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Buses take kids back to school

Drivers ready for 2008-09

By SKIP VAUGHN
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This is the first day of school for Redstone youngsters.

Huntsville city schools open today for the 2008-09 year. Nine school buses from Redstone will transport about 200 youngsters to J.E. Williams Elementary and J.E. Williams Middle School, according to Carl Pack, the motor pool operations supervisor at the Garrison, who is employed by Northrop Grumman.

The city will transport at least 60 older children to Columbia and New Century high schools, Pack said.

Charles Strong has been driving a Redstone school bus since January 2007. The Huntsville native and Vietnam veteran is employed by Northrop Grumman and assigned to the motor pool.

"The main thing is having enough kids to have a bus service and keeping my job and having a good year with the kids," said Strong, when asked his thoughts on the new school year.

"I love working with my supervisor and employees I work with. I should've been out here a long time ago. These are some good people," he said.

Strong, who will be 59 on Friday, drove for Laidlaw Transit from 2002-07. He retired from Huntsville Utilities in October 2001 after 30 years. His military service included two years in the regular Army and 20 years Army Reserve. "I was in the Signal Corps, put up telephones and everything in Vietnam," the draftee said.

Asked about the children's conduct on the buses, he said, "We have to realize that we can't say anything to the kids, but the kids need to have better conduct on the buses. We love them and we have to keep up with it, with what they do. And just try to keep them safe.

"When they're on the bus, (they need to) be manner-able and sit down so they won't get hurt. As long as they're not hollering or screaming, they can talk fine. But the main thing is sit in their seats, because if you have to hit your brakes they might accidentally fall and hit themselves on those steel legs on the seats. That's why they need to stay in their seats."

Strong and the other drivers report to work at 6:30 a.m. and again in the afternoon at 1:30 Monday through Friday.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LET'S ROLL— Huntsville native Charles Strong has been driving a Redstone school bus since January 2007.

Huntsville school calendar for 2008-09

Here's the Huntsville city schools schedule:

- July 31 (Thursday) — Teacher Work Day
- Aug. 1 (Friday) — Teacher In-Service
- Aug. 4 (Monday) — Teacher Institute
- Aug. 5 (Tuesday) — Teacher Work Day
- Aug. 6 (Wednesday) — First Student Attendance Day
- Sept. 1 (Monday) — Labor Day Holiday
- Fall Break — Oct. 6 through Oct. 10
- Oct. 27 (Monday) — Full Student Day and Parenting Day Activities
- Nov. 4 (Tuesday) — Teacher In-Service
- Nov. 11 (Tuesday) — Veterans Day Holiday
- Nov. 26-28 (Wednesday through Friday) — Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 19 (Friday) — End of Semester (Half Student Day, Full Teacher Day)
- Winter Break Students — Dec. 22 through Jan. 2
- Winter Break Teachers — Dec. 22 through Jan. 2
- Jan. 5 (Monday) — School Reopens Full Day
- Jan. 19 (Monday) — Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- Feb. 16 (Monday) — Teacher In-Service (No Students)
- Spring Break — March 16 through March 20
- May 22 (Friday) — Last Student Day (Half Student Day, Full Teacher Day)
- May 21-22 (Thursday and Friday) — Graduation
- May 26 (Tuesday) — Teacher Work Day

Editor's note: This calendar does not include a weather day. If days are lost due to inclement weather, the calendar will be extended at the end of May. The source for this schedule is the Huntsville city schools web site at www.hsv.k12.al.us.

An open lane random survey

What's the world's worst job and why?

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Nancy Small
Headquarters AMC Small Business Office



"Coming from a small business director's perspective, there is no worst job. I think every job has value."

Derrick Clemons
Headquarters AMC Asset Management Division

"There is no worst job. It could be you're not prepared educationally to perform at a level that is required of your expectation. And change is the most difficult thing to do in today's work force, which sometimes causes problems."



Pvt. Tiffanie Herold
Bravo Company
"I would probably say a garbage man because you never know what's in those trash cans."

Pvt. Bevin Jannazzo
Bravo Company

"A plumber because you have to deal with other people's waste – to put it politely."



Quote of the week

'Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs.'

— Henry Ford (1863-1947)

Answer to missing name

In response to Juanita Adcock's letter to the editor published July 23 (titled "Missing name from letters"), she asks "what's wrong with ya'll?" I suggest the following: to keep down recriminations from management who don't like to see our opinions published; to preclude smart-aleck responses like mine; and because it is their right to ask that their name be withheld.

Holt Busbee
AMRDEC

Another vote for carpooling

I also believe carpooling is something Redstone and Huntsville should be promoting more. I've been carpooling for a couple of years now and really enjoy it. On the days I ride I'm able to relax, maybe even nap, and the drive doesn't seem so long.

When I first came to Redstone, there was a Carpool Connection web site for employees to post their carpool wanted information to try and find a match. That web site is restricted to only one organization now (or a select few). This web site should be available to all organizations on Redstone/Marshall. The larger the audience, the greater the chance of finding a match.

Teena McGee
SMDC/ARSTRAT

Letters to the Editor

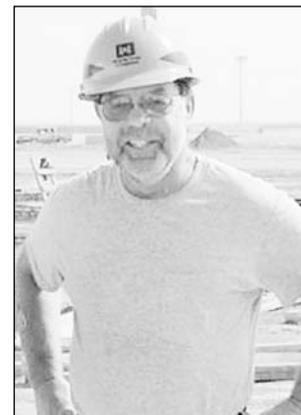
Work that touches your heart

I will conclude a 30-year career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers next spring with nearly half that time deployed overseas. I served three years in Afghanistan, two years in Egypt, short stints in Oman and United Arab Emirates, six years in Japan, and will complete two years as a construction representative with the Gulf Region Division South District's Adder Area Office in March 2009.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to oversee projects helping everyday people like you and me who are trying to provide the essentials to their children and grandchildren – healthy water, functioning sewers, reliable electric power, good schools and access to medical care.

When I arrived in Iraq in February 2007, they asked me to manage the close out and commissioning of the largest project the Corps has in Iraq, the \$277 million Nasiriyah Water Treatment Plant that's capable of producing 44,000 gallons of fresh, drinkable water per hour along with more than 60 miles of new transmission pipe, three booster pump stations and five new elevated storage tanks. That facility is designed to serve more than three-quarters of a million people in five cities — it's a huge undertaking that was already nearly three years under construction; and I was very pleased to have played a role in ensuring the Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works was getting a quality product.

Apart from that project, I've overseen the construction of more than a dozen smaller water treatment facilities



Courtesy photo

ON THE JOB— Corps of Engineers construction representative Tommy Nason from the Huntsville Center serves with the Gulf Region Division South District's Adder Area Office in Tallil, Iraq.

for tiny villages which, in many cases, will have access to clean water for the first time ever. This is the kind of work that touches your heart, and I'm proud to be part of this historic mission.

I'm also looking after a variety of projects benefiting our military including what some refer to as the "mother of all truck stops," a \$24.1 million project at Tallil Air Base. Located within hailing distance of Main Supply Route Tampa, it's a key link in the supply chain that starts in Kuwait and runs the length of Iraq. Major pieces include a Convoy Support Center capable of accommodating up to 3,600

trucks, a tactical Petroleum Terminal (with up to 10 million gallons fuel stored in large bladders), a dining facility that will serve 3,000 meals per cycle, a fire station and space for sleeping quarters, restrooms and showers to accommodate 2,100 people. The Corps is located in a small compound at Tallil. We live and work together as a team — a family of very dedicated professionals trying to help Iraq move forward and enjoy its new freedoms.

My lovely wife, Barbara, and I have been married 26 years and we have three awesome children – Christina, 25, Melissa, 18, and James Nason III, 16. It's their support that's made all the difference in these long separations. I sincerely appreciate their steadfast love.

I'll soon be closing this chapter in my life, but the memories will be with me forever.

Tommy Nason
Tallil, Iraq

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Getting to know you

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Name: Jean James

Job: Equal Employment Opportunity director for Army Materiel Command

Where do you call home?
Little Rock, Ark.

What do you like about your job?
The opportunity to provide a service to Army Materiel Command employees.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Prior to moving here (from Fort Belvoir, Va., on June 23), there wasn't much spare time. Currently I'm looking to putting my car into some car shows. I have a 1960 Chevy Impala. I also enjoy sewing and shopping.

What are your goals?
Short-term goal, I plan to continue to



increase my skills in the EEO profession. And long-range, I have a desire to develop a strong mediation team for the command.

What's your favorite type of music?
I listen to a variety of music. On a personal level, I enjoy gospel and jazz.

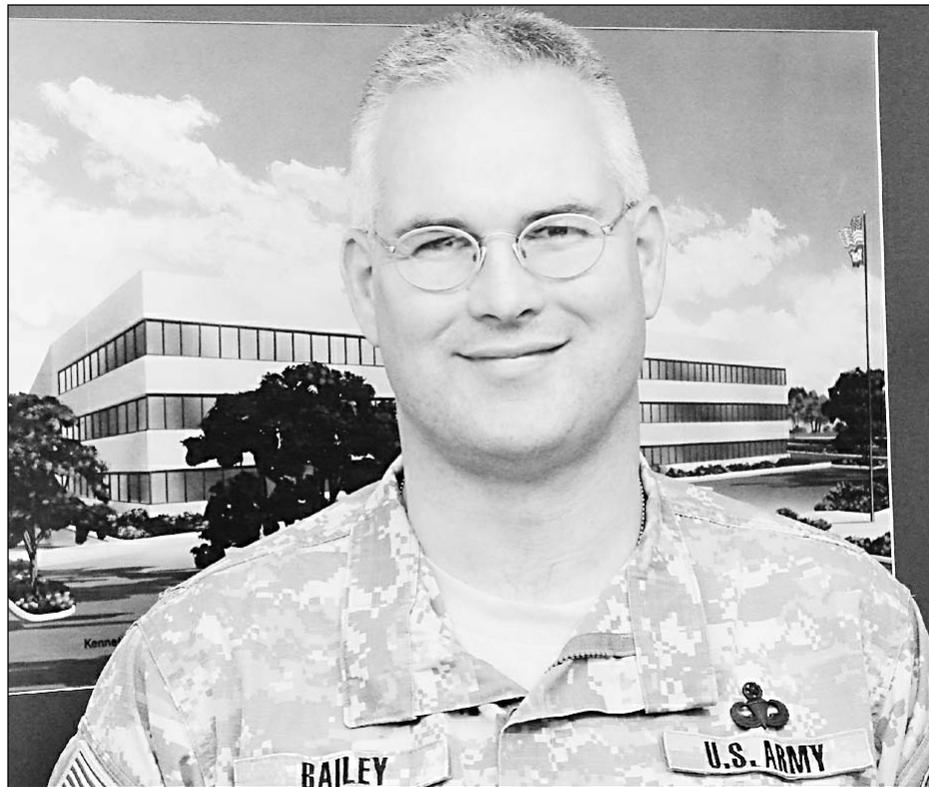


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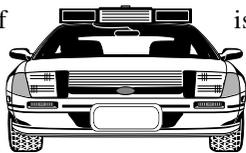
New deputy

Lt. Col. David Bailey on July 15 became deputy commander of the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville. He arrived at the Huntsville Center from Heidelberg, Germany, where he served as the G-7 (Engineer) for the U.S. Army V Corps from 2007-08.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

July 27: An individual stopped for speeding and was found to be operating their vehicle with suspended license. The subject was



issued two violation notices and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 8 speeding, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 failure to yield.

Bush OKs death sentence for Soldier convicted of multiple murders

By JOHN KRUZEL
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Bush has approved the death penalty for an Army private convicted of committing multiple murders and rapes in the late 1980s on Fort Bragg, N.C.

Exercising the commander in chief's final authority to approve capital punishment for a servicemember, Bush issued the order against Pvt. Ronald A. Gray on July 28, the first time such a presidential directive has been invoked in 51 years.

Gray faces the death penalty after being convicted of two killings, one count of attempted murder and of raping all three victims, among other crimes he was found guilty of committing while serving at Fort Bragg from April 1986 to January 1987.

"When the convening authority ... reviewed those facts and circumstances, they made the determination that they were such that they wanted to authorize — they felt it appropriate — that a panel have (the death penalty as an) available punishment," Col. Charles Pede, the chief of the Criminal Law Division of the Office of the Judge Advocate General, said in an inter-

view at the Pentagon Aug. 1.

After a president approves the death sentence, a Soldier-defendant has the right to conduct a "collateral attack" on the military legal proceedings in an action known as a "habeas petition," Pede said.

If the capital punishment ruling is upheld, Gray's punishment will be administered via lethal injection.

Gray is one of six servicemembers on death row at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. His case was the first to complete a series of standard legal proceedings that includes military appeals and petitions to the Supreme Court, which then allowed for action by the president.

White House press secretary Dana Perino characterized the president's decision as one fraught with difficulty.

"While approving a sentence of death for a member of our armed services is a serious and difficult decision for a commander in chief, the president believes the facts of this case leave no doubt that the sentence is just and warranted," Perino said.

The last military execution was ordered by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1957 and was carried out by hanging in 1961.

Pastorelli knows he has big shoes to fill

Garrison commander accepts challenge

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Garrison incoming commander Col. Bob Pastorelli finds himself in the same situation his predecessor, Col. John Olshefski, was in three years ago.

Pastorelli takes the reins from a popular commander just as Olshefski did in following Bob Devlin in 2005.

"It's quite evident that you've made a huge impact here," Pastorelli told Olshefski during the Garrison change of command ceremony July 29 at Bob Jones Auditorium. "And it'll be big shoes to fill, and I accept the challenge."

Davis Tindoll, director of the Installation Management Command, Southeast Region, conducted the change of command.

"Col. Olshefski's accomplishments have been many during his three years as Garrison commander," Tindoll said.

Participants in the passing of

the Garrison flag included Tindoll, Olshefski, Pastorelli and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Cooper.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Mis-

sile Command and Redstone Arsenal, praised Olshefski for his accomplishments and welcomed Pastorelli.

"Bob is going to do a phenomenal job," Myles said. "And

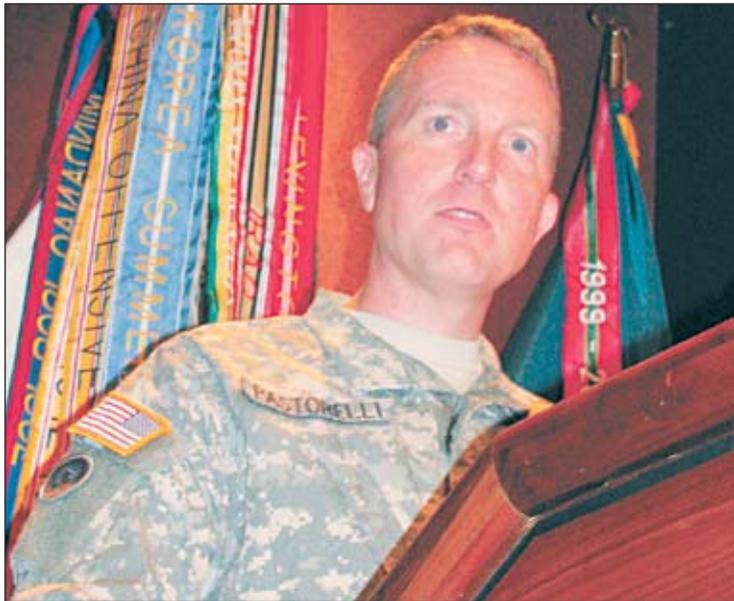


Photo by Skip Vaughn

FIRST IMPRESSION— Col. Bob Pastorelli addresses an estimated 400 people on becoming the Garrison commander during a change of command ceremony July 29 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

he's going to take it to the next level."

Said Pastorelli, "It's a distinct honor and privilege to be here today and accept the command of an outstanding organization."

Olshefski received the Legion of Merit from Myles during his retirement ceremony July 28 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

"John has done all the hard jobs. And John has done them exceptionally well," Myles said. "And we should all be thankful that he's come our way."

Culminating a 27-year career Olshefski and his wife, Sharon, plan to stay in Huntsville.

"I ain't retiring," Olshefski quipped. "I'm graduating."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FOND FAREWELL— Retiring Col. John Olshefski, the outgoing Garrison commander, gets a hug from Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, after his retirement ceremony July 28.

Army Reserve team leader retires

By JON CATON
For the Rocket

Col. Willie Palmer is retiring with more than 33 years service. He was assigned as the Army Reserve DIMA (Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee) team leader for the Defense Contract Management Agency's Huntsville Contract Management Office since November 2006.

"When I think about the 33

years of military service I am reminded of the awesome God I serve. God has really been good to me," Palmer said. "I am leaving at a time of change. The small Individual Mobilization Augmentee team is transitioning to a Troop Program Unit offering increased opportunities for reserve officers and NCOs with civilian Acquisition Career Field Certification to become members of the Army Acquisition Corps and drill right here

at Redstone Arsenal."

Palmer was commissioned through the ROTC Program at Alabama A&M University in July 1978.

He completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course and was assigned to the Alabama National Guard as a fire support team chief. After three years, he went on active duty as an engineer officer.

He and his wife, Sharon, have three children, Cecily, Jarisus and Nyasha.

Fleming named installation support pro of year

Huntsville Center worker gets national-level honor

By JO ANITA MILEY

Army Engineering and Support Center,
Huntsville

For the third time in four years, a Huntsville Center employee will receive the Installation Management Command's prestigious Installation Support Professional of the Year award.

Installation Support and Programs Management Directorate's Mark Fleming, a program manager with the directorate's Military Integration Division, is co-recipient of this year's award.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, chief of engineers, planned to present the award to Fleming in Pittsburgh on Aug. 4.

This national-level award recognizes individuals in senior management positions at the regional or installation level who distinguish themselves in superior management skills, and have been selected

for special recognition for consistent outstanding performance.

This is only the fourth time the award has been presented, and an employee from ISPMD has received this recognition three of these years. Fleming joins fellow ISP employees Sally Parsons and John Grigg who were award recipients for 2005 and 2006 respectively.

As a program manager for the Army Training Facilities Program Office, Fleming led the effort to provide installation master planning and military construction programming services to support Army Modular Force, Warrior in Transition, Grow the Army, Global Defense Posturing Realignment, and Base Realignment and Closure stationing actions.

Fleming's team's primary responsibilities include managing the performance of more than 200 facility requirement analyses and planning charrettes for more than \$70 billion in facilities over the next six years to support the re-stationing of 142,000 personnel.



Mark Fleming



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

END OF SERVICE— DCMA Troop Program Unit commander Col. Von Farnsworth, left, presents the Legion of Merit to retiring Col. Willie Palmer. Looking on is Palmer's wife, Sharon.

Leadership development at the highest level

Command, contractor earn top recognition

By SKIP VAUGHN
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In 2004 the Aviation and Missile Command began a concerted effort to develop its leaders for the future. Four years later, the program has grown and gotten top recognition.

AMCOM and contractor Analytical Services Inc. have received an Excellence in Practice for Workforce Development citation from the American Society for Training and Development. They won this 2007 award in the first year they applied.

"It was a partnership between the Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command and our contractor providers ASI," Tim Grey, the command's director of G-1 (human resources), said.

The plaque was presented in June during the 2008 American Society for Training and Development international conference in San Diego.

"ASTD is generally recognized as the preeminent work force development professional society internationally," Grey said. "So, it's pretty high-level recognition."

This command was the only federal agency among the 30 organizations honored. About half were international companies.

Teri Mayo, human capital specialist in AMCOM G-1, and Marsha Dollarhide, ASI staff



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PARTNERSHIP EFFORT— Holding the Excellence in Practice for Workforce Development award from the American Society for Training and Development are, from left, Marsha Dollarhide, ASI staff manager; Teri Mayo, human capital specialist in AMCOM G-1; and Tim Grey, the command's director of human resources.

manager, accepted the plaque June 2 from Tony Bingham, the professional society's chief executive officer.

"Without the support of the

senior leaders, from the commanding general on down, this program would not be as successful as it has been," Mayo said.

The AMCOM Leader Development Life Cycle Program represents a series of programs including Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders, AMCOM

Mentoring, and Leader Investment for Tomorrow. "It's a two-track approach," Mayo said. "Developing your technical skills and developing your leadership skills at the same time."

Said Dollarhide, "We're humbled by this opportunity to be recognized as a partner with AMCOM G-1 by ASTD as a leader in work force development, particularly leadership development. We appreciate the opportunity for feedback for improvement and growth in our processes. And finally it validates our ASI customer approach of providing excellent service 'and then some.'"

The command and contractor partners are working on the feedback they received from the professional society and preparing their package for the 2008 awards.

"The (leadership development) program has continued its viability and vitality and it continues to grow," Grey said.

Leader Investment for Tomorrow or LIFT, among the various life cycle programs, expanded to Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., in July. It will spread to Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, in January.

"Beginning this fall we will introduce a new course called UPLIFT," Grey said. "And UPLIFT targets other elements of the work force that we haven't addressed, particularly grade levels below GS-11."

He described the command's fundamental leadership philosophy: "Leadership is a function of how you perform your job, not the position you occupy."

Association chapter wins one for the thumb

*Named world's best
for 5th straight year*

By **SOPIA BLEDSOE**
For the Rocket

For an unprecedented five years in a row, the Association of the U.S. Army's Redstone-Huntsville Chapter has been chosen as the international Best Overall Chapter.

This year the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will share the honor with co-winner Central Texas, Fort Hood.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will be recognized at the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition on Oct. 6-8 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

"This great accomplishment would not be possible without the hard work and contributions of our board and membership," chapter president Mike Howell said. "We have a great leadership team — the Executive Committee and Executive Board, a great group of corporate and individual members and a very supportive Team Redstone led by Maj. Gen. (Jim) Myles, including SMDC and Lt. Gen. (Kevin) Campbell."

Each year the local chapters of AUSA compete with hundreds of others across the U.S. and overseas. Winning an honor such as Best Overall Chapter is no easy feat. Chapters are judged based on numerous criteria such as having the largest chapter membership, corporate and individual membership growth, support to Army Reserve components, retirees and

families; overall percent increase in membership, best general membership meeting and more.

"I sensed that a tie was inevitable this year," Howell said. "This year we were always watching Fort Bragg (N.C.), also in the 3rd Region."

Winning a tie with Fort Hood was a little bit of a surprise to Howell and the chapter members.

"It (Fort Bragg) is the largest chapter in all of AUSA. They finished runner-up to us and the Fort Hood Chapter. Both chapters worked very hard to unseat us this year — it's a good rivalry to keep us on our toes and improve AUSA overall," Howell said. "We share our lessons learned and techniques with our fellow chapters."

Ultimately, it is all about the Soldiers, AUSA and the Army, he continued. "The stronger we all are, the greater the impact."

Howell credits this chapter's ongoing success to the leadership and membership support from the Redstone-Huntsville community. "Their passion for Soldiers and their families and the great DA civilian work force is shared and underlies all that we do. It makes a difference in the programs that we do," he said.

The overarching mission of AUSA National and its chapters is to represent every American Soldier through three primary objectives. First and foremost it is to be the "voice" for the Army. Then it uses that voice to gain public support of the Army's role in national security. Finally, AUSA provides further support through professional education

and informational programs.

"It's all about the Soldiers, AUSA and the Army. The stronger we all are, the greater the impact," Howell said.

There is one area, however, that Howell feels could have been improved upon this year. "We did not get the Army History Streamer — that's my failing — as we forgot to report our actions to AUSA National.

"I'm very pleased that we picked up 'Excellence in Corporate Growth,' one of our goals this year, and Greatest DAC membership, ROTC, Reserve Component Support and recruiting support," he said. "All of the categories are important and recognition of our chapter leadership and membership is sweet."

The chapter will also receive three special awards for its activities at the annual meeting last year, Veterans Day programs, and the 2007 Armed Forces Celebration Week in Huntsville-Madison County.

Howell's goal during his first year as chapter president was to keep the qualitative edge in the chapter's programs. "To kick it up a notch as Emeril says."

"I think we did meet that goal and came close to meeting the goal of 300 corporate and 3,000 individual members. The quality of our programs and our reporting of them is going to be our challenge," he said.

With the large Soldier base of Ford Hood, Fort Bliss (Texas), Fort Bragg, and many of the major Soldier posts, winning Best Overall Chapter again will continue to be a huge challenge for Redstone-Huntsville.

"Our challenge this year is to ensure

we integrate SMDC with AMCOM in terms of our outreach. This expanded Team Redstone builds the base for the following year as we begin to welcome headquarters AMC to Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal," Howell said.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will also be recognized at the AUSA national convention for the following accomplishments:

- Best web site – runner-up
- Best chapter newsletter – runner-up
- Best general membership meeting – honorable mention
- Best chapter in support of Reserve components – winner
- Greatest percentage increase in corporate membership – winner
- Greatest percentage increase in retiree membership – honorable mention
- Greatest corporate membership – runner-up
- Greatest government civilian employee membership – winner
- Most active in pursuit of objectives – honorable mention
- Best corporate member support – runner-up
- Awards for: Army Birthday, Family Programs, ILW Contribution, ROTC Support, Take the Hill, Star Chapter, three Special Awards (to be presented at the Annual Meeting), Excellence in Corporate Membership Growth, President's Club – Gold Level, Merit Chapter, Superior Chapter, Chapter of Excellence, Support to Recruiting Command, and Continuous Membership Chapters.

Veteran answers call for help with Red Cross

Assisting community personally rewarding

By KARI HAWKINS
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Tim Prost likes to stay busy. So when this Vietnam and Gulf War veteran retired in May 2004 from his civilian job on Redstone Arsenal, he soon realized he needed to find a way to put his free time to work.

Prost, 59, decided to volunteer with a couple of conditions – he wanted his work to involve him in the community and provide him a way to give back to others.

Enter the Madison/Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

“I needed something to do with my time,” he said. “I’ve donated blood through the Red Cross since I was eligible, and I’ve always been impressed with blood donor volunteers and how they care for donors. So, I signed up as a volunteer and when they asked me what I was interested in I said ‘blood drives.’”



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CONTINUING SERVICE— Vietnam and Gulf War veteran and retired DoD civilian Tim Prost continues to serve the needs of people facing disasters as a member of the Disaster Action Team of the Madison/Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross offers many volunteer opportunities for those who want to give back to their community.

But Prost also expressed an interest in disaster assistance. With his background in the Army and as a DoD civilian, he was a

natural fit for a Red Cross Disaster Action Team. And, with his experience as an Army logistician, he was also recruited to

take over the responsibilities of chairman of logistics for the Red Cross Disaster Assistance program.

Many volunteers associated with Redstone Arsenal work as volunteers for the local Red Cross chapter, said Shirley Crutcher, the chapter’s emergency services director. Of those just over 30 actually work on the Arsenal, with the majority at the Fox Army Health Center and Pharmacy and the others with the bloodmobile.

“Working with retirees from Redstone Arsenal is good for the Red Cross because they are reliable and flexible. Those are the kinds of volunteers we need,” Crutcher said.

“A lot of military and their families are connected to us through donating blood or they have used one of our services. The Red Cross supports Soldiers and those Soldiers support the Red Cross.”

Crutcher said military and DoD civilians often bring a work ethic and skill set to their volunteer jobs at the Red Cross that are essential to the organization’s success.

“They understand the layers of an organization and protocol, so it’s easy for them to understand the importance of our procedures and requirements,” she said.

“They volunteer with the Red Cross because they find it fulfilling. It is their opportunity to give back to the community. By volunteering with us, they feel they are fulfilling a mission within their community.”

Prost does find it rewarding to work with a Red Cross Disaster Action Team to help families who are facing a disaster. Disaster Action Teams, made up of four to five trained volunteers, are on call to mobilize and respond to fires and other disasters around-the-clock seven days a week and holidays. The local chapter has eight teams, which rotate weekly call.

The teams provide assistance at disasters in the form of food, clothing, housing, medication and medical health counseling. The American Red Cross standard for disaster response requires a Disaster Action Team on sight at a disaster within two hours of notification. The local chapter averages a response time of one hour from notification.

“We are there providing disaster assistance to people who are victims of a fire, tornado or any other kind of disaster,” Prost said. “It doesn’t matter what time of day it is; when we get a call, we respond.”

When a family is displaced by a disaster (usually a house fire), Prost and his team members will work to provide immediate assistance, including the free use of a hotel room for up to three nights and funds for the purchase of a change of clothes and one week’s worth of groceries. The team also provides water, sodas, coffee and snacks to firefighters, first responders and other emergency personnel at a disaster site.

“We start a case file on the families we assist and we help them in any way we can,” Prost said.

Each case is a challenge for the Red Cross volunteers, as they have to provide aid during a difficult and emotional time for families. But Prost knows the teams make a difference at a time when families need assistance.

“About a year ago, I had one particular case that really broke my heart,” he said. “There was an apartment fire by the Goss Road gate to Redstone Arsenal

Ninety years of service makes Red Cross local hero

Community chapter relies on volunteers

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The Madison/Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross is in its 10th decade of serving the local community with disaster assistance, blood collection, safety training, services to the armed forces, local school first aid rooms and countless other community assistance programs.

With the help of hundreds of volunteers, the local Red Cross chapter has been a leader for 90 years in the services it provides and in the training it offers to prepare people to save lives through health and safety.

The Red Cross (www.redcrossrelief.org) is the only agency that provides immediate disaster assistance on the scene to victims of single family fires, the single largest disaster facing local residents. The local chapter responds annually to more than 200 families with disaster services. As the population of Madison County grows, there is an increase in single family fires and multi-family disasters. Having sufficient human resources and financial resources is critical to meet the growing needs of disaster services.

The Red Cross is the lead agency in Madison County responsible for coordinating mass care feeding and sheltering for large-scale disasters. It coordinates disaster

relief for mass care with other agencies, organizations and churches to support the relief efforts.

More than 2,500 volunteers, including 300 youth, serve in Red Cross volunteer positions in Madison and Marshall counties. The Red Cross Mission Statement states that it is an organization led by volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the Red Cross. Its services could not be provided to the community without trained volunteers.

The Red Cross provides the following services to the local community:

- **Disaster Services** — Meeting people’s immediate emergency disaster-caused needs is a core service of the American Red Cross. House fires are the most common disaster it responds to. When disaster threatens or strikes, the Red Cross provides shelter, food, health and mental health services to address basic human needs. In addition to these services, disaster relief enables disaster victims to resume their normal daily activities independently. The Red Cross also feeds emergency workers such as fire, police, medical responders and other personnel on the scene.

- **Service to the Armed Forces** — Another core service of the Red Cross is allowing military members stationed all over the world to send messages to loved ones back home during an emergency or other important event. Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, volunteers and staff provide the vital communication link between servicemembers and their families at home. Soldiers and their families are

briefed by the Red Cross regarding available support services and how the Red Cross may assist them during the deployment. Both active duty and community-based military can count on the Red Cross to provide emergency communications that link them with their families back home, access to financial assistance, counseling and assistance to veterans. On average the Madison-Marshall Chapter sends 130 military messages per month. This is a free service provided to the military community. Although Congress mandated in 1905 for Red Cross to provide this service, it is not government funded to Red Cross chapters.

- **Health & Safety** — The American Red Cross provides life saving health and safety education and training, including first aid, CPR, AED and blood-borne pathogens training, swimming and lifeguard instruction, workplace safety training and babysitter’s training. These programs help people lead safer and healthier lives. The Red Cross strives to respond to the health and safety concerns of Americans at home and in the workplace. Teaching laypersons and professionals how to respond to health and safety crisis improves the quality of life for all.

- **Blood Services** — The American Red Cross is dedicated to fulfilling the needs of the American people for the safest, most reliable and most cost-effective blood, plasma and platelets services through voluntary blood donations. Blood drives are held in the Huntsville area and on Redstone Arsenal on a frequent basis.

First flight medics get Combat Medic Badges

By Maj. ENRIQUE VASQUEZ
CAB PAO

TIKRIT, Iraq – Seven U.S. Army flight medics assigned to Company C, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, received the first Combat Medic Badges awarded to MEDEVAC crews for their actions during combat operations in northern Iraq while flying in support of Task Force Iron, 1st Armored Division.

Staff Sgt. Kory Werts, Staff Sgt. Lanier Patterson, Sgt. Ethan Rogers, Sgt. Jovan Salazar, Sgt. Tyrone Jordan, Spc. Nathaniel Northrup and Spc. Stacey Dill received the CMB at a ceremony July 28 at Contingency Operating Base Speicher. The seven awardees are all based out of Fort Riley, Kan., and deployed to Iraq with the Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division during the fall of 2007.

The CMB recognizes the unique service and selfless sacrifices of medical personnel while in contact with enemy or under fire.

“This is a big deal when you think about the magnitude of this because it is the first time flight medics have received the CMB. It is an interesting point in history,” said Col. Jessie Farrington, commander CAB IID.



Photo by Maj. Enrique Vasquez

WELL DESERVED— Maj. Gen. Mark Hertling, the Task Force Iron commanding general, congratulates Spc. Stacey Dill from Company C, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, after receiving one of the first Combat Medic Badges awarded to MEDEVAC flight medics during a ceremony July 28 at Contingency Operating Base Speicher.

Previously medical personnel serving in division-level medical companies, ground ambulance and medical clearing companies, Mobile-Army Surgical Hospital, Combat-Support Hospital and aero-medical evacuation units were not eligible for the CMB. According to Army regulations, flight medics could not receive the CMB.

“In the past the combat medical badge was only awarded to those medics serving with ground units,” Rogers said. “For one reason or another flight medics were unable to qualify for the badge.”

Family opens home to Iraqi immigrants

Dunford household welcomes Abboods

By KRISTEN CHAPMAN
For the Rocket

“How will I do this?” was Jenny Dunford’s first thought after getting word that she would be going from three people living in her house to 11 — in just three weeks.

With her husband, Lt. Col. Russell Dunford, overseas at the time, this came as something new to Jenny and their daughters, Annie and Abby. Moving in with the Dunfords would be the Abbood family of Farid, Hind, Hasan, Layla and Qamar as well as three other men.

The Dunfords are among several households sponsoring Iraqi families coming to the U.S. in hopes of a better future.

“More people have done this than you realize,” Jenny said.



Courtesy photo

NEW FRIENDS— The Dunfords, left, meet the Abboods last Oct. 13 when the Iraqi family arrives at Huntsville airport.

It all started when Dunford began working with Farid Abbood, the father, while deployed overseas in mid-2007. Dunford pondered sponsoring an Iraqi child to attend Space Camp.

The Abboods received word last August that they had been accepted for immigration into the United States.

The Dunfords believe in this community effort. Dunford had

a friend from high school who worked at Texas Instruments. His friend rallied co-workers and they donated enough Frequent Flier miles for the entire Abbood family to fly to the U.S. for free. They also sponsored a hotel for them in Chicago for their layover. A family member of a worker at Redstone even met the Abboods at the airport, guided them to the hotel, and back to their flight the next day.

Last Oct. 13 marked the Abboods’ arrival to Huntsville. Upon their arrival, Jenny took them to apply for Social Security cards and permanent resident green cards. These would enable the parents to secure jobs and enroll their children in school.

“It is amazing how this community came together to help support,” Dunford said. People that the family volunteered with, bowled with, and simply knew were all eager to help the Abboods

get settled by donating food, clothing, washing machines, beds and other items.

On the family’s first day in Huntsville, Jenny asked Farid a question as they watched their children play. “What do you think?” she asked.

She saw tears rim his eyes as he said, “Honestly, this is the only time in my entire life that I’ve ever felt completely safe.” It meant a lot to both families for the Abboods to immigrate and the Abboods are glad that their children can play without harm.

“Language was less of a barrier for the kids,” Dunford said.

He and Jenny both said their two daughters were excited to have new playmates. The Abbood children enrolled in an Islamic academy for their first year and now are at Monte Sano Elementary with the Dunford girls.

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Navy secretary names two auxiliary dry cargo ships

Brashear and Schirra selected for honor

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Navy Dr. Donald C. Winter announced the naming of the seventh and eighth Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo/ammunition ships as Carl Brashear and Wally Schirra. The T-AKEs are owned and operated by the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command.

The selection of Carl Brashear, designated T-AKE 7, honors Master Chief Boatswain's Mate (Master Diver) Carl M. Brashear, who

joined the Navy in 1948. He was a pioneer in the Navy as the first black deep-sea diver, the first black master diver and the first Navy diver to be restored to full active duty as an amputee, the result of a leg injury he sustained during a salvage operation.

After 31 years of service, Brashear officially retired from the Navy on April 1, 1979. Brashear was the subject of the 2000 movie "Men of Honor" starring Cuba Gooding Jr.

The selection of Wally Schirra, designated T-AKE 8, was chosen in honor of Capt. Walter "Wally" Schirra. Schirra was a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and former Navy

test pilot who served in both World War II and Korean War.

Schirra is honored as one of the original seven Mercury astronauts. He holds the distinction of being the only astronaut to fly in each of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs. Schirra officially retired from the Navy and NASA in 1969. Schirra and the other original Mercury 7 astronauts are the subject of the 1983 movie "The Right Stuff."

The naming of Carl Brashear and Wally Schirra continues the tradition of the T-AKE Lewis and Clark-class of honoring legendary pioneers and explorers.

The T-AKEs are 689 feet in length, have an overall beam of 106 feet, a navigational draft of 30 feet and displace approximately 42,000 tons. Powered by single-shaft diesel-electric propulsion systems, the T-AKEs can reach a speed of 20 knots. As part of MSC's Naval Fleet Auxiliary Force, the T-AKEs are designated USNS. The term stands for United States Naval Ship. Unlike their United States Ship counterparts, the T-AKEs are crewed by 124 civil service mariners working for MSC as well as an 11-person Navy detachment that provides supply coordination. *(From the Navy News Service and the Department of Defense)*

Red Cross volunteer uses his Army experience

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where the 24-year-old woman was legally blind and her stove caught on fire. She had a 6-year-old daughter and the smoke ruined everything they owned.

"Right there at the scene, the apartment manager got a hold of the woman and told her she would have to pay for all the damage from the fire. We took care of her and fortunately she had a sister who was able to help her."

Red Cross disaster assistance involves two aspects — one is providing assistance on a local level for both small and large disasters and the other is providing assistance during a national disaster. As chairman of logistics, Prost ensures that local shelters are provided with blankets, toiletries, cots and other items when a disaster strikes.

During a national disaster outside the local area, volunteers like Prost can volunteer their expertise at service centers set up in affected areas by the Red Cross to assist victims.

Last year, Prost traveled to Kansas,

where he worked for three weeks aiding flood victims in Coffeyville, Kan. The first week, he set up Red Cross procurement headquarters in Wichita and the other two weeks he spent opening a Coffeyville warehouse for bulk distribution.

"It's amazing to see the generosity of people when there is a disaster," Prost said.

Prost's Red Cross experience is another chapter in a life filled with service to his country and the Army.

Prost was a helicopter mechanic in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. After leaving the Army in 1969, he obtained his associate degree as a commercial pilot. But job opportunities were scarce in southern Illinois and Prost was working as an auto mechanic when he learned the Army Reserves was in need of helicopter mechanics to repair and reactivate Army helicopters that had been used in Vietnam and were being given to Reserve units.

In 1974, Prost was hired by a Reserve unit in Aletha, Kan., where he worked on helicopters during the week and drilled as a reservist on Reserve weekends. A year later, he transferred to a Reserve unit in St. Louis. In 1978, he attended the

Army's Flight School and was a helicopter pilot for his Reserve unit for 12 years.

A call from Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf took Prost and his unit to Saudi Arabia to serve in the Gulf War in 1991.

"Schwarzkopf needed two helicopters and a maintenance crew to support him in Desert Shield/Desert Storm," said Prost, who retired from the Reserves as a chief warrant officer 3. "But he couldn't just take two of our helicopters. He had to take the whole battalion of 18."

While Schwarzkopf used two of the battalion's helicopters for transportation, the other 16, including Prost's helicopter, were used for flying missions between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait City.

"We flew refugees out of Iraq and we flew military police who were patrolling the border," Prost said of his missions. "In one mission, we took a unit of military police 40 or 50 miles north of our location to locate and detonate a handheld rocket that was set up on a pile of rocks and aimed at a Saudi Arabian border post."

On the civilian side, Prost was hired by the Army's then Aviation Command in St. Louis in 1980. Ten years ago, he transferred with the command to Redstone Arsenal, where he worked logistics for the

Program Executive Office for Aviation. He retired with 33 years of civilian, active duty and Reserve service.

"It was a great experience," Prost said. "Being an Army mechanic and helicopter pilot, and working in logistics and the maintenance of equipment gives you a lot of experience and insight."

"That experience is helpful when working in a large organization like the Red Cross. The Red Cross relies on donations. People want to make sure their donations are being used for the right reasons to get the job done. So, completing paperwork — something that was also important in my career — is crucial."

When he's not volunteering for the Red Cross, Prost can be found in his woodworking shop at his New Market home. Or he could be painting watercolor landscapes or spending time with his wife, who is a nurse at Huntsville Hospital, and with his family.

"I have hobbies, but they aren't enough," he said. "I need to be helping people. It's something I should have to do. I think other people should do it, too. Able-bodied people shouldn't be sitting around and doing nothing. They should be out making a difference."

Vet museum's future in hands of city lease holders

2010 move worrisome, could prove beneficial

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Suddenly, the future residence of the Veterans Memorial Museum has become a topic of discussion among local veterans groups and the City of Huntsville.

Local veterans and veteran groups are angered by recent suggestions from Huntsville city officials that the museum should be moved to much smaller quarters in a nearby National Guard armory once its lease is up in two years.

Randy Withrow, the museum's director, doesn't like the idea of the move either. But he is hoping discussions will lead to a future move that will better position the museum for its own growth as a state, regional and national center for veteran and military history.

"I want to take this museum to the next level," he said. "I want to get out of that shell and into a new facility that will position the museum for growth. We're open



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HOME FOR DISPLAYS— Veterans Memorial Museum volunteer Bob McCoy and museum director Randy Withrow, standing in front of a Cobra attack helicopter, are proud of the work volunteers have done to collect, display and maintain the extensive display of hardware at the museum. The city has asked the museum and its volunteers to prepare for a move to a new home when its lease runs out in 2010.

to anything as long as it's in the best interest of veterans. We don't own this facility.

But we are the owners of a responsibility to do what's best for veterans. Our mission is to educate and to favorably represent our veterans."

The museum, designated by the Alabama House of Representatives as the State of Alabama

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

LEADING A VETERAN CAUSE— Randy Withrow, director of the Veterans Memorial Museum, is at the center of discussions involving the future home of the museum. Veterans groups want to make sure the museum is moved to a larger and more modern facility.

Co-op student adds to summer youth program

Research center sponsors outreach

By MERV BROKKE
AMRDEC Public Affairs

An annual summer youth educational program sponsored by the employees of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center needed fresh ideas and someone to step up. A fellow student did just that for the Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science Program.

GEMS is part of the Army Educational Outreach Program which consists of Army-sponsored research, education, competitions, internships and practical experiences designed to engage and guide students and teachers.

Dr. Steven Smith, director of special projects at the AMRDEC, who has been working the GEMS program for four years, was looking for additional topics for this year's GEMS classes and found them after a discussion with an AMRDEC Co-op student.

"Noting a conversation that I had with John Price about the need for additional projects for this year's GEMS students, Jessica offered several excellent suggestions on how to strengthen the proposed 2008 GEMS curriculum," Smith said.

Jessica Mintz, a Co-op student from

the University of Alabama, studying electrical and computer engineering and working this summer in the Embedded Processors Group, Electronics and Computer Technology Division, Weapons Development and Integration Directorate, was involved from the start of the planning process and helping where she could.

"Originally, John was working closest with the GEMS program," Mintz said. "He built a computer for under \$100 and Hana Nasr was the near-peer mentor who would do the activity with the GEMS students. I attended the initial meeting with John, Dr. Smith, and the near-peer mentors to offer advice and answer any questions for the GEMS group."

The group soon realized they needed to add modules to the schedule to provide the GEMS students with a challenging program and maximize their time. Mintz was soon to discover that her involvement in the GEMS program would entail much more than planning.

"After it became clear that building the computers would not take all the time allotted for the week, Dr. Smith asked that John and I come up with additional activities for the students," Mintz said. "Dr. Smith made the comment that I would take the teaching role and Hana would take on the administrative and support role for the overall group."

Mintz's spirit and willingness to help were well accepted.

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Photo by Merv Brokke

COMPUTER MODULE— Jessica Mintz, center, a Co-op student from the University of Alabama, provides instruction to Benjamin Rhinehart, left, and Hubert White who are students in the Gains in the Education of Mathematics Program sponsored by the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. The students are participating in a computer module in which they built their own personal computer and mouse, created a network, and wrote programs in C++.

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Veterans Memorial Museum, opened in 2001 and is adjacent to John Hunt Park off Airport Road. It displays more than 30 historical military vehicles from World War I to the present as well as tableaux, artifacts and other memorabilia dating back to the Revolutionary War. Displays include a "Merci" 40 et 8 boxcar from World War I, a Cobra attack helicopter, a collection of jeeps, Sherman tanks and Stuarts, a half-track and flags, maps, uniforms and other artifacts from every U.S. conflict.

Discussions concerning the museum's future began over a year ago when the museum asked the City of Huntsville for a long-term extension of its 10-year lease and for 3.5 acres adjacent to the existing location with the intent of building a new museum on the property. Withrow was notified in November 2007 that the city was negotiating with the State of Alabama and would have something that "would be great for us and that it would take time to work out."

In early July, city officials told Withrow the museum would have to move to make room for new recreational facilities in John Hunt Park, and that they hoped to have possession of the Raymond Jones Armory in October and were considering offering it to the museum. That plan was further discussed with Withrow at a meeting with city officials at the museum July 28.

"We're working with the city and the city has said if they do get the armory they plan on offering it to us," Withrow said.

But the armory, located at 3514 South Memorial Parkway and visible from the museum's front door, will not be big enough to hold the hundreds of museum artifacts, including tanks, jeeps, helicopters and other large-scale hardware, Withrow said. Currently, most of those artifacts are on display in close quarters in the museum's 12,000 square feet of open space and another 3,000 square feet of archives and office space. By comparison, the armory only has about 5,400 square feet of open space.

Yet Withrow also said the armory and the adjacent acreage could very well be part of a larger scale plan for a new museum facility that would incorporate larger display areas, conference rooms, classrooms, multi-media areas and other modern-day features.

"We had a very positive meeting with

city officials," said Withrow, who would not identify those officials who he met with on July 28. "They now understand the magnitude of what is involved with moving the museum. The land adjacent to the armory would possibly be a good site for a new building ... I don't think there is any intent to displace us without a plan we can all agree on."

Although Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer wasn't involved in the July meetings, she is scheduled to meet with Withrow and other veterans concerning the future of the museum.

"The city has several positive options to present to the Veterans Memorial Museum," Spencer said in a statement to the *Rocket*.

"We have provided a facility for them and commend the volunteers who have invested a tremendous amount of time over the past eight years while occupying the building, acquiring and organizing exhibits. The museum showcases an important part of our country's history and honors the many men and women who have served in our armed forces. I look forward to the partnership with the museum being a longstanding one."

The armory building, built in 1954, could actually offer another element to the museum's collection.

"It could be restored as a memorial to the National Guard and be part of the museum complex. This could be an opportunity for us," Withrow said.

Besides size issues, other concerns about a new home — such as a building's current condition and accessibility — would have to be addressed.

"If we have to move, we want to move to a facility that will allow us to be a regional showcase for veterans' history," Withrow said. "Veterans made this country. They saved this country. And they are fighting for this country right now. They deserve only the best."

The museum needs additional time to "study, analyze, propose, design and build a first class building that would be a benefit to veterans in the state, region and nation," he said. "We're asking the city to support an extension of our lease to give us time. We're hoping the city will extend our lease five years beyond 2010."

Besides needing an extension to plan and construct a new facility, museum volunteers also need additional time to identify funding sources and raise the money needed for a new facility. Right now, those fund-raising efforts have to take a back seat to the work being done to raise funds for Honor Flight and the new veterans memorial in Veterans Park in downtown Huntsville.

"We're able to do all this here with no funding. The painful part of this is seeing things we've done being taken apart and relocated," Withrow said. "But if things are going to be better, it will be worth it."

Withrow does indeed have a concept in mind for a new museum. He and other volunteers have visited other historical military museums in the nation, such as one at Camp Shelby, Miss.

A new museum would need to have plenty of meeting space. Over the years, the current museum has become a focal point for veterans and other community groups, although space is limited. The museum often hosts events of 50 or less people and must turn away requests from larger groups.

"We are a host for Honor Flight. We can hold the Honor Flight makeup orientations at the museum because they involve less than 50 people. But we can't host the initial Honor Flight orientations because they involve 150 or more people," Withrow said.

The museum is also the site for many local events, such as the annual Madison County Social Science Fair and the annual Army Emergency Relief car show coordinated by Vettes for Vets. In May, the museum was part of the Antique Truck Historical Association Convention that showcased 1,000 historical trucks on the old airport runway near the museum.

"We want to be a center for community activity," Withrow said. "We want veterans groups and other groups associated with the military and community groups to be able to use this facility."

But, more than anything, a new museum must have plenty of display and storage space for the "one-of-a-kind" artifacts now in the museum's possession.

"We need to preserve and protect these artifacts. For that reason, they need to be kept inside," he said.

It is difficult for Withrow to discuss the museum's possible move without getting emotional. He and a handful of volunteers have built the museum into what it is today — a place where visitors can view artifacts and information from every U.S. war, beginning with the Revolutionary War and continuing through today's Global War on Terrorism.

Because of the sheer number of artifacts and the large size of many of them, moving the museum will be a "monumental effort" and would involve dismantling exhibits and displays built by the hands of volunteers.

There's no doubt a new museum would give volunteers the opportunity to better showcase military history and local veteran artifacts. But it would also give them the opportunity to better highlight a piece of the nation's military history that's dear to many North Alabamians — Redstone Arsenal. The current museum has a 9-by-12-foot room, known as the Redstone Room, jammed with documents and artifacts detailing the history of Redstone Arsenal.

"We have an obligation to be a representative of Redstone Arsenal," Withrow said. "Visitors can't go up to the gates at Redstone and ask to enter the Arsenal so they can learn about its history. But they can come here and learn all about Redstone Arsenal."

"In our Redstone Room, you can see everything from the ordnance plants once on the Arsenal through AMCOM and now we've got to add the Army Materiel Command. If we are going to include AMC, we are going to need a bigger space."

The discussions concerning the museum's move in 2010 are upsetting for many reasons. For eight years, volunteers have been using the current facility (at a cost of \$1 a year) to bring military history alive and, for the most part, not focusing on the museum's fate beyond 2010. But Withrow said a move in 2010 would impact more than volunteers and artifacts. It could also impact plans for Huntsville to host the 2010 convention of the International Military Vehicle Preservation Association, which is interested in Huntsville specifically because of its veterans museum and the number of veterans in its 700-mile radius.

As of today, discussions with city officials concerning the museum's future location are ongoing. If the armory site doesn't work out, Withrow said he and other museum volunteers would be willing to look at other possible sites.

"We need to look at all the alternatives," he said. "But I'm very hopeful, very positive that we can find a site that works. There is a spirit of cooperation between us and the city. We want to work with the city and explore all alternatives. We want to be a team player, but we also want to look out for our veterans."

■ Soldier's family sponsors Iraqi newcomers

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"I was floored by their English and they never want to speak Arabic anymore," Jenny said.

The Abboods have made much progress in their short time in Alabama. Networking helped find jobs for Farid and Hind. So much networking, in fact, that Farid has no idea how his resume got to his current employer. They are well on

their feet in Huntsville. A local business sponsored their oldest child, Hasan, to attend Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center with the Dunford's oldest, Annie.

Dunford's dream of making a difference in one child's life has in fact changed the lives of an entire family.

"The Abbood family is motivated, wonderful, and they truly reap the benefits of our way of life," Jenny said. "They want to function and prosper in society — they just needed a chance and a little nudge."

New GI Bill provides increased educational benefits

*Worth an average of \$80K,
double the previous program*

By Staff Sgt. MICHAEL J. CARDEN
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The latest GI Bill considerably improves the opportunity for today’s servicemembers to obtain their education, a senior Defense Department official said.

President Bush signed the Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008 on June 30. The new law mirrors the tenets of the original GI Bill, which gave returning World War II veterans the opportunity to go to any school they wanted while receiving a living stipend, Bob Clark, the Pentagon’s assistant director of accessions policy, said.

“The original GI Bill was said to be one of the most significant social impacts of the 20th century,” Clark said. “We believe the new bill is going to have a similar impact.”

The new GI Bill applies to individuals who served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and offers education benefits worth an average of \$80,000 – double the value of those in the previous program. It covers the full costs of tuition and books, which are paid directly to the school, and it provides a variable stipend for living expenses. It’s also transferable to family members of career servicemembers.

Its only restriction is that payment amounts are limited to the most expensive in-state cost to attend a college or university in the state where veterans attend school, he said.

The variable stipend is based on the Defense Department’s basic allowance for housing for an E-5, which averages about \$1,200 a month, and \$1,000 a year will be paid directly to the servicemember for books and supplies.

Service requirements

Enrollment into the Post-9/11 GI Bill is free. Eligibility for the Montgomery GI Bill is based on service commitment and requires active-duty servicemembers to pay a \$1,200 fee over the initial year of their enlistment.

The new bill requires that an individual serve at least 90 days on active duty after Sept. 10, 2001, and if discharged, be separated on honorable terms. Servicemembers discharged due to a service-connected disability are eligible if they served 30 continuous days on active duty. Servicemembers must serve 36 aggregated months to qualify for the full amount of benefits.

Servicemembers are entitled to benefits of the new bill for up to 36 months and have up to 15 years from their last 30 days of continuous service to use their entitlements. But as successful as Defense Department officials anticipate the new bill to be, Clark suggested that new recruits still enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill.

The Montgomery GI Bill gives benefits for higher education as well as vocational training, apprenticeship programs and on-the-job training. The Post-9/11 GI Bill focuses solely on higher education and can only be used at institutions that offer at least an associate’s degree.

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■ Math and science focus of summer youth outreach

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“I was pleased to have Jessica take an interest in this valuable outreach program for youth, and I was most impressed and appreciative when she volunteered to serve as both instructor and mentor,” Smith said.

The module Mintz developed was comprehensive and her performance as an instructor helped motivate her students to do their best.

“The resulting module concentrated on electrical and computer engineering,” Mintz said. “The GEMS students built the computer; wrote a handful of small programs in the high-level language C++; assembled and soldered a robotic mouse allowing them to learn about soldering safety, electrical components, and circuits; and built web sites.”

Based on student feedback, it is clear that Mintz proved herself as a GEMS instructor and mentor, supported AMRDEC, and provided her students with a challenging educational experience.

“Jessica played an extremely vital role in this year’s GEMS program, and I received very positive feedback from all of the students,” Smith said. “Jessica was able to challenge and encourage the GEMS participants, which is so important in a one-week program teeming with young teens. She certainly has a bright future.”

As her time as a GEMS instructor ended, it was difficult to say who benefitted more this summer — the students or Mintz.

“I had an awesome and rewarding experience working with GEMS,” Mintz said. “The summer before my senior year of high school I had attended a similar engineering camp at UA and it was one of the best times of my life. Since then, I have hoped to be a counselor for that program because I am a big advocate for engineering and love helping anyone wondering if the field is right for them.”

Mechanical arm attaches to vehicles for IED clearance

Getting positive feedback from deployed Soldiers

By **ERICA FINEMAN-BERTOLI**
Army News Service

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J. – A new tool may soon help route clearance teams detect and neutralize potentially deadly improvised explosive devices in Iraq.

An IED Interrogation Arm for the RG-31 and Husky vehicles has been developed by the Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate, part of the Army Research Development and Engineering Command.

NV&ESD team leader Larry Jackson said there are several vehicles currently used for route clearance missions, including the Buffalo Mine Protected Vehicle. But, he said, demand for the Buffalo is very high.

“The word we got back from theater is that Soldiers often don’t have the Buffalos when they need them,” he said. “The vehicle is in high demand, and there just aren’t enough of them.”

In collaboration with the team at NV&ESD, discussions began for a new technology that could help teams interrogate IEDs and be quickly developed and fielded.

“We said we would like to provide a similar arm capability to vehicles such as the Husky and the RG-31 which were being used in security missions but had no arm attachment that would allow for

IED interrogation,” Jackson said.

The new arm, which was initially fielded in Iraq in May 2007 and Afghanistan in July 2007, is designed as an independent component. It is able to be attached to existing vehicles already in theater. Additionally, the arm is lightweight, easily mounted and repaired, easy to use and significantly less expensive than the Buffalo, Jackson said.

Stephen H. Bennett, a mechanical engineer with NV&ESD, was present in Iraq last spring to support deployment of the new arm. He reports a positive reaction to the technology.

“The feedback has been positive, and the troops like it,” he said.

As the Interrogation Arm continues to be refined, there is constant communication with the Soldiers on the ground, providing engineers with firsthand guidance on functional improvements, Jackson said.

It was as a result of this ongoing collaboration with the Soldiers who use the arm that functional advancements were made, including the ability to examine hard-to-reach areas behind guard rails.



Army photo

REACHING OUT— The IED Interrogation Arm is lightweight and able to be attached to existing vehicles in theater.

“We got this information back from the theater and realized we needed to put a pivot point in the middle of the arm so that if there is a guard rail, you can reach out and dip down behind to do the interrogation,” Jackson said.

After initial fielding in both Iraq and Afghanistan, additional Interrogation Arm units have been ordered for use in theater, and NV&ESD has been working with Program Manager Countermine to feed the continually growing demand.

“We have been asked to adapt it to different vehicles and we are getting more and more applications in the

field,” Jackson said.

After 28 years as a civilian engineer for the Army, Jackson continues to take satisfaction in knowing his work helps to protect the troops.

“The satisfaction of getting this piece of equipment into theater where it is helping to save Soldiers’ lives is very rewarding,” he said. “For me, this has been the most satisfying project I have worked on in my career.”

Bennett agreed.

“There is a satisfying feeling you get when you design something that makes a significant difference,” Bennett said.

Space agency work force glad to be neighbor

Rocket mission thrives on post

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The U.S. space program was born at Redstone Arsenal. The rocket program began by the Army has grown dramatically since the first Redstone rocket took to the skies 50 years ago. Nonetheless, the space business continues on post in the form of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.

The center was activated in 1960, with Dr. Wernher von Braun as its first director. After having successfully sent America's first astronaut, Alan B. Shepard, into suborbital flight the following year, Marshall got to work on its first major project – the Saturn rockets. “When von Braun set the place up he said ‘It’s nice to have rockets, but they have to have a reason.’ What’s the reason that we’re doing this?” Robert Lightfoot, deputy director, said. “It’s expanding our knowledge through science and the pursuit of human space flight.”

Since that time, Marshall has played an important role in each of

the nation's major space endeavors. It developed the moon's first sports car, the Lunar Roving vehicle. When the move was made toward development of the space shuttle, Marshall was responsible for the development of the propulsion elements.

In fact, MSFC is probably best known for its work in propulsion. It also works extensively with systems in orbit, like oxygen generators and water recovery. The other part of its business has been scientific instrumentation and observation, such as space telescopes, observatories and work on the International Space Station. Marshall manages several space station components and the payload operations center.

“On the space station you have certain science experiments that are going on,” Lightfoot explained.

Tenants of Redstone *10th in a series*

The space program is moving to the next rockets, namely the Ares series. MSFC will work on the propulsion systems for the new series. Work on the Ares rockets means that Marshall won't be such

a quiet neighbor anymore, Lightfoot quipped.

“It's not going to be quiet much longer,” he said. “We're going to be doing engine testing out here, so some of these test stands will be cranking back up.”

These new rockets are one step in NASA's plan to return to the moon. Even though Marshall workers are already gearing up for the transition, they are still hard at work supporting the existing shuttle program.

“We still have a job to do there,” Lightfoot said. “We can't take our eye off the ball on the shuttle. It's an awesome machine. We only have 10 flights left and we have to do it right.”

In addition to work on the rockets themselves, Lightfoot said work will begin this year on a program designed to collect information from the moon before astronauts make the journey.

“We'll be mapping the moon better than we ever have before,” he said.

A return to the moon has Marshall workers excited. While their work has always been important, having such an overreaching goal is energizing.

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Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

NASA FACILITY— Building 4200, just off the corner of Martin and Rideout roads, is the home of Marshall Space Flight Center.

Freedom Rest helps Soldiers escape

Recreation site in Iraq offers place to relax

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Army News Service

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — Soldiers melt away stress in the steaming sauna; they lounge around the swimming pool watching one another leap from the high

dive; some use the workout room to improve their bodies and their moods. The scene is similar to any resort.

Freedom Rest, located in the International Zone in Baghdad, is not a resort, but it is close. It is a place dedicated to providing Soldiers a respite from the demands of their work here.

“It provides a place for Soldiers to relax and get away for a while,” said Sgt. Jeffrey Gill of the 41st Fires Brigade, who

is the liaison officer for 10th Mountain Division.

Soldiers can visit Freedom Rest for their four-day pass. Upon arriving, Soldiers will check in, secure their weapon and receive a room. They must stay the whole four days for accountability reasons.

The rooms accommodate anywhere from two to 10 Soldiers each. Many of the two- and three-man rooms are reserved for upper enlisted or married couples. However, each living space has its own common area; each room has cable television and air-conditioning.

After an in-processing brief, a Morale Welfare and Recreation representative takes Soldiers on a tour and informs them of the activities planned for the next few days.

Regular MWR events include a “Big Splash” contest in the outdoor swimming pool, sumo wrestling and karaoke. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service provides new release movies for the scheduled movie night. Freedom Rest also hosts special events throughout the year.

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Photo by Spc. Sophia R. Lopez

FUN GETAWAY— Soldiers can enjoy a relaxing afternoon at Freedom Rest’s outdoor pool complete with a diving board and two highrises.

DeCA salutes Coast Guard on 218 years of service

FORT LEE, Va. — The U.S. Coast Guard observed the 218th anniversary of its founding on Aug. 4. It was on that date in 1790 that Congress authorized the construction of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling and protect the collection of federal revenue.

“Since 1790, members of the Coast Guard have proudly served whenever and wherever this nation needed them,” Defense Commissary Agency director Philip E. Sakowitz Jr. said. “During periods of peace or conflict, we have always depended upon them to save individual lives and protect the nation. I’m proud that our commissaries deliver them an important benefit they’ve earned through dedicated service to their country.” *(Defense Commissary Agency release)*

■ Marshall workers excited about evolving mission

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“We have a very focused mission. We’re going to complete the International Space Station. We’re going to retire the shuttle and then we get to fly a new rocket,” Lightfoot said. “For our work force, that’s why they came to work here – to get to do these things. I’ve been here awhile and I have never seen our work force as excited as they are right now.”

Marshall has not forgotten its Army roots. The partnership between the two has continued and is alive and well today. The installation provides support services for Marshall, much like any other post tenant. Components from both sides regularly partner for testing and other projects.

“We depend on the Army for a lot of

the support we get,” Lightfoot said. “We do a lot of collaboration with AMRDEC. We’re trying to increase that as we go forward, but we depend on them. We’ve had a lot of synergy in the past and we hope to keep doing it.”

Marshall occupies 237 buildings at Redstone on 1,841 acres. Many of its 6,700 employees come from similar backgrounds and fields as the Army’s civilian and contractor work force. Pulling from the same skill pool will present a few challenges as Base Realignment and Closure moves more organizations onto the installation.

“From a local area perspective our biggest challenge, frankly, is BRAC,” Lightfoot said. “We’re keeping an eye on what’s going on, mainly because of the demand for the common skills and common work force. We are managing that as a community.”

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“We recommend that all new recruits think hard before turning down the Montgomery GI Bill, because they will limit their opportunities for additional education without it,” Clark said.

Active duty incentive

Servicemembers also are “highly encouraged” to use the Defense Department’s tuition assistance program while on active duty, because the Post-9/11 GI Bill’s full entitlements, such as the living stipend and book allowance, will not be available.

“If you use the Post-9/11 GI Bill while on active duty, it will merely cover tuition or the difference of what tuition assistance will pay,” Clark said. “Another downside to that is each month you use (the new bill), you lose a month of your 36 months of eligibility.”

So, if servicemembers serve on active duty on or after Aug. 1, 2009, and meet the minimum time-in-service requirement, they will be eligible for the new GI Bill while also maintaining benefits from the Montgomery GI Bill.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill also brings good news for officers and for service-

members who enlisted under the loan repayment program. Since eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill is based on time already served, more servicemembers will be able to take advantage of its benefits. Officers commissioned through one of the service academies or through ROTC and enlisted servicemembers participating in the loan repayment program don’t qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill.

Those servicemembers will be able to qualify if they finish their initial obligatory service. Commissioned officers must complete their initial five-year commitment if they attended a service academy or their four-year agreement if they were commissioned through college ROTC. Servicemembers whose college loans were paid off by the Defense Department as a re-enlistment incentive must finish their initial commitment – whether it is three, four or five years – before they can apply.

“Any amount of time an individual served after their obligated service counts for qualifying service under the new GI Bill,” Clark said.

Transferable to relatives

Another facet unique to the Post-9/11 GI Bill is that it’s transferable to family members. The feature gives the defense and service secretaries the authority to offer career servicemem-

bers the opportunity to transfer unused benefits to their family. Though Defense Department officials still are working with the services to hash out eligibility requirements, there are four prerequisites that are subject to adjustment or change.

Currently transferability requirements are:

- Qualifying service to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill;
- Active duty service in the armed forces on or after Aug. 1, 2009;
- At least six years of service in the armed forces;
- Agreement to serve four more years in the armed forces.

“We’re really excited about transferability,” Clark said. “That was one of the things about education and the GI Bill that’s come up the most often from the field and fleet.”

Individuals who may not qualify to transfer unused benefits because they leave the service before the new bill’s effective date most likely still will qualify for the bill. As long as the separated servicemembers meet the minimum qualifying time served, they can contact their local Veterans Affairs office and apply for the program. While payments are not retroactive, eligibility is.

“This new bill will allow our veterans to chase their dreams,” Clark said. “It will allow them to go back and experience college like they deserve, much like their grandfathers did in World War II.”

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Along with activities, Soldiers can enjoy playing ping-pong and pool in the lobby; basketball, volleyball and tennis on the outdoor courts or just relaxing in the television room or video game room.

“There’s a nice pool, bingo, lots of activities, 24-hour phone, Internet and food,” said Sgt. Shawna Mallory, a patient-administration specialist for the 64th Brigade Support Battalion.

Events go on throughout the day, and local vendors are on site to sell bathing suits, civilian clothes, jewelry and more. Vendors take cash only, but finance is available on day one of the four-day pass for Soldiers to take out casual pay, said Gill.

A Post Exchange and barbershop at Freedom Rest, open on days one and three, also accepts Eagle Cash Cards.

Meals are served regularly, but a sandwich bar, ice cream bar and pizza bar are also open all day.

“This place is pretty Americanized,” Mallo-ry said. “I liked it a lot. I’d recommend it to a friend for their pass.”

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Headquarters & Alpha set to defend championship

Volleyball season opens at Pagano

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Headquarters & Alpha's Gators want to come out chomping.

The defending post volleyball champion enters the 2008 season with a mostly new roster. The season opened Aug. 5 at Pagano Gym with six teams – including a civilian team for the first time.

"I think we're going to make a positive statement when we come out," assistant coach/setter/spiker Felix Knight said. "I don't see these other surrounding companies raising up to us this time. I haven't peeked out the Marines yet, but they always seem to pose a challenge at the end."

In the postseason tournament final last Sept. 5, the Gators beat the Marines 25-22, 25-17. Headquarters & Alpha finished 2007 at 11-2, including 3-0 in the tournament.

The Marines finished at 9-5. The Marines had beaten the Gators Aug. 20 in the last week of the 2007 season. But in the tournament, the Gators sent the Marines to the losers bracket Aug. 29.

"We've got to come out chomping," Knight said.

He and setter Draper Hollier are the lone returnees. "Every-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOOD TIMES— Headquarters & Alpha players celebrate their 2007 championship after beating the Marines in the final.

body else should be new," Knight said.

Marines team representative Trong Nguyen hopes for a different outcome this year.

"We're going to try to take first, obviously," Nguyen said. "It just really depends on what talent we have available."

Dustin Kershaw and Chris McNally are returning players for the Marines.

The other four teams include NCO Academy, Bravo Company, Civilian Welfare Fund and HHC 59th. Games are scheduled Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 at Pagano Gym. The postseason tournament is

tentatively set Sept. 11-20.

Here is the season schedule:

- **Aug. 5** – NCO Academy vs. HHC 59th at 6 p.m., Bravo vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 6:45 and CWF vs. Marines at 7:30.
- **Aug. 7** – Bravo vs. CWF at

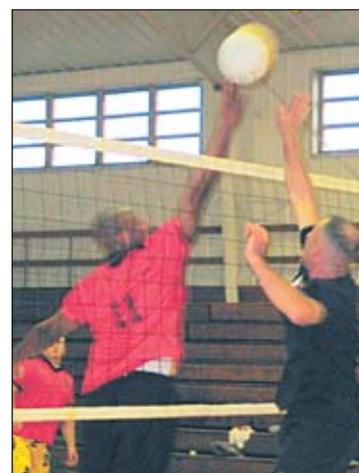


Photo by Skip Vaughn

NET PLAY— Competition like this, from 2006, happens Tuesday and Thursday nights at Pagano Gym.

6 p.m., HHC 59th vs. Marines at 6:45 and NCO Academy vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 7:30.

- **Aug. 12** – Headquarters & Alpha vs. CWF at 6 p.m., NCO Academy vs. Marines at 6:45 and HHC 59th vs. Bravo at 7:30.
- **Aug. 14** – NCO Academy

vs. Bravo at 6 p.m., CWF vs. HHC 59th at 6:45 and Marines vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 7:30.

• **Aug. 19** – Headquarters & Alpha vs. HHC 59th at 6 p.m., Marines vs. Bravo at 6:45 and NCO Academy vs. CWF at 7:30.

• **Aug. 21** – Marines vs. CWF at 6 p.m., Headquarters & Alpha vs. Bravo at 6:45 and HHC 59th vs. NCO Academy at 7:30.

• **Aug. 26** – Headquarters & Alpha vs. NCO Academy at 6 p.m., Marines vs. HHC 59th at 6:45 and CWF vs. Bravo at 7:30.

• **Aug. 28** – Bravo vs. HHC 59th at 6 p.m., Marines vs. NCO Academy at 6:45 and CWF vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 7:30.

• **Sept. 4** – Headquarters & Alpha vs. Marines at 6 p.m., HHC 59th vs. CWF at 6:45 and Bravo vs. NCO Academy at 7:30.

• **Sept. 9** – CWF vs. NCO Academy at 6 p.m., Bravo vs. Marines at 6:45 and HHC 59th vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 7:30.

Local girls softball team wins world series

North Alabama Rockets 9/7 10-and-under, fast-pitch softball travel team, based in Hazel Green, won the USFA World Series (A Class) in July at Panama City Beach, Fla.

The Rockets went 8-0 against teams from various states and finished 61-6 for the season. In June they won the Alabama State Tournament.

Rockets catcher Nichole Tucker, 11, led the team in batting. She is the daughter of Gary Tucker, a Northrop Grumman employee at the motor pool.

"Losers complain and winners train," she said of her motto.



Courtesy photo

ROCKETS RULE— North Alabama Rockets catcher Nichole Tucker, who led the team in batting, is on the far right of the middle row. She is the daughter of Gary Tucker, a Northrop Grumman employee at the motor pool.

Army Olympians prepare for Beijing

WASHINGTON – Nine Army soldiers will take aim at Olympic gold in Beijing. The Soldier-Olympians are wrapping up their training throughout the United States and will depart for China in August.

Among the elite athletes is three-time Olympian Staff Sgt. Libby Callahan, a 23-year Army Reserve Soldier, who at age 56 will earn the distinction of being the oldest U.S. woman Olympian ever to compete and stands a chance of becoming the oldest woman Olympic medalist ever at the Summer Games.

“It’s an honor to represent the country I am proud to serve,” said Callahan, who will compete in the women’s sports pistol event. “The Army has not only provided me with the training and opportunities to succeed, it has given me the encouragement I need to go for the gold at the Olympics.”

Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, is ranked No. 1 in the United States in his weight class for Greco-Roman wrestling and earned a spot on the 2008 Olympic Team by winning the trials held in Las Vegas in June. Byers said the Army provides the training and opportunities to succeed.

“We’re very fortunate to do what we do,” he said. “I’ve been with the program since 1997, and now I get to represent my country in the Olympics. The Army allows you to dream big.”

Marksmen Maj. Michael Anti will make his fourth Olympic appearance at the Beijing Games in the smallbore prone rifle competition. After earning a silver medal in the prone rifle event at the 2004 Games, Anti purchased a silver Corvette. His goal is to upgrade to a new gold model to match the medal he hopes to earn at the 2008 Games.

The Soldiers, including track and field athletes, world-class boxers, marksmen

and more, are the latest in a storied line of 644 Army athletes who have participated in the Games since 1948.

“We coach elite-level athletes who already have a high level of discipline from their Army experience,” said Capt. Dominic Black, commander of the Army’s World Class Athlete Program. “By providing these athletes with the best training, coaching, equipment and overall support, the Army is preparing them for victory at the Olympics and beyond.”

Other Soldier-athletes representing the United States at the 2008 Summer Olympics are:

- Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker — air rifle and three-position rifle;
- Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski — men’s 50-meter free pistol;
- Pfc. Vincent Hancock — skeet;
- Spc. Jeffrey Holguin — double trap;
- Spc. Walton Glenn Eller III — double trap; and
- U.S. Military Academy Cadet Stephen Scherer — air rifle.

The Army’s World Class Athlete Program is composed of Soldier-athletes in a variety of sports who demonstrate the potential to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team. Soldier-athletes who apply to the program must have recently attained a high national ranking or placed high at a major national or international event. Soldiers in the WCAP have earned 131 Olympic medals since 1948.

The Army Marksmanship Unit, which is sending six shooters to Beijing, has gained worldwide respect by winning hundreds of individual and team national shooting titles, more than 40 world championships and 21 Olympic medals. Since the AMU was established in 1956, its shooters have won more than half of all medals earned by U.S. shooters. *(From an Army news release)*

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Babe Ruth baseball

The Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registration for the 2008 Fall Season on Aug. 23 and 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. Players ages 13 to 18 as of May 1, 2009 are invited; and 12-year-old players are eligible to sign up as well under the Local Swing Player Option. Registration forms will be accepted after Aug. 30 on an individual basis upon park approval and team availability. A copy of the players' birth certificate is required for all new players. Persons interested in coaching a team are encouraged to apply as well. Contact one of the following park representatives for registration locations and the park where the player is zoned to play: Northern Division, Mastin Lake Park, Emile Jones 990-5902; Southern Division, Sandhurst Park, Tim Harrison 544-3180; and Eastern Division, Optimist Park, T. Poe 527-8763.

Bowling benefit

Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama will hold its annual Bowl-A-Thon on Aug. 23 and 24 at Madison Bowling Center, AMF Parkway Lanes, Plamor Lanes and Redstone Lanes. Sixty companies and 1,100 bowlers participated last year. The goal is to sign up 75 companies and 1,500

bowlers this year. To register your team, call the JANA office 533-4661.

Ten-Miler lottery

Army Ten-Miler officials announced that 400 race entries will be offered to service-members through a special, online lottery Aug. 11-15. "This is the Army's race and many military personnel didn't know where they would be in October when the race sold out on April 21," race director Jim Vandak said. "We realize that the 400 military entries will not cover everyone. However, we wanted to do something special for the military and recognize their service to our country." The military lottery will be conducted online at www.armytenmiler.com. To register for the lottery, participants will need to have or use an e-mail address with a .mil extension. The Army Ten-Miler lottery is open to all branches of the armed forces and winners will be randomly selected Aug. 16. The Army Ten-Miler is America's largest 10-mile running event. The Army's annual 10-mile race will take place Sunday, Oct. 5 in Washington, D.C.

Boating safety

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights from Aug. 14 through Sept. 25 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive, Redstone Arsenal. Classes are held 6:30-8:30 p.m.

A \$25 fee covers the cost of a life preserver. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621 or cell 527-4475.

Run for the fallen

The North Alabama Run for the Fallen, a Huntsville Track Club event supporting the Wounded Warrior Project, is a one mile run/walk Aug. 24 at 8 a.m. at the Huntsville Cross Country Park. Post-race refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Maj. Marty Eaton 882-3706 or visit www.HuntsvilleTrackClub.org.



Conferences & Meetings

Sergeants major

The Sergeant's Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Members are offered breakfast for \$6 plus tip. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are open to all E-9 ranks, from all services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Membership into the association is a one-time lifetime fee of \$30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and

retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-6778.

Veterans group

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

APBI conference

The 2008 Advance Planning Briefings for Industry will be held Sept. 17-18 at the Von Braun Center East Hall 1. The theme for this year's conference is "Team of Teams — Supporting the Warfighter." The conference will provide information on the Army's aviation and missile technology efforts and requirements and information on potential contract opportunities. The conference will begin with a networking session the evening of Sept. 17. To register and for more information, visit <https://www.apbi.redstone.army.mil>. On-site registration will not be offered. For more information, call 842-9967 or e-mail redstone-apbi@conus.army.mil.

Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will meet Aug. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. The theme is "Back to School," featuring Hobby Lobby. Music will be provided by

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local soloist Alison Hoskins. Charity Brooker will speak on "What do women really want?" Free child care will be provided off site for ages 6 and under. Reservations, essential for the luncheon and for child care, are due by Aug. 21. Call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339.

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 Thursday night at 7 at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library, 915 Monroe St. A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 509-3833.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Group will meet Saturday at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200

Drake Ave., starting at 9:15 a.m. with the Windows/Internet Special Interest Group. 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.

Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments and social time start at 9:30 a.m., the business meeting at 10 and the program to follow. Scheduled speakers are Kathy Hunt of the Huntsville Sanitation Division and Dixie

Bray of the Solid Waste Disposal Authority. For more information, call 519-3327 or 539-1333.

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.

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 to Brandy Station, 1863," a video documentary, will be presented by Jeffrey 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.

Geospatial conference

The 2008 Rocket City Geospatial Confer-

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ence, Nov. 18-20 at the Huntsville Marriott, will focus on geographic information system and location-based services applications developed by organizations, local and state governments from Alabama and surrounding regions. The conference should see its attendance expand this year, as the fifth annual Alabama GIS Symposium will be co-located with the event. For more information, visit www.DirectionsMedia.net.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Aug. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. The speaker is Robert Lott, Garrison BRAC Team leader. For ticket information, call Kim Wright 876-6163 or Lisa Lowery 876-7086.



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

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Photo by John Ashley

Gift for kids

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers presents a donation to the Kids to Love Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization committed to meeting the needs of foster children in Alabama. From left are ASMC member Dana Wilbanks, Kids to Love founder Lee Marshall and ASMC member Cecile Pfeiffer.

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

Civilian deployment

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

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

Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

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

Motorcycle safety

To permanently register a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal, the DoD requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. There are two programs offered free of charge to Army personnel and on a space available

basis to others provided access to Redstone Arsenal. For information call Keith Coates at the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383, e-mail keith.coates@us.army.mil or e-mail MSF instructor Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

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/>.

Butler High reunion

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

call 852-4662. The web site is as follows: <http://www.srbutlerhighreunions.com/>.

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.

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.

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

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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.

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 Thursday 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.

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.

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

International beer tasting

The Redstone community is invited to the international beer tasting Friday 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.

Career fair

The Redstone Arsenal "Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Fair" is Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 off Patton Road. For more information and to pre-register, visit www.transitioncareers.com.

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BOSS returns

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) is returning to Redstone Arsenal with its first organizational meeting Aug. 14 at noon in the meeting room at the Dining Facility. This MWR program offers social opportunities, recreational activities and community service projects for Soldiers who are single or unaccompanied, regardless of rank. Soldiers are encouraged to attend the meeting Aug. 14 to provide their input on activities they would like to see offered by Redstone Arsenal's BOSS program. The meeting will be conducted by BOSS president Sgt. 1st Class Winston McElrea with assistance from MWR adviser Brian Marbrey and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Cooper.

Newcomer coffee

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will kick off its new club year with a Newcomer's Welcome Coffee on Aug. 19 from 10 a.m.-noon at the home of Alice Myles, 1 Cribbins Court, Redstone Arsenal. "Whether you are new to Redstone Arsenal and the surrounding community or have lived in the area for a while, we cordially invite you to join us as we gather to meet and welcome you," a prepared release said. Membership in the OCWC is offered to spouses, adult family members and former spouses who hold a valid ID card of active duty officers, retired or deceased officers and federal employees grade 9 and above; and active duty and retired officers and federal employees grade 9 and above. For

more information, call 533-6242.

College fair

The second annual College Recruitment Fair is Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dr. Richard Showers Center, 4600 Blue Springs Road. This free event for high school seniors and juniors is presented by the Sports Ball, WDJL Love 1000 and Alabama A&M University Office of Admissions. For more information, call 372-5250 or 852-9941.

Logistics award

Nominations for the Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award are now being accepted for deserving individuals (civilian or military) assigned to Team Redstone who have made significant contributions to the logistics community and whose leadership and expertise have made a major, positive impact on the Army's logistics program. The 2008 "Ernie" format will include two awards – the Management/Executive Award for GS/GM-13s and above (NSPS and/or military equivalents) and the Professional/Technical Award for GS/GM-13s and below (NSPS and/or military equivalents). Nominations should be submitted by Aug. 29 to Sheila Davis 876-1757. The award luncheon is Nov. 6 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

School bus signup

Durham School Services is contracted by Huntsville to provide school bus transportation. This includes transporting Redstone children to Columbia and New Century high schools. Redstone parents who would like to sign up their high-

school age child for bus transportation can call Chris Kennedy at 489-1025 or e-mail ckennedy@durhamschoolservices.com. Nine Redstone Arsenal school buses are transporting youngsters to J.E. Williams Elementary and J.E. Williams Middle School.

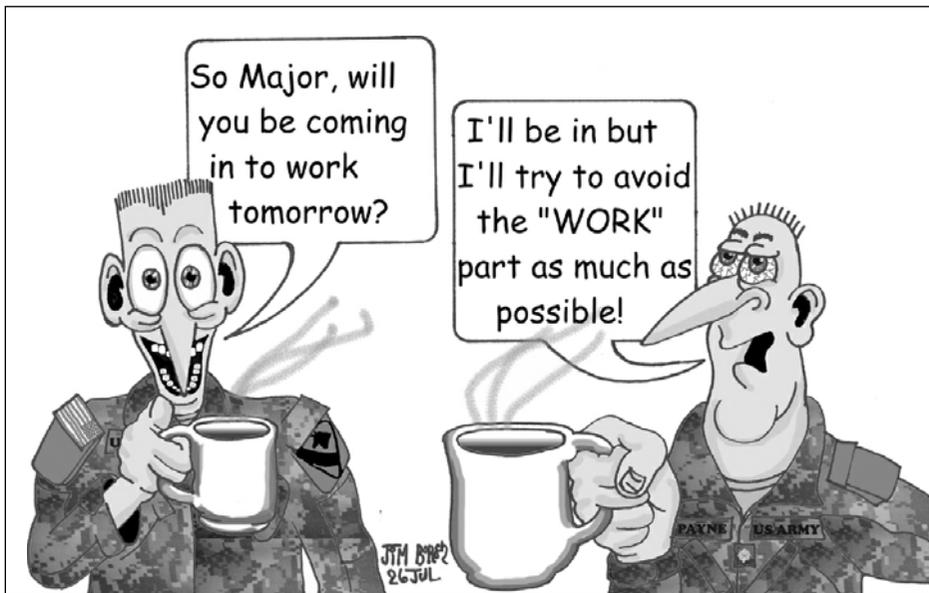
Military retirement

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is scheduled Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. at Heiser

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Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are required to participate in one of the quarterly retirement ceremonies. Call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969 to make arrangements for participation. Deadline for signing up to participate is Sept. 8. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled Dec. 11.

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Candidate forums

Madison City Local Candidates Forum, organized by the American Association of University Women, will be held Aug. 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6) at Discovery Middle School gymnasium, 1304 Hughes Road in Madison. Candidates for mayor and city officers are expected. Huntsville City Local Candidates Forum is Aug. 18 from 6:30-9 p.m. (doors open at 6) at Chan Auditorium, Administrative Science Building on the

UAH campus. Candidates for mayor, City Council districts 1 and 5, school board are expected. For more information, call Ellie 665-9452.

Health center news

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 1 for the Labor Day holiday. On Sept. 2, the center will be open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for scheduled appointments. The Pharmacy will be open 7:30-11:30 and the Tricare Service

Center will be open until noon. The Appointments Center telephone line will be answered until 4:30 p.m. All other clinics and services will be closed the entire day for a training holiday. The center is closed on Saturday, Sunday, Thursday afternoons 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. In an emergency, dial 911.

Photo Lab moves

Multimedia Visual Information has

moved from building 4489 to building 3321, located on Mauler Road. It is on the corner of Redeye and Mauler roads. Its departments include the Photo Lab, Video Services, A/V Support, Maintenance Support, and Multimedia. Hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call Jennifer West 876-2133, Kim Cole 876-1764 and Steve Johnson 876-1760.

Sparkman Center Book Fair

Wednesday is the final day for the Sparkman Center Book Fair in the cafeteria dining hall. Hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Redstone Arsenal Environmental Program
Public Comment Period – August 2 to August 31
Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan
RSA-094, Chlorinated Solvent Distillation Unit 2,
Operable Unit 10**

Redstone Arsenal is a U.S. Army facility located in Madison County, Alabama and occupies approximately 38,300 acres. A Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan recommends No Action as the Preferred Alternative for the soil and soil vapor at RSA-094, Chlorinated Solvent Distillation Unit 1. RSA-094, located in the former Redstone Arsenal Rocket Engine North Plant area, was involved in rocket motor production operations. No unacceptable risks are present for human health or the environment.

The RSA-094 Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan and supporting site documents are available for electronic viewing at the local libraries below. Public comments on this document are requested to be postmarked by August 31, 2008.

- Triana Public Library (Triana Youth Center), 280 Zierdt Road, Triana, Alabama, 256-772-3677
- Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Heritage Room, 915 Monroe Street, Huntsville, Alabama, 256-532-5969

The final clean up decision will be made after the public comment period has ended and all comments have been received and considered. The U.S. Army Garrison – Redstone and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will select the site remedy in consultation with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

For more information, to receive a copy of the document in the mail or by email, or to request a public meeting or extension to the public comment period, contact:

Public Affairs Office
U.S. Army Garrison – Redstone
Attention: AMSAM-PA (Ms. Lira Frye)
Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35898-5020
Telephone: (256) 955-9173; Fax : (256) 955-0133
E-mail : lira.frye@us.army.mil



ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																												
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																																				
SCBK08859161	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Aug-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X							X	X		X																		
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SCBK08198443	Financial Sys Spec	6-Aug-08	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0501	7	9/11	37,083 - 71,306	X																												
SCBK08698093	Deputy Product Dir	6-Aug-08	PEO, Prjct Mgmt Ofc	YA-0301	3	3	87,987 - 148,740	X																												
SCBK08878240	Prjct Analyst	6-Aug-08	ACQ SUPP CTR, PEO	NH-0343	3	3	65,921 - 101,913				X			X	X		X																			
SCBK08890749	Protocol Spec	6-Aug-08	AMCOM, Secretary Of Gen Staff	GS-0301	11	11	54,999 - 71,500				X			X	X		X																			
SCBN8866740	Financial Mgmt Analyst	6-Aug-08	SMDC	GS-0501	7	12	37,164 - 84,308				X			X	X		X																			
SCNAFBK0866	Physical Fitness Spec	6-Aug-08	SMDC	NF-0188	3	3	22,400 - 60,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08885448	General Engr	7-Aug-08	SMDC	YD-0801	3	3	87,978 - 148,740	X																												
SCBK08877668	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Aug-08	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	57,146 - 110,691	X	X																											
SCBK08883227	Environmental Engr	7-Aug-08	AMCOM, G4 (Command Internal Logistics)	GS-0819	12	12	65,315 - 84,913	X	X						X	X		X																		
SCBK08864009	Secretary (OA)	7-Aug-08	IMMC	GS-0318	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X																												
SCBK08895891	Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-Aug-08	IMMC	YA-0346	2	2	39,407 - 89,217				X			X	X		X																			
SCBK08796229	Mgmt Analyst	7-Aug-08	CHRA, Resources Mgmt Ofc	GS-0343	11	11	54,999 - 71,500				X			X	X		X																			
SCBK08866333	Pay Entitlements Spec	8-Aug-08	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0501	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X																												
SCBK08837185	Lead Aerospace Engr	11-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X																											
SCBK08877730	Inventory Mgmt Spec	11-Aug-08	GARRISON	GS-2010	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X																												
SCBK08873336	General Engr	11-Aug-08	SMDC	GS-0801	12	13	65,315 - 100,976	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08873336D	General Engr	11-Aug-08	SMDC	GS-0801	12	13	65,315 - 100,976	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08899993	General Supp Spec	11-Aug-08	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-2001	7	9	37,164 - 59,100	X	X																											
SCBK08813431	Industrial Prop Mgmt Spec	11-Aug-08	AMCOM, Aviation Center Log	GS-1103	12	12	65,315 - 84,913	X	X						X	X		X																		
SCBK0883227D	Environmental Engr	12-Aug-08	AMCOM, G4 (Command Internal Logistics)	GS-0819	12	12	65,315 - 84,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK0887866	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Aug-08	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	57,146 - 110,691				X																									
SCBK0882265	Missile & Aviation Science & Tech Prog Spec	12-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DE-0301	2	2	30,001 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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SCBK08863368	Prjct Analyst	12-Aug-08	AMCOM, G3 (Ops)	GS-0343	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X																												
SCBK08805607	Public Affairs Spec	13-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-1035	11	11	54,999 - 71,500							X	X		X																			
SCBK08893494	Integration Sys Analyst	13-Aug-08	Lead AMC Intgrtn Supp Ofc	GS-0301	9	9	39,795 - 51,738	X																												
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SCBK08908712	Secretary (OA)	13-Aug-08	Ofc of the Prog Exec Ofcr	NK-0318	2	2	34,270 - 55,182	X							X	X		X																		
SCBK08908733	Secretary (OA)	13-Aug-08	Ofc of the Prog Exec Ofcr	NK-0318	2	2	34,270 - 55,182	X							X	X		X																		
SCBK08916250	Contract Spec	13-Aug-08	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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SCBK08907026	Medical Records Tech	13-Aug-08	MEDDAC	GS-0675	4	4	26,815 - 34,865	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08907026D	Medical Records Tech	13-Aug-08	MEDDAC	GS-0675	4	4	26,815 - 34,865	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08897601	Supv Human Resources Spec (HR Development)	13-Aug-08	SHRA	YC-0201	2	2	68,541 - 107,008							X	X		X																			
SCBK08867084R	Supv General Engr	14-Aug-08	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	87,978 - 148,740								X	X		X																		
SCBK08895850	Financial Mgmt Analyst	14-Aug-08	SMDC	GS-0501	13	13	78,390 - 101,913								X	X		X																		
SCBK08787192	Human Resources Spec (Military)	14-Aug-08	Accessions Cmd, USA 2nd Recruiting Brigade Headquarters	GS-0201	9	9	45,458 - 59,100				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08787192D	Human Resources Spec (Military)	14-Aug-08	Accessions Cmd, USA 2nd Recruiting Brigade Headquarters	GS-0201	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08847699	Config Mgmt Spec	14-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DE-0301	3	3	50,060 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08847699D	Config Mgmt Spec	14-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DE-0301	3	3	50,060 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08901118	adMin Supp Asst (O/A)	14-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0303	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X						X	X		X																		
SCBK08573574R	Supv Contract Spec	14-Aug-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YC-1102	3	3	90,373 - 145,107				X			X	X		X																			
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							X	X	X	X	X																		
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																		
SCBK080722634	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																		
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																		
SCBK08706011	Supv Civil Engr	16-Aug-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YF-0810	2	2	65,278 - 126,442	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	18-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500								X	X		X																		
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SCBK08829565	Supv General Engr	24-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08811623	Lead General Engr	24-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08811620	Lead General Engr	24-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08862935	General Engr	26-Aug-08	PEO Avn, Ofc of Prod Mgr	NH-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08908791	Supv General Engr	26-Aug-08	PEO AVN, Tech Mgmt Div	YD-0801	3	3	87,978 - 148,740								X	X		X																		
SCNAFBK0813	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.88 - 9.88	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
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																		
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																		
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																		
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																		
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																		
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																		
SCBK0880653	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	29-Aug-08	AMCOM, ACQ CTR	GS-1102	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08769949	Electronics Engr	29-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0201	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X																										
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476							X																						
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 39,997							X																						
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0801	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X						X			X																		
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 39,997							X				X																		
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X						X			X																		
SCBK08692994OC	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X						X			X																		
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X						X	X		X																		
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X						X	X		X																		

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