weapons

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often brutal in its training and often administered “physical motivation” to recruits/trainees. Woe be to the recruit who got caught with an unsafe weapon. The first time, he might just get a warning and some PT. The next time, he would have to push the bolt to the rear with his nose. The third time, he would have to let the bolt slam forward on his thumb. If anyone has had any experience with an M-1 they have heard the term “M-1 thumb.” While our rifle was an M-14, the receivers and bolts were similar and had the same “impact.” You could lose a thumb nail from the impact if it hit right, although this was not normally the case. I always wondered what would be next as a reminder but never saw anyone go further than dropping the bolt on their thumb once.

While I have several tales from the rifle range, I am going to tell one. It was at ITR at Camp Pendleton, Calif. My company of about 206 young Marines was shooting targets at some range. I think we were shooting long-distance target at around 700 meters with an M-14. This was not qualification firing but familiarization firing at long ranges. The range was controlled by a range control officer in a tower that was on the firing line plus on-line supervisors. Every person from a private to a general at the range was a safety officer and could shut down the place by hollering “Cease fire” if he saw an unsafe act such as a weapon not pointed down range. I never saw anyone punished or in any way admonished for giving a mistaken “Cease fire!”

The senior primary marksmanship instructors wore Smoky-the-Bear hats, sort of like cowboy hats. Other primary marksmanship instructors (called PMIs) had helmet liners that were painted blue. There were probably five or six PMIs along with two senior primary instructors on the firing line to control the shooters, bring ammo, and clear stoppages in rifles. The shooter wore the garb of the day. We were required to button our chinstraps on our helmets before going to

the firing line to keep from dropping our helmets and reaching for them.

There were probably 30 or 40 firing positions on the firing line. These were located on a dirt berm about 10 feet above the ready area. The berm was flat on top and about 20 feet wide. At the front of the berm, toward the range, was the firing line. There was a walk area behind the firing line. In the ready area, recruits would load magazines, blacken-sights, set dope on their sights (windage and elevation adjustments) and check gear. They would be ready to go as soon as one series of shooters had finished. Both new and old shooters were told to walk rapidly to and from the firing line, but running was not allowed. As shooters came off the line, they were supposed to keep their weapons pointed down range, bolt to the rear, safety-on. At the very end of the line, as the shooters came off the line, one of the PMIs was standing there with a rifle cleaning rod which he would shove down the bore of the rifle barrel to ensure it was clear of ammunition. At the same time, the recruit was supposed to say, “No brass or ammo, sir,” to indicate he had neither. They then pulled back the bolt and put in a stripper clip.

On the day in question, I was in the ready area, about 10 feet from the exit end. One of the firing series was coming off the firing line. I wasn’t really paying much attention to what was passing, but heard “No brass or bang!”

Some recruit coming off the line had fired an M-14 .308 round through the PMI-with-the ramrod’s helmet. How it missed his head I will never know.

What happened next made an impression on 205 trainees and one “victim.”

As soon as the round went off, the recruit froze, someone hollered “Cease fire!” The PMI with the hole in his helmet turned white and grabbed the recruit who shot the hole in his helmet by the throat and started swinging. The rest of the PMIs ran down the firing line like vultures going to a dead body. They were scared also and there was a mob mentality among them. Blows rained on the recruit and these were not arm

and body shots or slaps with an open hand. The thuds scared me. One of the blows hit the recruit on the chin so hard that it broke his chin strap, knocked him down the berm and sent his helmet flying. That blow actually added a little sanity to the situation. Before that, I was really afraid that the instructors were going to kill the recruit. In the pause, someone ordered him to get his helmet on and to get back up on the berm. He responded and the beating continued, but now it was to the arms and torso and slaps with open hands. Some how, probably because he was scared, the shooter did not have serious injuries — probably because he was scared.

What is the moral to the above story?

In 1970 when I was in Vietnam, I was headed out on an ambush or a patrol at night with several other Marines. My memory fails me as to what type of operation it was. I suspect that it was a patrol because there were about 20 of us and most ambushes were only a few Marines. A fellow Marine toward the front of the column was carrying an M-60 machine gun. Machine gunners were not supposed to have a starter belt in the gun. To load the gun, the bolt had to be to the rear and even with the safety on, a jar could cause the bolt to slam forward and fire. Machine gunners frequently ignored the rule because it was quicker to break a belt and clip onto an existing belt than it was to load the gun from scratch. They also wanted to have a few rounds for self-protection if they had a surprise in the jungle. This particular Marine had the bolt to the rear and a starter strip of belted ammo in the gun. I have no idea if the safety was on or off. Everyone knew this was unsafe and had been trained otherwise but welcomed the firepower an M-60 could provide — the sooner the better. Before we ever left the compound, the Marine with the M-60 bounced the butt of the machine gun on the ground. The bolt snapped forward and the machine gun fired one bullet. The round went straight through the machine gunner’s head, killing him instantly. The Corps had done everything it could to prevent his death.

Name withheld by request

# A crash course in bicycle safety

*Cycling instructor hits highlights on moving down the highway*

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Bicycling has gained widespread attention as a viable form of transportation with current high gas prices. However, there is a lot of misinformation about how to bicycle safely. Recent letters to the *Redstone Rocket* have highlighted these misperceptions by both cyclists and motorists.

## Crash statistics

To understand bicycle safety, a review of crash statistics is essential. In my courses, the most common fear is that a bicyclist will be hit by a car and hit from behind. So before reviewing crash statistics, I ask these two questions.

First, what percentage of bicycle crashes involve motor vehicles?

Second, what percentage of collisions with motor vehicles involve getting hit from behind?

As for the first question, the largest cause of bicycle crashes is falling off the bicycle. Half of bicycle crashes involve falls. Less than 20 percent involve motor vehicles. In fact, collisions with pedestrians, animals and other bicycles are twice as likely as a collision with a motor vehicle. Most of the crashes I hear of on post involve animals or other bicycles.

As for the second question, crash studies show that only about 5 percent of bicycle crashes with motor vehicles involve the cyclist getting hit from behind. Most collisions, over 85 percent, involve crossing traffic. Either the bicycle

pulls in front of the car or the car pulls in front of the bicycle.

Since the consequence of any bicycle crash, from falling in the driveway to getting hit head-on by a motorist, can result in serious injury or death, bicycle safety must focus on reducing the probability of a collision. One aspect to keep in mind is that what feels safe and what is safe are not necessarily the same. Sometimes what is safe is not comfortable at all and most cyclists try to avoid these conditions.

With these numbers in mind, how can a cyclist operate to reduce the likelihood of a collision? The concept that reduces crash risk the most is called vehicular cycling. John Forester, in his book *Effective Cycling*, says it best: "Bicyclists fare best when they ACT and are TREATED as drivers of vehicles." Basically, a bicycle should be operated with the same rules and responsibilities as any motor vehicle.

Alabama law, as are the laws of all 50 states, is based on this principle. Alabama title 32-5A-260 grants cyclists all rights and responsibilities as any other vehicle on the roadway. Bicycles should operate in the road with traffic.

Why? The reason why cycling in the road with traffic reduces the crash risk is that is where motorists expect to find high speed vehicle traffic. Bicycles easily reach 25 miles per hour on level ground and exceed 50 mph on steep descents.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**COMMUTER— Col. Tom Newman, chief of staff of the Aviation and Missile Command, often rides his bicycle to and from work for exercise.**

Segregating bicycle from motor vehicle traffic makes cyclists less visible to motorists and thus increases the crash risks. Visibility for a cyclist is not only what they wear, but also where to cycle.

Keep in mind that there are no minimum speed limits on roads except for controlled access highways and bicycles are restricted on those facilities. Any motor vehicle that slows down to turn has the same impact to other vehicles as a bicycle. Bicycles rarely delay motorists to their destination; they just rearrange the delays that are already built into the system.

## Road position

As far left as possible or practicable?

Alabama law defines the position of a cyclist as "as far right as practicable." This does not mean the same thing as "as

far right as possible." Practicable means what is safe and reasonable. A cyclist may be in the left-hand portion of the left most lane and be as far right as practicable. The right one-third of the right most lane, basically the right tire mark, is a good starting point. Then depending on the circumstances the lane position may change further left or right. Since most of the roads in this area are not wide enough for a cyclist and motorist to share the lane, cyclists should use the full lane. Most cyclists want to get out of the way of traffic, but in this case moving further into traffic reduces the crash risk. Most crashes that involve motorists traveling the same direction do not involve getting hit from behind by the front bumper, but hit from the side by the right rear quarter panel. Cyclists that are too far to the right invite motorists to try and "squeeze by" when there is insufficient room. Cyclists also do not have room to react to the motorist's wind blast and may crash after running off the road. Cyclists using the full lane reduce this risk by making motorists pass them as they would pass any other vehicle – in the next lane. The cyclist should also have at least 18 inches of pavement to their right to react to windblast, road debris and other hazards. Most of the commuters I see on post are too far to the right to prevent these types of crashes.

Cyclists should not jeopardize their safety for the convenience of motorists, but what should a cyclist do if traffic is backed up behind them? A courteous cyclist will find a convenient driveway or side road, pull completely off the road and stop while motorists go by. Then once the

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# Heat illness a top threat to Soldier health

## Take precautions in outdoor activities

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Heat related illnesses are one of the biggest problems that Soldiers face during training. In 2007, there were 329 cases of heat stroke and 1,853 cases of heat exhaustion among active-duty, non-deployed servicemembers, according to the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center.

Soldiers and leaders must take appropriate precautions and be on the lookout for warnings. The key to preventing heat illness is to be well informed and observant of others when in hot and humid environments.

“Despite the fact that heat injuries can develop into life-threatening conditions, with appropriate training and vigilance on the part of the leadership and individual Soldiers, heat injuries can be prevented,” said Col. David Mukai, an occupational medicine physician at the Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Heat rash is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating. It contributes to decreased evaporative cooling. It can be avoided by keeping skin clean/dry and wearing loose fitting clothing.

Heat cramps are muscle pains or spasms that happen especially during heavy exercise. They can be avoided by staying hydrated, eating properly to keep electrolytes balanced and being acclimated to the environment.

Heat exhaustion is a potentially serious

illness that is caused by working too hard in hot weather. Symptoms include heavy sweating, rapid breathing, mild confusion, uncoordination, and fast or weak pulse. It can be avoided by using appropriate work/rest cycles, keeping hydrated and being acclimated to the environment. Treatment for heat exhaustion includes removing the affected Soldier from training and allowing rest in shade. The Soldier should loosen clothing and take sips of water or a sports drink. Heat exhaustion can become heat stroke.

Heat stroke is a life-threatening illness caused by overexertion in hot weather. The body temperature may rise above 106 degrees F in minutes. Symptoms look like heat exhaustion and include hot skin with or without sweating; rapid, strong pulse; and dizziness. Symptoms may progress to

seizures or severe delirium. Heat stroke can be avoided by using work/rest cycles and staying hydrated (drinking water before feeling thirsty). Treatment for heat stroke includes all treatments for heat exhaustion along with cooling the person's body down as quickly as possible. This is done by using ice sheets (cloth dipped or kept in ice water) placed directly on the skin.

“While heat exhaustion is the more common heat illness and is not associated with injury to the internal organs, heat stroke is a genuine medical emergency and can produce catastrophic multi-organ damage,” Mukai said.

Emergency personnel should be called immediately if symptoms — also including confusion or loss of consciousness, frequent vomiting, shortness of breath or trouble breathing — occur.

## ■ Cyclists should use same rules as drivers

### Safety

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road is clear, the cyclist can continue. Motorists should not expect cyclists to move as far right as possible while still moving.

While Alabama law permits cyclists to be two abreast, Redstone bicycle regulations restrict this to single file. This may make it more difficult for a motorist to pass a group of cyclists. Since roads are not designed for single file cyclists to share the lane with motorists, the cyclists still need to use the full lane to reduce their crash risks. Since the group must be single file, this makes the group longer and provides fewer opportunities for motorists to pass. Cyclists doubling up allows for motorists to pass the shorter group in smaller gaps in oncoming traffic.

Regarding sidewalks, shoulders, bike lanes and multiuse paths, many motorists feel that bicycles should be on sidewalks because they impede traffic. First, bicycles are traffic by law so they cannot impede traffic. Second, sidewalks increase the risk of a collision with a motor vehicle between two to four times. Motorists are not looking for high speed vehicular traffic from sidewalks. At every intersection where a sidewalk crosses a road, there is a higher probability of a crash with the cyclist on the sidewalk where the motorist is not looking compared to cycling in the roadway with traffic.

This does not include the risk of a collision with pedestrians, animals (such as dogs) and other bicycles on sidewalks. Other than children younger than 10 years old, sidewalks are not considered usable for cycling. Pedestrians would also not like the risk of a cyclist bearing down at 20-plus mph.

#### Shoulders

Shoulders can be a viable facility for cyclists. In fact cyclists lobbied significantly for shoulders on Martin Road east. The fact that there are no intersections means that motorists cannot pull out in front of the cyclist on the shoulder. However, debris becomes a significant issue with cycling on shoulders. Because motorists do not use shoulders, the debris that accumulates is not swept away. Debris can cause a fall, the most common crash type. Cyclists must assess if the increased risk from the debris outweighs the risk of cycling in the road with traffic. Shoulders should not be used on steep descents since cyclists are usually traveling the same speed as motorists. Shoulders with too many intersections or where the shoulder turns into a right turn only lane should also not be used. Cyclists risk a collision by continuing straight through the right turn only lane when motorists expect them to turn right.

#### Bike lanes

Bike lanes are essentially a shoulder with additional paint. They suffer the same risks as shoulders at intersections since

motorists pulling on and off the road cut across the cyclists' path. The proper method for a motorist to turn right across a bike lane with a cyclist is to enter the bike lane behind the cyclist and then turn right. A common motorist caused crash is what is called a “right hook” where the motorist cuts off the cyclist by turning right across the bike lane. Cyclists also cause crashes by turning left from the bike lane. They do not realize they should merge to the left and turn like a motorist.

#### Multi-use paths

Multi-use paths, such as Huntsville's greenways and the one across post, have their own risks. Remember that collisions with pedestrians, animals and other bicycles are twice as likely as collisions with motorists; therefore the risk of a crash on a multi-use trail is considerable. This risk is why there is a 10 mph speed limit for cyclists on the trail on post. Considering that cyclists can reach 25 mph on level ground, this is a marked increase in the time it takes to commute. Where the path crosses roads, driveways and other facilities, collisions with motorists are also a risk. One estimate is the crash risk increases on multi-use paths an average of 2.6 times compared to cycling in the roadway with traffic. However, depending on the trail design this can increase to a thousand times.

#### Lights

Another common cause of bicycle/motorist collisions is cycling without

lights at night and in low light conditions. Keep in mind that 85-90 percent of bicycle collisions are due to crossing traffic. Many times a motorist's headlights do not illuminate the bicycle reflectors until just before a collision. Headlights are required by Alabama law and a taillight is highly recommended. These can be visible for miles. Redstone bicycle policy also requires a reflective vest. One of the most effective reflectors is the bicycle pedals. The up and down motion is readily recognized as a bicycle. Cyclists either use pedal reflectors, reflective tape, or a reflective leg band for this purpose.

There is not enough space to go over the all aspects of bicycle safety. There are a lot more specifics to road position, but this hits some highlights. Properly fitted helmets and bicycle inspections are also important safety issues. The cyclist, and only the cyclist, can assess where on the road they need to be to best reduce their risks. The courses I teach provide a toolkit for cyclists to use based on the road, the traffic, the weather, the time of day and other factors.

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# NASA finally closes out troops

**Marshall all-star softball team gets first win in annual series**

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There was a sense of relief on the NASA side after the troops made the final out of the ballgame.

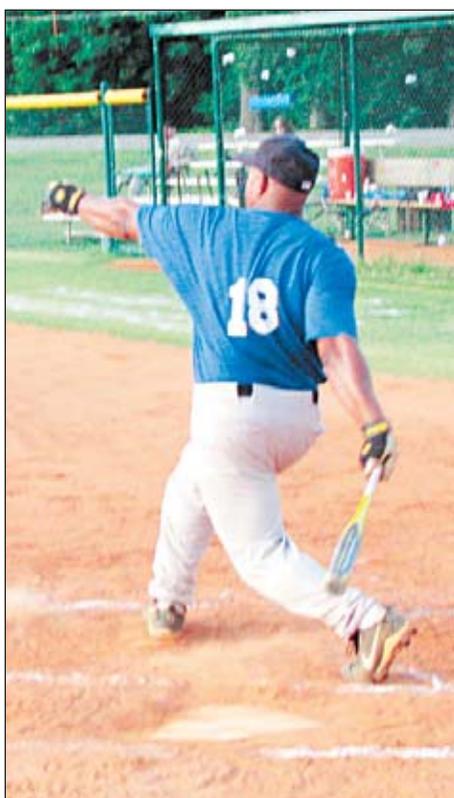


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BLAST OFF—** NASA's Al Mayers goes 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI.

The NASA softball all-stars had finally beaten their Redstone troop counterparts in this fifth annual showdown. They could celebrate after four years of losses, three in which the troops rallied in the final at-bat.

"Finally," NASA player Victor Pritchett said. "Several years I thought we had them and we just didn't close them out. We closed them out this time."

NASA scored 10 runs in the third inning and cruised to a 13-5 win on July 8 at Linton Field. The score was tied 2-all until NASA's outburst.

In the fateful inning, the Marshall Space Flight Center team sent 15 batters to the plate, had nine hits and benefited from two errors and a walk.

"Plain and simple, we wanted this so bad," NASA coach/pitcher Paul Prichard said. "Defense was key and we had everybody commit to this team through practice. Everyone showed up and we were able to deliver to our expectations. And God bless our Soldiers."

If it's any solace to the military side, the winning pitcher works for the Army's Logistics Support Activity in information technology.

Prichard helped himself at the plate by going 2-for-4 with a double, four RBIs and scored a run. Al Mayers went 3-for-3 with a double, one RBI, a walk and scored twice. Tony Fiorucci and Lonnie Hayes added two hits apiece.

"I think the difference this year is we played solid defense throughout the whole ballgame," said Fiorucci, NASA's shortstop. "And we kept the pressure on offensively. It was pretty much a solid effort on both sides of the ball - offense and defense."

Matthew Wood of Bravo Company went 3-for-4 and scored a run for the Redstone team. Bravo's Jay Gavigan and the National Guard's Marty Jones had two



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**OUT OF THIS WORLD—** The NASA all-stars celebrate after beating Redstone 13-5 at Linton Field.

hits apiece. Coach/pitcher Rodney Henshaw of the National Guard took the loss.

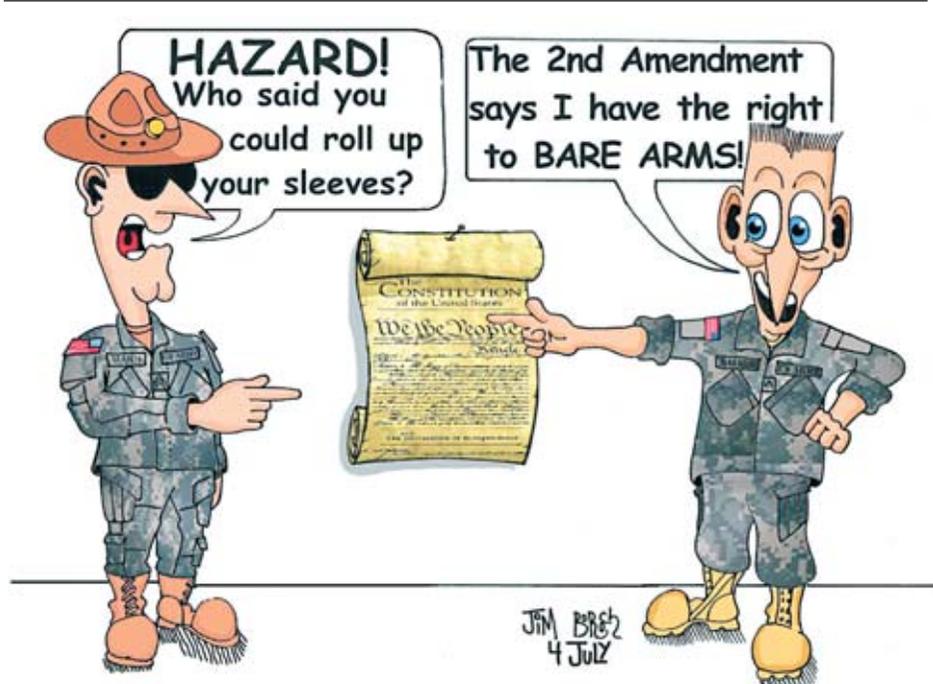
"We just didn't hit," Gavigan, Redstone's shortstop, said. "I mean you're not going to win a softball game only scoring five runs."

"I think a three-week layoff, us not even practicing or hitting for three weeks, was a big factor in us not playing well,"

Henshaw said. "I guess about the sixth inning we actually started playing better defense and hitting."

Redstone sports director Gaylene Wilson presented the annual trophy to the NASA players.

"You guys bring it back next year," she said. "And hopefully we'll be able to take it back."



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# Machinist clears clutter, repairs working conditions

*Tobyhanna shop running smoother*

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**TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa.** — A Tobyhanna machinist has improved working conditions in the machine shop by devising a plan to organize 25,000 tools using 6S processes.

It didn't take long for Ron Reddington to convince co-workers that the shop could run

more efficiently by implementing the visual management techniques of sort, straighten, scrub, safety, standardize and sustain. Following his lead, the 40-member team helped create shadow boards, label drawers and customize distribution centers to replace the clutter that made it difficult and time consuming to inventory and find items in the work area or tool crib.

"Everyone was skeptical at first," Reddington said. "When they saw the progress I was making, they were all on board and let me do what I needed to do."

During his 20-year career, the former Air Force maintenance superintendent employed the same methods to keep track of tools used to fix military aircraft.

Setup time on the machines has reduced drastically, according to Paul Hartz, Machining Branch chief. Hartz noted that workers gained as many as two hours on individual tasks after implementing the suggested changes.

For instance, several tool stations were strategically placed around the work area for easy access by the machine operators. And, to help track all the tools in the tool crib, employees have to sign for and return them when finished.

"Everyone seems pleased with the results," Hartz said. "It's been great to see the shop evolve; become more efficient."

It has taken about a year to put the basic steps of 6S into practice. During this time, employees discovered that waste in processes, unnecessary movement and excessive inventory were hampering how well the shop operated.

"We found things that didn't belong in the tool crib and items that were no longer serviceable or old," Reddington said. "Now there's a place for everything and everything in its place."

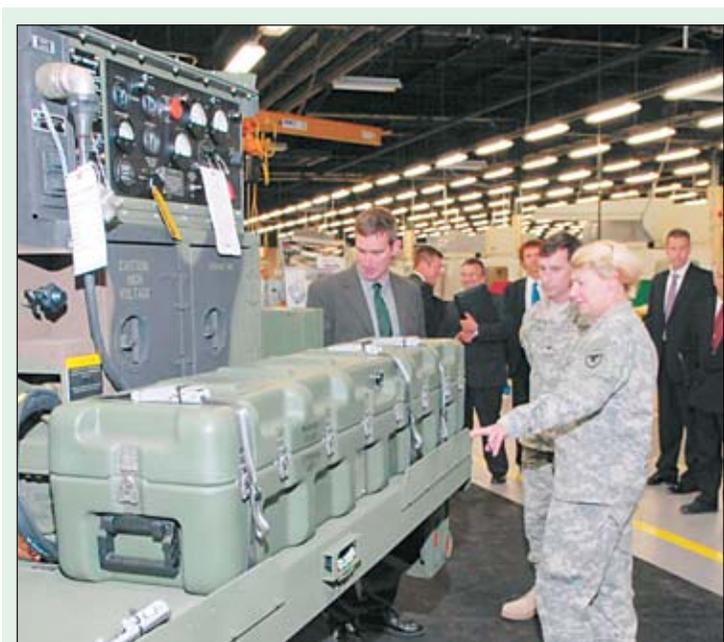
The shadow boards outline where the tools go and hundreds of drawers are labeled for easy recognition. The depot also reinstated the earlier practice of designating tool crib attendants to maintain the inventory, and distribute and retrieve parts and tools.

"To me, this is what Lean is all about," said Mike Sudimak, industrial engineer in the Productivity, Improvement and Innovation Directorate's Research and Analysis Division. "It's about people following through with

an idea to make their work area, and subsequently the depot, run smoother, save time and save money."

Sudimak hopes others will follow Reddington's example of

taking an idea and seeing if it works. "Lean is about teaching and giving employees the tools and techniques, knowledge and ability to do it on their own," he added.



Courtesy photo

## *Depot visit*

Army Materiel Command deputy commander Lt. Gen. Ann Dunwoody, right, and Tobyhanna Army Depot (Pa.) commander Col. Ron Alberto listen as Gene Curran, left, explains the design process for Unmanned Aircraft Systems and how it evolved from the depot-designed Universal Power Pack System during her recent visit to Tobyhanna. Curran is a mechanical engineer in the Production Engineering Directorate's Design and Development Branch at the depot.



Photo by Tony Medici

**ORGANIZATION**— Ron Reddington's idea to use shadow boards and other visual management techniques helped organize the 25,000 tools found in the machine shop.

# Free cruise gives military couple an escape

Online travel firm offered once-in-a-lifetime trip

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A once-in-a-lifetime getaway was just what Barbara Hayes and her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Dana Hayes, needed to escape from the stress and disappointment caused by recent health problems.

The cruise to the Bahamas on a Carnival Cruise Line came with all the bells and whistles – a great room with a window where they could watch sunrises, snorkeling off the Bahamas, a horse-and-buggy ride through Nassau, formal evening dining and much more.

And it was all free.

YTB (Your Travel Biz), an online travel booking service company, recently offered military families from around the country the opportunity to enjoy an all-expense-paid cruise as a way to thank them for their service, said Daniel Kuykendall, owner of Premier-Xpress Travels, a representative of YTB in North Alabama.

For the Hayes couple, the free cruise came along at the right time.

“I loved the Bahamas. It was so beautiful and so relaxing,” Barbara Hayes said. “It was just what we needed after everything that had happened. We really enjoyed ourselves and didn’t think about all the craziness going on back home.”

Hayes was in a high-risk pregnancy when her husband left earlier this year for a one-year assignment in Korea, where he is now the brigade maintenance control supervisor for the 210th Fires Brigade of the HHC 70th Forward Sup-

port Battalion on Camp Castle, adjacent to Camp Casey.

When she heard about the free cruise, Hayes planned to take advantage of the offer with her 3-year-old daughter Alexandria (“Zandy”). Her teenage daughter Victoria would be away at church camp during the cruise dates, May 30 to June 2, and her two step-daughters would be gone visiting relatives.

“It was a family friendly cruise. They had all kinds of activities for everyone no matter what their age. So, I thought it would be fun for Zandy and me,” Hayes said.

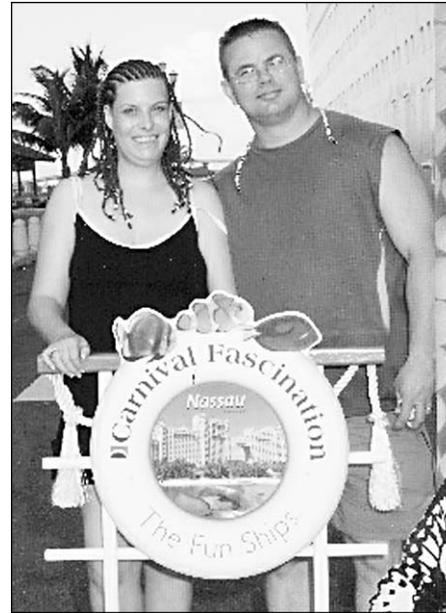
But a few weeks before the cruise, Hayes was told by her doctor that her fetus was no longer viable. She got a message to her husband through the Red Cross and he was home within a couple of days. Besides losing the baby, Hayes also had to have a surgical procedure.

“With all that, I totally forgot about the cruise. It just wasn’t on my mind,” Hayes said. “But then I got an e-mail confirming that Dana – not Zandy – and I were scheduled on the cruise. Dana was home for 30 days and he said ‘Well, let’s go on it.’ My mom said we needed to go on it and get away from everything. My mom thought it was divine intervention, that it was just meant to be. So, I thought ‘OK, maybe we’re supposed to go on a free cruise.’”

Once she got her doctor’s OK, Hayes was ready.

“I had never been out of the continental United States before,” she said. “This was my first time outside the U.S.”

Though the trip only cost the couple \$5, they did have some incidental expenses. They had to provide their own



Courtesy photo

**HAPPY DAYS— Barbara Hayes and her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Dana Hayes, make the perfect picture of a couple enjoying their cruise getaway. The trip allowed the couple to relax after the stress and disappointment caused by health problems. YTB, an online travel booking service company, offered a free cruise at the end of May to military families.**

transportation to Miami to board the ship. And they paid for their excursions when their ship was in port.

But on their ship – known as Fascination – their room, meals and activities were free.

“The ship was beautiful. We had a nice room with a window so we could look out at the ocean and watch the sun-

rise over the ocean from our bed,” Hayes said.

“There were so many activities going on constantly we could stay as busy or as relaxed as we wanted. The activities ranged from art auctions and shopping to dance lessons and karaoke. There was even a casino on board. There were three swimming pools, four hot tubs, basketball, ping-pong, shuffleboard, putt-putt golf and lots of lounge chairs. They had activities for every age group from toddlers to retirees.”

Although her doctor told her to focus on relaxing, Hayes couldn’t pass up the chance to snorkel off of the Bahamas.

“The water was so clear it was like swimming around in an aquarium,” she said. “The fish swim right up to you. It’s so beautiful there.”

Hayes’ youngest daughter enjoys hearing about all the great food on the cruise from “pizza and hot dogs to lobster and steak.” Hayes also likes to talk about the fun she had reconnecting with a friend from high school who happened to be on the same cruise. And she has plenty of pictures to share from her trip, including pictures taken while she got her hair braided on one of the couple’s excursions.

But the leisure time on the trip is what Hayes and her husband enjoyed the most.

“We didn’t get to do as many of the activities on the cruise as we’d have liked to since I was still recovering from surgery,” she said. “But the cruise was great.”

Hayes would like to go on another cruise with her entire family. She hopes that will be a possibility when her husband returns from his Korean assignment in March 2009.

# Leaders discuss new joint unmanned aerial operations

## Army and Air Force share wartime ideas

By CARROLL KIM and Staff Sgt. THOMAS J. DOSCHER  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army and Air Force leaders met June 30 to discuss developing a new joint unmanned aerial system concept of operations.

“As opposed to finding independent solutions, we are trying to find joint, collaborative solutions that best support the joint war fighter in any spectrum of war,” said Air Force Gen. John D.W. Corley, head of Air Combat Command.

Corley met with Gen. William S. Wallace, commander of Army Training and Doctrine Command, and Lt. Gen. Michael Vane, director of the Army Capabilities and Integration Center. The meeting at Langley Air Force Base, Va., emphasized developing unmanned aerial system operations for the full spectrum of conflict — from centralized major combat operations to smaller-scale decentralized operations to include stability operations.

The June 30 discussion follows dialogue over the past several months in which a joint Army-Air Force team has worked to identify current and future UAS requirements. In January, the chiefs of staff for the Army and Air Force, along with other senior leaders, met to discuss



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Rob Jensen

**INSPECTION— A crew chief from the 46th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron completes post flight inspections of an RQ-1 Predator, Sept. 15, 2004, at Balad Air Base, Iraq. The Predator is a remotely piloted vehicle that provides real-time surveillance imagery.**

issues of mutual interest regarding interoperability.

From that January meeting, a memorandum was signed to formalize existing arrangements between the Army and Air Force which have been developed over the course of the war on terrorism. The two services also agreed to develop a process to identify and address equipment interoperability issues, including the development of a UAS concept of operations that would lay the foundation for acquisition, airspace, air defense, force structure and organizational strategies.

“The environment we are operating in today, and what we expect to see tomorrow, has changed dramatically over the past few years,” Wallace said. “Taking a joint approach on UAS issues will allow us to rapidly develop force capabilities from concept and capability development through employment by identifying, linking and synchronizing all of our activities, so we can give the best capability to joint war fighters who are fighting a very elusive, thinking and adaptive adversary.”

The approach will include doctrine, organizations, training, leader development, materiel, personnel and facilities, officials said.

“We need to have the ability to support full levels of joint operations from air-only major campaigns all the way down to counter-insurgency operations,” said Air Force Maj. Matt Martin, ACC A3YU Predator and Reaper Operations Branch chief.

One focus of the CONOPS will be methods to best share information and command and control.

“If we can’t share data, then we can’t share information,” Corley said. “If we can’t share information, we can’t command and control.”

Finding joint solutions begins with new CONOPS that look at every piece of the UAS spectrum, rather than individual pieces of the puzzle, the ACC commander said.

“We have to treat this as a system,” he said. “You have to think about all the pieces.”

The general said such interoperability will increase effectiveness from a combat standpoint.

“You have to think about all the pieces from training to platform to processing, exploitation and dissemination,” Corley said. “That includes how the info is shared and how it fits in the bigger puzzle. You want to know, not just what is in the lower left hand of the canvas, but what the entire painting looks like.”

Wallace agreed that efforts should be made to raise CONOPS up a level by focusing on capabilities rather than focusing on service-centric solutions.

“We want to identify areas or opportunities for increasing interoperability in order to optimize support to the joint war fighter,” Wallace said. “It’s all about working together to get a capability to our troops quickly and effectively.”

Martin said the new CONOPS will have far-reaching implications for UAS operations. The goal, he said, is to ensure that a joint forces commander can expect the same level of support from an Air Force UAS unit supporting an Army movement as they would receive from an Army unit and vice-versa.

“The CONOPS will influence how the services organize, train and equip their forces,” he said. “The joint forces commander needs to expect the same level of effectiveness from each branch no matter what the mission.”

## ■ Author describes power of wanting to do more

### Attitude

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“The whole idea behind attitude can be found in the transformation from the draft to the all-volunteer Army,” Carney said.

“When the Army had the draft, everyone had to be motivated and encouraged. They didn’t always have the right attitude

to serve. But, when we went to an all-volunteer Army, service-members came in with encouragement and the right attitude. They had ‘wanna’ and they expressed that with ‘Hooah.’ You have to have ‘Hooah’ to get dessert on the table. You’ve got to have that inner spirit that makes you want to do more.”

Carney’s book contains advice and inspiration that will help

readers achieve their goals. He intersperses his lessons on attitude, goal planning and success with stories of local heroes who have exhibited the right attitude, including military wife Shannon Hainline, who nursed her husband back to life after a sniper attack in Iraq caused a serious brain injury; and Tom Dunn, a Marine Vietnam veteran whose work in military intelligence against the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army led to

his induction in the Madison County Hall of Heroes.

Carney also uses international symbols of success, such as Kentucky Fried Chicken founder Col. Sanders, baseball great Hank Aaron and award winning filmmaker Steven Spielberg to show how attitude can make dreams come true. The book also contains plenty of Army success stories as well as information on successful community/military programs such as the Blue Star Service

Banner, Welcome Homes and Operation Christmas Bear.

“What we in the military have learned and what we’ve done applies to everybody,” he said. “There are many little sayings in this book that are very true. We all grow and mature in different ways. This book is based on a lot of my experiences over the years that people can really relate to.”

For more information on Carney and his book, check out his web site at [www.davidcarney.com](http://www.davidcarney.com).

# Rocket Announcements



## 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.

## Basketball tournament

The Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. announces the inaugural Huntsville Hoopfest 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. It will be held July 26 at Joe Davis Stadium. Divisions are available for all skill levels, age groups and genders. Other events include a slam dunk contest, 3 point shootout, and a children's area. For more information, call Nedric Jones 651-0981 or Christopher Evans 509-8998.



## Chapel women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel summer study will meet July 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.

## Sergeants major

The Sergeant's Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third

Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Members are offered breakfast for \$6 plus tip. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are open to all E-9 ranks, from all services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Membership into the association is a one-time lifetime fee of \$30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-6778.

## Veterans group

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

## 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 \$100. 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.

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### Officer association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon meeting July 30 at 11 a.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Rick Tucker, executive director of the Port of Huntsville, which includes Huntsville International Airport, the International Intermodal Center, and the Jetplex Industrial Park. The chapter will hold its informal monthly breakfast July 26 at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burtram 325-1938.

### Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will have its monthly luncheon July 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. For reservations call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339 by Thursday.

### Air defenders

The Air Defense Artillery Association, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter, will have a luncheon July 23 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Col. Bill Lamb, project manager for Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, is the guest speaker. Cost is \$15 per person and \$120 per corporate table. Reservations can be made no later than July 22 by calling Janett Beasley 837-5282, ext. 1524 or e-mailing janett.beasley@sparta.com.

### Security professionals

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

### Engineer society

The Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers meets Thursday at



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## Penguins rock

**1st Lt. Petr Tomiczek from the Czech Republic visits the "Penguins Rock" exhibit at the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga on July 6 with the International Military Student Office. Eighteen international students from Poland, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Taiwan and the Czech Republic also visited the Battles for Chattanooga Electric Map Museum, Rock City, and the Incline Railway.**

11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The speaker is Al Reisz of Reisz Engineers, a member of the Alabama Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors. His topic is "Emerging Technologies." The buffet lunch costs \$10. For reservations call 895-1834 or e-mail amber.d.martin@usace.army.mil.



## 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

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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/>.

### 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).

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## Butler High reunion

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

## Healthy heart

The Cardiac Care Team from Crestwood Medical Center will be at Fox Army Health Center on Thursday from noon-1 p.m. to give a presentation on Heart Health. You are invited to bring your lunch and join them in the Wellness Center Classroom to hear the latest about heart health including exercise, diet, cholesterol, smoking, and weight control. The class is open to all active military and their family members, retired military and their family members and DoD civilians. Class size is limited to 24. Call 955-8888, ext.1430 to sign up.

## Senior health screenings

CASA of Madison County invites seniors to participate in a free health fair Thurs-

day 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.

## Seminar canceled

Fox Army Health Center announces the cancellation of the Sleep Disorder Seminar planned for July 17 from noon-1 p.m. in the Wellness Center Classroom at the health center. "Due to circumstances beyond her control, the scheduled presenter will be unavailable," a prepared release said. "If you would like to attend the Sleep Disorder Presentation scheduled for Aug. 21 from noon-1 p.m. in the Fox Army Health Center Wellness Classroom, please call 955-8888, ext. 1430 to register. We apologize for any inconvenience this short notice may cause."

## 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.

## 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@bell-south.net](mailto:carlisle_bks_cd@bell-south.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.

## 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 Saturday 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.

## 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 through Thursday. 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.

## Veterinary clinic

Veterinary Services will have walk-in evening clinics today. Animals owned by personnel authorized DoD medical care will be seen from 3:30-6 p.m. at building 3583 on Shillelagh Circle. Vaccinations, heartworm test, feline leukemia test and

microchip implants will be available. For more information, call 876-2441.

## Digestion class

Celiac disease is a digestive disorder 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. Learn the latest information provided by a Fox Army Health Center pharmacist Aug. 7 from noon-1 p.m. in the Wellness Center Classroom on the first floor. 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.

## Sidewalk arts stroll

The second installment of the popular Sidewalk Arts Stroll is Thursday from 4:30-8:30 p.m. in downtown's historic courthouse square. Artists from across the state will be around the square selling original artwork. Entertaining the crowds will be an acoustic guitarist, several original singer/songwriters, the North Alabama Flute Choir and jazz saxophonist

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Shelly Williams. "Special featured performer is Bruce Walker, an award-winning raconteur whose tales from the true South will touch your heart and tickle your funny bone," a prepared release said. Appearing with Walker will be songwriter/storyteller Jim Parker and Dr. James Smith, "the Autoharp Man from Alabama." Meet featured artist Gina Percifull, a Memphis native whose folk-art, mixed media compositions celebrate the world. Raffle proceeds will benefit the Madison County Veterans Memorial Park. For more information, call 534-8376 or 776-2864 or visit [www.sidewalkartsstroll.com](http://www.sidewalkartsstroll.com).

## Buffalo Soldier event

The Triana Historical Society, the Buffalo Soldier Ad Hoc Committee and other Buffalo Soldier organizations invite you to a dedication ceremony honoring Spanish-American War veteran trooper Daniel Whitfield Beadle on July 26 at 9:30 a.m. just north of Triana, at the corner of Zierdt Road and Beadle Lane Drive. In the event of rain, the program will be held at the Triana Municipal Building. Beadle was born June 10, 1854 and died Dec. 23, 1930. The Huntsville Police Department's Blue Notes will perform several musical selections during the program. For more information, call Maj. Darryl Gilliam 783-4961.

## Church anniversary

Church of the First Born Christian Center will celebrate its eighth Church/Pastor Anniversary on Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 5650 Sanders St., next to Sam's Club off University Drive. For more information, call Elders Edward or Retha Adams 651-3939 or 603-4750.

## Scholarship competition

This year's Air, Space and Missile Defense Association (ASMDA) Loretta Spencer College Scholarship Awards competition is under way. Six years ago this scholarship fund was started with a donation of personal funds from Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer. Last year it awarded \$16,000 in four separate scholarships to deserving students. This year it will award five \$4,000 scholar-

ships (\$20,000 total) to deserving members of the ASMDA family. For more information call Tom Newberry, executive vice president of Intuitive Research and Technology Corporation, at 922-9300, ext. 131.

## Health center day

Fox Army Health Center clinics, services and pharmacy, the Tricare Service Center and the Redstone Dental Clinic will close at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1 to allow all personnel to attend the annual Organization Day event. The Appointment Center telephone lines will be answered until 4:30 p.m. The health center is closed on Thursday afternoons, Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox does not have an emergency room or emergency medical services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.

## Employment opportunity

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, is hiring border patrol agents to protect this nation's borders against terrorism and illegal immigration. Border patrol agents have the initial earning potential of \$36,658 to \$46,542, within the first year of employment, depending on the candidate's education and experience. In addition, border patrol agents are eligible to earn above \$70,000 a year after successful completion of a two-year trial period under the Federal Career Intern Program. CBP will accept applications Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Please preregister at 876-5397.

## Book Fair

Books Are Fun, the nation's largest provider of corporate book fair events will hold a book fair in the Sparkman Center cafeteria Tuesday, August 5 and Wednesday, August 6. Included in the wide range of book and gift items will be a large selection of educational products for home and school use. Be sure to stop by the fair and enter for a drawing of a free gift bag plus your choice of any item on display at the fair.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																													
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U																		
<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																																					
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	X		X		X	X	X	X																			
SCBK08802070	Electronics Engr	17-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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																												
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	13,233 - 13,233	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08816996	Instructional Sys Spec	18-Jul-08	USACE Learning Ctr	GS-1750	12	12	54,999 - 85,701	X																													
SCBK08804273	Opers Research Analyst	18-Jul-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X																												
SCBK08855195	Prgm Integrator	18-Jul-08	PEO Avn, Avn Sys PM	NH-0301	3	3	65,921 - 101,913			X		X		X		X		X																			
SCNAFBK0862	Reservation Clerk	18-Jul-08	Central Reservation Center	NF-0303	2	2	7,999 - 14,599	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08741077D	Supv Electronics Engr	19-Jul-08	USADTC	YD-0855	3	3	77,018 - 130,211	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X																											
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476							X																							
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997							X																							
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997			X																											
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X					X		X		X																			
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	21-Jul-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X					X		X		X																			
SCBK08771439	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	68,625 - 89,217			X																											
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																		
SCBK08789722	General Engr	21-Jul-08	USADTC	GS-0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X																													
SCBK08856065	Engng Tech	21-Jul-08	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-0802	9/11	12	45,458 - 85,701	X	X																												
SCBK08815023	Mgmt Analyst	21-Jul-08	APEO	GS-0343	11	12	54,999 - 71,500			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																		
SCBK08856247	Prgm Analyst	22-Jul-08	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-0343	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X																												
SCBK08819833	Contract Spec	22-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X																													
SCBK08811330	Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X																													
SCBK08821718	Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X																													
SCBK08814716	Supp Serv Asst (OA)	22-Jul-08	AMCOM, G8(OA)	GS-0303	7	7	37,164 - 48,308			X																											
SCBK08781435	Safety Engr	23-Jul-08	AMCOM, Safety Ofc	GS-0803	13	13	78,390 - 101,913			X		X		X		X		X																			
SCBK08781435D	Safety Engr	23-Jul-08	AMCOM, Safety Ofc	GS-0803	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08850098	Equipment Spec (General)	23-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,468			X				X		X		X																			
SCBK08850103	eQuipment Spec (Aircraft)	23-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,468			X				X		X		X																			
SCBK08836223	Mgmt Analyst	23-Jul-08	SMDC	GS-0343	12	12	65,921 - 85,701			X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08786341	Public Affairs Spec	23-Jul-08	Accessions Cmd, USA 2nd Recruiting Brigade Headquarters	YA-1035	2	2	45,014 - 71,500			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																													
SCBK08801630	Safety Engr	24-Jul-08	AMCOM, Safety Ofc	GS-0803	13	13	78,390 - 101,913			X				X		X		X																			
SCBK08801630D	Safety Engr	24-Jul-08	AMCOM, Safety Ofc	GS-0803	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08837925	Integration Sys Analyst	24-Jul-08	Lead AMC Intgrtn Supp Ofc	GS-0301	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	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																		
SCBK08839641	General Engr	25-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08839641D	General Engr	25-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08835474	Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X																													
SCBK08864466	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Jul-08	IMMC	YC-0346	3	3	91,729 - 148,740			X				X		X		X																			
SCBK08769412	Electronics Engr	25-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X					X		X		X																			
SCBK08838033	Prgm Planning Spec	25-Jul-08	AMCOM, G3 (Operations)	GS-0301	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X																													
SCBK08789030	Supv General Engr	28-Jul-08	USADTC	YD-0801	3	3	88,050 - 132,379	X	X																												
SCBK08789030D	Supv General Engr	28-Jul-08	USADTC	YD-0801	3	3	88,050 - 132,379	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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																		
SCBK08839525	Telecommunications Spec	5-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0391	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X																													
SCBK08837185	Lead Aerospace Engr	11-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X																											
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	18-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X																												
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	18-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X																												
SCNAFBK0813	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9,888 - 9,888	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0821	Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5,85 - 10,93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0822	Lead Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Outdoor Recreation	NF-0189	2	2	7,61 - 13,97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0825	Sales Clerk	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-2091	1	0	5,85 - 10,93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0826	Laborer	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	8,06 - 8,06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0833	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	4	4	8,69 - 8,69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCNAFBK0857	Recreation Aid	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1	5,85 - 11,41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X																											
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476							X																							
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997							X																							
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997			X																											
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X					X		X		X																			
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X					X		X		X																			
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X					</																							