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# Ten questions for retiring 'mayor'

Garrison outgoing commander plans to remain in local area

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski, the unofficial mayor of Redstone Arsenal, will retire July 28 with 27 years service. He will relinquish command to Col. Robert Pastorelli in a ceremony July 29 at 10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Olshefski, 50, sat down last week for an interview with the *Redstone Rocket*.

**What are your thoughts on retiring?**

"I'm ready to retire. I'm just not ready to leave this job. I can't say it any better than that. It's been an honor."

**What are your plans?**

"I don't know. I'm going to live here, retire. We've bought a home. And at this particular moment, we've had some (job) offers and we're weighing them all. I'm comfortable with the offers I'm getting, I'm weighing them all. I'd like to by the change of command be able to say what I'm going to do, but I don't know if that's going to happen. This job has been so good I'm getting a lot of opportunity."

**How has your time been as the Garrison commander?**

"Nothing better. Just absolutely phenomenal. I can't imagine doing anything better."

**What are you most proud of?**

"I think that our responsiveness to our community requirements with our limited resources is truly second to none. I'm probably the most proud of what we've done in getting prepared for BRAC (base realignment and closure) and planning future thinking to execution. And I'm very proud of how far MWR (Morale Welfare and Recreation) has come. Just go to our golf course, just go to our club, just go to our Child Development Center, bowling center, outdoor recreation, flying club – and they're all better than they were before. (MWR director) Derrick Gould and his bunch have taken the bull by the horns. And DPW (Directorate of Public Works) – they are proactive, customer supportive, 24-7, all the government civilians and all the government contractors. BRAC, MWR, DPW – everybody else is great, too."

**What would you like to have done differently?**

"Antiterrorism, force protection – I would dig in deeper and I would carry the water all the way to the top on how important force protection is. It crosses on four different worlds; I've got installation,



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**LOOKING AHEAD—** Col. John Olshefski, the Garrison commander since June 2005, will retire and relinquish command next week.

Provost Marshal of the Army, IMCOM (Installation Management Command) and the Corps of Engineers. And what I'm doing now is putting together something I wish I had done three years ago."

**What did you learn from your time at Redstone?**

"I run a Garrison that has 30,000 folks drive onto it every day. My point is: how

important the Garrison's mission is in support of AMCOM, MDA and SMDC. What I've learned is every employee's importance to the fight. AMCOM, MDA and SMDC are directly supporting the fight. And if I'm not taking care of them, they can't take care of the fight. We're all one team and one fight."

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# An open lane random survey

*What do the Olympics mean to you?*

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*Sgt. Stephanie Grove  
Headquarters & Alpha Company*  
**"It means we can all come together as one. Unite and put our differences aside."**

*Sgt. Jeff Baker  
Headquarters & Alpha Company*  
**"Honestly I think the Olympics is a showcase of talent and it brings the world together. I think honestly it's a good time to put all the differences in the world aside and basically unite everybody. Where else in the world does that happen, to send somebody to represent their country? They send their best athletes to represent their countries."**



*Mike Potter  
Recreation assistant*  
**"It's a great way for all the countries to come together as one and have fun – regardless who wins the medals. If the governments could do like the Olympics then we wouldn't have all these problems."**



*Charles Suddler  
School Age Services education technician*  
**"It's like the biggest competition in the world. It brings peace and togetherness with the world. It's best for us to learn different countries and cultures and how people like to get out there and perform, in unity. It's good for the politics."**



## Quote of the week

**'S**ports serve society by providing vivid examples of excellence.'

— George F. Will

## Letters to the Editor

### Family appreciates community

**T**o the Redstone Arsenal community: The Stroy family would like to take this time to thank the community for all the love, compassion and support shown toward our family during this most difficult time in the passing of our daughter Ashley Nikcole Stroy.

I have been stationed many places during my military career but I have never encountered such true and warm outpouring of love from a military community the way we have experienced here at Redstone Arsenal. Your continued prayers will be appreciated as we continue to get through this day by day.

May God bless and prosper each and everyone in the Redstone Arsenal community!

With love and appreciation,  
**Sgt. 1st Class Darrell and Regina Stroy**

### Investing in retirement plan

**T**o the Thrift Savings Plan managers: I have been an active supporter, investor, customer and local TSP expert since the beginning (1987). I have a problem with your TSP inter-fund final decision. This is my first ever contact or comments to you. This decision ties our hands in managing our personal and government retirement investments. How would you like all your retirement and investment money restricted to only two transfers per month in this time of unpredictable and political financial movements? This is why those that do not understand investment do not move their money and leave it in the TSP G and C funds. We have created the largest TSP/401 investment group in the world. If your \$800 million computer system cannot handle a few thousand transfers per day, fire the computer support company and find a better one. I have kept up with your problem of finding computer companies that can handle the largest fund in the world. Surely, \$800 million-plus for this TSP system can handle the demand. There should not be any manual processing with this automated system. Thank you for considering my comments about my money and retirement investments.

**Name withheld by request**

*Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "The TSP web site states the official reason for this implementation is, 'The TSP is a retirement savings and investment plan. Investment choices should be made with a long-term objective based on a participant's time horizon. Although the TSP recognized that*

### Missing name from letters

**T**o all who write letters to *Redstone Rocket* and request your names be withheld — what's wrong with y'all?

**Juanita Adcock**  
Third Party Program,  
Fox Army Health Center

### Fate of unlicensed drivers

**I** have read in the "Crimes, accidents and other occurrences" section of the *Redstone Rocket* the following type of information numerous times, and always wondered why?

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

Here is my question: Was the driver allowed to drive his vehicle after it was discovered "his license was revoked"? Why would a person without a valid driver's license (and obviously no valid auto insurance) be allowed to continue to drive a vehicle in front of law enforcement officers? Why wouldn't his vehicle be impounded until a person with a valid driver's license and proof of insurance came and paid the impound fees? Issuing them a violation notice is a waste of paper as was revoking the person's license.

**John Zuber**  
Logistic specialist

*Editor's note: The Directorate of Emergency Services provides the following response. "When a driver of a vehicle is identified as having a suspended, revoked or canceled driver's license, the subject is issued a Central Violations Bureau citation, and will receive a mandatory court appearance notification. If there is another person in the vehicle, that person's driver's license is checked, and if their license is valid, they are allowed to drive the vehicle (providing the insurance coverage is current). If there is no one else in the vehicle, the vehicle is parked out of the way of traffic until a person with a valid driver's license arrives and takes possession of the vehicle."*

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# Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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**Name:** Eric Hamilton

**Job:** Inventory clerk for Science & Engineering Services Inc.

**Where do you call home?**  
Huntsville

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

It's always something different. I get to work outdoors.

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

Work out (at the gym). Spend time with my wife, Mandy, and kids (three children and a stepchild).

**What are your goals?**

Go back to school and get my degree.

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

Country. I'm a country boy.

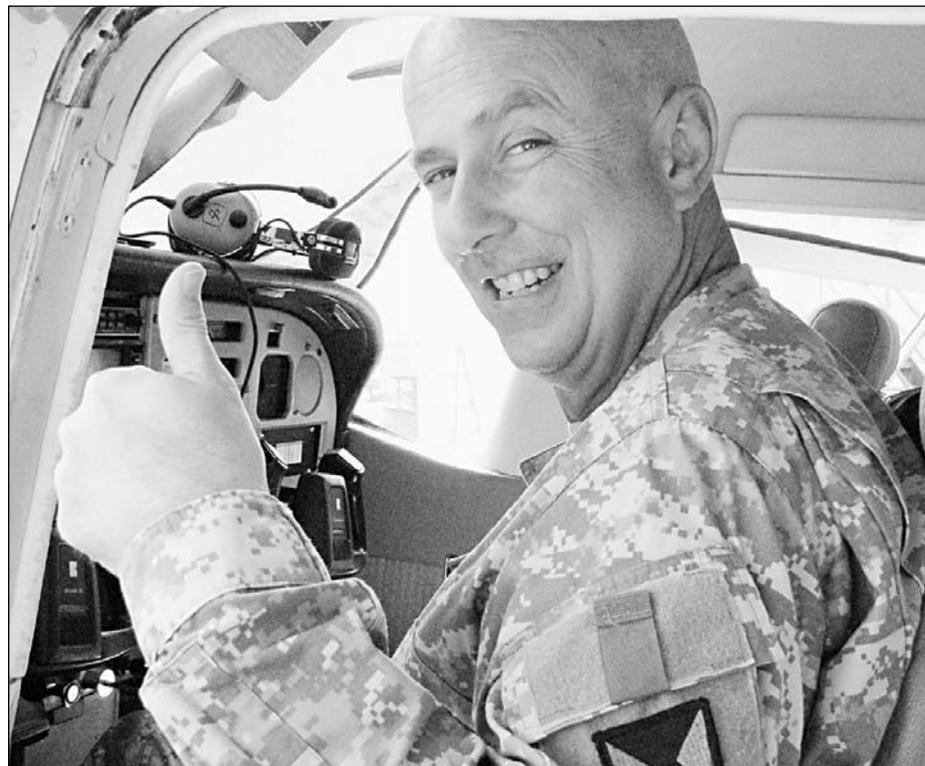
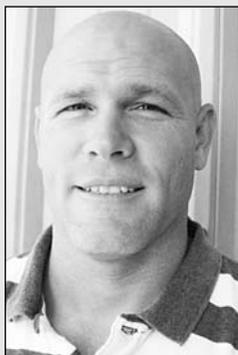


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## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**July 12:** An individual was found to be operating her motor vehicle while under the



He was issued a violation notice and released; and the vehicle was secured pending arrival of a licensed driver to take possession.

influence of alcohol after stopping at Gate 9. She was arrested by Redstone Police Department, processed and placed into the detention cell. She was later released after her alcohol level reached an acceptable level. She was also issued a violation notice.

**July 13:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after he was stopped for speeding on Rideout Road. He was issued a violation notice and released; and the vehicle was secured pending arrival of a licensed driver to take possession.

**July 14:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after he was stopped for speeding on Martin Road.

**July 15:** A lost individual stopped at Gate 9. When requested the subject could not produce any identification — driver's license included. When checked, a warrant from Gunterville Police Department existed. A check with Gunterville Police Department revealed that the warrant was active. Redstone police arrested the subject and transported the subject to a predetermined location and transferred to Gunterville PD.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 30 speeding, 7 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired tag, 2 driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license, 1 driving under the influence, 2 parking violations, 4 cell phone violations.

## ■ Thrift savings choices explained

### Investing

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once it moved to the new daily valued system, some participants might engage in market timing activities, the practice was minimal at first. Although less than 1 percent of participants averaged more than one interfund transfer per month in 2007, and nearly 85 percent of participants did not make any IFTs in 2007, a very small number of TSP participants were requesting IFTs to such an extent that the activity began to adversely affect other participants. For example, in September and October of 2007, the average International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund daily trade amount given to the Investment Manager was \$224 million. This

compares to average daily I Fund trade amounts of \$49 million in 2006 and \$27 million in 2005. In September and October 2007, 63 percent (or \$142 million) of the \$224 million traded was attributable to participants who had traded the I Fund eight or more times in the prior 60 days. Trade volume is up significantly, and the majority of this increased volume is attributable to a small number of TSP participants who are making frequent IFT requests.' The letter writer can reference the TSP web site as follows: <http://www.tsp.gov/faq/faq14.html> for other questions and answers regarding this implementation. For further information, the letter writer can also contact the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board at FRTIB, 1250 H Street NW Suite 200, Washington D.C., 20005."

## Two-star pilot

Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles prepares to fly a Cessna 182 while touring the Flying Activity on July 18.

## ■ Garrison's retiring commander will miss the people

### Questions

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#### What will you miss as you leave Redstone?

"The people, the people. I'm going to see them but it isn't the same — I'm not going to be in charge any more. So I'm going to miss the people."

#### How has your time been in the Army?

"Been overseas 10 years. I've seen the world. I've been in four different Army divisions. I've got a wife (Sharon) that's allowed me to do anything and everything I want. I have done all the great jobs there are in the Army. And it's really tough about relationships, and from all ranks.

The Army is a phenomenal family. It is truly a way of life. It's not a job. We just live in a great country. That's the difference in the Tennessee Valley over anybody. I have never been in a place that loves its military as much as the Tennessee Valley. The Army is just great, I'm going to miss it. But like it's been said, "Once a Soldier, always a Soldier."

#### What is your advice to new Soldiers in today's Army?

"Focus. Learn your trade. Listen. Follow orders. Study. And take care of your family."

#### How would you like to be remembered at Redstone?

"I'd like to be recognized as the most energetic, passionate commander. And it's all about taking care of Soldiers, taking care of people."

# Clock ticking until new way of doing business

*Logistics modernization focus of town hall meeting*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Kathy Harris and the other workers who filled the 650-seat Bob Jones Auditorium on July 16 now know the magnitude of the Logistics Modernization Program.

LMP is about moving the Army supply system into the 21st century. This town hall meeting updated the Aviation and Missile Command work force on the coming change in business processes.

“For me personally I didn’t know that it was as big as it’s going to be,” said Harris, a general supply specialist in the inventory branch at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. “So I think this town hall came at a good time.”

Reasons for the Logistics Modernization Program include: Remaining on legacy systems is not viable because of rising costs to support them and they’re

rapidly aging; to reduce redundant and stovepipe information-technology investments; and to provide improved support to the war fighter.

“It is about trying to learn and becoming more effective and efficient,” Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, said.

LMP represents “one of the biggest transformational efforts within the Army,” according to Ronnie Chronister, deputy to the commanding general.

“We’re going to ask you to change the way you’ve done things in the past,” Chronister said. “It’s a different process.”

More than 3,700 people will be trained for the program’s implementation. A countdown clock on the auditorium stage marked the 235 days left until the March 9, 2009 go-live date.

Cathy Dickens is the LMP integration director for Redstone Arsenal, Corpus Christi Army Depot (Texas) and Lettinkenny Army Depot (Pa.).

“We will become more knowledgeable as we implement,” Dickens said. “And the more we learn the better we will be.”



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**MARKING TIME**— Logistics Modernization Program integration director Cathy Dickens stands next to a countdown clock during the town hall meeting. March 9, 2009 is the program’s go-live date.

# Single servicemembers invited to join group

*Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers offers enjoyment, community service*

By **KARI HAWKINS**

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The BOSS is back.

Not Bruce Springsteen, that is. But an Army program designed to provide single or unaccompanied Soldiers the opportunity to socialize, enjoy recreational activities and give back to the Huntsville community as a group – without uniforms or rank.

And it's back at Redstone Arsenal.

BOSS is a Morale Welfare and Recreation program that stands for Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

In past years, it has been active at Redstone Arsenal. Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Cooper, Sgt. 1st Class Winston McElrea of OMEMS, and MWR adviser Brian Marbrey are working together to bring it back to the Soldiers at Redstone Arsenal. They have set a planning meeting for the group Aug. 14 at noon in the meeting room at the Dining Facility.

"What we're trying to do is rejuvenate a program here that's fallen on the wayside," Cooper said. "We are hoping we will get a lot of single Soldiers and unaccompanied Soldiers to come to our meeting so they can have input in planning this group. We are also looking for Soldiers to volunteer for the group's officer positions."

BOSS is an Armywide MWR program. It was established in 1989 to respond to the recreational needs of single Soldiers. But as the program was implemented, it became evident that quality of life was also a primary Soldier concern. In 1991, the BOSS program expanded to include all aspects of Soldier lives and community service.

"This is not just about going out and having a good time," said Cooper, the group's senior military adviser.

"There are three pillars of this program – well-being or the quality of life for Soldiers, leisure and recreation, and community service. It's about getting our Soldiers out of the barracks and around other people. It's about giving them something to do during their off time. Even in the Army, there are some people who don't make friends very easily. BOSS is a conduit to meet other people, to develop people skills and to be a better citizen."

Plans for the group may include local excursions to Huntsville Stars or Tennessee Valley Vipers games, golf and other recreational outings and trips to places like Atlanta, Nashville or Birmingham. The group will seek out volunteer opportunities through the Arsenal's volunteer office.

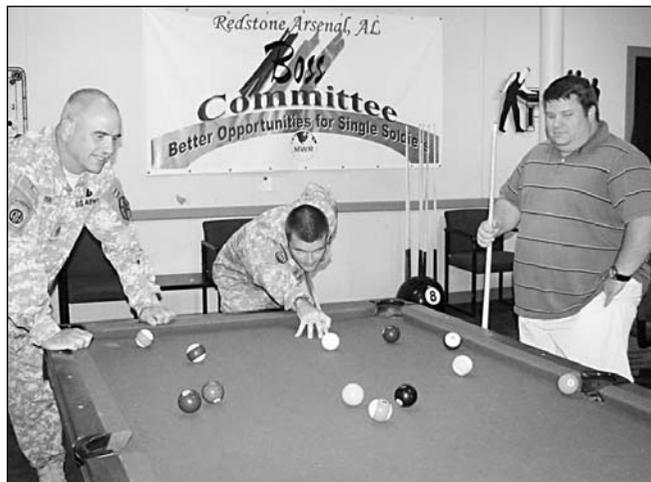


Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TAKING A SHOT— Pool and other recreational activities are on the agenda for a newly rejuvenated Soldier organization on post – BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers). Organizers for BOSS include, from left, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Cooper, Sgt. 1st Class Winston McElrea of OMEMS, and MWR adviser Brian Marbrey.**

BOSS officers, such as McElrea, who is the group's founding president, also will serve as a voice for single or unaccompanied Soldiers on post.

"Well-being issues that don't necessarily fall in the chain of command can be brought up through the BOSS program," Cooper said. "And issues that have to do with being assigned to Redstone Arsenal or living on post can be addressed through BOSS."

The group will also be involved in some on-post fundraising efforts, but MWR will augment those efforts with a BOSS budget that will get the organization functional. As the MWR adviser, Marbrey will manage the budget as well as the group's marketing efforts. Transportation for the group will be handled through the Garrison.

"We have transportation assets here with the Garrison," Cooper said. "So getting this group where they need to go isn't going to be a big deal."

McElrea, who compared BOSS to the local Huntsville Young Professionals group, said Soldier participation is vital to the success of BOSS.

"We need Soldiers to make this program run," he said. "Most of the single Soldiers on post know each other so we are hoping they will encourage each other to be part of this group."

There are about 2,000 total Soldiers assigned to Redstone Arsenal, but about 1,000 of those are temporary assignments at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic

Maintenance School. Although Soldiers on temporary assignment can participate in BOSS, they often don't get involved. Of the other 1,000 Soldiers left, a good portion are senior officers and/or are married.

Cooper and McElrea estimate only a small number of Soldiers will actually participate in BOSS. But estimates are difficult because BOSS welcomes participation of any single servicemember associated with Redstone Arsenal and the Army, including the on-post Marine Detachment, and the area's Reserve and National Guard Soldiers.

McElrea, who is newly divorced, will be participating in BOSS for the first time at Redstone Arsenal. His 11 years as a Soldier have included a tour in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan, but he has never been in a position to enjoy the benefits of BOSS at the posts where he has been assigned until now.

"I've told single Soldiers that they've got to do this. My association with this group in the past has been as a pusher, a leader, emphasizing Soldiers to get out there and do it. Now, I'm looking forward to getting out and doing things with other single Soldiers," he said.

"Just to get started, we'll probably do things close to the Arsenal, like baseball games and maybe going to see the Dixie Derby Girls. But we will also plan big trips to take. We want to establish a baseline of interest before we plan big trips."

The group will have their own BOSS T-shirts to wear on outings. Soldier uniforms and rank are not part of this organization.

"We all know we are Soldiers. But rank is out of the game. We are just us," McElrea said.

"I am real excited about seeing this group get off the ground," Marbrey added. "I love the chance it gives me to interact with Soldiers and be involved in planning things that get them together and get them involved in the community. There's a lot more freedom of interaction among Soldiers when you leave the uniform and rank at the door."

Cooper, McElrea and Marbrey will attend the Army DA Worldwide BOSS Conference in early August to get some ideas for their new BOSS group. They will bring those ideas back to the Aug. 14 planning meeting.

"This is going to be a great group," Cooper said. "Sgt. McElrea is an extrovert who likes doing things. He's a go-getter. Any organization takes on the persona of its leader. So when you have a leader who is as extroverted and high energy as Sgt. McElrea it will rub off on all the troops involved."

Cooper and McElrea hope the Arsenal leadership will encourage single Soldiers to be involved with BOSS.

"We will push this down from the top," Cooper said. "This benefits the Army and all of us because it makes for Soldiers who are better citizens, who learn to give back to the community and who learn better people skills."

# Carlisle Barracks anniversary put to music

2nd oldest Army post in U.S. celebrated through new CD

By **SOPIA BLEDSOE**  
For the Rocket

When Cheryl McAuley went through Army War College in 2004 as a new student at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., she was overcome with divine inspiration.

Upon listening to the Army Band's performance and the songs they played, she realized there was no Army march specifically dedicated to the war college. She turned to her husband, John, and said, "You know, Carlisle Barracks should have its own march."

And that's how it all began.

McAuley took it on herself to begin something new, something she had never tried before. Now, president of Wish You Were Here Inc., she has released a military music CD titled "Remembering Carlisle Barracks: A Musical and Pictorial Journey."

What started as a historical research for music that would have been played at Carlisle Barracks during the 1700s to 1800s ended with the production of an entire CD commemorating the second oldest Army post in the nation, Carlisle Barracks, during its 250th anniversary year.

For McAuley however, researching the barrack's early musical pieces represented some of the most exciting moments of the project.

She contacted the curator for the Army Military Heritage Institute, part of the Army Education Heritage Center that has the lead in building the new Army museum scheduled to be completed in 2010.

She asked if they had any historical records on musical pieces for Carlisle Barracks. McAuley said the feeling was that of finding gold when the curator told her they have a sheet of music titled "Carlisle Barracks Parade March." It was published in 1869.

"That's when I knew there was divine providence guiding me," she said.

McAuley discovered that the history of this piece of music went through a jour-



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

**FINAL PRODUCT— Defense worker Cheryl McAuley holds a copy of her recently produced CD, "Remembering Carlisle Barracks: A Musical and Pictorial Journey."**

ney of its own. After it was written, it was temporarily lost in history until discovered again by a high school band director in a flea market. He donated it to MHI in the 1980s, and there it has remained. Until McAuley rediscovered the music, nobody had really heard of the march.

Reaching out to colleagues and friends, she was put in touch with Dr. Gordon Bowie, a famous musician. McAuley knew he was in the area and had heard of other marches he had written. "I was really impressed with his work," she said, and knew he would be the right person with whom to collaborate.

Bowie, who works at the Library of Congress, is also a famous composer, conductor, director and plays a variety of instruments.

Together, McAuley and Bowie began their 'labor of love' and did a lot of research for musical pieces that were really authentic and had never been tied to the barracks before. McAuley decided to produce an entire CD after realizing it would be the best way to commemorate Carlisle Barracks instead of simply recording the original Carlisle March.

McAuley and Bowie approached musicians from across the South to Maine and got them involved in the project. Among the musical organizations that contributed to this project included the U.S. Army Band and Chorus, the Federal City Brass Band, the Huntsville Community Chorus Chamber Choral, and various others.

They recorded historical songs such as "America the Beautiful," "Washington's Grand March," "The Army Nurse Corps March," "CARLISLE," "Salute to the Armed Forces," and more.

"The Carlisle Barracks Parade March" was recorded and performed with a piano solo by Julian Bryson, a pianist in Huntsville. It was again recorded and performed by the Federal City Brass Band.

"What was fun was that each group didn't know who else was on the CD until it was finished," McAuley said. "When they heard the whole project, the feedback has really been valuable.

"I knew we would get through it. Faith was a big part of this project."

The project began in earnest to be completed in November 2007. Each piece of music that was selected related 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 Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, McAuley said.

From start to finish, from the time it was commissioned, the project took approximately three years. The CDs were on the shelves at the war college by May 2008. McAuley wanted to make certain it would be available for the Class of 2008.

"I couldn't have done it alone. It was an ultimate team effort," she said.

Asked about what she learned the most, she said, "I really had to rely on others – had to be willing to listen to their ideas.

"Everybody had great input. But the enthusiasm is what struck me the most. Each group had to come on board this project."

McAuley said it was gratifying for people to take the time and make the time to participate.

"Time management was my biggest challenge. I have newfound respect for people who do this for their day job," she said.

The reason for producing an Army March for Carlisle Barracks is a little different than what McAuley had originally envisioned. "Whether people have been to Carlisle Barracks or not – anybody who likes Army history, Army music – should find this satisfying," she said. "They get to find new music performed by people they know. And we have such a high caliber of musicianship in all of these groups from Maine to Alabama."

Her most memorable experience was to know that all would be well. "It may not be on my timetable but it all came out all right."

Excerpts from the CD are available on McAuley's web site at [www.wish-you-were-here-inc.com](http://www.wish-you-were-here-inc.com). For more information, contact [Carlisle\\_bks\\_cd@bell-south.net](mailto:Carlisle_bks_cd@bell-south.net).

McAuley, a Maryland native, has served in the National Guard and Reserves for 29 years. As a Defense Department civilian for more than 23 years, she works for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency supporting the Missile and Space Intelligence Center. She and her husband, John, live in New Market and enjoy military history as well as playing golf.

## Retiree gets answer on Medicare coverage

The following appeared in the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association magazine and is reprinted with permission.

**Question:** Can you tell me if the government pays for Federal Employees Health Benefits Program coverage after a retiree turns 65 and is able to be covered by Medicare?

**Answer:** The government contribution to the FEHBP continues after a retiree is eligible for Medicare. The retiree continues to pay the employee's share of the premium. If you enroll in Medicare Part B (part A is free, and you should take it), your FEHBP plan can serve to supplement Medicare.

At age 65, enrollment in Medicare is optional if you are not eligible for Social Security. If enrolled, it becomes your primary and your FEHBP plan becomes your secondary provider.

Retirees can suspend FEHB for Tri-care or Medicare (if enrolled in Medicare + Choice health plan) and return to FEHB coverage during Open Season or immediately upon involuntarily losing non-FEHB coverage.

When you are eligible for Medicare, you have the option of asking Office of Personnel Management to change your health benefits enrollment to a less expensive plan. You may make this change 30 days before you are 65 or at any time thereafter.

If you are eligible for health benefits coverage under Medicare, contact your local Social Security Office and apply for Medicare. If you are eligible for Medicare but you do not apply, you will pay a Medicare penalty from the time you do apply for Medicare until you die.

## Exchange service turns 113 years old

DALLAS – As the Army & Air Force Exchange Service readies to mark 113 years of service and support to America's military, the command's mission remains basically the same: provide quality goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support Morale Welfare and Recreation programs.

Established July 25, 1895, when the War Department issued General Order number 46 directing post commanders to establish an exchange at every post where practicable, AAFES continues to deliver a comprehensive and customer-focused benefit to troops and their families at installations throughout America, Europe, the Pacific and Middle East. (AAFES release)

# 'Mama' proudly serves in Army National Guard

36-year-old mother of four enlists to support country

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Pvt. Michelle Tackett waited 15 years to realize one of her dreams.

This confident, business smart and technically oriented Maryland Army National Guard Soldier first wanted to join the military when she was 21. But family obligations kept her at home.

Today, at 36, she has completed basic training and is stationed at Redstone Arsenal for her advanced individual training in missile maintenance and repair.

"When I first tried to join, my husband was in the Air National Guard and we were getting divorced," she recalled. "I wanted to join the Air Force. But I couldn't gain enough weight and I had too many dependents. I had four children all under the age of 5."

The rejection left Tackett disappointed. It wasn't that this rather independent woman was trying to run away from her responsibilities as a mother. Rather, she was searching for a solid way to support her family as a single parent.

"I had an eighth-grade education and a GED, and I was looking for any way to maintain my family," she said. "The military is very family oriented and it would provide me with opportunities to provide financial support for my family. I thought it was a good choice for me and my family."

At the time, Tackett was living in Springboro, Ohio. With Air Force opportunities denied her, she looked at other employment possibilities. She went to school to be a truck driver and then opened her own trucking company, which allowed her to stay at home with her children while managing truck routes for her drivers. She also worked as a marketing manager for a U-Haul company with operations in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

Opportunities eventually took her to Lothian, Md., where she is now employed as a heavy equipment operator and marketing spokesperson for the recycling

program in Anne Arundel County, Md.

But, over the years, the opportunities the military offered still tugged at Tackett. And the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001, made her determined to find a way to stand up for her country.

"I want to support Soldiers," she said. "I've been doing things to help since 9/11. I've been involved in candlelight vigils and other events to show my support. I've helped raise money for wounded warriors through poker runs, concerts and outdoor events."

Those volunteer efforts, though, weren't enough. Tackett finally decided it was time to fulfill her dream of serving her country by enlisting in the Maryland Army National Guard.

"When they upped the age of enlistees, I knew this was something I could do," Tackett said. "My older children were old enough to take care of my younger children while I was at basic and AIT. So, I decided this was the time to join."

"This offers a chance at getting an education. This opens a lot of doors for me. There's the idea of being put in a position to help other people that I really like. Whether I'm serving in the states or I go to Iraq, it doesn't matter, it's a chance of being there and being part of a bigger picture."

Tackett was sworn in on Dec. 18, 2007, as a Soldier of the 792nd Battle Support Battalion out of Sheltonham, Md., a unit that includes several of her close friends. She reported for basic training Jan. 2, one day after she turned 36.

"Basic training was hard. I thought I was in better shape than I wound up being in," she said, smiling. "But others who were physically younger than me ended up being more broken than I was when we were done."

Her fellow enlistees — ranging in age from 17 to 36 — joined the military for a variety of reasons and came from various backgrounds. Still, they found a way to get along living and training together 24 hours a day for 12 weeks.

"I knew I was going in with a bunch of kids. I wasn't blinded by what I was doing by any means and I made some very,



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**STARTING OVER—** Pvt. Michelle Tackett is realizing a dream she had 15 years ago to join the military. With her children now nearly adults, Tackett has enlisted in the Maryland Army National Guard. She is stationed at Redstone Arsenal for her advanced individual training.

very good friends," Tackett said.

"We were all in the same thing together and none of us had been through the experience, so it was new to all of us. But my experience in life helped me because I knew how to deal with people in my face."

Naturally, Tackett became "mama" or "mama bear" among the Soldiers at basic, a title she carries among Soldiers she has trained with at Redstone Arsenal.

"They know they can come to me and talk to me about all kinds of things," she said of the young Soldiers she is training with. "I like being there for them and helping them. A lot of these Soldiers are the same age as my kids. I can't put them on the right path, but I can suggest things to them that can help them in the long run."

Although Tackett has adjusted to the challenges of being an older private, she said some aspects of basic and AIT become

more difficult with age.

"Every drill sergeant I've had has been younger than me," she said, smiling. "I've had to learn to jump to from at ease. I've had to learn to not have normal conversations with Soldiers I'm working under. It was difficult at basic. But it has been better at Redstone Arsenal. You still have to show other Soldiers the respect of rank, but you can speak to them as one human being to another."

She does understand the Army way of putting privates together in a group and putting them through the same experiences together. But she wishes the Army would develop a program for older enlisted Soldiers.

"Since they've opened the door to older Soldiers, they should consider where they are coming from and address that in training," she said. "Older Soldiers experience a loss of privileges by coming into the Army.

We're used to making our own appointments, scheduling our own lives, organizing the lives of our children.

"Older Soldiers have a lot of life experiences that affect how they think and react, especially when they've owned their own business or been in a management position in the civilian world. We bring skills to the table and life experiences to the table that are not acknowledged. They need to have a program for this kind of Soldier."

Being an older private, Tackett has also brought some issues along with her into military service. She is suffering from damaged tendons and ripped cartilage in her hip that have gotten increasingly worse since she enlisted, and have caused her to undergo physical therapy and use crutches. Her training at Redstone Arsenal has also been delayed because of debt issues that need to be cleared up so she can get the required security clearance. She is working with assistance from Army Community Service to repay those debts and spending training time learning to speak Spanish.

"Life happens," she said. "The Army has put me in a situation where I have to address these problems. I will be in a much better situation when I go back to Maryland."

Her four children — Cari, 19, Sheri, 18, Stevie, 16, and Titus, 15 — are not too sure about their mom's enlistment, but they are supportive.

"They don't like that I'm away. They are scared because the National Guard gets deployed a lot," she said. "But whether I deploy or not, this is a way for me to support my family, support my state and support my country."

Neighbors and close friends watch over the children, and Tackett communicates with them a lot through text messaging, e-mails, on the Internet's MySpace and cell phone conversations. The two older daughters have responsibilities in the running of the household — one pays bills and the other keeps the house clean and keeps the family's schedules — while Tackett is gone.



Courtesy photo

## Calling card

Army Community Service volunteer Lorraine Kraus presents Cody Geist with an international telephone card to call his father, Warrant Officer Damon Geist. The Cosmopolitan Club donated the telephone cards given to 12 families of deployed military through the ACS Waiting Spouse program. With Cody are his mother, Lori Geist, and his sister, Megan. Waiting Spouses are geographically separated military and Department of Defense employee families. The group holds a monthly talk time. For more information about the Waiting Spouses call Mary Breeden, ACS relocation assistance program manager, at 876-5397 or e-mail [mary.breeden@conus.army.mil](mailto:mary.breeden@conus.army.mil).

## ■ Mother of four realizing dream as Soldier trainee

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"Between the two, it's a balance and check system, and everything runs as it needs to be run," she said.

There are times, though, when they have to turn to mom for help.

"Our house (a basement apartment) flooded five weeks ago and I got a call at 3:30 in the morning saying 'Mom, what am I supposed to do?' There were 5-and-a-half inches of water in the house in two hours," she said.

"But by 8 o'clock, friends had gotten a pump truck there and the house was empty of water. They put in dehumidifiers and fans. And then they came back later and put up new drywall. We have enough friends around that things get taken care of."

Besides better opportunities for her

family, Tackett also sees her service in the National Guard as a way to send a message to her children, who are all getting ready for the responsibilities of young adulthood.

"When you are older and joining the Army, you've really got to want it. There are a lot of hoops you have to jump through. But it's worth it," Tackett said.

"Part of my job is to show my children that no matter what happens in life you can always do something to better your life. I'm happy to be here, even though it's difficult. It's hard when you child calls and says 'Mommy, when are you coming home?' I miss working in my garden. I miss my kids bringing me coffee in the morning. But when I leave here, I will still have a home, children who love me, my job and better options for my future. And I will return to a unit of Soldiers who I know and love, and will be proud to serve with."

# Helping hands

## Military couple continue service by volunteering

*Dale and Kim Anton  
recognized by group*

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Military service is a way of life for Dale and Kim Anton.

They began their service as many military families do when Dale volunteered for the Army straight out of high school. The childhood sweethearts married and spent 20 years as a military family, moving from post to post with Kim taking care of their two sons and working at various jobs and Dale dedicating himself to a Soldier's life of service to the nation.

But Dale's retirement as a sergeant first class brought an end to Army assignments and the family settled down in Huntsville.

And that's when the second phase of their life as a military family began.

Dale took a job with a defense contractor, a job that has given him the opportunity to support the military both during work and in his off hours. Kim left the

working world and took on the yoke of volunteerism, becoming a vital part of the programs offered at Army Community Service.

Their contributions to the welfare of Soldiers and their families led to their nomination as the AUSA Rubbermaid-Irwin Family of the Year for 2008 by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. The couple, who have been married for 32 years, will go on to compete for the top Family of the Year honors at AUSA's national conference in October.

The only flaw in this couple's story of service is that neither is one to talk about what they do for military families. They would rather just serve.

"It's difficult to be in the spotlight over what we think people should be doing and what people are doing more than us every day," Dale said. "There's a very small part of the volunteer community that's being recognized. There are so many volunteers out there who make a difference in the lives of the military who serve at Redstone Arsenal and in the lives of residents of this community."

Added Kim: "We have a somewhat private approach to life. We're just representative of the whole volunteer community. Amazing things are going on in the Huntsville area because of volunteers."

About five years ago, Kim left behind her paycheck to volunteer.

"Kim worked for many years because we always thought we needed her income or maybe because we were convinced we did," Dale said. "After our boys grew up and left home and I retired from the military, she was still working. Then, we realized we couldn't get the same days off together.

"So she quit her job and became a volunteer. It's offered much more rewarding and better jobs for her. She is really able to be who she's meant to be."

Kim's first volunteer job on Redstone Arsenal was in the physical therapy and optometry clinics at Fox Army Health Center, where she was an American Red Cross volunteer who put in more than 1,360 hours assisting active duty, reserve and retired patients. She also worked as a

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE— Dale and Kim Anton spend a lot of time volunteering in support of various programs that assist Soldiers and Soldier families. They were named the AUSA Rubbermaid-Irwin Family of the Year for 2008 by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.**

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Red Cross volunteer at Huntsville Hospital's Women and Children's Hospital and as a domestic violence counselor with the Huntsville Police Department.

But the most rewarding volunteer job for Kim has been the one she took on three years ago at Army Community Service, where she started as a volunteer front desk receptionist and then took the job of volunteer coordinator manager about two years ago.

"I feel I am still contributing to the military by helping Soldiers and their families," Kim said.

Volunteers help in many ways at ACS. They answer phones, welcome and assist visitors, compile welcome packets, put together packets of information from different installations for transferring Soldiers and Army civilians, and perform one-of-a-kind jobs needed by ACS program managers, among other things. As the volunteer coordinator manager, Kim oversees recruitment, orientation and assignment of about 30 volunteers for one of the most successful ACS offices in the Army.

She has given more than 1,580 hours of service to the Redstone community through ACS.

For the past 11 years, Dale has balanced work as a logistics engineer at DRS Technologies with his volunteer activities. DRS is a local defense contractor and an AUSA corporate member. Last fall, Dale led his company's efforts to host its first future Soldier event in partnership with the Huntsville Army Recruiting Company.

"We recognize who our customers truly are and they are the Soldiers," Dale said. "We have five Abrams tanks, three Bradleys and a Humvee in our facility. It's the largest armored force in a North Alabama corporate facility. So, it's a great place to have a future Soldier event with 70 or so young people. We also had military veterans within our company serve as escorts for the future Soldiers."

Dale has also coordinated his company's employee donation program for United Cerebral Palsy of North Alabama for the past 10 years.

In their time together, Dale and Kim have ridden with the Patriot Guard Riders of North Alabama, providing honor at

the deployment and return of troops and providing escort and flat lines for fallen veterans.

They are also active in their church, Hope Church of Madison, where Kim helps with the nursery, and Dale is a deacon and bookkeeper. Dale has helped small groups within Hope Church adopt individual Soldiers and assist Soldier families during deployments. They are involved in the church's missions, including serving as theater parents for the theater group at Butler High School.

"I believe we are going to see unbelievable amounts of fruit through the work we do at Hope Church," he said. "

It has opened up a plethora of opportunities to make a difference."

Dale and Kim, whose father was in the Air Force for 20 years, met each other while growing up in east central Minnesota. In 1975, Dale joined the Army at its Cambridge, Minn., recruiting station.

"I grew up extremely poor on a farm," Dale said. "I joined the Army right out of high school out of a sense of duty, a sense of responsibility to my country and, way down the line, there was the opportunity to advance.

"I stayed military because I felt I was making a difference. In the Army, you have an

impact on people's lives that sometimes you're not even aware of. For me, serving was certainly easy to do, except for the family hardships and separations."

Dale first served with the Army Security Agency and then worked in ordnance as a land combat support systems test specialist. He spent most of his service in Germany and as an instructor at Redstone Arsenal. Along the way, he did a recruiting stint at the Taylors Falls recruiting station in Minnesota.

"Being in ordnance was a lot of fun. You could be a Soldier, a real Soldier," Dale said. "But the recruiting assignment was good, too, because our sons got to spend some of their younger years living near their grandparents."

Kim also appreciated their nearly four-year assignment in Minnesota.

"Our sons grew up in an Army family with a different kind of lifestyle than other Army families. They were anchored to Minnesota even though we moved around," she said.

Now grown, the Anton sons are both serving their country. Scott is a

specialist in an Army Reserve unit on Redstone Arsenal while Kenny is a supply sergeant with the Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Gordon, Ga.

"After Kenny came back from seven months with the 82nd in Ramadi, he left the Army," Dale said. "But he missed the sense of purpose and camaraderie, so he rejoined.

"Sometimes in the civilian world – the commercial world – it's tough to discern what you are doing and why. In the military, your purpose is very clear. It's easy to adjust and everyone is working toward the same goal."

Dale believes the Army – or any military branch – helps young people grow into adults with leadership skills.

"The military is difficult. It's a challenge," he said. "But, obviously, it's something anyone can do. If you are going to be successful in life, the military will make you even more successful. It helps you develop people skills and maturity beyond your peers.

"And employers of any stripe will hire a veteran. They know a person who has given to their country through service is someone who has the ability to be a leader."

# Iranian threat justifies missile defense, general says

*MDA commander Obering addresses proliferation*

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WASHINGTON – Iran’s launch of a missile with a 2,000-kilometer range is a concrete example of the threat the world faces from missile proliferation, the chief of the Missile Defense Agency said here July 15.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Trey Obering said the United States is concerned specifically about the threat posed by developments North Korea and Iran are making in their missile programs.

“Iran is working on an extended-range version of the Shahab-3 and a new 2,000-kilometer medium-range ballistic missile, which they term the Ashura,” the general said at a news conference.

Iran also claimed that it had successfully launched an exploratory space vehicle in February, which, analysts concluded, also was a Shahab-3.

Iran in July launched several short- and medium-range ballistic missiles capable of striking Israel and the U.S. bases in the Middle East. Longer-ranged missiles are capable of striking Europe.

The U.S. concern with the spread of the technology was such that the current and previous administrations invested in fielding the missile defense program. “We needed to protect the United States and then to expand that protection for our deployed forces and our allies and friends in the European theater,” Obering said.

The layered missile defense strategy melds boost-phase defense, mid-course defense and terminal-stage defense together. Various systems from ground-based interceptors, to airborne lasers to sea-based platforms provide protection against a rogue regime trying to launch one or two missiles at the United States or its allies.

U.S. officials are making great progress in integrating the missile defense systems with NATO programs, the general said. Obering discussed some of the systems’ successes.

“In the boost phase, we’ve had great success with the airborne laser,” he said. The laser is mounted in a Boeing 747 and fires through the nose of the aircraft to destroy missiles just launching.

“We have generated the power that we needed on the ground in a 747 fuselage mock-up, and we’ve also flown the aircraft,” he said. “We’ve demonstrated the tracking laser performance and an atmospheric compensation laser performance. All that goes together to

show that we can shoot down a boosting missile. And we’re on track to do that next year in a flight test.”

Thirty interceptor missiles at bases in Alaska and California make up the only defense the United States has against long-range missiles, Obering said.

As time goes on, the general said, U.S. defense planners are concerned where countries like Iran and North Korea will go. They worry that the missile proliferators will develop more and more complex countermeasures to go along with their missiles. The agency is working to counter those moves, the general said.

Terminal-phase defense soon will receive another arrow in the quiver, as the agency prepares to deploy the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system. The THAAD, which will come on line in the next year, shoots down missiles just inside and outside the atmosphere.

Other agency projects include the launch of two space-tracking and surveillance system satellites and a test of missile interceptors scheduled July 18, Obering said.

Tests have indicated the systems are working.

“Overall, since 2001, we have now conducted 35 of 43 successful hit-to-kill intercepts,” Obering said.



Lt. Gen. Trey Obering

# Logistics support for the operational Army

## LOGSA delivers required data

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The Logistics Support Activity does just what its name implies.

LOGSA helps a multitude of other organizations work more efficiently by collecting, storing and organizing data.

"We are the Army's single authoritative database for logistics," commander Col. James Rentz said. "We do enterprise level analytics across the Army in many different spectrums — supply, maintenance, distribution, transportation and finance. We take data from all of the standard Army management information systems."

LOGSA was formed as part of a base realignment and closure action in 1993. It took several logistic support activities and components and consolidated them under one roof.

"It brought several different activities across the United States here together at Huntsville, Ala.," Richard Manley, LOGSA chief of enterprise integration center, said.

LOGSA collects information from other offices, depots and organizations involved in military materiel, equipment and life cycle management.

"We connect the dots," Rentz said. "We have to make sure that what we do in this system feeds the other systems that need the information, so that we get a holistic and complete circle."

They then organize and package that information into databases, the largest of which is the Logistics Information Warehouse. Those databases are electronically accessible by authorized users globally. Within those databases resides in-depth information about every step in a system or component's life. LOGSA offers more than 5 billion data records. They have 10,000 reference tables. Trying to use such a vast resource can be intimidating, so LOGSA has developed many different user interfaces and tools so that the system is customized to the needs of each user. LOGSA databases have 92,396 registered users.

Having such a reference a click away allows for the most accurate tracking of costs, shipping timelines and mission readiness available.

"We can tell the Department of the Army 'Here is what it costs to do business. Here is what you can do to improve



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**SHARING INFO—** Col. James Rentz, commander of Logistics Support Activity, discusses an information database with Richard Manley, chief of enterprise integration center.

business.' We feed into the readiness cycle," Rentz said.

## Tenants of Redstone Eighth in a series

The databases are in high demand. LOGSA is handling 6 to 12 million transactions a day globally. The software and programs required for the amount and type of business are done in-house, mostly by contractor programmers and IT professionals.

"I tell people that we're not an IT shop," Manley said. "But IT enables us. We have a robust mid-tier architecture and we have some very robust automated tools that people use from Department of the Army all the way down to the unit level."

LOGSA employs 223 contractors, about 350 civilian logisticians and 22 servicemembers. The bulk of its work force is located in Sparkman Center building 5307. It also has components worldwide, including lab facilities designed to gather additional information. One of which, located at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.,

focuses on packaging, storage and containerization.

"There is a \$20 million lab there that does testing for all branches of service," Rentz said. "They do a lot of reimbursable work for other federal agencies."

LOGSA also manages the oil analysis operation. Through analysis data, acquisition centers, project offices and other organizations are able to better anticipate equipment life and parts requirements.

"You can look for trends, like geographical area, that are causing components to fail," Rentz said. "They use the lab data to try and figure out how to extend the life of components or make them function better."

The organization does more than manage information. LOGSA also produces

several technical publications. They offer 12,500 equipment technical manuals online and more than 120 weapon system CDs. They put together Soldier guides to help war fighters at the unit level understand and make the most of LOGSA's tools and products.

They also publish 65,000 issues of *PS Magazine* monthly. It discusses current equipment and maintenance issues at a level that will be of interest and benefit to Soldiers in the field.

"There is only one thing that has been constant for me in my 28 years in the Army," Rentz said. "It's called *PS Magazine*. It's designed to help that sergeant first class, staff sergeant or sergeant sitting down in a unit motor pool. They've got muddy boots, greasy hands and they're turning wrenches all day long. It's to help them do their job better."

The publication is put together from suggestions and questions from Soldiers returning from deployment. LOGSA collects the information, formulates the answers from actual data and pairs it with quality graphics to make an entertaining and informative source for Soldiers.

"We're probably the only entity in the Army with a contract with a cartoonist," Manley said.

LOGSA also plays a role in the creation of standards at the Department of Defense and international levels. Often, that includes modifying their existing products, allowing access by foreign sales users without compromising American security.

"We negotiate crossover agreements with them to use our products," Rentz said.

LOGSA recently added another service to its menu. The Core Theater Area Support Computing Center has been centralized within LOGSA. It operates continuously 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Every supply requisition that a unit issues flows through that room downstairs," Manley said. "It is the system that keeps the tactical operational Army going."

## Westar to provide aviation support

Westar Aerospace & Defense Group Inc., part of the Systems Engineering Group of QinetiQ North America, has been awarded a task order by the Program Executive Office for Aviation to provide technical support to the Army's fleet of more than 5,000 rotary- and fixed-wing aircraft.

The task order has a one year base period of performance, five one-year options, and a ceiling value of nearly \$5

million, if all options are exercised.

Westar will provide onsite technical support to PEO Aviation at Redstone Arsenal and to the Director of Capabilities Development and Integration Directorate at Fort Rucker. The company will help PEO and CDID in the development, acquisition, testing, system integration, product improvement and fielding of aviation systems. (*Westar release*)

# 'Girly girl' proud to put on uniform for country

Abilities as Soldier  
win training award

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Elizabeth West describes herself as a "girly girl."

But take away the fancy clothes and nice jewelry, and there's an award-winning Soldier determined to do anything her male counterparts do in defense of her country.

As an Army reservist, this sergeant has driven convoys through the streets of Baghdad, Iraq. She has served as a control unit supply sergeant. She is now classified as a plumber with the 375th Engineer Group out of Huntsville.

It was during her recent training as a plumber — and as the only female Soldier in her class at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. — that West reached a high point in her military career.

She was commended by the Army Engineer Association for being recognized by her training leaders as the "Soldier who best exemplifies that indomitable spirit of Army engineers." She was cited for her "performance and infectious attitude during training and potential for the future," and will be listed in an upcoming issue of *The Army Engineer* magazine as a winner of the Sapper Spirit Award.

"I didn't even realize what a big deal this was until I showed it to my commander (Capt. Lawrence McKiernan)," West said. "When I went into his office to tell him, he jumped up and shook my hand. He was proud, and that made me feel good."

West, who recently turned in her real estate career for one in banking, has served in the Reserves for 11 years, first with the 926th Engineer Group and



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SAPPER SPIRIT— Reserve Sgt. Elizabeth West of the 375th Engineer Group in Huntsville is the recent recipient of the "Sapper Spirit Award" for her "performance and infectious attitude" and future potential as a Soldier shown during training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. She will be recognized in an upcoming issue of *The Army Engineer* magazine.**

most recently with the 375th Engineer Group.

"In the beginning, I joined because I wanted the stability for my family and my children," she said.

"What keeps me serving is a sense of pride and loyalty to my country. Serving makes me feel good about myself. I'm in the window to re-enlist right now. I feel proud about what I do, and that makes me want to stay in and serve and do better."

West was already married and the mother of two sons — Darryle Chipman, now 23, and Darren Chipman, now 18 — when she enlisted in the Reserves. Her family was surprised by her determination to succeed as a

Soldier.

"They knew I am a 'girly girl' and they didn't think I would like it once I got dirty," she recalled of her family's reaction to her enlistment.

"But they were even more surprised when I went and stayed and graduated from basic and advanced individual training, and that I did it and I am so proud of it."

Her Reserve career took her to Baghdad, Iraq, where she served from February 2004 to February 2005, as an individual augmentee to the 850th Transportation Unit out of Lyons, Miss.

"Oh my gosh, I was so scared," West recalled. "We pro-

vided support for the 1st Cavalry by transporting fuel, ammo, water and other things they needed.

"It was an experience. There were times when we had rockets and mortars come into our camp. One came in between my building and the MWR building, and blew out my sleeping area. I was in the motor pool at the time. My sleeping area was full of scrap metal. It made me take a step back and think I had an angel on my shoulder. It makes you reflect. It happened on my son's 16th birthday."

Recently, West decided to change her military operational specialty from fuel handling specialist to plumbing at the encouragement of McKiernan. The unit, which is charged with missions that involve the construction of buildings, had a need for Soldiers with plumbing skills. She attended training in her MOS from June 19 to July 5.

"When I first got there, I was a little intimidated because I didn't know as much about construction or plumbing as a lot of the male Soldiers did from their civilian work. It's intimidating because people say this is a man's job," West said. "But I jumped right in there and it wasn't bad for me.

"I learned so much about plumbing, sewer systems, galvanized pipe, installing water faucets and fixtures. I can do anything that has to do with plumbing in a house or any type of building. It was a lot of in-depth training that seemed a little more complicated than I thought it would be. But everything clicked for me in the class."

One thing that wasn't intimidating for West — being the only female Soldier in the classroom.

"I'm so used to it. Being in an engineering unit, you are around a lot of men who are electricians, carpenters, plumbers, heavy equipment operators," she said.

"I'm used to being with the guys."

The class was divided into two-person teams, with Soldiers with experience in plumbing being paired with Soldiers that had no experience.

"I was paired up with a Soldier who had experience with plumbing, but who had the least amount of experience," West said.

"I thought this would work to my disadvantage. But, really, it helped because we learned together. It made me really have to learn what we were doing because I didn't have someone else to lean on."

She jokes that she may have to now supervise her husband James' plumbing repair work at home.

"When I got home from training, there was a sink stopped up. So, I applied my knowledge and fixed it," West said.

"But since I have the knowledge, I told my husband from now on I will sit back in a chair and supervise his work to make sure he does it right."

Although plans for the 375th to deploy to the Horn of Africa were recently postponed, there is an expectation that the unit will be deployed in early 2009. West is undaunted by the possibility.

"I will feel more comfortable with this kind of deployment because I will be with my unit," she said. "The hardest thing about my other deployment is that I was with Soldiers who I didn't know and who were attached to a unit I didn't know."

Whether deployed or reporting for weekend duty at the Reserve center on Patton Road, West is thankful for the training the Army has provided her during her years of service.

"I've learned how to do a lot of stuff," she said. "But I'll always be a 'girly girl.' I'm a girl in uniform who's always going to do her job."

## Pierce doctorate dissertation earns award

The University of Alabama-Huntsville faculty of the Departments of Industrial and Systems Engineering and Engineering Management has selected a 2007 Army Senior Service College Fellowship graduate's dissertation as the best Engineering Management Doctorate of Philosophy dissertation for 2007.

Dr. Steve Pierce's dissertation, titled "An Assessment of the Relationship between the Type of Metric Used and Performance in Government Service Organizations," will now be forwarded to the American Society of Engineering Management where it will com-

pete for best doctorate dissertation in engineering management. The selection will be made by a national committee during the ASEM National Conference in November at West Point, N.Y.

Pierce, director of the Decision Support Directorate within the Space and Missile Defense Command Future Warfare Center, said he was able to complete the dissertation while attending the 10-month SSC Fellowship in large part because of the support of the SSCF director Dr. Jerry Davis and the DAU faculty.

"Dr. Davis and the DAU faculty went

out of their way to provide feedback, after hours access, computer resources, a separate area and statistical software needed to complete the statistical analysis and report," Pierce said. "The DAU environment enabled me to maintain focus in completing my dissertation."

Defense Acquisition University manages the Army SSC Fellowship program in Huntsville. Fellows prepare research papers and submit them to a DAU research review board for peer reviews prior to publication outside of DAU.

Pierce's research determined the differ-

ences between the specific metrics utilized by successful government organizations, and those used by other less successful government organizations. Successful organizations were defined as those selected to win the Presidential Quality Award. The study also identified three primary categories of metrics utilized by government organizations — status, performance and results metrics. These findings and the other results of this study should enable organizations to better develop meaningful metrics that support an organization's strategic planning and execution. (Defense Acquisition University release)

# Soldier gives part of himself to help friend

*Donates kidney to fellow Soldier*

By JULIE FREDERICK  
*For the Rocket*

A Soldier expects his comrades to cover him on the battlefield, but what about once he gets home? For one Soldier, when a life threatening illness hit his best friend, time and distance didn't matter.

Maj. Benjamin Johnson donated a kidney to Maj. Keith Elliott.

Johnson and Elliott met in 1997 at Fort Polk, La., in the 2nd Army Cavalry Regiment. Finding common ground as single African-American lieutenants in the Army and Masonic brothers, they formed a fast friendship.

After a deployment to Bosnia, Johnson was given a permanent change of station to Fort Sill, Okla., for a Field Artillery course, and Elliott went to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., for a Military Intelligence course. From that point on, the friends' military careers took different paths, and they lost contact for some time. In 2004 Johnson and Elliott reconnected after finding out one of their friends from Fort Polk was killed in a motorcycle accident.

Elliott had just PCSed to Hawaii. He had not even unpacked before he was sent to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., for severe renal failure.

"I was already diagnosed 9-10 months prior to leaving Fort Bragg (N.C.)," Elliott said.

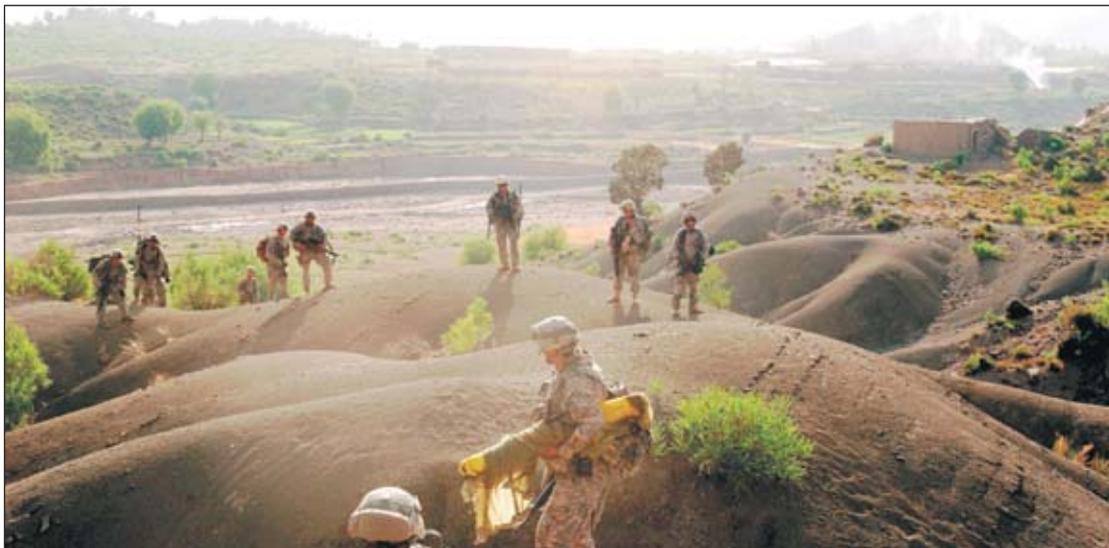


Photo by 1st Lt. Tomas Rofkahr

**AFGHAN TERRAIN—** Soldiers assigned to a survey team from Task Force Castle survey a proposed site for a new observation post in Afghanistan on July 11. Maj. Keith Elliott served in Afghanistan after receiving a kidney from his friend Maj. Benjamin Johnson.

"They let me PCS because they did not think that I was severe enough to need a transplant. As soon as I got to Hawaii, and checked in with the medics, I was immediately put on a transplant list."

"It's sad and a blessing," Johnson said, "that it took a tragic death to sparkplug our communication after so many years."

## The call

Elliott's wife was deployed at the time, and he needed someone to talk to, to vent to. While scrolling through his phone list, he passed Johnson's name and decided to check in with him to vent. Before the conversation was over, Johnson volunteered to get tested.

According to Elliott, when he objected to Johnson getting tested, he was told that Johnson had decided to get tested whether Elliott wanted it or not.

"I did not contact Ben to be a donor," Elliott said. "I wouldn't put my friends in that position. I was willing to take my chances with my family and the donor list."

Frustrated by the initial hurry up and wait, Johnson continued working full time on his master's of business administration while the military would fly him back and forth for various tests — MRI, ultra sound and blood work — to find out his compatibility.

"Transplants are a funny thing," Elliott said. "We found

out he (Johnson) was a suitable candidate within about 60 days. The doctors did not confirm that they would use him for the surgery until the day before. Army docs reserve the right to not do the surgery if anything seems off with a donor who is not family."

When it came to actually going through with the surgery, "it was an easy decision to make," Johnson said.

Elliott had mixed emotions about Johnson volunteering for the surgery.

"The fact that he volunteered, it wasn't difficult. He and I had been through a lot together," Elliott said. "It really was an act of God. I was happy that he wanted to do it, but sad because of what he was about to have to

go through."

Elliott considered himself fortunate because he had a lot of people who wanted to donate.

"I even turned people away who offered. No one in my family was a match," he said.

## Surgery set

Throughout the rest of 2005, Johnson and Elliott were on pins and needles until the date for the surgery was set for Feb. 16, 2006.

At the time of the surgery, Elliott was very fit. His biggest problem was exhaustion, but physically he looked fine.

"I was still doing PT twice a day before the surgery. If you looked at me, you wouldn't have known that I was sick, but if you looked at my tests, I was pretty bad off. Because I was in such good shape physically, WRAMC actually postponed my transplant almost eight months and did other people who weren't in as good a shape as I was," he said. Elliott didn't have to go through dialysis until "48 hours prior to the surgery for two hours, just one day. They only did it to completely clean my system."

The day of the surgery was an emotional experience for Johnson.

"There weren't any tears until I was wheeled into the operating room," Johnson said. "They weren't from fear; just knowing that we have the ability to give a part of ourselves to someone else and survive is just amazing."

Following the surgery, ironically, when Johnson went back

■ Donating kidney was 'easy decision to make'

# Donation

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for a checkup he found out that his cretin level was high, so he had to go through blood work to find out what was going on. At the same time, Elliott's body was trying to reject the new kidney.

The doctors were able to do tests and get both situations under control.

Both were reluctant to let the other know they were having problems. Weeks later when everything was stabilized, they discussed their issues.

"It was a trip to learn that we were going through the same thing at the exact same time," Johnson said. "It was kind of like ... do you remember those GI Joe twins Tomax and Xamot? If one was hit, the other felt it. We started wondering if we would be the same."

## True Soldier

Johnson said Elliott is a true Soldier. He fought hard to get well and be fit enough to go back into active duty military service. Then he fought to deploy to Afghanistan, and did it.

"I worked hard to put myself in a position to deploy," Elliott said, "and I did. Afghanistan was my fourth rotation. I didn't do it to prove a point. For me it was business as usual."

Elliott has the distinction of being the first Soldier to be placed back on active duty after a kidney transplant.

He didn't have any problems while in Afghanistan. But four months into a six month rotation, the medics made the decision to send him home.

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## "The Army said I'm fit to fight, and I'm going to."

— Maj. Keith Elliott  
Kidney recipient

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The military doctors in Afghanistan did not want to take the chance that they wouldn't have what he needed if something happened, so Elliott ended up redeploying early to ramp up the follow-on unit.

"I probably could have fought it and stayed," Elliott said. "But I felt like it was taking a toll on my unit. They were putting a lot of energy into keeping me that should have been going to the mission."

Early on, Elliott made a decision that

his medical status was not going to affect his military career.

He told the doctors, "If I'm the first, use me to the fullest so that I can answer questions for guys later. Don't treat me with kid gloves. Track me, maintain me, but don't take me away from the fight and my team. I'm not going to let this stop me. The Army said I'm fit to fight, and I'm going to."

## Highly motivated

During this time Elliott worked for Maj. Gen. Jim Myles — now the commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal — at Army Test and Evaluation Command.

"(Myles) always encouraged me to be a quiet professional," Elliott said. "If I wanted to be a Soldier, be a Soldier. Without Ben, I wouldn't be here. Without Maj. Gen. Myles, I wouldn't be here."

"There were days that I wanted to give up, and (Myles) gave me the motivation to keep going. His mentorship helped me so much. I told myself, I'm going to make this happen, and I did."

Elliott said he loves the Army. His ultimate goal is to one day sit on a medical board, and to help another Soldier along who may have medical challenges and still wants to stay in the Army.

Johnson has not deployed since the surgery, but did transition out of operations to the Acquisition Corps.

## Family affair

Johnson said his mother was not happy when she learned of his decision to donate a kidney to his friend.

"Mom was livid when she found out," he said. "But I was thinking, I don't have to ask permission. I'm single and I'm not a minor."

He told his mother that when you join the military you leave one family behind and join another.

"I did catch a little flack over the decision, but I had to go with what I was certain was the right decision," Johnson said.

When the two Soldiers' parents met in Washington, the two families became one large family with a common goal: get Elliott well. Elliott's mother gave Johnson's mother a card that said, "Thank God for you and your son."

"We all still communicate today," Johnson said. "We are one really large family, Keith and I are brothers now. He was a great enough of a friend for me to do this for him. I wouldn't change it."

# Blue Platoon forms band of brothers



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

**PRAYER—** Soldiers of “Blue Platoon,” Company D, 1-12 Combined Arms Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, take a knee in prayer before heading out on a mission into Khalis, Iraq, March 30. A tradition of the platoon, the prayer is said before every mission by a different Soldier, asking for security and protection.

## Soldiers in Iraq share close bond

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With the sun rising in the background, Soldiers gather around each other, get down on a knee and begin their prayer. A tradition for the Soldiers, the prayer is said by someone new before the group heads out on a convoy mission into Baqubah, Iraq.

They ask for safety and security so they can properly conduct their mission, and bring the Army one step closer to its goal — provide a safe and secure nation for the people of Iraq.

As these Soldiers get ready to “roll out,” they can’t help but crack one last joke at their fellow Soldiers, breaking the tension from the possibility of dangers they might experience outside of the forward operating base. This is also nothing new; it is just as much tradition as the prayer.

They load into their Humvees and drive out the gate of FOB Warhorse into the brightly gleaming sky, ready for whatever awaits them.

The Soldiers are close, and not as close as friends, rather as close as family. Mission after mission, these Soldiers have experienced everything from successful patrols to heartbreaking tragedies. But all this brought them closer together, solidifying them as a real band of brothers.

“Blue Platoon,” a fierce group of Soldiers from Company D, 1-12 Combined Arms Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, are no strangers to action, violence and improvised explosive devices; but they say none of those things will break their spirits. They get up, dust themselves off and get ready for the next showdown.

“We’ve been through a lot and seen a lot,” said Spc. Mark Henry, a member of Blue Platoon and a native of Cleveland. “But anything you can think of, we’re willing and able to take that mission on.”

It’s this attitude which helped mold this unit into the brutal machine they are

outside the wire. But back inside, these Soldiers have nothing but love and amity for each other and their leaders.

“I think we have become closer here (in Iraq) as a platoon ... after losing some of our best friends out here, that brought us closer,” said Sgt. Justin Mayes, a soft spoken but efficient leader for Blue Platoon.

“As each day and mission goes by, I think our love and respect as a family gets bigger,” said the Lumberton, N.C., native.

“We each know the guy beside us will always back us when it’s needed.”

While in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2006-08, these Soldiers work hand-in-hand with the Iraqi army to help provide a sustained government and security force to serve the citizens of Iraq.

“We are trying to help the Iraqi army sustain their country right now, so we can go home and sustain our own country,” said Pfc. Charles Brooks, a member of the Blue Platoon and a native of Chicago. “This is their country so this is their job, but they need our help and guidance right now and we’re doing our best to help out.”

“We hope that us being here keeps (the people of Iraq) in a peaceful state of mind,” Henry said. “We provide security for the Iraqi people while their army is being trained. The overall goal is for (the Iraqi army) to completely take over responsibility to where they don’t need our help anymore and we can go home.

“Of course, I want to go home, but I fully understand why we’re here,” he continued. “The IA and the people of Iraq need our help. When we roll through cities and people come out (of their homes) and are clapping because our presence is there, that means something.”

This positive response is what these Soldiers are hoping for every time they leave the wire, though they know it’s not always likely. Either way, these Soldiers, each knowing the other’s job, are ready and prepared for whatever challenges face them while patrolling the streets in Baqubah.

“What we do every day is go outside the wire,” Mayes said. “You can be a driver one day, run the gun the next. We switch it up and learn the other guy’s jobs.

That’s what makes us a good team.

“We do it all. Everybody has to know everyone’s job ... we’re all able to step up and take charge,” he continued.

From conducting patrols to raiding houses or providing security, the team has been through it all and they do it together. Not every mission has gone the way the Soldiers had planned, but things like IEDs have yet to stop these Soldiers from finishing their mission at hand.

“We’ve had some bad days out there, but we’re hanging in there and trying to stay strong and finish this deployment out,” Mayes said.

After going through combat experiences together, Brooks said they have formed a special bond.

“It definitely makes you closer as a team; you put your trust in the people around you to do their jobs,” he said.

While these Soldiers might have an “all business, no play” attitude outside the wire, the concept changes once children are involved.

With the team’s convoy moving down a busy street in Khalis, Iraq, the gunners of the Humvees throw candy to the children and wave to everyone on the street.

“The children are friendly; most of them are really nice,” Brooks said. “They like us. We hand out everything from candy to soccer balls.”

And the families of the Soldiers back home are getting involved with reaching out to the children, too. They pack up and mail off everything from toys to school supplies for the Soldiers to hand out.

“Family members do send us things to hand out to the children,” Henry said. “My girl back at home just sent me some school supplies to give out.”

“Most of the supplies we hand out on missions come from home,” Mayes said. “That really is a big help.”

After a long day of patrols or fighting, the Soldiers, who work long hours in support of their missions, return back to the FOB, prepare for the next mission and take time for some much needed rest and relaxation.

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# Troops in Afghanistan request mine-resistant vehicles

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WASHINGTON – Commanders in Afghanistan have asked for more of the mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles the military calls “MRAPs,” the Pentagon’s press secretary said July 16.

There are roughly 800 MRAPs in Afghanistan. “It’s safe to say that commanders are interested” in more of the vehicles, Geoff Morrell told reporters.

Though the request is unofficial so far, it was relayed by Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, commander of Combined

Task Force 101 at Bagram Airfield, to Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Navy Adm. Mike Mullen during the chairman’s recent visit to Afghanistan.

Part of the request may be tied to the normal planning that always goes on, another senior Pentagon spokesman said. If the number of U.S. troops goes up in Afghanistan – which President Bush and Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates would like to see happen – then the number of MRAPs in the country will have to grow also, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman explained.

“Certainly, that type of planning

takes place at various levels all the time,” Whitman said. “Force protection is key to any force-planning construct.”

Morrell said 800 MRAPs are in the country already, and officials would like about 200 more.

U.S. commanders in Afghanistan want the RG-31, the smaller of two versions of the MRAP, because it’s better suited for the unimproved roads and rugged terrain of the country. “The RG-31 is the MRAP of choice in Afghanistan,” Morrell said.

The fact that the task force com-

mander spoke to Mullen is not strange in the least, Morrell said.

“The chairman has made it very clear that (commanders) should not be bashful about speaking up if they need more forces than they currently have,” Morrell said. “(Commanders) should not worry about the overall stress on the force and be mindful of what their needs are in their areas of responsibility. DoD leaders will determine if it is possible to meet their needs.

“‘Speak up if you need them, and we’ll see what we can do’ is the way it works,” Morrell said.

## Army reports four deaths from mishaps

FORT RUCKER — The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center provided the following list of accidents Armywide during June 20-26:

- A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident June 21 at approximately 7:05 p.m. on Fort Riley, Kan. He was operating a 2002 Suzuki GSX-R600 at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the motorcycle and hit the perimeter fence. He was licensed, wearing the required personal protective equipment and had completed an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course.

- A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident June 21 at approximately 4 p.m. in Youngsport, Texas. The Soldier was operating a 1999 Honda CBR900 at a high rate of speed and lost control of the motorcycle while attempting to negotiate a corner, struck two culverts, was thrown from the motorcycle and collided with a tree. The Soldier was licensed, wearing the required personal protective equipment and had completed an Army-

approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course.

- A Soldier was killed and another injured in a motorcycle accident June 22 at approximately 1:55 p.m. in Savannah, Ga. The Soldier was operating a borrowed Honda CBR600 motorcycle at a high rate of speed when he collided with a motorcycle operated by another Soldier, causing both riders to strike a guard rail. The Soldiers were wearing helmets, however, neither Soldier was licensed nor had they completed an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course. The borrowed motorcycle belonged to a third Soldier.

- A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident June 25 at approximately 10:09 p.m. in Fayetteville, N.C. He was operating a Honda CBR at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the motorcycle while attempting to negotiate a curve. He was licensed, wearing the required personal protective equipment and had completed an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course.

## Leaders in Iraq discuss stability, growth

BAGHDAD — One month “boots on the ground” is not enough time to reshape an army or transform a country. It is, however, long enough to show Maj. Gen. Michael Oates, Multi-National Division-Center commander, a country heading in the right direction, with safer communities and committed military leaders.

“It’s indisputable that the level of attacks is phenomenally low, and that’s great development,” Oates said during a Pentagon press conference at Camp Victory July 10.

Sitting beside the American general, Maj. Gen. Ali Salih Farhood Oothman said he too is witnessing safer communities and an improved security force.

“They don’t face you in the field,” Oothman, commander of the 8th Iraqi Army Division, said of the diminishing terrorists in Iraq. “They put IEDs and try to stab our forces from the back. The militia, the rebels, they can’t face our Iraqi Army.”

Oothman credits his soldiers’ proficiency to Coalition forces who trained them to successfully do their work. Likewise, Oates recognized the skill and talent of the Iraqi Security Forces.

“They are very capable,” Oates said. “They are seeking initiative in planning operations ... I will say that my partner, General Oothman, operates in his area (needing) very little support from us.”

Already, Oothman has battalions establishing full responsibility of security in Karbala and Najaf, and within days, they will take authority in al-Qadisiyyah. *(Multi-National Division-Center release)*

■ Each morning brings dangerous mission for platoon

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“When we get back from a mission, we are just so tired and beat,” Mayes said. “But we have to be ready for the next mission. We have to do maintenance (on our vehicles and weapons) whenever we can find the time. But if we get time, we’ll relax, watch movies and get on the Internet.”

“I try to jump into the showers as quickly as possible,” Brooks said. “I also try to relax and watch movies. You have to

clear your head and get ready for the next day and the next mission. That’s really important.”

As these Soldiers prepare for the next day, looks of relief, exhaustion and contentment fill their eyes. They have made it through another day and are ready for the next.

And there is not a complaint from the group about having to go out again the next day for another mission. They will be heading out together, with their platoon, with their brothers.

“I trust the guys that I work with,” Brooks said. “I can trust that they know

what they’re doing, so we’re going to be OK.

“I love working with these guys,” he said. “After the stuff we’ve gone through out here, you become closer as a family. Being here has been a bonding experience.”

“It’s great because we’re so close now; it’s more of a family than a platoon,” Henry said. “Everybody knows everyone’s wife’s names, their kid’s names — this really is a family.”

And tomorrow, as the sun rises, the band of brothers will gather again, take a knee and pray. They pray for the day ahead, remembering their fallen comrades. They do this not because they have to, but because they choose to.

“It’s been hard at times,” said a solemn Henry. “Everybody in the platoon thinks about them every single day. We talk about them constantly.”

“We pray every day before we go out, every mission,” Mayes said. “It’s something that helps us and brings us even closer together. It’s a good thing.”

“We try to keep going, move on... these guys would want us to,” Brooks said in solace. “Those guys were vital members of our team and they are going to be terribly missed.”

*Editor’s note: Spc. Ryan Stroud was deployed in Iraq before coming to Redstone Arsenal.*

# Win or lose

## Vipers dominate visitors from Daytona Beach

Tennessee Valley romps 73-21

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The Tennessee Valley Vipers gave Redstone troops a night to remember.

The Vipers beat the Daytona Beach ThunderBirds 73-21 before an announced crowd of 5,714, including about 600 military from Redstone Arsenal, on Military Appreciation Night on July 12 at the Von Braun Center. The Vipers improved to 9-5 while the ThunderBirds fell to 2-13 in arenafootball2.

"We've got a lot of injuries and we've

got a lot of new guys in the lineup," Vipers coach Dean Cokinos said. "It's really good to see these guys play well tonight. We're proud to do well on Military Night. It's an honor to have these (military) guys here."

Recipients of the approximately 1,000 tickets distributed at Redstone included 600 active duty and 400 retired military. Sponsors of military night included the Association of the U.S. Army.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, participated in the pregame ceremony.

"We have some special people in the house," Myles told the crowd, "and they're wearing the uniform."



Michael Misianowycz/Harvest Action Photo

**COIN TOSS**— Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, in background, watches the coin toss before the Tennessee Valley Vipers game against the Daytona Beach ThunderBirds on July 12 for Military Appreciation Night.

## Air Force captain walks onto U.S. racing team

Eastler leads military athletes at Olympic track & field trials

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EUGENE, Ore. — U.S. Air Force World Class Athlete Program Capt. Kevin Eastler led military athletes competing in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Track & Field by earning his second Olympic berth in the 20-kilometer race walk.

U.S. Army WCAP Sgt. John Nunn, who competed in the same event with Eastler at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, finished fourth at the Trials on July 5, ending his bid to make Team USA and compete in Beijing.

On an emotional Fourth of July at Hayward Field, Army WCAP Capt. Michael Mai, a two-time Olympic Trials competitor, finished fifth in the hammer throw with a hurl of 71.75 meters. His first warmup throw may have been good enough to make Team USA, but the throws that counted were not long enough.

"I tossed out a 75-meter throw that probably would have gotten me second place tonight," said Mai, 30, of Le Mars, Iowa. "I just couldn't quite get it as far out there as I wanted to when it counted."

"I still got fifth place and represented the U.S. Army to the best of my ability, which is why I'm here," added Mai, who is stationed at Moffett Field, Calif. "It was the best year I've had in all my years of throwing for the Army, and we'll see what the future brings."

Air Force Capt. (retired) James Parker, a 2004 Olympian, placed seventh in the hammer with a throw of 69.97 meters.

Earlier in the eight-day meet, Army WCAP Spc. Nathaniel Garcia finished seventh in the first heat of the 400-meter hurdles semifinals. His time of 49.52 seconds was not fast enough to advance to the finals.

Air Force 2nd Lt. Dana Pounds finished second in the women's javelin throw with a mark of 57.83 meters but failed to earn an Olympic berth because she did not meet the qualifying standard.

Air Force 1st Lt. Paul Gensic, the only U.S. track and field competitor to medal at the 2007 Military World Games, placed sixth in the pole vault with a height of 5.5 meters (18 feet, 1/2 inch).

Former Army WCAP distance runner Dan Browne, 33, a 1997 graduate of the United States Military Academy, doubled in the 10,000 meters and marathon at the 2004 Olympics. He finished 14th in the 10,000 meters at Eugene with a time of 28:42.78.

Eastler, 30, of Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., will be Team USA's only competitor in the men's 20K race walk in Beijing. He was the lone U.S. competitor to meet the Olympic qualifying standard before toeing the start line in Eugene, where a relatively slow pace prevented others from making the team.



Photo by Tim Hipps

**WALK ON BY**— U.S. Air Force World Class Athlete Program Capt. Kevin Eastler (right) passes Army WCAP Sgt. John Nunn (center) en route to winning the 20-kilometer race walk at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Track & Field July 5 outside Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Ore. Eastler won the race in 1 hour, 27 minutes, 8 seconds, and was followed by runner-up Matthew Boyles (left) of Miami Valley Track Club in 1:28:20. Nunn finished fourth with a time of 1:30:35. Eastler will compete for Team USA at the Olympic Games in Beijing.

Eastler won the early-morning race in 1 hour, 27 minutes, 8 seconds.

Nunn, who finished in 1:30:35, knew he needed to both win the race and meet the qualifying standard of 1:24:30 to secure a berth in the Beijing Games. He took an early lead and separated from the pack during the first two of 20 laps around a 1-kilometer loop outside Autzen Stadium. Eastler and second-place finisher Matthew Boyles of Miami Valley Track Club, however, quickly reeled in Nunn and passed him on the fourth lap.

"I knew he was going to do that," said Eastler, who won by more than a minute. "He needed to get a standard today, so it was expected that he was going to go out on pace. I wasn't in shape to do that today, so I just kind of let him go to see what happened. It's just a lot of pressure on an athlete to try to do both — win and get the standard — so he had a lot of pressure."

"I just wanted to stay strong and see what happened."

Having already met the qualifying standard, Eastler merely needed to finish the race to earn a trip to China — unless three other walkers beat him and met the standard, which nobody did.

# Free classes center on community wellness

Monthly sessions  
open postwide

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**HEART TO HEART— Paulette Berryman, assistant manager of the Cardiac Cath Lab at Crestwood Hospital, discusses healthy heart basics with class attendees.**

Not all medicine comes in a pill bottle. Often the best remedy is information for a healthy lifestyle.

That's why Fox Army Health Center is providing free wellness classes to the Redstone community.

Fox's Wellness Classroom is situated between the Warrior Medicine and Preventive Medicine Clinics. Held monthly, the approximately one-hour Lunch & Learn classes cover topics that are relevant to the month or target specific concerns of the population.

"We try to go off of the observations that the government puts out — like October is breast cancer month and September is prostate health," Christina Gorff, nurse edu-

cator for patient education and marketing, said. "But sometimes we go by what we are seeing people come in with. We try and look at what our population needs."

Class size is limited. If a particular topic has a higher demand,

Gorff said they are happy to schedule multiple sessions.

"I try and always offer two of each class," she said. "We also have some core classes that we offer all year."

The classes are open to anyone with post access. Classes are scheduled on Thursdays because of the reduced volume of visitors to the health center.

"It's a training afternoon at Fox. You don't have to worry about clinic appointments or people using the pharmacy," Gorff explained.

Offering these information sessions during lunchtime is another way that Fox is reaching out to the work force.

"It's hard for some people to leave work and go to something like this downtown. If they work on the Arsenal, they can be here in 10 minutes and be back to work in 10 minutes," Gorff said.

Those wishing to attend are

required to reserve their spot, either by phone or in person. Doing so serves several purposes. It allows Gorff to schedule additional classes on a topic if the demand supports it. It ensures that no one is turned away at the door because of space constraints. It also gives Gorff a means to contact those who are coming, just in case a change in the planned class must be made. When a speaker's family emergency forced them to reschedule last week's topic, Gorff was able to let those who had signed up know.

"We found out on Friday that the speaker would not be available the next Thursday," Gorff said. "With the list of people, I was able to call everyone up and let them know we had a change."

The classes are a part of the health center's expanded health and wellness services that began this spring. Since its first class in March, they have seen a steady growth in attendance. Speakers for

each class are experts in each topic. While most have been Fox staff members, some subjects have warranted outside expertise. Last month's class on pet therapy and this month's heart health brought in the first two outside experts.

In addition to the classes available, the center also offers information on a variety of health and wellness issues every day. The staff includes several nurses and nurse educators ready to answer questions anytime during health center hours.

The class schedule is published online at the Fox web site [www.redstone.amedd.army.mil](http://www.redstone.amedd.army.mil) By clicking on the wellness course link, the next three months' worth of offerings are easily accessed, Gorff said. In order to reserve a space in any class, call 955-8888, ext. 1430.

"They can always call in here anytime they want," Gorff said. "We want to truly be a health and wellness center."

## Eastler will compete in 20K race walk at Olympics

### Walks

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"My only plan was to go out on a solid pace of between 4:20 and 4:25 per kilometer," said Eastler, a 1999 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. "That's about what I ended up and it worked out."

Nunn felt ready for the challenge, but his legs did not cooperate.

"No one went with me (early), which is what I expected because most of them were just racing for place," Nunn said. "So I figured I would walk it alone, but I've walked the time alone before by myself. I got into the race and things just weren't holding; it wasn't sticking. The first couple kilometers were OK, and then things slowed and I just couldn't get my turnover going.

"Quite honestly, I don't really have an answer for why. Some days it's on and some days it's not. ... When they passed

me, I hung with them for just a little bit and I guess I just couldn't get my legs to move.

"By around six kilometers, I realized it was going to take a lot to try to fight back and get the time that I had already lost," Nunn said. "At that point, I figured let's just try to get among the top three. ... It was a shock for me — not quite at all what I fully expected. I've had good speed workouts and good distance sessions. It's hard because 2012 is a long ways away."

Nunn's coach, Enrique Pena, a seven-time Olympic race walk competitor/coach, seconded that sentiment.

"He was ready to walk under 1:24, for sure," Pena said. "But I don't know what happened with John. It's disappointing for him and for me. He can do it, but sometimes things just don't work out."

Nunn thought of the future while choking back the tears of four tough years of training since he finished 26th at the Olympic Games in Athens.

"I'd really like to at least be a two-time Olympian and take the next four years and train to be in contention in the world," said Nunn, 30, of Evansville, Ind. "This is horribly disappointing but the sun comes up tomorrow. We'll go on — go home and hug my daughter and keep living and enjoy life and realize there's a next time. It's four years away and that's a long time, but it gives me four more years to focus on my daughter (Ella, age 4) and my training — two things I love.

"It's been an incredible honor and a very humbling experience to be given the chance to train for the Olympics full-time with military support and to wear the Army's singlet. It's always nice to hear 'Go Army.'"

Likewise, Eastler said he could not compete on the international level without military support.

"I couldn't do this without the Air Force, that's for sure," he said. "To compete at this level, you need to train full time and be dedicated to it. I don't think I could do it any other way."

Now he must compete against the rest of the world's best walkers.

"I had so much focus on today that I'm going to have to sit back and talk with my coach and come up with a game plan," Eastler said. "We'll just have to see how the body holds up."

After competing in the 2007 World Track and Field Championships, Eastler was slowed by persistent pain in his left abdominal region and underwent sports hernia surgery in December.

"I found a good therapist, trained through some pain, and finally got back," he explained. "I was a little tight today, but I mostly got rid of it."

He also is nagged by knee tendinitis.

"My body's kind of telling me this is the final season, so, yeah, this is it for me after this year," said Eastler, who hopes to improve upon his 21st-place finish in Athens at Beijing. "It's going to be tough for me to do that on my own again — to recreate such a good result. I'm sure going to try, but it's going to be an uphill battle given the injuries I've had."

# Redstone organizations get on board with forums

## Senior leaders meet to discuss priorities

This was the first meeting of its kind for Redstone, but it won't be the last.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, presided over Redstone Arsenal's first Installation Planning Board held July 16 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Hosted by the Garrison, the board serves as the platform for identifying and providing a common operating picture of the installation, its capabilities and tenant requirements. It's also an opportunity for senior leaders of all stakeholders and tenant units to interact and provide input to the installation master planning, vision and priorities.

Myles said he believes this is the forum in which to lay out the plans for Redstone's future.

"With (base realignment and closure) and non-BRAC organizations relocating to Redstone Arsenal, we need a common operating picture," he said. "It's key that we have good dialogue and discussion."

Myles said senior leaders need a forum where they can have the discussion necessary to understand the installation's as



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CONSTRUCTION SITE—** Construction projects – like the headquarters for the 2nd Recruiting Brigade and the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion which should be finished by August – were among the topics at the Installation Planning Board held July 16.

well as each organization's priorities.

"Collectively, we have to speak with one voice and know

where the priorities are in order to make sure we're heard," he said.

Commanders or senior civil-

ian leaders from each tenant organization, to include NASA and the FBI, were invited to attend.

Garrison commander Col. John Olshefski and his staff provided the information that was discussed during the meeting.

Olshefski said the intent of the first board was to lay the ground rules for future meetings and to highlight strategic initiatives that involve each tenant organization. The agenda topics included updates on BRAC, Enhanced Use Leasing, current and future installation construction, available office space and current requests for space. The program concluded with a Common Levels of Support overview and a discussion on how the program impacts services provided to organizations on Redstone Arsenal.

During the open forum, participants discussed topics from range control/range utilization operations to concerns about prioritization of future construction projects.

Myles emphasized that those organizations which attend future boards will be involved in making "command decisions" such as prioritizing construction projects or assigning available office space.

"This is your Garrison," Myles said. "Tell us how to better serve you."

The next board is scheduled Oct. 30. (Garrison release)

# Residents should stay prepared during storm season

While the federal government takes steps to prepare for this hurricane season, the Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages individuals to do the same. Personal preparedness can reduce the risk of storm dangers during and immediately after a storm. Here are a few preparedness tips that should be considered:

Have a disaster kit for your home: Stock up on non-perishable food and water to sustain you and your family for up to 72 hours or longer. Ensure you have important papers (e.g. insurance, identification), first aid kit, a supply of prescription medicines and other specialty items in your preparedness kit. In addition, plan to have an emergency kit for your car in case you need to evacuate. While creating a disaster kit, pet owners should remember to pack the necessary items for their pets. You can find more information on preparing your disaster kit at [www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html](http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html).

Create an emergency plan: Know what to do if you have to evacuate. Make sure

you know how to contact members of your family and have an emergency contact number for someone out of state who knows where you are in the event of an emergency. Make sure your pet is included in your emergency plan. You may want to offer assistance to an elderly or disabled family member or neighbor that may be alone and may need your help during an emergency. Make your plans ahead of time and practice them.

Be informed: Know evacuation routes, and listen to local authorities when asked to evacuate. Everyone should know their risks. Whether you live in a coastal community or inland, speak with your insurance agent now about flood insurance and review your home owner's policy. Every state and territory is at risk for flooding and homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. Flood insurance is a cost-effective way to financially prepare

for floods. To learn more about your risk and flood insurance, visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

People should have disaster plans and be ready to vacate their residence when advised by local authorities.

To stay informed during a storm, keep a battery-powered radio for weather and evacuation information should you experience a power outage and have extra batteries on hand. (FEMA release)

## Training tool deploys for first time in August

GRAFENWOER, Germany — A team in Germany is preparing to deploy a tool in early August that promises to make training easier, more efficient and more meaningful for units preparing for Iraq.

The Exportable Instrumentation System is a portable set of equipment that tracks player and equipment movement during exercises and records their activity and communications for use during the after-action review process.

In August, the Instrumentation Training Analysis Computer Simulations and Support Center — part of the Joint

Multinational Readiness Center — will for the first time deploy the EIS to Hammelburg, Germany to be part of a mission readiness exercise there involving the 172nd Infantry Brigade from Schweinfurt, Germany.

Participating from the brigade will be the 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment; 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment; 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment; 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment; and the 9th Engineer Battalion. A total of about 700 Soldiers will participate in the MRE and will be the first to use the complete EIS. (Army News Service)

# Unmanned aircraft systems see change in leadership



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**CHARTER CEREMONY**— From left are Col. Gregory Gonzalez, incoming project manager for Unmanned Aircraft Systems; the outgoing project manager, Col. Don Hazelwood; and Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, deputy program executive officer for aviation.

## IMCOM welcomes new command sergeant major

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Army Installation Management Command bid farewell to its command sergeant major July 14 when Command Sgt. Maj. Debra Strickland relinquished her responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. John Gaines Jr. during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

Strickland had served as the command's senior enlisted adviser since IMCOM stood up Oct. 24, 2006. She is being reassigned as a base sergeant major with the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

Gaines was selected to come to IMCOM headquarters from his most recent assignment as command sergeant major of IMCOM-Europe. (IMCOM release)

*Gonzalez follows Hazelwood as the UAS project manager*

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Col. Don Hazelwood led the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office through three years of change and growth.

He retired July 14 after 30 years of service.

"We have made a difference in the lives of Soldiers. I firmly believe that," Hazelwood said during the change of charter ceremony in Bob Jones Auditorium. "My team, my family, has made a difference."

His successor is Col. Gregory Gonzalez, a military intelligence officer with 23 years service.

"I appreciate very much that I have this opportunity," Gonzalez said.

Unmanned aircraft systems have flown more than 500,000 hours in combat. That number will likely reach 1 million hours during Gonzalez's tenure.

"We have doubled our work force and quadrupled our budget within the last few years," Hazelwood said.

Hazelwood received the Legion of Merit from Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, deputy program executive officer for aviation, during the retirement ceremony which followed the change of charter.

"We're here to say goodbye officially to him as a Soldier," Crosby said. "But we'll never say goodbye as a friend."

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## Sports & Recreation

### Golf tournament

The 100 Black Men of America, Greater Huntsville Chapter will hold its ninth annual John Riche Golf Tournament on Friday 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 Saturday 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.



## Conferences & Meetings

### 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.

### Chapel women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel summer study will meet July 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

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Courtesy photo

## International tour

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Pawel Kolton from Poland visits the U.S. Space & Rocket Center on July 12 with the International Military Student Office. The IMSO group included eight students from the Czech Republic and one apiece from Germany, Poland and Greece. They toured the space museum to learn about Huntsville's role in the space program.

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.

### 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 Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

### Toastmasters

Anyone interested in improving their speaking ability is invited to attend the Lunar Nooners Toastmasters Club 9783, which meets Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the building 4610 cafeteria. For more information, call Paul Pickett 544-6078.

### Space society

HAL-5, local chapter of the National Space Society, presents a free public lecture "Microgravity Propellant Transfer in Parabolic Flight" by Mike Brennon on Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library, 915 Monroe St. A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 509-3833.

### Air defenders

The Air Defense Artillery Association, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter, will have a luncheon today at 11 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.

### Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Group will meet Aug. 9 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave., starting at 9:15 a.m. with the Windows/Internet Special Interest Group. Ron Schmitz, president of HPCUG, will talk about reinvigorating your slowing computer and answer computer questions. At 10:15 there will be a short business meeting followed by Gene Zajicek, a digital photography instructor, demonstrating the restoration and digitization of old, worn, faded and cracked photographs using easily obtainable software. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

### Blacks in government

Blacks In Government, Huntsville-Madison Chapter is accepting applications for new members. For more information, call Bee Holloway 721-1593 or Bob Wilson 955-3377.

### Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. "The History of the 6th U.S. Cavalry — Stoneman's Raid on Brandy Station, 1863," a video documentary, will be presented by Jeffrey



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## Freedom Pens

**Boyce Allen, center, the woodshop lead at June M. Hughes Arts & Crafts Center, presents handcrafted ink pens to Soldiers assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit at Fox Army Health Center. Known as Freedom Pens, these writing instruments are turned by volunteers from kits that are donated by various organizations. Sponsors include Bill Heard Chevrolet and Papa John's Pizza. "And we are right at 2,000 since we started in February a year ago," Allen said. These include 225 that he personally delivered in November to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and another 625 sent there since for a total of 850. Allen is pursuing other opportunities to present these commemorative pens as an expression of gratitude to Soldiers.**

Ewing, a Civil War enthusiast and local documentary filmmaker. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.



## 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

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SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

### Civilian deployment

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

### Surplus sales

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

### Computer classes

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

### Motorcycle safety

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

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## Thrift shop

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

## Reserve unit

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

## Cancer walk

A three-day walk covering 60 miles for breast cancer will be held Oct. 24-26 in Atlanta. Thousands will come out for the event, whether participating or to show

support. Tonya Aldridge and Ginger Cochran have formed a team and are looking for others interested in supporting this cause. There is a registration fee, and a minimum amount per person for fund-raising. For more information, call Aldridge 876-8265 or visit [www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org).

## Butler High reunion

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

## School bus signup

Redstone Arsenal bus registration continues through Friday 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, Thursday 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.

## 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.

## Garrison ceremony

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Good night's sleep

Learn the latest information from health professionals at the Crestwood Center for Sleep Disorders in a class Aug. 21 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Fox Army Health Center Wellness Classroom. 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. To sign up call 955-8888, ext. 1430.

## 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 Saturday 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.

## 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 scholarships (\$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

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Photo by Kim Henry

## Product charter

Lt. Col. John Vannoy, right, is the new product manager for Apache Sensors within the Program Executive Office for Aviation. He receives the product charter from Col. Derek Paquette, left, Apache Attack Helicopter project manager, in a ceremony July 18. Vannoy succeeded Lt. Col. Scott Bosse, who will retire and stay in the Huntsville area.

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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 discussion

The MWR Post Library will have a book discussion open to the Redstone community on Aug. 22 from noon to 1 p.m. Join other book enthusiasts for a discussion of "Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett. People may come and go as needed and are welcome to bring a bag lunch. The library is located at building 3323 on Redeye Road. Call 876-4741 for more information.

## Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service New-

comers' Orientation on Aug. 5 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

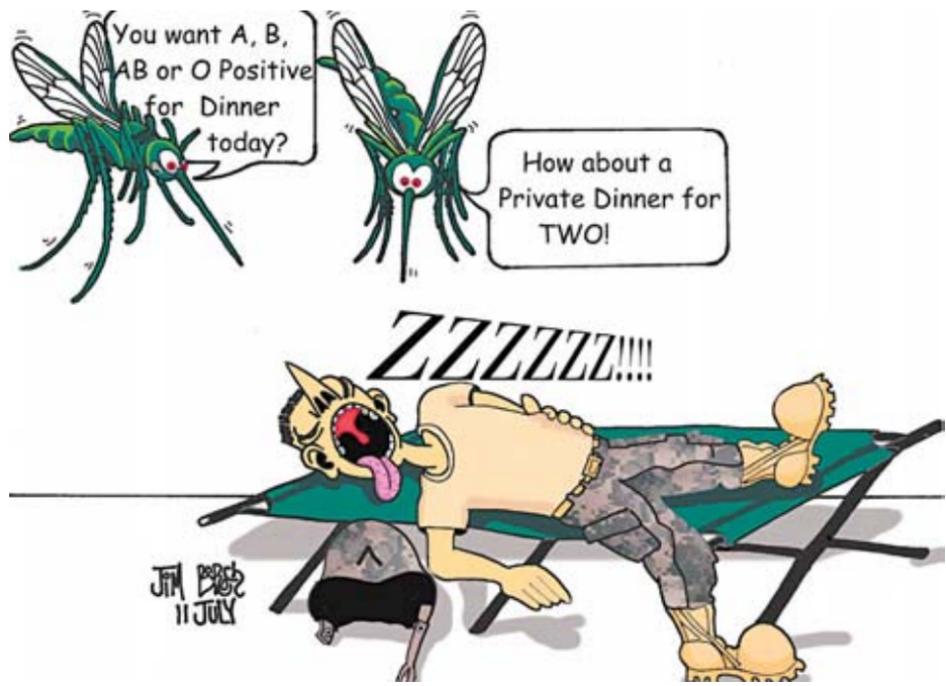
## Valley job fair

Tennessee Valley military and civilian Job Fair is Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Calhoun Community College Aerospace Training Center, Decatur Campus, 6250 U.S. Highway 31 North in Tanner. Employers from across the Tennessee Valley will be there. There will be presentations throughout the day on "Tips on Applying for Jobs with the Federal Government." The job fair is presented by the Alabama Career Centers in Decatur, Huntsville and the Shoals Area, along with Calhoun Community College.

## Art exhibit

Fast Frame and McKenzie, a Hollywood turned Huntsville artist, have partnered to provide an art exhibit and open house Aug. 9 from noon until 7 p.m. at Fast Frame's location, 1420B Paramount Drive. This wine and cheese reception will allow customers to meet this award winning artist, view her work and get their artwork framed at the same time. McKenzie's art will be displayed from Aug. 2-16 at the same location. Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama has been selected by

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the team to receive a portion of the proceeds during this time. For more information about the art exhibit, call Debby Reed 722-4949.

## Summer jam

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

## Auction of vehicles

Morale Welfare and Recreation is auctioning off many vehicles on eBay through tonight at 8:30. To view the cars, visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com) and look for the link to eBay. This auction is open to anyone that has an account with eBay.

## International beer tasting

The Redstone community is invited to the international beer tasting Aug. 8 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets are \$14 for members and \$16 for non-members. Call 830-2582.

## Comedy night

Join the Officers and Civilians Club for "Comedy Night" on Aug. 22. The headliner is Tom Foss, special guest Spark Mann and the opener Ken Lewis. Advance tickets are \$8 without dinner and \$16 with dinner. Tickets at the door will be \$12 without dinner and \$20 with dinner. For more information, call 830-2582.

## Library closed

The MWR and OMEMS Library will be closed from today until approximately Aug. 6 while the building's entire electrical system is being updated and expanded.

Library materials can still be returned using the book-drop container outside the front door. No materials will be considered overdue related to this period, and the staff will attempt to accommodate individual library needs.

## Wounded warrior hotline

The Army has established a Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline at 1-800-984-8523. The purpose of the hotline is twofold: To offer wounded, injured or ill Soldiers and their family members a way to share concerns on the quality of patient care; and to provide senior Army leaders with visibility on medically-related issues so they can properly allocate resources to better serve Soldiers and families. The hotline is an avenue to gather information about medical care as well as suggest ways to improve medical support systems.



**Save time,  
money and gas!**  
Book and Gift Sale  
Sparkman Center Cafeteria  
August 5th-6th



**HOME FIRES - COMING IN OCTOBER**

Your home should be a safe haven. But do you regularly check for home fire hazards? If not, there is the potential for danger. Fire departments responded to nearly 400,000 home fires in 2006. That's why the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2008 is "It's Fire Prevention Week Prevent Home Fires!"

**It's Fire Prevention Week  
PREVENT HOME FIRES**

October 5-11, 2008  
[firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org)

From October 5-11, 2008, fire safety advocates will spread the word to their communities that, with a little extra caution, preventing the leading causes of home fires - cooking, heating, electrical and smoking-materials - is within their power.

**REDSTONE ARSENAL FIRE PREVENTION**  
876-7005

**National Fire Protection Association**  
The authority on fire, electrical, and building safety

# ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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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>																							
SCBK08781435	Safety Engr	23-Jul-08	AMCOM, Safety Ofc	GS-0803	13	13	78,390 - 101,913																
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																
SCBK08850103	eQUIPMENT Spec (Aircraft)	23-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,468																
SCBK08836223	Mgmt Analyst	23-Jul-08	SMDC	GS-0343	12	12	65,921 - 85,701																
SCBK08786341	Public Affairs Spec	23-Jul-08	Accessions Cmd, USA 2nd Recruiting Brigade Headquarters	YA-1035	2	2	45,014 - 71,500																
SCBK08840152	Inspector	24-Jul-08	AMCOM, Ofc of the Inspector Gen	YA-1801	1	2	30,001 - 71,500																
SCBK08801630	Safety Engr	24-Jul-08	AMCOM, Safety Ofc	GS-0803	13	13	78,390 - 101,913																
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																
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																
SCBK08864466	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Jul-08	IMMC	YC-0346	3	3	91,729 - 148,740																
SCBK08769412	Electronics Engr	25-Jul-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913																
SCBK08838033	Prgrm Planning Spec	25-Jul-08	AMCOM, G3 (Operations)	GS-0301	11	11	54,999 - 71,500																
SCBK08836054	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701																
SCBK08789030	Supv General Engr	28-Jul-08	USADTC	YD-0801	3	3	88,050 - 132,379																
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																
SCBK08813440	Safety & Occup Health Spec	28-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0018	12	12	65,921 - 85,701																
SCBK08813443	Quality Assurance Spec	28-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-1910	11	12	54,999 - 85,701																
SCBK08856669	Plans Policy & Doctrine Spec	29-Jul-08	TMDE	GS-0301	13	13	78,390 - 101,913																
SCBK08813436	Logistics Mgmt Spec	29-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,315 - 84,913																
SCBK08841639	Logistics Mgmt Spec	29-Jul-08	TMDE	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701																
SCBK08813471	Mgmt & Prgrm Analyst	29-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0343	9	11	45,040 - 70,843																
SCBK08775726	Logistics Mgmt Spec	29-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701																
SCBK08847620	Logistics Mgmt Spec	29-Jul-08	AMCOM, Security Asst Mgt Dir	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701																
SCBK08847620D	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Jul-08	AMCOM, Security Asst Mgt Dir	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08814640	Sys Mgmt Spec	30-Jul-08	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0501	11	11	54,999 - 71,500																
SCBK08861574	Human Resources Spec (Staffing)	30-Jul-08	CHRA, CPAC	YA-0201	1	2	32,679 - 89,986																
SCBK08832907	Resource Mgmt Spec	30-Jul-08	Accessions Cmd, USA 2nd Recruiting Brigade Headquarters	YA-0501	2	2	45,014 - 61,368																
SCBK08783427	Supv Prgrm Analyst	30-Jul-08	Accessions Cmd, USA 2nd Recruiting Brigade Headquarters	YC-0343	2	2	65,278 - 88,993																
SCBK08834449	Admin Supp Tech (O/A)	30-Jul-08	Materials Sys Analysis Actvty	YB-0303	2	2	32,217 - 56,973																
SCBK08838381	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913																
SCBK08852070	Mgmt Asst (OA)	30-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0344	8	8	41,157 - 53,504																
SCBK08765146	Secretary (Steno/OA)	30-Jul-08	SAMD	GS-0318	6	7/8	33,442 - 53,504																
SCBK08824315	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	31-Jul-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913																
SCBK08808552	Security Ofcr	1-Aug-08	USADTC	GS-0803	13	13	78,390 - 101,913																
SCBK08808552D	Security Ofcr	1-Aug-08	USADTC	GS-0803	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08778025	Electronics Engr	1-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08778025D	Electronics Engr	1-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 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																
SCBK08837185	Lead Aerospace Engr	11-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657																
SCBK08745654	Safety Engr, Architect, Civil Engr, Env Engr, Mech Engr, Elect Engr	15-Aug-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YF-0803, 0808, 0810, 0819, 0830, 0850	3	3	100,000 - 141,657																
SCBK08745654D	Safety Engr, Architect, Civil Engr, Env Engr, Mech Engr, Elect Engr	15-Aug-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YF-0803, 0808, 0810, 0819, 0830, 0850	3	3	100,000 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK080722634	Security Spec (Physical)	15-Aug-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-0080	2	2	45,014 - 101,913																
SCBK080722634D	Security Spec (Physical)	15-Aug-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-0080	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	18-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500																
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	18-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100																
SCNAFBK0813	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.88 - 9.88	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0821	Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.85 - 10.93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0822	Lead Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Outdoor Recreation	NF-0189	2	2	7.61 - 13.97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0825	Sales Clerk	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-2091	1	0	5.85 - 10.93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0826	Laborer	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	8.06 - 8.06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0833	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	4	4	8.69 - 8.69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0857	Recreation Aid	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.85 - 11.41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504																
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476																
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997																
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																
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500																
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100																
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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				
SCBK08836223	Mgmt Analyst	23-Jul-08	SMDC	GS-0343	12	12	65,921 - 85,701																
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				
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				
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				
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				
SCBK08847620D	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Jul-08	AMCOM, Security Asst Mgt Dir	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08808552D	Security Ofcr	1-Aug-08	USADTC	GS-0803	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08778025D	Electronics Engr	1-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3</																	