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Run a mile for the fallen troops

Local running event supports Wounded Warrior Project

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Maj. Marty Eaton got an idea for the local running community while reading the *Air Force Times*.

There was an article about the National Run for the Fallen, in which a dedicated team of runners began a run on Flag Day, June 14, across America from Fort Irwin, Calif., to Arlington National Cemetery, one mile for every Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. For 10 weeks, team members would mark each mile with an American flag and sign-card in an apolitical reflection of remembrance of each servicemember.

"The people doing the national event asked that local groups hold local events on their last day of the run," said Eaton, a shift leader in the operations center for AMCOM Current Operations, G-3.

He became the chief organizer and run director for the North Alabama Run for the Fallen, a one mile run/walk this Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Huntsville Cross Country Park.

"It's a chance for people in the local area to take part in remembering and honoring those that have died in the war," he said. "Their chance to maybe understand that this represents a lot of individuals rather than just a mass of people."

In early July, Eaton took his idea for the local run to Huntsville Track Club president Dave Purinton and they discussed how to make it happen. He also talked with Suzanne Taylor of the Fleet Feet running store.

The Huntsville Track Club took the run on as one of its events.

"That helped out because they're helping me to advertise it, helping me to organize it. It even falls under their liability insurance as one of any of the other events in the local area," Eaton said. "The Fleet Feet Sports, a local running store, has also been very helpful in printing the running numbers, getting word and information out and some of the other details in putting on a run."

There is no fee to run but donations — \$5 or more suggested — will be accepted and will support the Wounded Warrior Project. A signed waiver is required to participate.

Individuals will each run or walk one mile in honor of a specific fallen warrior;



Photo by Skip Vaughn

IN TRAINING— Carol and Maj. Marty Eaton will participate in the North Alabama Run for the Fallen.

they'll wear a running number which lists that person's order among the fallen, the name, rank, branch of service, and date of death. This memorial run will coincide with the final day of the National Run for the Fallen (www.runforthe fallen.org).

"As a Soldier, even though I don't know any of these people personally, they're all brothers and sisters," Eaton said. "I've had a number of friends deployed, some wounded. Luckily, none of my friends have been killed. It's just important that we take time to recognize the ones that have been lost."

Eaton, who turned 50 on Aug. 19, will be among the runners. So will his wife, Carol,

50, a nurse who was a major in the Army Reserves. They'll probably be joined by their daughter Shana, 23, an eighth-grade teacher at Challenger Middle School, and son Sean, 17, a Grissom High senior and football player.

"It's a way to support the military," Carol Eaton said, "but also to support our lost in the Iraq war. It's a small token we can do to show our appreciation for the loss of life that's been experienced."

Post-race refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Maj. Marty Eaton at 882-3706 or visit www.huntsvilletrackclub.org.

An open lane random survey

What's your greatest high school memory?

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George Herr
AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate
"Graduation, only because that was the end of it (in 1963 from Kokomo High in Kokomo, Ind.)."

Maj. Ray Sartain
AMCOM G-3 (Operations)

"I guess my football coach. He was a big impression on me. I played for him in '79 and '80 (for coach Jack Weaver at Brooks High in Killen, Ala.)."



Erica Hereford
Northrop Grumman employee at Garrison Motor Pool
"When I went to the Sadie Hawkins dance. And I went with a guy, he was a good friend. That was back in '85 (at Butler High)."

Ashley Bozarth
Student hire at Product Director-TMDE

"Graduation, because I got a feeling of accomplishment after so many years of hard work and got to celebrate with all my friends (in 2006 from Buckhorn High)."



Quote of the week

'My education was dismal. I went to a series of schools for mentally disturbed teachers.'

— Woody Allen

Letter to the Editor

Wondering about area dock condemnation

What's going on with the Easter Posey Recreational Area, rec area 1?

The Army Aviation Association of America has held its fall semiannual bass tournament there nearly every year until the dock was condemned.

Our last tournament was held there in the fall of 2006. As we organize this fall's AAAA Bob Vlasic Classic, we are again confronted by a lack of docking facilities at the Easter Posey site.

The Easter Posey recreational area was an ideal site with the close proximity of the pavilion, launch ramp and dock to each other. The dock and launch ramp were well

protected from wind and wave and there is ample parking for tow vehicles and boats. While rec area 2 is great for children, picnicking, sports and large gatherings, its facilities are not laid out or sufficient for our tournament.

Ours is not the only tournament that had enjoyed Easter Posey as well as many Redstone fishermen and fisherwomen. When will the docks at Easter Posey be replaced?

Tom Geoffroy
director, Bob Vlasic Classic Bass Tournaments
Army Aviation Association of America, Tennessee Valley Chapter

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for taking the time to inquire about the Easter Posey Recreational Area. The dock was indeed condemned due to safety issues and subsequently removed earlier this year. We do have plans to eventually replace the dock with a smaller version of the original; however, funding is always an issue when it comes to these types of decisions. As you may know, many of the docks at the Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area were also condemned this year and two of those have been funded for replacement. One of them is completed and the other one is in the construction phase."

My mother's lesson: Celebrating women's suffrage

Women's equality recognized today

By Spc. RYAN STROUD
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The day I turned 18 was a special day for my friends and me. This meant I could purchase us cigarettes so we could stand behind the local movie theater trying to impress the young ladies working there. What can I say? I was young and simpleminded then.

The night of my birthday while at dinner, my mother asked me, "Son, what's the first thing you're going to do as an adult?" I looked down for a moment, thinking in my head about the cigarettes I just purchased earlier that day.

"Son, don't you have an answer?" my mother asked. "I'm not really sure,

Momma. I don't really see myself as an adult right now," I said.

This confession drew a look of worry on my mother's face. I knew a lecture was coming every time she looked at me like that.

"Ryan, I think you need to register to vote," she said.

What? Register to vote? Are you kidding? Why would I, a newly turned 18-year-old kid, even care about that? Apparently my thoughts showed right on my dim-witted face. My mother laid her arms across her chest, preparing herself for the lecture about to come my way.

"Mom, no, please. No lectures tonight. It's my birthday," I pleaded.

"I know, but some things are too important, they must be shared," she argued back.

At that moment, in the

middle of a dark restaurant, on my 18th birthday, my mother poured out her heart and soul about women's suffrage and the battle to be given that right to vote. Of course the first thing in my mind was, "I'm a guy, why do I care about a woman's right to vote?" But to my mother, her mother and so forth, this lesson was bigger than me.

Commentary

My mother first explained how women's suffrage didn't mean "women who were suffering, but rather women wanting to vote." She then talked about Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, two brave women who devoted everything they had to helping women's right to vote. The two joined the National American Women Suffrage

Association, formed the Congressional Union for Women Suffrage and the National Women's Party to focus ever more of a direct connection with then newly elected president of the U.S., President Woodrow Wilson.

With the leadership from Paul and Burns, non-violent protests began outside the White House, holding signs which read, "Mr. President, what will you do for woman suffrage?" and "Mr. President, how long must women wait for liberty?" Paul and Burns also led the women in the NWP in hunger strikes and parades. These dedicated protesters were quickly given the nickname "Silent Sentinels."

My mother, with a smile on her face the size of Montana, proceeded to tell me

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?

Anna, Ill.

What do you like about your job?

It's never boring. It's definitely a challenge. The people are very professional, extremely talented; and first and fore-



most, the good leadership.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Landscaping, home improvement (in Madison). My hobby is actually building home theater systems.

What are your goals?

To retire within five years. Just to continue to contribute to the Army's mission.

What's your favorite type of music?

I guess some of the older rock 'n' roll stuff, probably from the '70s and '80s.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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



Aug. 10: Someone expended gasoline at the Shoppette, valued at \$20, and drove away without paying.

Aug. 10: A subject entered the Main Exchange, selected a Sony Walkman valued at \$170 and exited the store without paying. The subject was detained by AAFES Security and later processed by Redstone Police. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

Aug. 11: A suspected counterfeit 20 dollar bill was discovered at an on-post bank. The bill was collected by Redstone Police. Investigation continues by U.S. Secret Service.

Aug. 12: A subject entered the Main Exchange, selected two containers of lipstick valued at \$28 and exited the store without paying. The subject was detained by AAFES Security and later processed by Redstone Police. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

Aug. 13: A motorist was observed exceeding the posted speed limit on Goss Road and a traffic stop was initiated. A check through NCIC revealed that the subject's driver's license is suspended. The subject was issued two violation notices and released.

Traffic accidents reported: two without injury, one with injury.

Violation notices issued: 28 speeding, 4 no driver's license, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 expired tag and 1 suspended license.



Photo by Frank Simon

Inventors cited

The Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center has received a patent on the Apparatus and Method for Multi-channel Equalization. AMRDEC director Dr. Bill McCorkle, right, congratulates inventors Jeffrey Levasseur, left, and Brent Worley, electrical engineers in the Advanced Technology Division of the Weapons Development and Integration Directorate.

Hail and farewell

Retiring colonel launches his local civilian career

Lorcheim extends thanks to 'best team in Army'

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Retiring Col. Walt Lorcheim has spent 27 of his more than 38 years of service at Redstone Arsenal, so it's not surprising what he'll miss the most.

"The people," he said. "They're my extended family. I have my daughter and everybody else is friends — friendships over 27 years on this base. Just knowing all the people and all the faces and all the time we've spent together. All the different things we've done during that period of time."

Lorcheim had his retirement ceremony Aug. 18 and officially retired Aug. 19. He served since August 2005 as chief of operations and plans, G-3, at the Aviation and Missile Command. His nearly four decades of service had a mix of

active duty and Reserve time, including more than 18 years of active duty — the last seven and a half of which were at Redstone.

He first arrived at Redstone from Southern California in April 1981 as a captain at the officer advanced course at the Ordnance school.

"It doesn't seem possible that I've been around as long as I have," Lorcheim said. "I couldn't script this as it came out. It's really unbelievable how it's worked out. I couldn't script this any better."

He was born in Wilkes Barre, Pa., and raised in Roselle Park, N.J. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in logistics. He received a law degree in 1979 from Irvine University School of Law in Westminster, Calif.

The 59-year-old Madison resident plans to stay in the local area and do some business development consulting. His daughter, Kristen, 23, is a junior at Athens

State majoring in business.

Lorcheim's hobbies include spending time at the Auto Crafts Shop, serving as president of the advisory council for the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity, woodworking, and rooting for his beloved University of Maryland Terrapins in football and basketball. He plans to attend the Terps' football game against Middle Tennessee State — alma mater of AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles — on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

He served as a loaned executive for the annual Combined Federal Campaign in 2006 and 2007.

"I'd just like to extend my regrets if I missed you for an invite to the (retirement) ceremony," Lorcheim said, when asked his parting words to members of the Redstone community. "And I thank everybody for just the friendship, the mentoring, the camaraderie that we've had for all of these years. Team Redstone is just the best team in the Army."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PRIDE OF MARYLAND— Retiring Col. Walt Lorcheim roots for his University of Maryland alma mater in football and basketball.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

Above the standard

Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle of 59th Ordnance Brigade acknowledges Bravo Company Pfc. Wycliffe Moguche, center, and Pvt. Cody Jones for exceeding the Army standards during their last physical training test. Moguche finished with 346 points while Jones scored 338, both topping Battle's record of 321. Moguche and Jones received "Coins of Excellence" from Battle for their scores. By Army requirements, a Soldier must score at least 180 on the PT test.

All military recruitment goals met in July

By JOHN J. KRUZEL
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — All 10 military components met or exceeded their recruiting goals in July, with the Marine Corps leading the active-duty components and the Air National Guard on top of other reserve components.

In terms of recruiting percentages, the Marine Corps bested all active-duty components, attaining 117 percent of its goal. Meanwhile, the Army and Air Force made 101 percent, and the Navy added 100 percent of its target number, according to information provided Aug. 11 by Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman.

Data published on the Defense Department web site shows that the Marine Corps goal was 4,094, but the service recruited 4,783. The Army sought 10,000

new Soldiers and added 10,141. The Air Force wanted at least 2,541 more airmen and got 2,555, while the Navy recruited exactly 4,200 sailors.

"All six reserve components either met or exceeded their accession goals for July also," Whitman added.

The breakdown of those components is as follows:

- Army National Guard: 101 percent — 5,467 accessions, 5,436 goal;
- Army Reserve: 102 percent — 2,971 accessions, 2,906 goal;
- Navy Reserve: 100 percent — 551 accessions and goal;
- Marine Corps Reserve: 100 percent — 819 accessions and goal;
- Air National Guard: 129 percent — 936 accessions, 725 goal; and
- Air Force Reserve: 100 percent — 695 accessions and goal.

Military Retiree Appreciation Days set Sept. 5-6

For the second time in its 37-year history, the annual Redstone Arsenal Military Retiree Appreciation Day is expanding to a two-day event.

The appreciation days, free to all military retirees and their families, are Sept. 5-6.

Nearly 200,000 military retirees and their family members reside in the Tennessee Valley area, which includes northeast Alabama and south central Tennessee. More than 3,000 people attended last year, coming from as far away as Memphis, Chattanooga and Birmingham.

On Sept. 5, the event will be at the Officers and Civilians Club from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Throughout the day special Morale Welfare and Recreation activities will be held at various locations across Redstone Arsenal with bus tours leaving from the club.

On Sept. 6, the event begins with a pay-as-you-go breakfast buffet at 7 a.m. in the club. The event finishes with dinner at the Soldatenstube ending at 10 p.m.

Guest speakers are scheduled throughout and will focus on issues of interest to retirees and their families.

A "county fair" of exhibits on Sept. 6 will showcase local and national benefits and services available to military retirees and their families. Organizations represented include the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Legal Assistance Office, Fox Army Health Center, Morale Welfare and Recreation, Provost Marshal Office and many others.

Redstone community organizations have donated items and gift certificates that will be given away at the event's conclusion.

AAFES gas stations extend discount to card users

DALLAS – Army & Air Force Exchange Service gas stations in the continental U.S., Alaska and Puerto Rico are being programmed to reflect a discount of three cents a gallon for drivers who pay with a Military StarSM Card.

“Anytime a customer uses a bank issued debit or credit card, the retailer pays a portion of the transaction to a third party financial institution,” AAFES chief of corporate communications Lt. Col. Dean Thurmond said. “Because the Military StarSM Card is administered by the Exchange Credit Program, AAFES is not subject to the additional fees incurred through other ‘pay at the pump’ options. As a result, we’re able to pass savings on to authorized exchange shoppers.”

The three cent a gallon discount is currently being applied to transactions at 13 installations (Minneapolis-St. Paul JARS, Columbus AFB, Redstone Arsenal, Fort Indiantown Gap, Fort Gordon, Patrick AFB, Robins AFB, USMA, Laughlin AFB, Yuma Proving Ground, Mountain Home AFB and Nellis AFB, MacDill, Scott, JRB Carswell). All remaining facilities in CONUS, Alaska and Puerto Rico (177 facilities) will receive software upgrades and were expected to begin applying the three cent a gallon discount as of Aug. 19.

“I encourage drivers during the first week or so of this new effort, to touch base with the attendant at their local gas station to ensure the software upgrades have taken effect before fueling up,” Thurmond said. “As is the case with anything technical, we expect a few glitches could occur during the first few weeks of the program.”

Officials hope to extend the Military StarSM Card three cent a gallon discount at all AAFES facilities, but do not have a timetable for worldwide implementation at this time.

“This effort is a priority of AAFES command,” Thurmond said. “Entire teams are dedicated to working through the technical challenges to extend the Military StarSM Card discount to drivers at all AAFES locations.” (AAFES release)

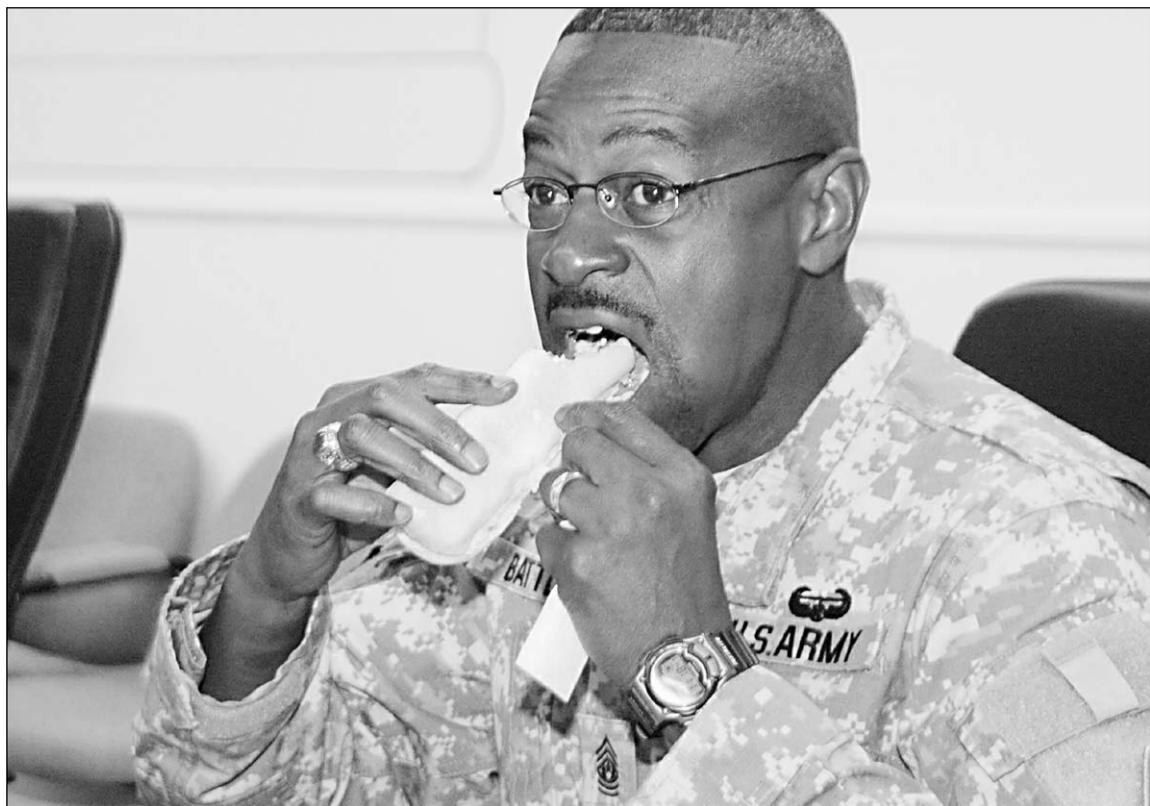


Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

Doggone good

While helping support the EOD Training Department during its hot dog fund-raiser, Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle bites into a giant hot dog covered with all the proper amenities. Battle was just one of the many buyers during the sale, helping EOD raise \$235 toward the 59th Ordnance Brigade Birthday Ball, Oct. 3.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Product charter

Col. Keith Robinson, left, project manager for armed scout helicopters, presents the charter for Scout/Attack Helicopters Product Office to incoming product manager Lt. Col. Scott Rauer on Aug. 15 at Bob Jones Auditorium. The outgoing product manager, Col. Mike Switzer, retired with 22 years service.

■ Remembering history behind Women's Equality Day

Moms

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about a time when Paul was arrested during a non-violent protest and hunger strike and taken to jail. Paul refused to eat and end her hunger strike, leading her to being sent to the prison psychiatric ward and force fed. This defiant display of the will Paul possessed led to press coverage and bringing the issue of women's suffrage to the masses, inspiring other brave women to join the fight.

After many months of protesting, on Jan. 9, 1918, President Wilson announced his support of the 19th Amendment, which would give the women of the U.S. the right to vote. But even with President Wilson's support, the 19th Amendment still took some time to be passed. Finally, on Aug. 18, 1920, after Tennessee's ratification, the 36th state to support the vote, the 19th Amendment was ratified.

I looked at my teary-eyed mother; this really meant something to her. "You need to know what others went through to give you the freedoms you have today, whether or not you're a male or female," she said. "You might think this isn't a big deal, but imagine everything women have done in history since the 19th Amendment, and then imagine none of it happening because of not having the chance to speak."

Those words hit like a knife in the chest. I now understood.

I can honestly say the 19th Amendment alone is not the reason I joined the Army, but what it stands for and what it possesses, what it means to have freedom and what it means to give everything you have to obtain those freedoms, that's why I joined. That was my mother's point to me that day – the day I truly learned about the importance of voting, not only for women but for young 18-year-old men as well, and to celebrate every chance we, as Americans, have been given to express ourselves through voting.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HISTORIC HARDWARE— The Veterans Memorial Museum houses many artifacts from throughout American military history.

Vet museum gets five years to dream of new building

City Council agrees to support efforts

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It's now time for Randy Withrow and his committee of volunteers to dream big.

As the volunteer director of the Veterans Memorial Museum, Withrow has been in the midst of a recent controversy involving the future of the museum. But that controversy was laid to rest Aug. 14 when the Huntsville City Council approved a five-year extension on the museum's lease beyond its expiration in 2010 and reiterated its recommendation to move the museum in John Hunt Park to an adjacent site that includes the Raymond Jones National Guard Armory.

"We're pleased," Withrow said when contacted by phone in Portland, Ore., where he had traveled to present Huntsville as a future site of the annual convention of the International Military Vehicle Preservation Association. Huntsville has won the convention for 2012, in part, because the museum is designated as Alabama's official veterans museum.

"We were working with the city. We're pleased with what

they've done. This is the first leg of getting a new museum," Withrow continued about the council's actions.

"We needed their support and this additional time to work on a master plan for up to 50,000 square feet, to assess the building that is already there, to lay out plans for our building and to raise capital."

Withrow estimates that a new museum will cost upward of \$5 million. He already has sketched out his idea of the museum, complete with larger display areas, conference rooms, classrooms, multi-media areas, storage space and other modern-day features. A committee of volunteers led by veteran Bob McCoy has formed to guide the development of the new museum and a local architectural firm is working on building plans. Withrow is planning another trip to Camp Shelby, Miss., to look closely at its museum design, with plans to incorporate some of its design elements in the Huntsville museum.

Although he knew local veterans and veteran groups support the museum, Withrow was still overwhelmed by the level of support the museum received when it first learned it would have to move. At the time, city officials recommended the museum be moved to the Nation-

al Guard Armory, which will be unoccupied in October, to make room in John Hunt Park for additional recreation uses, such as more soccer fields and a new indoor swimming complex.

But the armory is only 5,400 square feet in size compared to the cramped 12,000 square feet of open space and another 3,000 square feet of archives and storage space at the museum's current location. In addition, the new site offered only 3.5 additional acres, which wouldn't allow for a new building. The recommendation created a backlash of criticism from veterans who didn't want the museum to be forced to move within the year into a facility that offered less than what they now had.

"City officials didn't understand what we had here. We invited them in and their response was 'Wow,'" Withrow said. "They know now there is nothing like this museum."

"Even the best veterans museums (such as those located at Fort Knox, Ky., and Camp Shelby and the D-Day Museum in New Orleans) can't match what we are doing here because they only involve one aspect or one era of military history. We cover the entire military history. We're focused on all our history and all our veterans."

Besides getting an extension of the 10-year, \$1-a-year lease through 2015, other issues of concern to museum officials have also been worked out with the City of Huntsville. The city was able to increase the acreage of the new site from 3.5 acres to 9 acres, giving the museum plenty of space to build a new building and also the option to keep the current armory building with the intent of restoring it as a National Guard memorial. And the city has agreed to move the museum's large collection of artifacts, displays and historical military vehicles.

"One of our concerns is that a lot of this heavy machinery will need to be moved using heavy equipment," Withrow said, adding that a museum run on a shoestring budget with a dozen volunteers doesn't have the resources to pay for such a monumental move.

Another issue was the entrance into the new 9-acre site, which can be seen from the museum's current location and which is adjacent to John Hunt Park.

"Our entrance will be through the park. That's what we wanted," Withrow said. "The master plan calls for a loop road through the park and the museum will be off the north end of that loop.

The plan is for the main part of our new building to face south so that when you enter the park from Airport Road the museum will be visible."

The new museum will usher in a new era for the veterans museum.

"We will really be stepping up to another level," Withrow said. "We've been wanting to go to another level and I know we can do it."

"The first thing we wanted to do with this museum was to get it established. We feel we've done that since we've been here. With our lease renewal, we feel we've secured our future. And with the land and armory, we now have something to build on to."

Withrow, who relies on about a dozen volunteers and local military groups to keep the museum operating, said the museum was established nearly 10 years ago for the benefit of veterans, local school children and the community.

"Our reward, our return, is the education of children about what veterans are all about and what they've done to secure their future," he said. "If we can get a few children to understand the sacrifices, then that's our pay. That's worth more than money."

Former Redstone Marine returns to duty in Iraq

'Fletch' recovers from injuries sustained in IED explosion

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One of Redstone Arsenal's very own is receiving long-distance support from a contingent of well wishers after surviving a life-threatening explosion while patrolling the streets of Baghdad.

Lance Cpl. Marvin Fletcher, known to many on the Arsenal for his service with the Marine Detachment and his participation on unit-level flag football and softball teams, suffered a neck injury April 26 when his Humvee hit a hidden pressure point IED (improvised explosive device) while on a mission in a five-vehicle convoy.

Although Fletcher has long since healed from his injury and returned to patrol, his personal connection with the workers at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center via his sister, contracting officer Zina Smith, has led them to "adopt" Fletcher and send him care packages, cards and letters.

"He's just an outstanding person committed to serving his country," his sister said. "When I received a copy of the incident alert I shared it with my supervisor Tonya Wood. All my co-workers have been very concerned about him."

According to the incident report, Fletcher, serving with Headquarters & Service Battery 1st Platoon of the 2nd LAAD (Low Altitude Air Defense) Battalion at Camp Al Taqadum, was the machine gunner in the second of five vehicles out on a daily 14-hour patrol routine. They were patrolling through the Baghdad area known as Hibernia as darkness approached. As the vehicle's driver attempted to turn right at an intersection, the Humvee hit an IED placed 6 inches in the ground. The explosion destroyed the vehicle and seriously injured all six Marines inside.

"They are all lucky to be alive," Marine Staff Sgt. Shane Williams said in the incident report. "When I saw the Humvee get blasted, it flipped and landed back down on its front like something in the movies and was engulfed in flames when it came to rest.

"Both Fletcher and (second patrolman Robert) Perez, I thought were dead. Once I approached the Humvee, all that Fletcher was screaming was 'Please, don't let me die.' He was helpless and severely bleeding and appeared to be out of it. Perez was bleeding severely also and was unconscious from the blast."

Iraqi police officers and Marines of Headquarters & Service Battery 1st Platoon rushed to rescue the six wounded Marines. It took about 45 minutes to remove four Marines. Fletcher and Perez were trapped in the bed of the Humvee and covered with sharp metal. It took another hour to free them from the wreckage. They were both flown to a Baghdad hospital, where Fletcher was treated for a neck wound.

After about a week and a half in the hospital, Fletcher returned to his unit. He was assigned to desk duty for about a month and then returned to patrol. He was recently named Marine of the Quarter for the 2nd LAAD Battalion.

Fletcher, who was known as "Fletch" while serving on Redstone Arsenal, has been a Marine for about five years.

"He's a great guy," said Skip Vaughn, editor of the *Redstone Rocket* who reported on Fletcher's athletic achievements with unit-level sports teams.

"He was on the softball post championship team a couple years ago. He was the 'poster child' for the Marine Detachment here. It hit me like a ton of bricks to hear he was hurt in Iraq. I can still picture him at the front desk of the Marine Detachment when I walked in. I'm glad to hear he is going to be OK."

Fletcher's personal connection to the area goes far deeper than Redstone Arsenal. He



Courtesy photo

ON FRONT LINES— Lance Cpl. Marvin Fletcher, formerly of the Marine Detachment at Redstone, was recently injured by an improvised explosive device while serving in Iraq. He has recovered and is back on patrol in Iraq.

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grew up in Athens as the youngest of four children born to Christine and Robert Fletcher of Athens. He attended Clements High School.

“We weren’t surprised when he joined the Marines because we always felt he would go into the military. He’s always been very protective of his family. He’s always been a tough, good hearted and honest person,” said Smith, the oldest of the four Fletcher children.

“He was excited about the opportunity the Marines gave him. He knew he’d get to travel. He was excited about going to Iraq as well. He wants to serve his country.”

Military service is not new to the Fletcher family. Fletcher’s older brother served in the Middle East during Desert Storm.

“When my mom found out Marvin was going to Iraq she said ‘All I can do is pray for him. I’ve already had one son to go. I will say my prayers and hope he’ll come back safely.’ It’s hard for any mom to see their son go to war.” Smith said.

Fletcher, 28, was in Iraq for a little over a month when he was injured in the IED explosion.

“I think he had a premonition that something was going to happen,” said Smith, who talks to her brother by phone regularly. “When I talked to him, he said he didn’t feel comfortable about this next mission.”

But the attack didn’t make Fletcher hesitant about returning to his patrol routine.

“He told me ‘I just want to get well so that I can continue to do what I came here to do,’” Smith said.

“In the letters he has sent to me, Marvin says he feels the attack helped him to grow as a person. He’s had time to think about it and reflect on it. A lot of people who have traumatic experiences do need time to reflect. He has done that and it has made him a stronger person with a stronger faith. He feels like he survived because there is something

God wants him to do. He is really proud of being a part of something where he is doing something for someone else. He says he is proud to pay the price so his family can be free.”

Fletcher has also impressed his senior officers in Iraq.

“(Fletcher and Perez) are two very outgoing Marines that are one of a kind and there isn’t enough that can be stated about their character and abilities. They love defending their country and care for the freedom of that of their families and loved ones,” Williams commented in the incident alert.



HER HERO— Zina Smith, a contracting officer with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, holds a picture of her brother, Lance Cpl. Marvin Fletcher.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

“I’m on my third deployment to Iraq and they are two unique Marines that I would take anywhere in the world with me to fight a battle for I know without a doubt that my life’s in good hands with those two ... Fletcher and I had a conversation about a week prior to this (explosion) and he stated how he loves this tour and he loves what it represents to him.”

Fletcher calls his mother nearly every week and talks to his sister every couple of weeks. He also stays in touch with his 8-year-old son Kaleb.

“Our family is faithful to God to do whatever He wants to do,” Smith said. “He will watch over Marvin.”

Smith last heard from her brother Aug. 5, when Fletcher called to wish her a happy birthday. He is scheduled to return from Iraq in late September.

“Marvin has always been my hero,” Smith said. “You can look at him and know he is a Marine. They have that look.”

“The Marines fit Marvin’s personality so well. He is a prime example of what a Marine is. He’s a tough, well-trained, hard core guy who wants to serve his country. I couldn’t see him doing any other branch. The Marines fit him.”

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Iraqi Army confident in ability to defend

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BAYJI, Iraq — Iraqis taking care of Iraqis — this is the shape of things to come here.

Garnering the trust and cooperation of the Iraqi people, Iraqi Army battalions near the oil-rich town of Bayji, have made the turn. No longer is the burgeoning Iraqi Army being coddled by their American counterparts. Rather, according to Military Transition Team Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, Iraq's defenders are confident, determined and capable of securing their citizens.

As violence tapers off across the country, Iraq's security forces are increasingly taking responsibility for the security of the people. Seen as a critical component of success here, Iraq's Army has grown from a pocket-sized force in 2004, to a military monolith that has earned the trust of the people and the respect of its coalition partners.

"In the last 11 months, they have made a 180 degree turn-



Photo by Sgt. Rick Rzepka

SECURE POSITION— An Iraqi soldier provides security as his platoon searches for weapons in the western desert of Bayji, Iraq.

around," said Maj. Oscar Pintado, who leads 1-327th's MiTT Team. "They are now conducting unilateral operations at the battalion level throughout their area of operations with little or no coalition support."

The support they do receive comes from the Soldiers of Pintado's adviser team, who serve as teachers, trainers and mentors for the maturing army.

"We operate as a battalion staff, trainers and combat

advisers," said Pintado, whose 13-man team lives and works with their IA counterparts.

By design, military transition teams encompass a wide range of military specialties and ranks, which offers the IA a well rounded training experience. The Soldiers, who range from the rank of staff sergeant to major, are experts in specialties like supply, infantry, medicine, intelligence and communications. They seek to broaden the IA's toolkit by providing them the skills they need to operate at a level necessary to win the peace.

To see the IA conducting operations autonomously more than a year ago in the Salah ad Din province was unheard of, Pintado said.

"They were heavily dependent for logistical and operational support," he said. "They had a lot of challenges due to the fairly young Iraqi logistical system."

But today, as the IA continues to refine its supply and transportation systems, Iraqi soldiers are more willing than

ever to safeguard Iraq from its enemies.

"They are now more proactive, confident, determined and willing to take the fight to the enemy," Pintado said. "They are capable of securing the population."

According to Pintado, the development of the IA has been a major factor in reducing violence in the province and demonstrates to the people that the IA is a legitimate and well disciplined force.

"Their presence has allowed the people to feel more secure and has opened doors for more cooperation between the population and the IA in general," he said.

For the 1-327 MiTT, leading by example has paid dividends that will have long lasting effects.

"They see you there sweating, operating, eating and training with them, and they will be more open to listen and learn from you, but most importantly, they will want to show you that they can do it and are as capable as you are," Pintado said.

UAVs role key ingredient to success in Iraq

By Sgt. JASON DANGEL

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Since the dawn of aviation more than 100 years ago, militaries throughout the world have continuously pursued the development of unmanned aerial vehicles to give them an edge over the enemy when conducting combat operations.

Today, more than ever before, the UAV has become an imperative asset for troops on the ground. This is especially true for Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldiers, who conduct daily missions in and around the Iraqi capital.

As the leading provider and provisional authority for MND-B's airspace, the Combat Aviation Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division, which is based out of Fort Hood, Texas, provides the launch and recovery for one of the U.S. Army's primary reconnaissance tactical UAV assets, known as the Shadow UAV.

Since the initial development of the UAV approximately 10 years ago, its use in the global war on terror has increased tenfold and provides vigilant reconnaissance for almost all combat operations in MND-B, thus helping to provide troops an added edge against the enemy.

With sophisticated optics, cameras and communications equipment, the Shadow provides commanders on the ground the ability to quite literally see the entire battlefield in real time.

As a significant enabler to the mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Soldiers have reported that the Shadow TUAV greatly contributes to the capture of criminals in the suburban neighborhoods around Baghdad.

"For the most part, we have a UAV on station for the majority of missions that involve the capture of high-value targets or terrorists," explained Maj. Jonathan Shaffner, brigade aviation officer and chief of operations, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, who hails from Mansfield, Ohio.

"The aircraft is an active contributor to the actual apprehension of these criminals," he continued. "It's hard to imagine combat today without UAVs. The aircraft's capabilities are continuously improving, and they are beginning to do a lot of the same missions as our manned aircraft."



Photo by Sgt. Jason Dangel

CASTING SHADOW— Spc. Raymond Poltera, a Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operator with 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, launches an RQ-7B Shadow 200 TUAV on Camp Taji, Aug. 11. The Shadow provides commanders on the ground throughout the MND-B area of operations the ability to quite literally see the entire battlefield.

Shaffner gave an example of the Shadow's ability, citing an operation recently conducted by his Soldiers north of Baghdad. During the operation, Soldiers were required to find and capture a suspected militant responsible for hostile acts against coalition forces and the Iraqi people.

Upon entering the residence of the suspect, Soldiers found that the criminal wasn't there. At the same time however, the Shadow was honed in on a suspicious vehicle near the scene.

With the camera fixed on the vehicle, the TUAV operator reported to the ground commander of the situation at which time two male subjects fled from the vehicle and attempted to hide in a nearby canal.

With precise accuracy, the Shadow operator reported the location of the two individuals to the ground Soldiers, who then apprehended the suspects — one of whom was the criminal they were looking for.

The event is just one of the hundreds of examples of how brigades all over MND-B use the TUAVs, Shaffner said.

All launch and recovery operations are strictly the responsibility of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, CAB, 4th Inf. Div.

The company is unique in that unlike a conventional unit, Co. G, which is also known as the "Guardian Angels," is collectively made up of Soldiers from all

across the MND-B area of operations.

UAV operators are assigned to their respective BCTs throughout theater, but one platoon from each unit is sent to Camp Taji for a predetermined amount of time to help operate the launch and recovery site.

Essentially, the platoons, made up of both operators and maintainers, become assigned or attached to the CAB during their stay at the Guardian Angels' TUAV operations center.

The five major units that operate the site at Camp Taji include the 1st and 3rd Brigade Combat Teams of the 4th Inf. Div., along with 2nd Brigade Combat

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Military relief mission begins in Russia

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WASHINGTON – The U.S. military-led mission to provide humanitarian aid in Georgia will be “continuous and robust,” Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Aug. 13, calling on Russia to commit to keeping open the lines of communication and transportation during relief efforts.

“We expect that Russia will respect the humanitarian nature of that mission, and that ports, sea lanes, air routes will all be open for humanitarian purposes, another pledge that Russia has undertaken to the French,” Rice told reporters in a news conference.

Rice’s remarks came hours after President Bush announced a first U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft was delivering humanitarian aid and medical supplies to the Georgian capital of Tbilisi.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates will oversee the military’s humanitarian mission.

Fighting that began in the breakaway Georgian region of South Ossetia was in its sixth day, and had broadened to include Russian attacks on Abkhazia, another heavily separatist region, and other parts of the country.

Rockwell Collins expands local operations

Rockwell Collins has opened a new state-of-the-art 30,000 square-foot operations center in Cummings Research Park.

This facility, which represents the combination of multiple divisions into one location, further enhances Rockwell Collins’ accessibility and responsiveness, and provides a single face to customers in

the Huntsville region, the company said in a prepared release.

“The staggering growth of the aerospace and defense industry in Alabama is redefining the economic development profile of the state,” Alabama Lt. Gov. Jim Folsom Jr. said. “Rockwell Collins is one of the most respected companies in

American aerospace and I am excited to join them in celebration of their new world-class operations center in Huntsville.”

Folsom joined Rockwell Collins executives and local officials Friday during a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at the new building.



Photos by Mayra Martinez

Class drawing

Art instruction is among the happenings at the June M. Hughes Arts & Crafts Center. Art instructor Margaret Chapman arranged the still life, on the left, for her Basic Drawing Class. One of the final products was this charcoal drawing by student Lindy Kewatt. “This instructor is just phenomenal,” says Arts & Crafts class coordinator Laura Metzger. Call 876-7951 to sign up for classes at the center, building 3615 on Vincent Road.

Top nurse honored to take care of Soldiers

Career has provided plenty of experiences, opportunities

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There's nothing like looking after the health of Soldiers and their families.

Since going to college on an ROTC scholarship, Maj. Elizabeth Vinson has faced challenges, overcome obstacles and stretched her own abilities to provide the best nursing care possible to Soldiers. She's served in Germany, Kosovo and Afghanistan, and at various installations in the U.S.

"When I talk to my nursing classmates from college, nothing they've done can compare with the experiences I've had," Vinson said. "The Army was definitely an excellent career choice for me."

Now, this Starkville, Miss., native is serving at Fox Army Health Center, where she is head nurse of the center's five primary care clinics and where she recently

was named commander of the Warrior Transition Unit, a specialized unit that takes care of injured Soldiers until they are healthy enough to return to their assigned unit.

It's an assignment that offers the opportunity to provide care to Soldiers recovering from war-related injuries, address health issues of Soldiers and their families stationed at Redstone Arsenal, and work with an experienced staff committed to Soldier and Soldier family care. As the primary care clinic head nurse, she is responsible for clinic operations and the nursing staff at the health center. As the WTU commander, she is responsible for overseeing the care of Soldiers in various stages of healing.

"I became an Army nurse for a reason. I actually like taking care of Soldiers," Vinson said. "It's a great honor."

Currently, there are 13 Soldiers in the WTU. It can take up to 20 Soldiers, who report to two squad leaders.

"Our primary mission is for these Soldiers to heal," she said. "A traditional company mission is focused on the wartime mis-

sion and training requirements. In this company, we are focused on the physical, spiritual and mental health of Soldiers, on the overall well-being of Soldiers."

The company staff – which consists of Master Sgt. Marshall Brown, the WTU's first sergeant; Staff Sgt. Curtis Carson; nurse case manager Deborah Holden, pri-

mary care physician Dr. (Maj.) Michael Madkins; medical evaluation board representatives Dr. Monica Gorbandt and licensed professional counselor Karen Scott – ensures Soldiers get the medical care they need, assists with family needs,

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

NURSE WITH MISSION— Maj. Elizabeth Vinson, the head nurse of the primary care clinics at Fox Army Health Center and the commander of the Warrior Transition Unit, said caring for Soldiers and their families is a mission that has filled her Army career with once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

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assigns Soldiers to work assignments, encourages Soldiers to take college course, provides counseling and oversees other recovery needs.

"We want to return them to an optimum stage of health and prepare them for the next stage in their life, whether that is serving or transitioning out," Vinson said.

"We want to make sure they are a better Soldier when they leave here. It's very satisfying to see a Soldier first come to us and then see them make improvements to where they can finally say goodbye to us. We want them to have productive lives."

Vinson joined the Army Nurse Officer Corps in 1995 after attending the University of Mobile on a four-year ROTC scholarship.

"My father was in the Army and my oldest brother was in the Army also," she said. "When it was time to go to college, I applied for an ROTC scholarship. I figured I could give four years."

"But four years came and went, and I was still having fun and enjoying myself. So, I stayed."

Those first years included serving as a staff nurse at an

Army hospital in Heidelberg, Germany, and then as the chief nurse of the Army clinic in Darmstadt.

In 2000, Vinson was deployed on a six-month peacekeeping and humanitarian aid mission to Kosovo with the 212th MASH Unit, the last MASH unit in the Army. In 2001, she reported to Fort Knox, Ky., where she was a nurse counselor for Army ROTC programs. Her next assignment in 2004 took her to Fort Gordon, Ga., where she was head nurse of the community care center at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

Vinson served with the 14th Combat Support Hospital in Afghanistan from January 2006 through February 2007. She was the head nurse at the CASH Minus, a break-off from the main CASH and stationed at Forward Operating Base Salerno along the Afghanistan/Pakistan border, where they treated Soldiers and local residents at a four-bed intensive care and four-bed intermediate care unit.

"We saw a lot of gunshot wounds and IED injuries," Vinson said of her time at the CASH Minus. "We had over 396 trauma cases while I was there."

Vinson and her CASH also provided care for the local residents.

"It was humbling to see the level of health care that didn't

exist in that country. Afghanistan is truly a third world country," she said.

"We were attached to the 10th Mountain Division. Its units were very good about getting out and establishing relationships with the local communities. Patients from the local area would come to us, or Soldiers would be out in the communities and they would find children who needed care and they would bring them to us. We treated people from Afghanistan and Pakistan in our American hospital."

Although Vinson knows how to deal with her emotions when it comes to treating Soldiers, she said it was difficult to keep her spirits up when local children were brought to the CASH and there was little hope for their survival.

"It was emotionally draining when there was the death of a child," she said. "There was a period of time when we lost five children in 10 days. That was very difficult on the staff. But our command was very good at bringing in behavioral counselors and chaplains to talk to any of us who were having difficulties dealing with things."

The environment of Afghanistan and the CASH Minus helped the medical staff develop a deep bond within their team.

"We looked after each other. They were the finest enlisted Soldiers and NCOs I've ever worked

with," Vinson said. "We still keep in touch. I'd go back in a heartbeat to work with them again."

Vinson asked to be assigned to Redstone Arsenal, knowing it would put her closer to her parents in Mississippi. She is divorced and has two daughters — 6-year-old Ellie and 4-year-old Becca — who have enjoyed spending lots of time with their grandparents. Vinson has also enjoyed being in the Southeastern Conference and being able to attend Mississippi State football games. She calls herself a Bulldog and SEC fanatic.

Being in the Army has been difficult for her children at times. But Vinson makes sure her daughters know how important their mom's work is.

"They know mommy is a nurse and takes care of people who really need to be taken care of, and that they have their grandparents to take care of them when I'm not here," she said.

"When I was in Afghanistan, Ellie knew she could look up at the stars and know mommy was looking at the same stars. So, really I was not that far away."

Vinson said health center commander Col. Mark Smith is very family oriented and has made it easier for her to manage family and work.

"He's very understanding and focused on needs," she said. "The mission will get done. But the mission is always people first. The mission and the people are

not separate, they are intertwined. He puts a lot of importance on the individual Soldiers in his command. His energy and enthusiasm is contagious. He makes you want to be better. He makes you want to look to your future."

Vinson is already planning for her future, which includes beginning a two-year master's degree program at the University of Alabama-Birmingham or the University of Memphis in the summer of 2009. She will attend college under the Army's long-term health and education training program.

"It will be my duty assignment for two years. I will still have a salary, my college will be 100 percent paid for and I will have full benefits. You can't beat that opportunity in the civilian world," Vinson said.

Even with the sacrifices she has made, Vinson said the Army is a good career choice for people who want to make a difference. She encourages young people considering the Army to research their options and talk to Soldiers who are doing the type of job they want to do. She would recommend an Army nursing career to anyone interested.

"They have to understand, though, it's not a 9-to-5 job. It's a lifestyle," Vinson said. "When people ask me what I do I say 'I'm a Soldier in the U.S. Army. I'm an Army nurse.' There's a difference between being a nurse and being an Army nurse."

■ Unmanned aerial vehicles have increasing mission

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Team, 101st Airborne Div.; the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division; and 2nd SBCT, 25th Inf. Div.

The launch and recovery site is just that. Shadow operators perform takeoff and landing procedures from the facility. The specific mission and flight path of the Shadows are controlled by the forward units all throughout MND-B.

"All the aircraft are prepared and launched from here," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Horwath, from Vassar, Mich., who is the senior non-commissioned officer of the company. "Our guys fly them out, hand them off to the brigade combat teams in theater and, at that time, the specific brigade TUAV elements actually fly the missions."

"At the conclusion of a Shadow mission, the brigades route the aircraft back into our airspace and the UAV operators here pick the aircraft back up and land them. Once they land, we conduct maintenance and prep them for another mission."

The air vehicle uses a pneumatic launcher on takeoff and is recovered by a

tactical automatic landing system — with no pilot intervention on the runway. The aircraft is then stopped using an arresting hook and cable system similar to the ones used on U.S. Navy aircraft carriers.

Maintenance, quality control and production control are of high priority at the launch and recovery site. Double checking and triple checking all maintenance protocol is commonplace within the walls of the facility.

"We never overlook anything when it comes to maintenance," explained Spc. Cesar Castro, a UAV operator with 2nd BCT, 101st Abn. Div.

"Everything we do, in terms of maintaining the aircraft, is annotated by inputting information into our computer system. We keep track of just about anything you can think from actual flight hours to required services and inspections."

On a comparative basis, the Shadow is relatively cheap when you compare it with conventional U.S. Army aircraft.

Each system includes three to four aircraft, two ground stations, a launch trailer and support vehicles for equipment and personnel. Each system costs roughly \$10 million depending on equipment dynamics and accessories.

When compared to an AH-64D Apache Attack helicopter, which many times are used for some of the same reconnaissance missions as the Shadows, the price differential and fuel consumption is astronomically lower.

"The UAVs can provide at least 70 percent of the support you would get from an attack helicopter — minus the armament," Shaffner said. "The operators can observe, perform route reconnaissance and report immediately over voice what they see to the ground forces, very similar to conventional aerial reconnaissance methods. It's very helpful."

Safety is also another benefit of flying the TUAV due to the fact pilots are not part of the equation, and for ground troops, their "eyes in the sky" ally prevents unexpected enemy contact during their daily combat operations.

"The simple fact is this technology saves lives," said Sgt. 1st Class David

Norsworthy, a UAV platoon sergeant with 2nd BCT, 101st Abn. Div.

Norsworthy, a former infantryman, knows better than most how effective the TUAV technology is when it comes to conducting full-spectrum operations in Baghdad.

"The Shadow provides coverage for a lot of raids. We do road scans for roadside bombs and have actually caught terrorists in the act of implanting these bombs in the road. The UAV mission is imperative to today's combat operations," said Norsworthy, a native of Clarksville, Tenn. "When the infantry troops are going into a certain area to clear buildings, we'll go in ahead of time and scan the area, and we'll be able to report to them exact grids of potential enemies in the area."

"Keeping Soldiers safe on the battlefield is number one. This is definitely a technology that will always be part of the fight," he said.

World conflicts sell nations on missile defense



Photo by Kari Hawkins

MISSILE DEFENSE TALK— John Rood, acting undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, reports about progress that has been made to develop an international ballistic missile defense strategy on Aug. 12 at the 11th annual Space & Missile Defense Conference at the Von Braun Center.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

EXPLAINING HIMARS— Sgt. 1st Class Jim Elliott of Fort Sill, Okla., talks to defense contractor John Blakely about the successful firing of High Mobility Artillery Rocket System in theater. The system was on display outside the Von Braun Center's South Hall during the Space & Missile Defense Conference.

Allied partnership deemed key as international threat grows

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Recent developments in the Russian invasion of Georgia will have a lasting impact on the U.S. policy concerning ballistic missile defense and on NATO's commitment to protect free countries, said a leading State Department official.

"Poland and the Czech Republic are very concerned about Russia," said John Rood, acting undersecretary of state for arms control and international security. "Their experiences with Soviet occupation are very fresh. It's something that does animate them."

"In NATO discussions between new and old members, those new countries from eastern Europe are very concerned about people living under freedom and living safe. These concerns are still front and center with these countries. Russia's actions will be a real punctuating activity of their concerns."

The growing threat of ballistic missiles throughout the world makes it more vital today for the U.S. to establish a comprehensive national and international strategy to counteract the threat of ballistic missiles and to develop an allied partnership in ballistic missile defense, said Rood, who spoke Aug. 12 at the 11th annual Space & Missile Defense Conference at the Von Braun Center.

"We need to develop our relationships with dependable defenders of freedom," Rood said. "The U.S. is a global power and we are a global power with extensive alliances and those alliances are an enormous strength of the U.S."

In the past, the U.S. has been driven to try to convince U.S.-friendly countries to participate in an international missile defense system. Today, the tables have turned as U.S. allies are becoming aware of the growing ballistic missile threat and are eager to be a part of an international strategy of missile defense.

"The threat we face today is so different than the threat of 60 years ago," Rood said. "In the last 30 years, we've seen an expansion of ballistic missile technology. A little more than two dozen countries possess ballistic missiles. Ballistic missiles have become a feature of modern conflict ... Where you have seen conflict in the modern age you have seen places where ballistic missiles have been used."

Starting with the damage Germany did during World War II with the V-2 rocket and continuing through the 1980s Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the 1990s Operation Desert Storm and to recent firings by Hezbollah against Israel and Iran's development of "missiles of great range and increasing sophistication" that can threaten Israel and central Europe, ballistic missiles have a significant role on the international environment.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

LAUNCH DISCUSSION— Daniel Lin talks to Dr. Stavros Androulakakis about the merits of Medium Extended Air Defense System as the two stand in front of a display of the MEADS family of launchers, sensors and missiles. Both are employees of Lockheed Martin.

"Iran continues to develop technology in support of their space launch vehicle, but they are using the same technology as long range missiles. North Korea is developing increasingly sophisticated missiles and intermediate range ballistic missiles," Rood said.

"In other trends, there is an emergence of rocket and missile capabilities in man states like Hezbollah with the assistance of Iran and Syria. We need to have a security strategy to deal with this landscape we face."

There is a certain power that comes from the simple possession of ballistic missiles that is recognized by most countries, he said. Countries that have ballistic missile capability have the ability to inflict "massive retaliation with the most destructive missiles known to man," Rood said.

Those same ballistic missiles can also create stability between countries if they have the ability to destroy each other's missiles, he said, citing the 2006 launch of a ballistic missile by North Korea.

"We didn't know the intentions of the payload or missile. But we knew the leader wanted to create a crisis," Rood said.

While some U.S. officials urged for a pre-emptive military strike to destroy the missile or its launch pad, others urged the U.S. to "activate its missile defense system for the first time," he said. "That option allowed us to stall the situation. Instead of escalating, we de-escalated the situation and avoided the crisis this leader wanted."

As countries turn to the U.S. for alliances, the U.S. is helping them develop their defenses against ballistic missiles. Japan spends more than \$1 billion a year on missile defense. Israel, historically

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Obering urges defense against Iran, N. Korea research

Missile Defense Agency director describes U.S. development efforts

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If Americans want to be convinced of the need for a national ballistic missile defense program they need to look no further than North Korea or Iran.

The major resources these two countries are putting into ballistic missiles is a strong indication that free countries need to ensure they can defend against any ballistic missile attacks, said Air Force Lt. Gen. Trey Obering, director of the Missile Defense Agency.

Their programs represent a "major, major investment of resources. And you have to ask why?" he said in an Aug. 13 presentation on the future of ballistic missile defense at the 11th annual Space & Missile Defense Conference at the Von Braun Center.

Iran's reasoning that they need the development to support their space launch program is "an umbrella for the development of all the technology they need for ballistic missiles. If you look at the capabilities they are developing, they can be used for missiles that reach way beyond their region," he said.

As with Nazi Germany before World War II, Iran is sending out signals that the rest of the world should not ignore.

"Iran's belligerent activity and their investment in technology ... we need to pay attention and be able to defend against this type of enemy," Obering said.

The U.S. needs to have a missile defense system in place to defend against threats to its borders and its allies and deployed forces from countries like Iran and North Korea.

MDA is developing an integrated ballistic missile defense system that is multi-layered in its defenses to include the Boost Defense System (Airborne Laser and Kinetic Energy Interceptor), Midcourse Defense System (Ground Based Midcourse and Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense) and Terminal Defense System (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense System, Arrow, Patriot PAC-3 Program and Medium Extended Air Defense System).

"All those programs are supported by a family of sensors," Obering said. "We do not and cannot precisely track our systems from space. That is one capability we are pursuing. All the systems have command and control systems and there is communication with the commandants in the 12 different time zones ... We are well on the way to providing this country the protection it needs within our boundaries and for the future."

The general said flight tests have confirmed no major design flaws in the system. Many missile tests are being done to better understand target behavior so that the missile defense system is more effective.

"We launch at night, at day. We launch in a variety of conditions," he said.

The system has also been tested in real life scenarios, such as the out-of-control satellite that MDA was able to explode in space using Aegis in



Photo by Kari Hawkins

LAST SMD CONFERENCE APPEARANCE— Although he spoke about the future of ballistic missile defense, Air Force Lt. Gen. Trey Obering also told his audience at the SMD Conference in Huntsville that he will be retiring in a few months. He said he is proud of having led the efforts of the Missile Defense Agency.

December 2007.

Aegis was chosen for the mission, he said, because of its flexibility, the minimum impact to the program and the easy modifications it required.

"It was truly a national effort and we were very, very successful in that," he said.

Besides developing tracking systems in space, Obering would also like to see an increased detection and engagement capability for all of MDA's systems. He would like to see the development of an improved Navy sea-based missile defense program, new space satellite sensors to detect and track launches and targets, more maneuverable sensors, the capacity to take out more than one threat at a time and more inventory.

MDA is working with more than 15 countries around the world on developing missile defense systems. U.S.-friendly countries are becoming more interested in missile defense.

"Missile defense is not something we are dreaming up or a threat we are imagining," Obering said. "It's a very real threat and many, many countries around the world are recognizing that."

With only a few months of service left before his retirement, Obering told his conference audience that it has been a "true, true pleasure" to lead MDA.

"Do not bet against the technological prowess of the American people because you'll lose every time," he said. "The employees of MDA are dedicated. They will persevere and sacrifice. It's an international team of people who are the best I've ever seen. I'm proud to have led the agency in this effort."

Scientist recruits technology ideas for future Soldier

More capable war fighter
ultimate goal of research

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As the Army's chief scientist, Dr. Thomas Killion is always on the lookout for new technology ideas that will have a positive impact on the Soldier.

It's not unusual for him to query Soldiers, peruse science fiction novels and delve into the imagination of young scientists to find inspiration for tomorrow's military technology. In a way, Killion's search for technology is his own personal recruiting campaign.

"I'm here to recruit your experiences, your wisdom, your ideas and your imagination," said Killion, who, besides chief scientist, also is the Army's deputy assistant secretary for research and technology. He serves as the principal scientific adviser to both the secretary of the Army and the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, and is responsible for the Army's Research and Technology program, including 21 laboratories and research development and engineering centers with more than 10,000 scientists and engineers and a six-year budget of \$11 billion.

"My job is to provide the best possible technology to the Soldiers so they can do their job safely and effectively, and do it the best they can to support their country. We want to provide the technology that enables Soldiers to do the job they're assigned to do," Killion said during his presentation at a luncheon meeting on Aug. 13 as part of the Space & Missile Defense Conference at the Von Braun Center.

That mission of the Army's chief scientist is two-fold – one, to develop technology for the future Army and, two, to provide tomorrow's technology to the Soldier of today.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

SHOWING OFF TECHNOLOGY— Dr. Thomas Killion, the Army's chief scientist and deputy assistant secretary for research and technology, shows his audience at the SMD conference a flexible computer display that can be easily carried in his wallet. The displays are being developed by the Army to replace laptops and other computers used on the battlefield.

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“How do we develop technology today that will create capabilities 20, 30 years from now? At the same time, how do we take technology we’re working on for the future and bring it to bear today?” Killion said.

“How do we bring forward technology to assist Soldiers in theater? We have to look at the future and at the same time look to enable capabilities now.”

The Army is developing technology in several areas, including networking, situational awareness, intelligence, information analysis, lethality, logistics, force protection and other areas that could have an impact on Soldier abilities in the field.

“A Soldier carries somewhere over 100 pounds of gear on a typical mission,” Killion said. “Imagine the impact on the mission both physically and cognitively. We are looking at ways to reduce the load, lighten the system, offload and enhance performance.”

Killion looks not only within the Army for answers to science and technology needs, he also looks to academia and industry.

“It’s all about partnerships throughout the community,” he said.

The Army uses partnerships with academia and industry to delve into areas

such as biotechnology, computer science and neuro science to design systems that work with the Soldier’s brain. The Army also needs scientists who can develop new capabilities the Soldier hasn’t even thought of.

“The war fighter has an idea of where they are going in the future and what type of capability they will need ... But we can also develop capabilities that, when the Soldier sees them demonstrated, they can say ‘This is something that I need and I can apply it.’ They might not have asked for it, but they understand it’s something they can use and that will make a difference.”

With a budget of about \$1.8 billion, Killion said the Army invests its research and technology dollars in basic research, applied research and advanced technology development.

“It’s about how to take dollars and allocate them most effectively to get the job done and give the Army what it needs,” he said.

Better networking in urban areas, Humvees that are lighter, more fuel efficient and tougher, flexible displays that are lighter, save power and are more rugged, and better robotic systems and unmanned ground vehicles are examples of technology areas where development is being done.

“These are real challenge areas, real opportunity areas in terms of ruggedness, safety, and weight and volume,” Killion said.

The Army is also investing in high-performance computing that can be used to predict how new systems will perform before they are tested in the field.

The technologies developed through the Army’s research development and engineering centers and laboratories are used to not only make today’s Soldier more capable and effective but to also develop future Army military strategies.

■ State Department official outlines defense strategy

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the U.S.’s largest missile defense partner, “is facing a much greater threat of adversaries along their borders than ever before” and is working with the U.S. on new missile defense programs, Rood said.

“We are working with allies throughout the (Middle East) region to counter the Iranian threat,” he said. “The dialogue is about enhancing weapons capabilities so countries can feel more secure.”

In Europe, the U.S. is working with Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Spain and, most recently, France to enhance missile defense.

Negotiations are going forward with the governments of the Czech Republic and Poland on establishing a third missile defense site in Europe. Rood said he expects the Czech parliament to ratify a missile defense site in the next few months. Agreements to locate a missile interceptor field of 10 silos in Poland will take longer because of that country’s recent change in government.

In addition, NATO is cooperating with

“We have to invest in the long-term future. We can’t wait and hope when time comes that the technology will be available,” Killion said. “If we don’t have something on the shelf five or 10 years from now that can be turned into technology, we will have failed the Soldier. We are trying to focus the investment that we have in technology to make a difference tomorrow.”

the need for missile defense.

“All of our allies now recognize there is a ballistic missile threat and it’s increasing,” Rood said. “They agree missile defense is an important element. They accept that missile defense in Europe will make an impact on security. We will have a NATO-wide event.”

The question with NATO is who will pay for missile defense and how will it be integrated. And complicating the situation is the concerns the Russian government has that the U.S. is intruding on their sphere of influence in eastern Europe, Rood said.

Russia has been assured that a missile defense system in the Czech Republic and Poland will not threaten Russia’s missile capabilities, but instead will defend against less capable missiles from nations like Iran or terrorist groups.

“We are working hard to deal with that area of friction ... We’ve held out the hand of cooperation. We want them to join us to develop missile defense. At the same time, Russia’s foreign policy outlook continues to evolve ... Russia has a desire to expand outward. They have a desire to expand their sphere of influence,” Rood said.

Marines filling openings from graduation

Four starting players due to leave this week

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The Marines volleyball team should hold a hail and farewell for its players.

That's because of its turnover this week from graduation. The four departing starters include Waylon Fleming, Trey Davis, Russel Hanson and Pheakra Sunly.

"We'll just have to wait and see what we can backfill with and where we are after they leave," player/coach Dustin Kershaw said.

The Marines hope to keep their early momentum going. They improved to 3-0 by beating the NCO Academy 25-17, 25-15 on Aug. 12 at Pagano Gym.

"We're starting to come together as a team," Kershaw said. Marines leaders included Fleming, Davis, Chris McNally and Akers Oglesby.

The NCO Academy fell to 1-2 with its second straight loss.

"What happened was a little bit of miscommunication," NCO Academy player/coach Benjamin Morse said. "We don't have our starting team out here. We have all new players and we didn't get to practice with the ones that we have."

In the night's first game, the Civilian Welfare Fund team – the league's first civilian participant – got its first win.

CWF (1-2) beat defending champion Headquarters & Alpha 25-20, 25-16.

"We were working together for the first time," CWF player/coach Ro Ottey said. "Everybody's getting to know each other now. Confidence is building up."

Headquarters & Alpha fell to 1-2.

Bravo Company improved to 3-0 in the nightcap by beating HHC 59th (0-3). The Bulldogs won the first game by forfeit and took the second 25-10.

In games Aug. 14, the Marines def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-8, 25-19; CWF def. HHC 59th 25-16, 25-15; and Bravo def. NCO Academy 25-19, 25-19.

Standings after week two had the Marines (4-0), Bravo (4-0), CWF (2-2), Headquarters & Alpha (1-3), NCO Academy (1-3) and HHC 59th (0-4).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

THRILL OF VICTORY— Trey Davis, among the Marines' departing starters, prepares to serve during last week's win over the NCO Academy.

Soldier wins gold medal, sets Olympic record in Beijing

BEIJING — Spc. Glenn Eller won the gold medal in double trap shooting Aug. 12, setting an Olympic record with a total score of 190.

Eller's teammate, Spc. Jeff Holguin, finished fourth. Both Soldiers are members of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit based at Fort Benning, Ga.

Eller went into the final round leading by four shots and hit 45 out of 50 targets, to win the first shooting gold for Team USA in Beijing.

Eller is a three-time Olympian. He finished 15th in 2000 and 17th in the last summer Olympic games. He claimed the gold medal at the 2007 Korea World Cup as well as the 2007 World Cup Final. He also took the silver medal at the 2008 "Good Luck Beijing" ISSF World Cup.

Holguin claimed the silver in men's double trap at the 2007 Pan-American Games and won the bronze medal at the World Cup USA this past May.

In the men's 10-meter air rifle event, two-time Olympian and U.S. Army Marksmanship member Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker placed 23rd with a total score of 591, while 19-year-old West Point Cadet Stephen Scherer took the 27th spot with 590. (*Army News Service*)



Photo by Tim Hipps, FMWRC Public Affairs

FINAL SHOT— Spc. Glenn Eller takes his final shot to secure a gold medal with an Olympic record score of 190 in double trap Aug. 12 in Beijing.

Army offers language bonus to ROTC cadets

WASHINGTON — The Army is now offering a monetary incentive for new Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets to study critical languages such as Arabic.

The language incentive is part of the Officer Accession Pilot Program authorized by Congress to help the Army recruit commissioned officers. The program additionally includes a \$5,000 bonus for college students who complete the Army ROTC Leader's Training Course and agree to become Army officers, and authorizes the Army to offer two-year Army-service contracts to experienced doctors and other medical professionals, and chaplains, between ages 43 and 60.

Under the language incentive, new ROTC cadets who sign a contract to enter the Army and choose to study Arabic, Pash-to, Chinese-Mandarin, Korean, Persian-Farsi, Persian-Dari, Urdu, Indonesian, Swahili, or Hausa are eligible for the incentive pay. Under this incentive pay, cadets will be paid for the months enrolled in a critical language course upon successful completion in the following amounts: \$100 a month for first-year level courses, \$150 a month for second-year level courses, \$200 a

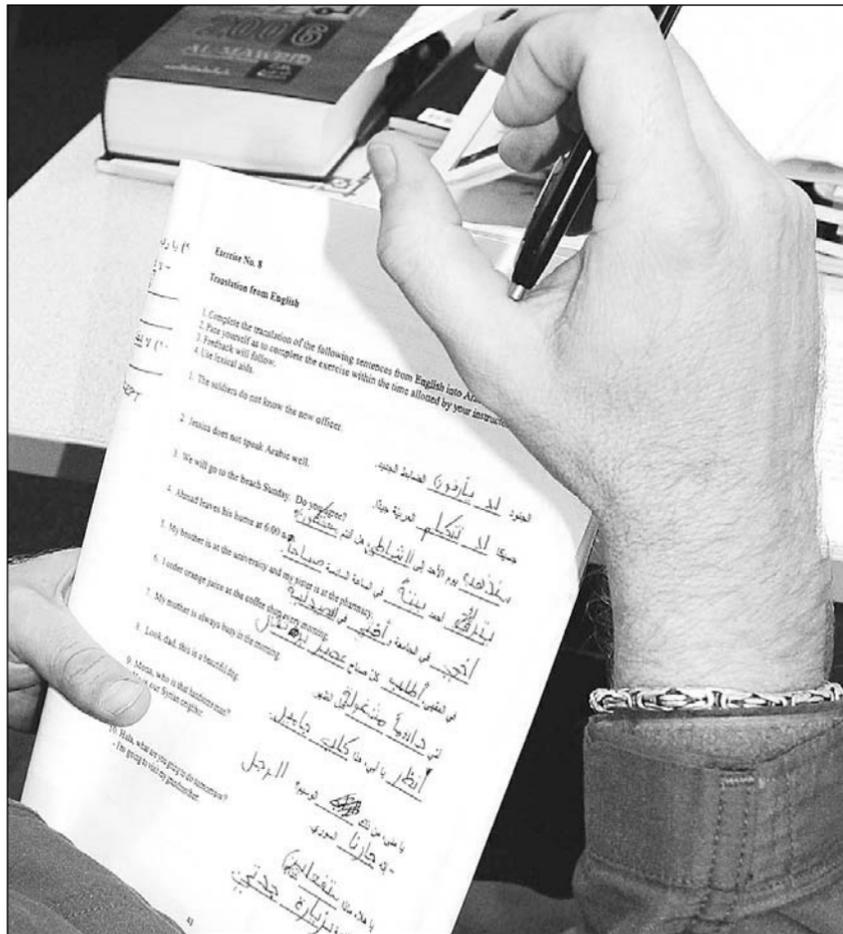
month for third-year level courses, and \$250 a month for fourth-year level courses (maximum \$3,000 over an academic year).

About 25 percent of colleges and universities with an ROTC program offer courses in languages that are critical to Army operations today, said Army officials, who anticipate some 200 ROTC cadets will sign contracts with the Army due to the language incentive.

Besides standard classroom-based college language courses, the bonus program covers participation in language-immersion programs and study-abroad programs.

"For more than six years the Army has been engaged in Iraq and Afghanistan and in defending the homeland," said Lt. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle, deputy chief of staff for personnel, G-1. "What has become clear is a need to expand Soldiers' abilities to speak critical languages to help us fight global terrorism. This pilot program will (help) the Army achieve that goal and meet our officer recruiting goals."

ROTC cadets and other interested students can contact their colleges' or universities' military-sciences professors for more information on the program. (*Army News Service*)



Army photo

TAKE NOTE— A student at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., reviews notes in his Arabic-language exercise book.

JTF-East Bulgaria ramps up for training

By Spc. JERRY WILSON
Army News Service

NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria — Trains rolling into Ziminita, Bulgaria, loaded down with vehicles, signaled the onset of operations Aug. 11 for Task Force Panther troops scheduled to begin training in Bulgaria as part of Joint Task Force-East 2008.

Bulgarian military and civilian medical and law enforcement personnel worked with members of the Joint Task Force-East Movement Control Team and Soldiers from the 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery to unload vehicles and

equipment that will be used in support of the Bulgarian phase of operations at the Novo Selo Training area.

"Today has been a very smooth day," said Capt. Daniel Strangio, the 5-7 ADA S-4 officer. "We transported a total of 103 pieces of equipment from Kaiserslautern here to Bulgaria to support the JTF-East mission."

The 5-7 ADA mission in Bulgaria is to help train Bulgarian counterparts in basic infantry tactics, Strangio said. Though the training has not yet started, Strangio believes his interaction with the Bulgarian troops has been positive.

"So far, my short experience with the

Bulgarian Soldiers has been very productive and very positive," he said. "I think they are very eager to receive this training in support of the Global War on Terror."

Strangio said that this movement was a great challenge for his unit. A challenge he believes they met and conquered quite well.

"The Soldiers from my battalion have done a tremendous job as far as getting these vehicles trucked both at a battalion level and a garrison level," Strangio said. "It is really a big muscle move to push these vehicles out of

Germany to Bulgaria."

Strangio said his unit also moved from Hanau, Germany to Kaiserslautern within the last two months.

"This has all been in conjunction with an overall battalion move from one location in Germany to the next. All while training for this actual mission and putting together this whole logistics plan.

"I have to say the Soldiers have done a terrific job and have worked very hard to make this mission a success."

Editor's note: Spc. Jerry Wilson serves with JTF-E Public Affairs.



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Robotics lesson

Elizabeth Roberts, left, and Bonnie Denman are focused on completing their robot so that they will be able to compete in one of the final events of the week-long Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science Program. Learning about robotics and putting the instruction into action is only one of three modules provided to students in the GEMS Program sponsored by the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. The GEMS Program, led by Dr. Steven Smith, AMRDEC director of special projects, runs annually during June and July. For more information about next year's program, visit www.usaeop.com.



Photo by Spc. Jerry Wilson

AMBULANCE— A Soldier ground-guides an ambulance off a rail car during the railhead operation.



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

Aviation role

Col. Shane Openshaw becomes project manager for Apache attack helicopters in a ceremony Aug. 14. He receives the colors from Paul Bogosian, the program executive officer for aviation. Openshaw succeeded Col. Derek Paquette, who retires with 26 years service.



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. Anyone 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 Saturday and Sunday 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.

Golf tournament

The Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will hold the 10th annual George H. Hobson Memorial Golf Tournament on Aug. 30 with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. at Colonial Golf Course, 400 Colonial Drive, Meridianville. Early registration will continue until Saturday. The format is individual stroke play with a cost of \$60 per player for early registration. Flights and prizes will depend on the number of registrants. Hole sponsorships may be purchased for \$60. A reception and late registration (\$75) will take place at the House of Alpha Social Room, 4301 Oakwood Avenue, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 28. For more information, call LeRoy Daniels 651-8518 or Charlie Barnes 653-5797.

Nordic walking

Anyone interested in participating in a Nordic walking club can call Hartmut Jaspert 876-5638 or e-mail hartmut.jaspert@mssl.army.mil.

Pineapple open

The OCWC Pineapple Open Charity Golf Tournament is Oct. 17 at the Links at Redstone. Sponsored by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, this four-person

scramble (no handicap) will have a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The entry deadline is Oct. 1. For more information, call 539-5996 or e-mail pineappleopen@primelog-icllc.com.

Triple Threat run/walk

The Triple Threat Run/Walk is the morning of Oct. 4 at the Edgewater Community in Madison. Sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserve Center, this event benefits Toys for Tots. It includes a mile run/walk for beginner runners, a mile run for intermediate runners and a mile run for advanced runners. To preregister, mail the \$10 entry fee or any donations to Marine Corps Reserve Center, 3506 Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, AL 35801. For more information, call 213-9683. Sgt. Bradley Easley's extension is 102; and Gunnery Sgt. Wayne Byron's extension is 105.

Youth soccer

Redstone community youth ages 4-13 can still sign up for CY5 soccer. Registration is \$60 – including a \$10 late charge since July 28 — and includes a uniform. Call 313-3699.

Tennis for kids

CYS Sports and Fitness is registering youth ages 3-10 for Little Tennis. Classes will be Saturdays from Sept. 6 until Nov. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$75. Participants will learn basic tennis and motor skills that lead to playing on short courts with foam balls, small racquets and other junior-sized equipment. Call 313-3699.

Youth golf league

CYS Sports and Fitness is registering youth ages 8-17 for a golf league. The league will be Saturdays from Sept. 6 to Nov. 8 from 1-4 p.m. This is a recreational golf league, not an instructional program. Participants need to have basic knowledge of the rules of golf, etiquette and skills. Group and format depends on registration numbers and players' skills. Volunteer coaches are also needed. The cost is \$85 for 10 weeks of golf. Call 313-3699.

Bowling week

Redstone Lanes will celebrate National Bowling Week, Aug 23-30. "Don't miss our kickoff \$1 day on Aug 23," a prepared release said. "Drinks, hot dogs, slices of pizza, and bowling will be only \$1. And the first 100 people will receive scratch-off cards to win guaranteed prizes." Call 876-6634 for more information.

Hunter orientation

MWR and Outdoor Recreation will hold the Hunter Safety Orientation for all those that want to hunt on Redstone on Sept. 2, 16, 30, Oct. 14, 28, Nov. 11 or 25 at 4:30 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. For more information, call 876-4868 or 876-6854.

Benefit golf tournament

Still Serving Veterans, a Huntsville-based 501c non-profit organization, is teaming with Analytical Services Inc. to sponsor a

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Photo by Dan O'Boyle

Ribs to go

Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space, serves up specialty barbecue plates in the building 5250 cafeteria on Aug. 13. The midsummer tradition was well received — and consumed — by the PEO family.

golf tournament fund-raiser that will benefit wounded veterans and their families. The tournament is Oct. 3 at Cherokee Ridge Golf Course. To sponsor, visit www.stillservingveterans.org. Interested golfers should visit www.stillservingveterans.org.

Ladies invitational

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold its 50th Anniversary Ladies Invitational on Sept. 10 at the Links at Redstone. Check in and breakfast begin at 8 a.m. The shotgun start is 9:30. Format is two lady best ball, flighted by current USGA handicap index. Entry fee is \$65 per player which includes breakfast, green/cart fees, lunch, low gross/net prizes per flight and additional prizes for longest drive, straightest drive and closest-to-the-pin. Entry deadline is Aug. 29 (no refunds after that date). For more information, e-mail Sally Deivert at sldp11@aol.com.

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,

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2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. The theme is "Back to School," featuring Hobby Lobby. Music will be provided by 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 Thursday. Call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339.

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.

Engineer society

The Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers will hold a lunch meeting Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The topic is the recent Midwest floods. Spotlight is on KAYA. The cost of the buffet lunch is \$10. For reservations call Dan Foran 830-1031 or e-mail dforan@shearerassociates.us.

Geospatial conference

The 2008 Rocket City Geospatial Conference, 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 Alaba-

ma 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.

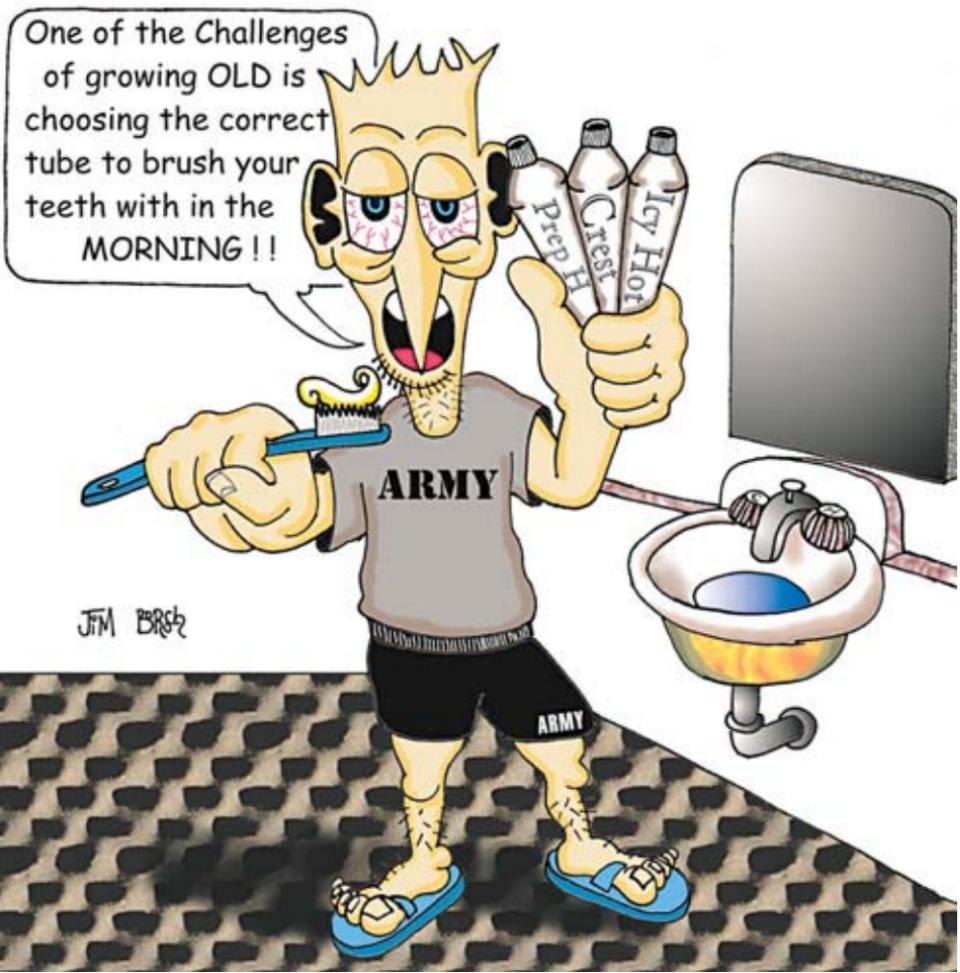
Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Aug. 27 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center. The informal monthly breakfast is Aug. 23 at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

Catholic women

The Military Council of Catholic Women invites all ladies with a military or civilian ID to join it for our Welcome Social on Sept. 5 at 9 a.m. in the meeting room of Bicentennial Chapel. "Refreshments will be served; you can meet everyone and find out about our great programs for the coming year," a prepared release said. "As always, we hope you'll stay for Holy Hour at 11 a.m. and Mass at noon, but they are optional and not officially part of the MCCW program." For more information, call Phyllis Gibat 842-2175 or Chris Johnson 701-6490.

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Space society

HAL-5, local chapter of the National Space Society, presents a free public lecture on Global Warming "Let the Numbers Tell the Story" by Dr. Roy Spenser, principal research scientist UAH and expert on satellite based temperature monitoring, on Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 509-3833.

Support group

Rev. Carol Landry and Debbie Priest will host a Women's Support Group on Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m. at Unity Church on the Mountain. The group is set up for women with ongoing issues of older teens with addiction and related issues. For information call Landry 536-2271.

University women

American Association of University Women will have its monthly meeting Sept. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bevill Center, UAH campus, 550 Sparkman Drive. Meet and greet starts at 5:30, soup and salad (\$15) at 6 and the program at 7. Seats are also available for non-diners. There will be reports from the local young women who were winners of the Huntsville Branch scholarships to the AAUW national leadership workshop. Reservations should be

made by Aug. 27 by e-mailing Lois Guendel herb.guendel@knology.com.

Contract managers

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold a luncheon Thursday at the Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Mike Durant, president of Pinnacle Solutions and Army veteran of "Black Hawk Down" fame, is the scheduled speaker. Make reservations at www.ncmahsv.org.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a

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

Civilian deployment

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

Motorcycle safety

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

e-mail MSF instructor Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

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.

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.

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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/>.

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, open until Sept. 12, 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.

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 Thomas Murphy 313-6186. The award luncheon is Nov. 6 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Good night's sleep

Learn the latest information from health professionals at the Crestwood Center for Sleep Disorders in a class Thursday 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.

Book discussion

The MWR Post Library will have a book discussion open to the Redstone community Friday 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.

Comedy night

Join the Officers and Civilians Club for "Comedy Night" on Friday. 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.

Military retirement

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

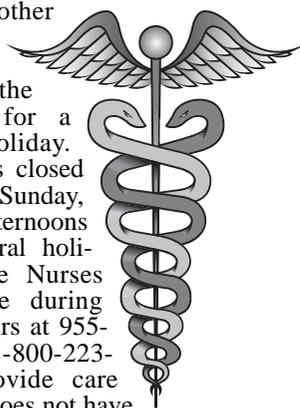
Health center news

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.

Car show

The Ardmore Quarterback Club will have its eighth annual Car and Truck Show on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at John Barnes Park in Ardmore, Tenn. All active duty military and their family members



will be admitted free. For others, general admission is \$3; children 6 and under are admitted free. Proceeds benefit the Ardmore High School sports department. For those who would like to enter a car or truck, visit the web site and download a pre-entry form. Organizers will accept pre-entries received up to three days before the show. Those who would like to enter the day of show may do so at an additional cost. For more information, visit the web site at www.aqbc.net and click on links to Car Show.

Health fair

The 100 Black Men of America, Greater Huntsville Chapter will hold its ninth annual Health and Wellness Day on Aug. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – just before the Alabama A&M vs. Tennessee State football game – at Elmore Gym. Everyone is invited to this free event, which includes health screenings, with the theme "Solutions for a Healthy Living." For more information, call Earnest Starks 430-1987.

Trade day

The 20th annual "Old Fashioned Trade Day" is Sept. 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Huntsville around the Courthouse square. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Von Braun Lions Club and Historic Huntsville Foundation, there will be antiques, woodwork, crafts, art, collectibles, books, food and drink, and more. Free train rides for children. For vendor applications, call 852-5378.

Church anniversary

First Missionary Baptist Church, 3509 Blue Spring Road, with its pastor Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, will celebrate its 128th church anniversary Aug. 24. The guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Walter Malone, pastor of Canann Christian Church, Louisville, Ky. Malone will bring the message at the 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

Dinner theatre

A Dinner Theatre and Fund-Raiser, sponsored by the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Alabama A&M Alumni Association Inc., is 7 p.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn Research Park, Grand Ballroom. The play will be "Walking Between the Rain Drops," a one-person play, written and performed by Robin Arnold. The honored guest will be Ike Rooks. Attire is semi-formal. Tickets are \$40 per guest. For reservations and tickets, call 851-9572 or 859-1244.

Women's equality

Team Redstone Cultural Awareness Committee will conduct a Women's Equality Day Program today at 10 at Bob Jones Auditorium. This year's theme is "Celebrating Women's Rights to Vote." The keynote speaker is Lt. Col. Carla Reed, chief of Army Equal Opportunity Branch, headquarters Department of Army.

MWR expo

The Redstone community is invited to the

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MWR Expo today from 10 a.m. to noon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Tuskegee Airmen

Tuskegee Airmen members Rev. Dr. Henry Baldwin (first generation) and Aaron Watkins (second generation) of Philadelphia, Pa., will speak at 9 a.m. Aug. 26 at Bob Jones Auditorium. They will visit Soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion. This event is open to the Redstone community. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Marcie Barnett 876-0993.

Military discount

"Disney On Ice" is coming to the Von Braun Center on Oct. 16-19. Military active duty, retired, Reserve personnel, National Guard members, and Department of Defense employees, and their family members are eligible for a \$12 ticket in three price levels at five performances. For more information, call Group Tickets USA at 888-770-1876.

Discussion group

Join members of the United Church of Huntsville on Sept. 21 as they explore "Science and Faith – Not Mutually Exclusive." Worship services at 9 and 11 a.m. are planned around this theme. There will be discussion time with a light lunch at 12:30 p.m. To prepare, download two pamphlets "Does the Universe Have a Purpose?" and "Does Science Make Belief in God Obsolete?" at www.templeton.org. All events are free, open to all, and will be led by Pastor Hurst. The location is 7906 Whitesburg Drive. For more information, call 881-3132 or visit www.uchurch.org.

Monte Sano art show

The 10th annual Monte Sano Art Show, a free outdoor event, is Sept. 20 in Monte Sano State Park. Everyone is invited to bring friends and pets and enjoy a day of art, music, food and nature. More than 140 Southern artisans participate. For more information, visit www.MonteSanoArtShow.org.

Horses for adoption

The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States wild horse and burro adoption program is coming to Celebration Arena in Priceville on Friday through Sunday. "For only a small fee, you can adopt your very own wild horse or burro and in doing so help preserve the western public rangelands for future generations of these grand animals," a prepared release said. Approximately 70 wild mustangs and burros will be available for adoption, ranging from yearling to 5 years old. The adoption will be on a first come, first served basis. Adoption hours are Friday from 1-5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 8-noon. A minimal adoption fee of \$125 for animals less than 3 years old and \$25 for animals 3 and older is

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required for adoption. For more information on the application process, call 1-866-4MUSTANGS or visit www.blm.gov, click on programs then Wild Horse and Burro. Potential adopters are asked to call early to be pre-approved and avoid waiting in line.

Oktoberfest schedule

Redstone Arsenal's 13th annual Oktoberfest is Sept. 11-14. Games, carnival rides, entertainment and parking are included with your low gate admission. Oktoberfest 2008 will be held on the Redstone Activity Field near the intersection of Patton and Aerobee roads. Fest times are Thursday, Sept. 11, from 5-11 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 12, from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday, Sept. 13, from noon to 1 a.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 14, from 1-8 p.m. Price is Sept. 11 and 14, \$8; and Sept. 12 and 13, \$10. For more information, call 876-4531 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Oktoberfest artists

In conjunction with the annual Oktoberfest, Sept. 11-14 at the Redstone Activity Field, many Southern artists will display and sell their works at the outdoor event in a tented area. "If you are looking for original art to add to your collection, decorate your home or office, or give as a gift, this is definitely the place to be," art show coordinator Alison Levson said. "Also, if you are looking for someone to paint your family portraits or your favorite scene, artists at Oktoberfest will welcome the opportunity. Art makes great gifts." For more information, visit www.redstonemwr.com.

VA benefits

Veterans Administration representative Andrew Carver will visit Redstone Arsenal on Wednesday of every week from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide anyone with assistance and information about veterans benefits and VA processes. Please give him a call and schedule an appointment at (334) 430-8860; or you can reach him at 842-2718 Wednesday only. Office location is building 3493, Retirement Services Division, Military Personnel Office.

Common access cards

The Military Personnel Office provided the following information about Common

Access Card issue/renewal procedures. "To better service our growing population of customers — permanent military, civilians and contractors — we must comply with the appointment system for issuing CACs. If you are in need of renewing or issue of a new CAC, please go to www.redstone.army.mil and make an appointment. By doing so, it will get you in and out much smoother and we will not have the backlog of customers that walk in to get a CAC. Issuance takes approximately 20-30 minutes per CAC. Additionally, it is imperative that everyone comply with the appointment system. This is only for CAC card issue. Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation."

Health center renovation

Fox Army Health Center has been undergoing major renovation for the past 10 months and the project will continue for approximately another year. Modular buildings are being constructed in the east parking lot this week to house some of the services while their areas of the buildings are being reconstructed. As a result, specific parking spaces have been reserved for patients and staff. Please watch for the signs indicating where you may park and assist Fox by using those spaces. Handicapped parking has not been changed and is still located at the front of the building near the canopy. "The inconvenience of these temporary changes will be well worth the upgraded, updated and added services we will be able to offer to our beneficiaries in coming months," a Fox release said. "Thank you for your patience in working with us through this project."

PX update

The Post Exchange provided the following message last week to its customers: "Starting Aug. 14th, you will receive a three-cent discount per gallon when you purchase gas using your Military Star Card."

Cat for adoption

"Phelps" is a year-old, neutered male tabby. For more information, call Redstone Veterinary Services 876-2441.

Voting reminder

Armed Forces Voters Week is Aug. 31 through Sept. 7.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK08923411	Logistics Mgmt Spec	20-Aug-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X											
SCBK08913544	Safety & Occup Health Mngr	21-Aug-08	USAOMEMS	GS-0018	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X							X	X	X	
SCBK08912200D	General Engr	21-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08908567	Logistics Automation Spec	21-Aug-08	IMMC	GS-0301	11	12	54,999 - 85,701	X											
SCBK080935412D	Contract Spec	22-Aug-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1102	2	2	54,999 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08902101	Integration Sys Analyst	22-Aug-08	Lead AMC Intgrtn Supp Ofc	YA-0301	2	2	45,404 - 88,028							X		X	X		
SCBK08866928	Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-Aug-08	LOGSA	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X											
SCBK08866255	Secretary (OA)	22-Aug-08	LOGSA	GS-0318	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X								X			X
SCBK08881981	Electronics Engr	22-Aug-08	USADTC	GS-0855	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X											
SCBK08918433	aDMin Supp Asst (O/A)	22-Aug-08	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-0303	6	6	32,446 - 42,180							X		X	X		X
SCBK08836047	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-Aug-08	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	65,277 - 126,442				X								
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	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	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	X
SCBK08893560	Resource Mgmt Spec	25-Aug-08	Accessions Cmd, USA 2nd Recruiting Brigade Headquarters	YA-0501	12	12	45,015 - 61,368			X				X		X	X		X
SCBK0853060	Prgm Analyst	25-Aug-08	PEO, Bus Mgmt Dir	GS-0343	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X											
SCBK0893444	Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Aug-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X											
SCBK08942979	Inventory Mgmt Spec	25-Aug-08	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-2010	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	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
SCBK08908791	Supv General Engr	26-Aug-08	PEO AVN, Tech Mgmt Div	YD-0801	3	3	87,978 - 148,740						X		X	X		X	
SCBK08892608	Secretary (OA)	26-Aug-08	AMCOM, G8 (Resource Mgmt)	GS-0318	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X		X									
SCBK08867203	Trng Tech	26-Aug-08	USACE	GS-1702	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X		X						X			X
SCBK08868212	Supv Mgmt & Prgm Analyst	26-Aug-08	IMMC	YC-0343	2	2	65,277 - 126,442	X											
SCBK08868342	Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Aug-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X								X			X
SCBK08941609	Prgm Analyst	27-Aug-08	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-0343	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X										
SCBK08905833	Human Resources Asst (Mil)	27-Aug-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0203	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X							X			X
SCBK08910167	Supv Health Sys Spec	27-Aug-08	MEDDAC	YC-0671	2	2	57,146 - 110,691	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08916182R	Budget Analyst	27-Aug-08	SMDC	GS-0560	12	12	65,921 - 85,701			X				X		X	X		X
SCBK08908914	ADMin Supp Asst (O/A)	27-Aug-08	AMCOM, Security Asst Mgt Dir	GS-0303	6	7	33,442 - 48,308							X		X	X		X
SCBK08813478	IT Spec (CUSTSPT/SYSADMIN)	28-Aug-08	AVN CTR	GS-2210	11	11	54,494 - 70,843	X								X	X		X
SCBK08935841	Logistics Mgmt Spec	28-Aug-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X											
SCBK08859988	Document Spec	28-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DE-0301	2	3	30,001 - 85,701	X		X	X	X				X			X
SCNAFBK0813	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	6	6	9.88 - 9.88	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0821	Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.85 - 10.93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0822	Lead Lifeguard	29-Aug-08	Outdoor Recreation	NF-0189	2	2	7.61 - 13.97	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0825	Sales Clerk	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-2091	1	0	5.85 - 10.93	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0826	Laborer	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	8.06 - 8.06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0833	Tractor Oper	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NA-5705	4	4	8.69 - 8.69	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0857	Recreation Aid	29-Aug-08	Bus Oper Div	NF-0189	1	1	5.85 - 11.41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08880653	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	29-Aug-08	AMCOM, ACQ CTR	GS-1102	14	14	92,633 - 120,421			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
SCBK08910041	Electronics Engr	2-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X											
SCBK08903092	Mech Engr	4-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X											
SCBK080935412D	Contract Spec	5-Sep-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1102	2	2	54,999 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08904947	Aerospace Engr	8-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X											
SCBK08868459	Computer Engr	8-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X											
SCBK08867084D	Supv General Engr, Supv Opers Research Analyst	10-Sep-08	SMDC	YF-0801, 1515	3	3	87,978 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK086929920C	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X						X			X
SCBK086920970C	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476							X					
SCBK086920880C1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997							X					
SCBK086929960C	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X					X		X			X
SCBK086919390C	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997			X						X			X
SCBK086919530C	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X					X		X			X
SCBK086929840C	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X					X		X			X
SCBK087818110C	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X							X			X
SCBK087818000C1	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X							X			X

THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV																			
SCBK08880948D	General Engr	21-Aug-08	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08912200D	General Engr	21-Aug-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK080935412D	Contract Spec	5-Sep-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1102	2	2	54,999 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08867084D	Supv General Engr	10-Sep-08	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	87,978 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08867084D	Supv Opers Research Analyst	10-Sep-08	SMDC	YF- 1515	3	3	87,978 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07347979D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.

B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).

C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).

D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)

E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)

F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)

H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)

I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)

R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)

T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)

V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).

U - All U.S. citizens

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

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

Resumes are now being accepted for [AMC Fellows](#) and [Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee](#). Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for **Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647**, for more information.