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Showing thanks to military retirees

Annual appreciation day
set Friday and Saturday

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For military retirees, Redstone Arsenal is the place to be this Friday and Saturday.

It's the annual Retiree Appreciation Day. This is the second time in its 37-year history the event will be held on two days.

"This is the opportunity we provide to them to come to a one-stop shop," retirement services officer Cindy Anderson said, "where they can get everything from ID cards to vehicle registration and information (on pay and benefits)."

The event is co-sponsored by the Garrison and the Retiree Advisory Council.

"The purpose of the Retiree Appreciation Day is to get people aware of their benefits," retired Col. Michael Gray, officer co-chairman for the retiree advisory council, said. The group's enlisted co-chairman is retired Sgt. Maj. Doug Patrick.

"There's very few installations that have two-day RADs, and we're one of them," Gray said. "We traditionally have about 3,000 attendees."

Stephen Welch, branch chief for transition and separations for the Army Reserve Component (including Reserve and National Guard) under the Adjutant General Directorate-West in St. Louis, is sending one of the briefers, Sheila Dorsey, supervisor for Army Reserve Component retirements. "And she'll be providing anybody that's interested information concerning Army Reserve Component



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PASS IT ON— Retirement services officer Cindy Anderson and retired Col. Michael Gray participate in a meeting last week about Retiree Appreciation Day.

retirement – that's done normally at age 60; the recent change to the retirement age for mobilized

Soldiers; the retirement point accounting system; and the Reserve Component survivor benefit plan," Welch said. "She'll also answer any other question a retiree may have."

"I think it's a great thing," Welch, a retired lieutenant colonel, said of Retiree Appreciation Day. "All the retirement services offices are tasked to do this at least once a year."

Welch sees two main benefits from the event. "One, certainly showing appreciation to the Soldier and Soldier's family," he said. "And two, making the Soldier aware of benefits to which they're entitled. This is particularly important for the Reserve Component."

On Friday, the event will be held from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. There is a pay-as-you-go breakfast served from 7-9 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a German buffet from 5-8 p.m.

An Information Fair will be held at the club until 1 p.m. Throughout the day, special MWR activities will be held at various locations across Redstone Arsenal. Morale Welfare and Recreation is offering a 15 percent

Military retirees can learn about special compensation

Expanded eligibility
topic of briefing

Col. John Sackett and associates will attend the Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Day. On Friday, they will be at the Officers and Civilians Club from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be at the Sparkman Complex on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is time planned for briefing and for question and answers. Attendees will hear about how Combat-Related Special Compensation benefits eligible medical or Temporary Early Retirement Act retirees.

Sackett is chief of the Combat-Related Special Compensation/Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance division from the Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Va.

Medical or Temporary Early Retirement Act retirees may now be eligible for tax-free compensation through the Combat-Related Special Compensation program, as a result of the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act that was signed into law Jan. 28.

Enacted by Congress on Dec. 2, 2002, CRSC provides eligible military retirees with "combat related" Veterans Affairs-rated injuries with monthly compensation replacing the VA-disability offset, thereby enabling them to receive full military retirement pay and VA-disability compensation. Until now, CRSC has only been avail-

able to retirees with 20 or more years of service. The recently approved legislation expands eligibility to those who were medically retired, effective Jan. 1, 2008.

Eligible retirees include those who meet three basic criteria: are receiving retired pay, have their military retired pay reduced by VA-disability payments (VA waiver), and have a 10 percent or greater VA-rated disability that can be linked to a combat-related event through official military documentation.

For a retiree's injury to qualify as being combat-related, it must be a result of training that simulates war, hazardous duty, instrumentality of war, or armed conflict.

Military retirees can verify that they meet the CRSC eligibility requirements by supplying copies of all VA-rating decisions, DD214s and medical documentation stating "how" the injury is linked to a combat-related event.

For more information about CRSC, including detailed information about the expansion of the program to medical and TERA retirees, eligibility requirements and claim submission instructions, retirees can visit the Army's CRSC web site located at www.crsc.army.mil, e-mail crsc.info@us.army.mil, call 1-866-281-3254 or visit the Retiree Appreciation Day. Retirement services officer Cindy Anderson can be reached at 876-2022; or call Barbara Moudy, chief of transition, at 313-6481. (Garrison release)

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An open lane random survey

What would you do with a million dollars?

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Harden Wesley
Sparkman Management Office
"I'd take it and sit on it - invest. Since I'm living like I am and don't have anything, I'd take it and invest. And I'd get three of the best

investment people I can find and live off the interest. And I'd put it in a trust so my children can use it. But that's what I would do with it."

Robert Schumann
Officers and Civilians Club manager
"I'd give 20 percent to charity. And the rest to my wife (Karen) because she's going to take it anyway."



Martha Morin
Wife of retired lieutenant colonel
"First, I would set up trust funds to make sure all my children and grandchildren are taken care of. And then I would probably pay off

all my bills, do some traveling and donate some money to my favorite charities which are the USO and Alzheimer's association."

Staff Sgt. Danny Meeker
Charlie Company
"Sell my house. Travel for a year. Some of those things on my list would probably be (to) see an NFL game in every major NFL stadium."



Quote of the week

'Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.'

— Ronald Reagan

Letters to the Editor

Exchange gas discount question

AAFES giving three cents per gallon gas discount to drivers who pay with a Military StarSM Card! Does this only apply to "Pay at the Pump" option only? Does the discount apply if I pay with a Military StarSM Card using the "pay cashier" option on the pump in conjunction with an AAFES Shoppette store purchase? Some clarification from AAFES is requested as cash customers don't get any discount.

George S. Fox
AMCOM/USATA

Editor's note: The Post Exchange provided the following response. "Bank issued debit or credit cards have additional costs associated with their use. AAFES pays a third party financial institution every time a customer uses one of these bank issued cards. Since the Military StarSM Card is administered by the Exchange Credit Program, AAFES is not subject to

additional fees and we're able to pass the savings on to authorized exchange shoppers.

"While the three cent discount is offered for our 'pay at the pump' customers as well as those who wish to pay for fuel inside the Shoppette in conjunction with AAFES merchandise, most credit card fuel transactions (approximately 80 percent) happen at the pump. As such, there is an expense to cash transactions not seen with debit and credit payments as they require personnel to facilitate. The more cash transactions processed, the greater the demand for staffing. While a cash discount would be a manual transaction, this is typically not the case with the Military Star Card discount as more than three out of four times payment is completely automated at the pump.

"Regardless of the form of payment used, AAFES' gasoline pricing policy is designed to give all customers the lowest possible cost in the market."

Shedding light on traffic light

Is the traffic light operating to standard at the intersection of Rideout Road and Martin Road? As you travel west on Martin Road and approach the intersection, the traffic light changes from green to red in three seconds. This does not seem long enough to stop in time when going the speed limit, which is 45 mph. Surely there is a standard that governs this. I think it ought to be at least five seconds transition time. Please tell me what the standard is and if this light needs to be changed. Thanks in advance.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Let us begin by saying thank you for your interest in the well-being and safety of

all that travel the roadways of Redstone Arsenal. The short answer to your question is the traffic light at the intersection of Martin Road and Rideout Road is operating (to standard) in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for a speed zone of 45 miles per hour.

"Traveling west on Martin Road the yellow change interval is three seconds followed by a red clearance interval of one second, giving a four second total green to red cycle time. The timing intervals are in accordance with the standard and don't require a change.

"Again, thank you for your interest and should you have additional questions regarding traffic related topics please don't hesitate to contact the Directorate of Public Works at 876-3516."

Successful run for the fallen

The North Alabama Run for the Fallen, Aug. 24, was a great success.

I had more than 132 runners sign up for the event. I had 250 running numbers printed with names of fallen warriors; and thanks to folks making additional laps, all 250 were worn and had a mile run in their honor.

Over \$1,500 was donated and will go to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Maj. Marty Eaton
AMCOM Operations Center

Exercise your right to vote

With a highly politicized election year upon us, it's important for military members to understand and abide by the rules and regulations that govern our involvement in the political process. If we aren't aware of our boundaries, we can't

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Take action to prevent suicides

I cannot stand by and watch the Army play on words concerning suicides.

I spent 22 years in the Army. As a civilian now, I went to Kuwait in 2004 and 2005 and Mosul, Iraq in 2007 and I am scheduled for Afghanistan in 2008, October or November.

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Iloilo City, Philippines

What do you like about your job?
Everything. Anything that gives me the opportunity to support our Army gives me great pleasure.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Anything that I can do with my husband (Chuck) – horseback riding, reading, watch movies, work on the farm.

What are your goals?
My husband and I are working on hav-



ing a child. So my goal is to have a child of my own.

What's your favorite type of music?
Good ol' rock 'n' roll

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Aug. 21: Store Security and Police observed three subjects in the Main Exchange select numerous clothing and electronic items and place them into a shopping cart. One subject pushed the cart into a dressing room and exited the dressing room with the cart containing full shopping bags. The subjects then left the store without paying. The subjects were detained by Store Security and processed by Redstone Police. The merchandise taken is valued at \$1,771.63. It was revealed that a war-



rant existed for one subject issued by the Madison County Sheriff Department and he was released to Madison County Sheriff personnel. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

Aug. 22: When a motorist requested a vehicle pass at Gate 9, a hand gun was found in the vehicle. The weapon and ammunition were confiscated by police. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

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

Violation notices issued: 21 speeding, 1 unauthorized possession of weapon, 1 failure to yield, 4 handicap parking violations.

Combat nurses strive to stop the bleeding and pain

Emergency responder remembers patient

Editor's note: Lt. Col. Greg Kidwell, now stationed at Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis, Wash., wrote this article while deployed in 2004 at 31st Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad.

Capt. Mary Johnston is an Army Nurse Corps officer, 26 years old and full of life and humor. I am 22 years Mary's senior, also an Army Nurse Corps officer, and her boss. Like all of the others here, we are connected as officers and as nurses who want most to stop the bleeding and the pain of our hurting and dying Soldiers and patients. We are

emergency nurses serving our second month of a (at least) 12-month combat tour in support of Iraqi Freedom II. Our Combat Support Hospital specializes in resuscitative (damage control) surgery and the evacuation of patients out of the theater of operations. Located in Baghdad, we are one of the theater's main trauma centers.

The last several days were a little slow compared to the previous month. The interim Iraqi constitution was signed only two days ago. The respite dares us to think that freedom and tolerance is breaking out all over Iraq. I took the time to bake some blueberry muffins today. I ordered the mix from an online grocer. Everyone loves something so American

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Reserve NCO retires after 42-plus years

Kennedy departing with pride in work

By **KARI HAWKINS**
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Reserve Master Sgt. John Kennedy has spent a lot of years in his Army boots.

Forty-two and a half, to be exact.

Drafted to serve in Vietnam, Kennedy has been known as Redstone Arsenal's longest serving active duty Reserve Soldier. But on Sept. 1, Kennedy officially retired from his role at Headquarters & Headquarters Garrison Operations, ending a military career that has included tours in Vietnam and Korea, a deployment in Afghanistan, and various medals and honors, including two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star with Valor and induction in the Madison County Hall of Heroes. He's also enjoyed a civilian career on Redstone Arsenal.

"The Army is probably the best thing that happened to me, even though it wasn't my choice," Kennedy, 61, said. "It taught me discipline, it helped me to mature, it gave me an education, training and lots of opportunities. Because of the training, I was able to work in civil service. And all the people I've met in the Army and government have been great."

But Kennedy said today's young people should look beyond the educational, career and monetary opportunities offered by the Army before they voluntarily make a commitment that will change their life.

"I want young people to do the military

for the right reason," he said. "The Army is pushing – they'll give you this and they will give you that, they will give you education, money. But do it because of the honor of serving your country. Do it because you feel in your heart it is something you want to do."

Kennedy will spend his retirement time with his family, which includes his wife, Vicki, who works at AMCOM's Acquisition Center, two sons, a stepson and four grandchildren, doing renovations around his northeast Madison County home and possibly volunteering with groups he has long been associated with as a Redstone Arsenal Soldier, including the North Alabama Veterans Coalition and the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Despite his retirement activities, Kennedy will continue to have a place in his life for Soldiers.

"One thing I will always miss is the camaraderie that you have when you work with Soldiers," Kennedy said. "Even in my civilian career I worked close with Soldiers. That's what I loved the best about my job."

A Bronx, N.Y., native, Kennedy was drafted on May 11, 1966.

"Everybody at that time was being drafted sooner or later. If you didn't go right into college from high school, then you got drafted," he said.

Kennedy served in the infantry "out in the jungle" with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam's Central Highlands.

"In November 1967, I fought in the Battle of Dak To," he said. "It took us five days to take a hill. We took it on Thanks-

giving Day so Thanksgiving has always had a special meaning for me.

"That's where I received my first Purple Heart. I was going up the hill and I could see bullets coming at me and at the ground."

A minor bullet injury sustained in the battle didn't keep Kennedy off the battlefield. He soon returned to his unit, extended his tour beyond his first year and was

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

LEAVING WITH A SMILE– Reserve Master Sgt. John Kennedy, left, shakes hands with his commanding officer, Capt. Rob Dewberry of Headquarters & Headquarters Company Garrison, as he says goodbye after 42 and a half years as a Soldier. Kennedy is known as Redstone Arsenal's longest serving active duty Reserve Soldier. He is a Vietnam War and Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan veteran, and is an inducted member of the Madison County Hall of Heroes. Kennedy officially retired Sept. 1 from his active duty position with Headquarters & Headquarters Company Garrison Operations.

Women's club greets wife of Garrison commander

Anna Pastorelli likes volunteering

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Welcome to the neighborhood, Anna Pastorelli.

Members of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club greeted the wife of new Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli in a welcome coffee Aug. 26 at the Officers and Civilians Club. About 80 people attended.

"I want to be an essential member of this RSA community," she said. "And I want to get to know everybody as soon as I can. I want to volunteer wherever I can and help those who need help."

A native of Daegu, Korea, Pastorelli arrived from Maryland with her family. She and her husband have two sons, Mike and Bobby. Their older son, Mike, is in Korea teaching English to business people after completing his undergraduate degree from Georgia Tech. Their younger son, Bobby, is a fifth-grader at Holy Spirit Catholic School.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GLAD TO MEET YOU— Anna Pastorelli, wife of Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli, introduces herself to Veronica Winston, left, and Neida Creech during the OCWC welcome coffee in her honor.

She enjoys spending time with her family, supporting her husband's career and the military community, and volunteering at Bobby's school. Her hobbies include stained glass, reading and entertaining.

"We've all gathered here today to meet a lovely new lady to our community," OCWC president Lori Smith said.

Parents urged to complete paper on school funding

Federal impact aid form due in today's homework

Parents: please listen. Hear the story of a school fund-raiser that will cost you no out-of-pocket money. It's simply a case of existing federal dollars for the taking.

All you need to do is fill out a simple, one-page form that's coming to your home today in your child's backpack or homework folder. And if it doesn't make it home, call your school and ask for it.

The Federal Impact Aid Form, if filled-out and returned to your child's school, puts millions of dollars into local public school systems. Over the past eight years Huntsville City, Madison City, and Madison County school districts received approximately \$8.5 million in impact aid funds. In 2008, the school districts received payments totaling more than \$2.5 million. Arab City School District

qualified for impact aid last year and recently received its first check for \$11,000.

And how do the school systems utilize these funds? Huntsville City prorates the funds to each school, depending on forms returned from that school. These funds go for locally paid teachers in those schools. More teachers are hired to reduce the number of students per teacher and that enables the teacher to give more individual help to students.

The students directly benefit from the funding.

Madison City too uses funds for teachers and supplies. Madison County buys computers/technology equipment for students.

Children of the 30,000 Redstone Arsenal employees – including military, DoD civilian, and contractor – qualify as federally connected students.

■ His Army boots on ground for more than four decades

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injured a second time when a booby trap sent sharp metal flying into his knee.

"I'm embarrassed to say I have two Purple Hearts because my wounds weren't that serious," Kennedy said. "I didn't lose an arm or a leg. I didn't lose my life. But I am proud of my service with the 173rd. It set the path that I am on today."

When he did return from Vietnam, however, Kennedy left the Army.

"I kept extending my time in Vietnam because I didn't want to do any stateside duty. It wasn't the best time for military in the states," he recalled.

"When I did come back, they told me as soon as I leave post to get out of my uniform and don't tell anybody about my service. They told us not to talk about it, to put Vietnam behind us."

Job opportunities in the civilian world were scarce at the time. So, Kennedy rejoined the Army after only a few months with plans to learn an employable skill. In 1971, Kennedy came to Redstone Arsenal for training in Sergeant missile test and repair.

"It was back in the day when you had to learn electronics, and learn about things like tubes and transistors," he said.

He stayed on at the Arsenal as an instructor for about four years. He taught Soldiers about the Sergeant missile system and also about the TOW and Dragon missile systems. Further work in the missile field included two tours in Korea, an assignment at Redstone Arsenal to learn how to use the Land Combat Support System, and stints at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Stewart, Ga.

In November 1979, Kennedy left the Army, joined the Reserves and began a civilian career at Redstone Arsenal as a logistics assistance representative for

what was then the Missile Command.

"I worked with land combat systems like TOW and Dragon," he said. "I was a civilian in the field with Soldiers to make sure their equipment was working. I traveled a lot just like in the military. Eventually, I needed to settle down. So I took a job as a configuration manager."

During his civilian career, Kennedy maintained his Reserve status as an Individual Ready Reserve, meaning he didn't participate in military activities but was obligated to respond if activated by Presidential Reserve Callup Authority.

"There weren't any Reserve units with missiles back then," he said. "I was an Individual Ready Reserve for 18 years until I got a call from (then) Sgt. Maj. John Perry and (retired) Col. Walter Lorcheim about a new Reserve ordnance battalion at Redstone Arsenal. They offered me the Operations NCO job."

After the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Kennedy transferred to the 926th Engineers. In 2002, he retired from his civilian career and, in 2003, was deployed with the 926th to Afghanistan, where he was the first sergeant for a unit of 140 Soldiers.

"We had very poor facilities when we got to Bagram. Tents were falling down and the living conditions were terrible," he said. "Because we were a unit of engineers, we were able to fix things up to the point where we had one of the best compounds at Bagram. We felt the group commander was jealous of the facilities we set up."

Eventually, the unit was scattered throughout Afghanistan, with some engineers working on the road from Kandahar to Tarin Kowt, and other engineers working on dining facilities and Soldier sleeping quarters at various forward operating bases.

"I traveled by helicopter between six different places where we had Soldiers,"

Kennedy said. "As the first sergeant, my job was to check on my Soldiers, bring them mail and supplies, make sure they got their leave and things like that.

"I also was in charge of pay issues and personnel actions. But one thing I was most proud of was that I was able to get promotions for my Soldiers. That was difficult because we were a Reserve unit working under a National Guard unit working for the active Army."

Getting his Soldiers promoted meant that Kennedy had to travel to Bagram to participate in promotion boards.

"It's easy to get promoted when you are working in your unit back in the U.S.," he said. "It's a lot harder when you are deployed and you are reporting to National Guard and active Army units. But these Soldiers were in a combat zone, they were far from home and they sacrificed so much. They deserved to get promoted."

When the 926th returned from Afghanistan, Kennedy was ready to hang up his boots. But a call from then Garrison Sgt. Maj. Mark Gerech led to a full-time assignment with Garrison Operations as an active duty Reservist.

Now, as Kennedy makes retirement official, there is another Kennedy working through the military ranks. 1st Lt. John Kennedy III is a member of the Alabama Army National Guard and is in training at the Arsenal at the explosive ordnance device school. He also has a civilian job on the Arsenal as an environmental contractor for Chugach.

"He joined before he told me what he was doing. At first I didn't like it because there's a war going on. It's all right for me, but not for my kids," said Kennedy.

Kennedy does worry that his son along with even more Soldiers will be embroiled in wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world, and that such military actions could lose the support of Americans at a time when it's most crucial.

"Vietnam and Iraq are the same in that Soldiers are being killed. They are differ-

ent in that the people back here in the U.S. are supporting the Soldiers more than they ever did before," he said.

"But there's also that pulling out syndrome that we had in Vietnam that is coming along stronger. There's too much time, money and blood spent over in Iraq. To pull out would be a waste. Some 58,000 Soldiers died in Vietnam. We pulled out and they gave their lives for nothing. I would like to see the Iraq Army and government step up more. But I can't see us pulling out of Iraq or Afghanistan right now."

Time is needed in these countries, he said, to build democracy and freedom.

"To be a peaceful nation, it takes a lifetime to come to an understanding and to learn how to live in a democracy," he said. "The children in Iraq and Afghanistan are growing up seeing violence. It's their children who will hopefully live in peace.

"The cost we are paying to help that democracy along is the price you pay for being the big kid on the block."

To Kennedy, serving a lifetime in the Army has been exactly the right course for this Soldier.

"I am so proud and my wife is so proud of my service to my country, both military and civilian," he said.

And he will be missed at Garrison Operations.

"John brought a level of experience that we didn't have," said Capt. Rob Dewberry, commander of Headquarters & Headquarters Company, who said Kennedy's retirement was brought on by an unresolved paperwork issue.

"He was a sounding board, a good friend and a mentor. He has been ingrained with various organizations for having served them, worked with them and worked in them. He's a proven commodity. This is a loss for the Army. It's a shame we are losing his experience because we need that experience, we need the qualities he brings to the game."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Thanks to all

"I just want to thank God for all of you all," procurement technician Virginia Maddox of the AMCOM Acquisition Center says during her retirement luncheon Aug. 28 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The Birmingham native, who worked in the business management office, leaves with 40 years service.

■ Military retirees invited to event in their honor

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discount to all military retirees on activities and food purchased Sept. 5-8. A coupon is available in the Retiree Bulletin.

Representatives from numerous organizations, including Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Combat-Related Special Compensation, Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and Combat-Injury Pay Divisions, Transitions and Separations Branch, Human Resources Command-St. Louis will hold briefings and be available to answer questions.

On Saturday, the event begins with free breakfast at 6:30 a.m. in the Sparkman Center Cafeteria. Formal opening remarks start at 8 a.m. and speakers are scheduled

throughout the day in Bob Jones Auditorium. Activities will last until approximately 3 p.m.

The "county fair" will provide information and services, such as medical screenings and tests provided by Fox Army Health Center, ID cards provided by the Human Resources Directorate, Military Personnel Office, legal services provided by the Judge Advocate General's Office, changes and updates to retiree pay accounts by DFAS, etc.

The Post Exchange, Commissary, SATO Travel, and Morale Welfare and Recreation will donate numerous door prizes. Lunch will be served in the Sparkman Center Cafeteria.

The Post Exchange and Commissary will be open to serve retirees and their family members during and after the activities.

Army announces new service uniform

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Out with the old, in with the blue. The Army has made it official; the green service uniform, which has defined the service since the mid-1950s, is on the outs.

In place of the green uniform will be a variation of the blue uniform, something many Soldiers already own. Official word on the new "Army Service Uniform," or ASU, was released Aug. 20 in a message to all Army activities. The message defines the wear policy and the "bridging" strategy for transition to the new uniform.

"It's a culmination of transformation efforts that started in 2004," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston of the new ASU. "We had three 'Class A' style uniforms, all the same style jacket, with just a different color — the policies on how we wore accoutrements on them were different. We asked the question — if we wear one

only, which would it be? And the blue uniform was the most popular of the three."

The new ASU coat, similar to the existing blue coat, will be made of a wrinkle-resistant material and will have a more "athletic" cut.

Other changes to the uniform include authorization of a combat service identification badge to recognize combat service, overseas service bars authorized on the jacket sleeve for both enlisted Soldiers and officers, the wear of distinctive unit insignia on the shoulder loops of the blue coat for enlisted Soldiers, authorizing paratroopers to wear the black jump boots with the blue ASU, and the decision to transition to a new short sleeve and long sleeve white shirt with shoulder loops.

It is also permissible for enlisted Soldiers to wear both overseas service bars and service stripes on the new blue ASU coat. Officers and Soldiers in the grade of corporal and above will additionally wear a gold braid on their

slacks to indicate leadership roles.

"That is kind of a right of passage as you transition from being a (junior) enlisted Soldier to a non-commissioned officer," Preston said of the gold braid.

New items for the ASU will be available in military clothing sales after July 2009.

Soldiers will be expected to possess the entire uniform by July 2014. The two key components of the uniform, the coat and slacks, are expected to cost around \$140, with modifications bringing the total cost to \$200. Enlisted Soldiers will receive an increase in their annual uniform allowance to help offset the cost of the uniform.



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Phil Prater
CHOICE ATTIRE— The new Army Service Uniform is based on the Army's current dress blue uniform and will replace the white, blue and green service uniforms. Paratroopers are authorized to wear the black combat boots with the new ASU.

Soldiers get more flexibility in naming beneficiaries

WASHINGTON — Based on changes to law over the past two years, Soldiers now have greater flexibility in determining whom they designate to receive their \$100,000 death gratuity.

On July 1, the law began allowing Soldiers to designate up to 10 beneficiaries, in \$10,000 increments, none of whom are required to be a spouse or family member.

To accommodate the change, the Office of the Secretary of Defense has published an updated version of the Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data.

Since July 1, however, a number of Soldiers filled out the 1988 version of the DD Form 93. These Soldiers must now complete a new DD Form 93 using the January 2008 version.

Before the new form was available, the Department of the Army issued guidance designed to allow for the new beneficiary options. Feedback from the field, though, indicates that the work-around does not adequately allow Defense Finance and Accounting Service to clearly determine

Soldier intent regarding their death gratuity choices, officials said.

Only Soldiers who completed the old DD Form 93 since July 1 are required to go back and complete the new version, officials said, but they added that all Soldiers are eligible to update their beneficiaries.

DD Forms 93 that were completed or updated prior to July 1 remain valid, officials said. They added, however, that Soldiers are encouraged to update their DD 93s on the new forms as soon as practicable.

"This is a command issue," said Gen. Pete Chiarelli, the vice chief of staff of the Army. "All commanders and leaders must ensure that Soldiers receive proper guidance and counseling related to their expanded death gratuity options. Talk to your Soldiers; tell them to talk to their spouses and help them make appropriate decisions."

For more information or questions regarding the death gratuity and the DD Form 93, Soldiers and their family members should contact their local servicing personnel administration center.

Helping hands

Cafeteria manager rescues choking victim

Puts her first-aid training to use at building 5400

By MERV BROKKE
AMRDEC Public Affairs

The building 5400 cafeteria's dining area was almost empty with only a few people going through their normal lunch routine. The lunch crowd was just starting to move through the serving line, making their selections for the midday meal Aug. 21. Then, all of a sudden, one person called for help, another administered first aid, and a third person was rescued — returning to normal duties unharmed.

Martha Dillard, a Phoenix Service employee, who is always one of the first lunchtime diners in the cafeteria, saw the man choking and called for help.

"I came in as usual at 11 o'clock for lunch and as I went to turn around to go over there where Molly was, I saw this man choking. The way he was acting, gagging, holding onto the back of the chair, I thought he was dying.

"I immediately hollered for Molly," Dillard said, referring to cafeteria manager Molly Ponder.

"She didn't hear me so I hollered real loud the next time to get her attention. I said 'the man is choking,'" said Dillard.

Ponder was recently trained and certified in Standard First Aid, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, and Automated External Defibrillator-Adult responder.

"I hollered for Molly because I knew she had had the training and she is the manager of the restaurant," Dillard said.

When an emergency occurs time is critical; first responders have to be called and first aid has to be administered.

"When you see something like that you yell out 'Call 911' and grab the person who is certified; which Martha did



Photo by Merv Brokke

LIFE SAVERS— Building 5400 cafeteria manager Molly Ponder, left, helped a choking man when alerted by Phoenix Service employee Martha Dillard.

correctly," said Ken Stacy, safety officer of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. "She grabbed Molly, who just took the training a couple of sessions ago, and Molly did what she had to do — let the people wait for their lunch and go help save a life."

Said Ponder, "I got up from the register and left all the people in line and just ran to him. First, I went to him and I said 'Can I help you; I am trained,' but he couldn't talk to me because he was gasping for air."

Ponder wrapped her arms around the victim and administered the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the foreign object that was causing him to choke.

"I did what I knew I had to do," Ponder said.

Dillard was there through it all and saw her friend save a person's life.

"She did it; it took a few minutes and he was all right," Dillard said.

Heimlich maneuver training is part of the overall AMRDEC AED training and certification program but classroom and actual use during an emergency can be very different and anxiety-filled.

"I never thought I would have to use it," Ponder said. "When we practiced it in the CPR class, I never thought I would ever have to do anything like that but I was glad that I was able to do what I did yesterday."

Having seen her friend act so heroically gave Dillard a very close and personal reason to reconsider taking first aid and CPR training herself.

"I had thought about taking the training because it came in handy — it saved that man's life," Dillard said. "It really scared me. I was a nervous wreck there for a few minutes."

Ponder's first concern is with her customers and she takes safety very seriously.

"After the AED was installed in the cafeteria I knew that somebody has got to be in the cafeteria who knows how to use it," Ponder said. "I can't always call on someone when something happens down here because it's going to take them awhile to get here.

"I insisted that I take the Red Cross training and he (Ken Stacy) set me up to take the training."

The AED training and certification at AMRDEC has been ongoing for almost a year.

"It has been a great success story here for all of us," Stacy said. "You can walk into any AMRDEC facility on Redstone and feel confident that there is someone around who can help.

"The Madison County Chapter of the American Red Cross has conducted our training since October of last year and they have done an incredible job. We have trained more than 200 employees and we need a lot more people to go through the training."

Ponder said she was a nervous wreck the whole day following the incident but that the training was worthwhile.

"I advise anyone and everyone to have the training," she said. "I just told one of my employees today that the next class that they have he will be in that class, because when I'm not here somebody else needs to be here who knows CPR."

Don't get duped when giving to charities

Security officials are urging consumers to beware of potential charity scams in connection with the devastating cyclone in Myanmar. Here are some Do's and Don'ts that will ensure your donations go to legitimate aid groups:

Do be wary of appeals that tug at your heart strings. Con artists specialize in whipping up scams based on tragedies such as that in Myanmar.

Don't donate cash. For security and tax record purposes, it's best to pay by check or credit card. If a solicitor pushes for a cash donation, alarm bells should go off in your head.

Do ask for the name of the charity if a telemarketer calls your home and does not provide it promptly.

Don't provide any credit card or bank account information until you've reviewed all information from the charity and made the decision to donate.

Do ask what percentage of the donation is used to support the causes described in the solicitation, and what percentage is used for administrative costs. You want to donate to groups that are proud of using a very high percentage of their donations to actually help victims. Any solicitor who's reluctant to provide

this data is probably working for a shady operator, and you should pass.

Don't make a significant donation before discussing it with a trusted family member or friend. Emotions run high when a tragedy takes place, but you don't want to jeopardize your family's fiscal sit-

uation.

Do ask for a receipt showing the amount of the contribution and stating that it is tax deductible.

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■ Soldiers encouraged to vote

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exercise our rights as citizens of this great country. Readers of the *Army Times* weekly paper would no doubt be confused by the opinions being printed on this topic. Military service does not equate to surrendering our rights to pass along our opinion of the topics or candidates.

Hopefully, I can clear up the confusion and enable each of you to participate in the political process without putting your service or the reputation of our great Army at risk.

DoD Directive 1344.10 was recently updated issuing more guidance about the roles and responsibilities of active duty military members with respect to political activities. It lays out what we can and cannot do in fairly specific detail while ensuring to point out that we have not surrendered our rights to vote and express opinions about political issues or candidates.

As military members, we retain our rights to register, vote and express personal opinions on political candidates and issues. The key is to refrain from doing so as a representative of

the armed forces. We need to be careful when expressing those views, especially during duty hours and more especially if we hold key positions of leadership to avoid the appearance of undue influence. ...

There are a lot of rules and it's important that servicemembers understand what they are. More importantly, since it's impossible to cover every possible scenario, servicemembers must understand the "spirit and intent" of these regulations. Each service also has their own regulation that further lays out the accepted guidelines. For the Army, that regulation is AR 600-20, Army Command Policy. Paragraph 5-3 addresses these issues.

The worst thing you can do is nothing. As members of the armed forces, we must exercise the same rights we continue to guarantee for others. If the military becomes a politicized entity, we will lose the public trust. ...

Servicemembers with questions about the rules affecting partisan political activities or participation are encouraged to talk to their commander or first sergeant for guidance. And don't forget to vote!

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■ calling on chaplains for help

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I have seen Soldiers while jogging around tracks in Kuwait sitting by themselves at night, contemplating life and thinking about back home.

My concern is with the chaplains of the Army. I have seen them many times sitting by themselves in a mess hall. ... I have seen the chaplains tent where people walk on by, who want to stop in but are afraid.

While working in Mosul, Iraq in 2007, I had more than 60 contractors adding armor to the Hummer. A chaplain walked into our tent; the tent was as big as half a football field. I was in shock; I

am Catholic but I did not care what religion he was — he was in my maintenance tent talking to the people. I explained my feeling toward chaplains; and he stated he would be back again.

While in the mess hall in Kuwait in 2005, I sat next to an Air Force officer and asked what her assignment was. She stated she was here because of the number of suicides in the Army and a team of Air Force personnel was sent over to try and help or assist the Army. I believe she stated that in 2004 some 21 Soldiers in the Army had committed suicides.

Again it is up to our chaplains to get out there at night and go to where the troops are because most will not come to them.

James J. Higgins

Apache squadron aids Iraqi security progress

By Sgt. DALE SWEETNAM

Special to American Forces Press Service

BAGHDAD – The view from the sky indicates the tide in Iraq may be turning.

Soldiers of 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, made the move from Camp Taji to Camp Stryker at the Baghdad International Airport about a month ago. Army Maj. Parker Frawley, the unit's operations officer, said the squadron already is seeing the difference U.S. forces are making across Iraq.

In Camp Taji, 4-3rd ACR was involved in an intense battle for Sadr City. The Soldiers fought daily, to defeat Iranian-backed "special groups" in Baghdad's Sadr City district and to eliminate the indirect-fire threat to Baghdad.

"Obviously, during that time frame, the fight in Sadr City was a very kinetic fight," Frawley said.

The unit moved to Camp Striker and Multinational Division Center, where its AH-64D Apache and UH-60 Black Hawk pilots are experiencing a different pace. In its new home, the squadron is part of Task Force 49, Multinational Division Center Combat Aviation Brigade.

Frawley said threats from roadside bombs and direct and indirect fire are



Courtesy photo

TAKEOFF— An AH-64D Apache takes off from Camp Taji, Iraq. Pilots with 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, have enjoyed a less intense and less kinetic mission since arriving at Baghdad International Airport.

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Here's advice for making shipment claims

Personnel Claims Act lightens military load

By ERIKA McPHERSON
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The process of moving from one location to another can be very stressful. Experiencing the loss of personal property or incurring additional expenses due to a delay in shipment can make the process even more challenging.

The Personnel Claims Act is designed to lessen the hardships of military life by providing prompt and fair compensation for most types of property lost, damaged or destroyed incident to service. In addition, certain inci-

dental expenses are recoverable, such as drayage, estimate fees, sales tax or fees for obtaining certain documents such as birth or marriage certificates, college diplomas, passports or similar documents when the original or certified copy is lost or destroyed incident to service. Also, note that military finance offices are authorized to pay Soldiers \$30 a day for up to seven days in the event a privately-owned vehicle shipped at government expense is not delivered on time.

Of course, as with everything, there are a number of important exceptions. Expenses that are not directly connected with loss of, or damage to, personal property generally are not compensable. For example, items such as

interest charges, attorney fees, costs of food or lodging while awaiting shipment, costs of preparing, filing and pursuing a claim, postage, and long-distance telephone charges are not payable.

But wait, you say. Why shouldn't a Soldier and his family be reimbursed for additional food and lodging costs and other expenses while they are forced to wait for a delayed shipment of their household goods? The answer is simple: While the Army is not authorized to pay these claims under the PCA, the Soldier does have recourse against the carrier. If a household goods carrier caused the delay in delivery of other property, a claim may be made directly

against that carrier. These are known in the claims business as "inconvenience claims," and they are ordinarily limited to the cost of purchasing or renting essential items and for other living expenses incurred as a direct result of the failure to make deliver on time.

Before making the claim, the Soldier should ensure that he or she has documentation to support the claim, such as receipts or sworn statements. If the carrier refuses to pay the claim, or makes an offer that appears to be unfair, the claimant may seek assistance from the installation transportation office. Claimants may also wish to seek legal advice from their Legal Assistance office. If the installation

transportation office and Legal Assistance offices cannot settle with the carrier, they may refer the matter to the Qualification and Quality Control Branch, Personal Property and Passenger Travel Division, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command.

Finally, the expense incurred for an additional delivery of household goods occasioned by circumstances that were not the Soldier's fault may be referred to the Defense Accounting Office for consideration under the federal travel regulations.

For more information on allowable expenses under the PCA, call James Friday at 876-9006 or visit the Installation Claims Office at building 111 on Goss Road.

Health assessment prescribed for business trip

Army civilians should prepare for scheduled overseas travel

By ROBIN WARREN
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There can be a variety of health risks when traveling outside the United States and the Occupational Medicine Clinic at Fox Army Health Center is available to ensure you are medically prepared for your trip. As an Army civilian, you are eligible for a travel health assessment prior to your scheduled TDY.

Infectious diseases can come in many forms:

- **Food-borne and water-borne** — Hepatitis A, protozoal diarrhea, bacterial diarrhea and typhoid
- **Vector-borne** — malaria, leishmaniasis, typhus, West Nile virus
- **Respiratory** — tuberculosis, influenza

The travel destination area may also include environmental risks such as heat, altitude, and hazardous animals and

plants. These risks will be identified at your Occupational Medicine appointment and every precaution will be taken to decrease your risk during temporary duty travel.

Ideally, an appointment should be scheduled at least 4 to 6 weeks prior to your trip. Vaccines usually take two weeks after vaccination to give you the proper immunity. There are some vaccines that must be given as a series over a period of days, weeks or months. If you will be leaving in less than four weeks, it is still important to make an appointment with the Occupational Medicine Clinic. There may be some vaccines, medications or information about how to protect yourself from illness and environmental risks that may be beneficial.

There are categories of vaccines that are indicated for travel. The Centers for Disease Control divides the vaccines into routine, recommended and required.

Routine vaccines are those that you should have or update as a healthy adult. Tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, chickpox and influenza are a few examples.

Recommended vaccines are those that are recommended to protect the traveler from illnesses present in the travel destination area and to prevent the diseases from being transported back across international borders.

Required vaccines are those required by international health regulations.

You can investigate your destination of travel by visiting the Centers for Disease Control Travel Health web site at www.cdc.gov/travel. You may call Fox

Army Health Center Occupational Medicine Clinic to schedule your appointment at 955-8888, ext. 1026.

Things to bring to your occupational medicine appointment include a copy of TDY travel orders, a Common Access Card, and immunization records or forms documenting any past vaccinations.

Your appointment will take approximately 30 minutes. All patients are required to stay 15 minutes after receiving vaccines for observation of side effects.

U.S. official says NATO benefits from missile pact

By JIM GARAMONE
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WASHINGTON — The agreement between the United States and Poland on ballistic missile defense is important for the relationship between the two countries and for the NATO alliance, a senior State Department official said Aug. 25.

John C. Rood, acting undersecretary of state for arms control and international security — who helped to negotiate the agreement — talked with reporters at the State Department.

The agreement, signed Aug. 20, will allow the United States to place 10 interceptor missiles in Poland to defend the European NATO allies from a missile strike from a rogue state like Iran. A radar site for the system will be built in the Czech Republic.

There are two pieces to the agreement, Rood said. "One is a ballistic missile defense agreement," he said. "The second is a declaration on a strategic cooperation between the United States and Poland."

The missile defense agreement is the culmination of a NATO initiative approved by alliance leaders at the alliance's summit in Bucharest, Romania, in April. NATO leaders agreed that the missile threat from rogue regimes was growing, and that a system needed to be in place.

The summit also called to expand this initial area by exploring options for a NATO-wide architecture for missile defense.

"This capability will be very important to our NATO allies, for their security, just as it's very important for the United States and Poland," Rood said.



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Chinook insight

Some senior mechanical engineering students at the University of Alabama-Huntsville toured a CH-45 Chinook helicopter that flew from Dothan to Huntsville. This firsthand look at the helicopter was an effort to supplement their classroom instruction. Peering through the window is Emily Williams of Huntsville.

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fewer in Multinational Division Center than what the squadron experienced in Sadr City. The aircraft that once fought constantly in a small geographic region now are responsible for a much larger area; they support ground forces by providing surveillance and reconnaissance.

“With the threat of these areas being lower and the ground guys focusing more on nonlethal operations, we, of course, conduct fewer lethal operations as well,” he said. “If you look at the big picture, the less we have to shoot and destroy targets or kill insurgents indicates that we are getting closer to mission success in Iraq.”

Frawley said the changing operational tempo in Multinational Division Center also has allowed the squadron to catch up on maintenance and give the pilots a break.

“The changing nature of our attack and reconnaissance missions reflects a greater level of security among the people, a demonstrated capability of the Iraqi police and army, and a general improvement in the daily lives of the population,” Col. Chandler C. Sherrell, Task Force 49 commander, said. “This would not be possible without the continued efforts of our ground partners to transition security to the Iraqis and aid in the economic devel-

opment of their areas. These positive trends have allowed us to provide a greater degree of overwatch and a reduced level of direct action.”

This shift in focus for 4-3rd ACR was recently highlighted by its involvement in the Aug. 16 celebration of the Birth of the 12th Imam, an important Muslim holiday that draws hundreds of thousands of Shiia pilgrims to Karbala each year. In previous years, daily reconnaissance patrols were necessary to provide surveillance of the crowds and early warning of any potential threats to the Iraqis participating in the pilgrimage. This year, the squadron’s mission remained more of an overwatch, as Iraqi ground and air assets led the security efforts.

“Because of the progress of the Iraqis and their ability to handle their own internal affairs with minimal coalition support, the decision was made to minimize our presence around Karbala,” Frawley said. “It bolsters the Iraqi’s confidence — not only the Iraqi security forces’ confidence, but (also) the confidence of the Iraqi population in the security forces’ ability to do its job.

“It’s a success story,” he added. “Any responsibilities we can hand over to the Iraqis that they can execute with a degree of success, gets us closer to mission completion here.”

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Tuskegee Airman looks to today's Soldiers

Takes opportunity to motivate young troops to work hard

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Describing the Soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion as "co-workers for democracy," a World War II Tuskegee Airman told the young Soldiers that the U.S. is depending on them to be ready when their country needs them.

Rev. Henry Baldwin, who at age 19 was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen who flew with distinction during World War II as the 332nd Fighter Group, Army Air Corps over Italy, said today's Soldiers now carry the responsibility of service.

With proper training and the discipline of a war fighter, the Soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion "will be ready to do what there needs to be done," Baldwin said.

Baldwin and Aaron Watkins, a second generation Tuskegee Airman who served during the Vietnam War, spoke to the Soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion at a Spiritual Fitness Training event Aug. 26 in Bob Jones Auditorium. The Tuskegee Airmen were invited to Redstone Arsenal by Chaplain (Capt.) Marcela Barnett, who has known Baldwin since she was a young girl.

"We've made an unwritten commitment to each other to always carry the torch and make sure we share what He's given to us," Barnett said. "Rev. Baldwin is a longtime family friend who's been blessing the hearts of Soldiers since day one. I know he will bless my Soldiers the way he has blessed me."

Lt. Col. Randle Jackson, commander of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, told his Soldiers the Tuskegee Airmen are "legends in your midst."

"There are very few Tuskegee Airmen left," he said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

AUTOGRAPHS FROM HISTORY— Spc. Jacob Meyers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, far right, gets his Spiritual Fitness Training program autographed by original Tuskegee Airman Rev. Henry Baldwin, who flew bomber escorts in Europe during World War II. Baldwin and Vietnam War Tuskegee Airman Aaron Watkins, at left, were the guest speakers at the program Aug. 26.

"No matter what obstacle you face, we have veterans who understand the fight and believe in a higher power ... We're glad to have these gentlemen share their experiences with our young warriors. They are battle tested. This is a great opportunity to learn from their experiences."

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion is a training organization with a unique mission, Jackson said.

"Our job is to mold young Soldiers and get them ready for their assignment," he said. "When they deploy and find themselves in harm's way we want to make sure they are a balanced Soldier and a balanced leader."

"That's why we talk about a purpose that is greater than us. We want these Soldiers to stay grounded, to stay rooted and understand there's a higher purpose, a

higher calling for all of us. We want them to be grounded and rooted in faith and nation."

Baldwin said he felt honored to be given the opportunity to encourage and motivate young Soldiers. And the Soldiers of the 832nd felt the same way about Baldwin and Watkins.

"What they said motivated me," said Pvt. Paul Harast. "It's just what I needed to make everything fall into place. I joined the Army so I could go to college and be a pilot. I really can't explain how I feel about today. It was a blessing."

"I liked the overall message to keep moving on and not quit even when people tell you 'No,'" added Spc. Jacob Meyers,

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Legacy based on faith, dreams and determination

'Dream big,' veteran says

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Faith, big dreams, determination and discipline are the elements of success for a Soldier.

Aaron Watkins, a second generation Tuskegee Airman who flew Chinook helicopters in the Vietnam War, urged the Soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion during their Aug. 26 Spiritual Fitness Training event to have a strong faith in God.

"The spirit of the truth will take you a long way. Enjoy the journey, enjoy it because you never know where life will take you," he said.

He told the Soldiers to "dream big." "Tuskegee Airmen had three things – a dream, a big dream; determination and discipline," Watkins said.

Those principles were embodied in the Tuskegee Airmen's first commander, Capt. Benjamin Davis Jr., one of the first black West Point graduates.

"No one spoke to him for four years at West Point. He stayed in a room without a roommate," he said. "There were over 250 in his class and he graduated number 37."

"Capt. Davis was able to instill in them (the Tuskegee Airmen) the discipline they needed where they didn't lose a single bomber (over Italy) to the enemy fight."

Watkins, himself, had to exhibit a bit of determination of his own during tests to qualify for pilot school. During his first physical, he was told his left eye was less than perfect vision. He returned two weeks later and was told the same eye had better than perfect vision.

"I was able to fly a Chinook. I was in the first group of black aviators to fly the Chinook," he said. "I have over 1,000 hours of combat time flying a Chinook in Vietnam. It was very rewarding, very gratifying."

After Vietnam, his military career went on to include a position as company commander of a data processing unit in Germany and as a liaison officer for the West Point Academy. He then enjoyed a 28-year career with General Motors.

Watkins happened to meet his friend, original Tuskegee Airman Rev. Henry Baldwin, years ago in a Bible study class. The two travel together frequently to talk to groups about the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.

"The Tuskegee Airmen leave a great foundation and history," Watkins said. "The average age of the original Tuskegee Airman is 83 years old. We want to keep their legacy alive, and we try to do that by sharing their story of big dreams, determination and discipline."

Soldiers treated to lunch with Tuskegee Airmen

By Spc. RYAN STROUD

59th Ordnance Brigade Public Affairs

A group of lucky Soldiers from Bravo, Charlie and Headquarters & Alpha Companies gathered with Lt. Col. Randle Jackson and Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Pullom, commander and

command sergeant major of 832nd, for their annual Warrior of the Week luncheon with special guests from the Tuskegee Airmen.

The Warrior of the Week luncheon is an event where the top Soldiers from their respected companies gather to share ideas

of progression for today's IET Soldiers with the command staff of 832nd.

Aaron Watkins, a second generation Tuskegee Airmen, was one of the visitors on hand to listen to ideas from the Soldiers and to also share a bit of history of the Tuskegee Airmen

and their struggles.

"I consider this a privilege and honor to be here and see the leadership that's taking place at the present time," Watkins said about the staff of leaders at the luncheon.

"To see that the military that I was involved in has changed

for the best and progressed, that the leaders really care about what the Soldiers think, that really means something," he said. "It makes me proud to see these Soldiers here and to get the chance to leave a little bit of Tuskegee Airmen history here with them."

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who was holding an autographed program for the event on which Baldwin wrote "Dream big. Keep your eyes on the prize. The sky is not the limit."

Baldwin told the Soldiers how, as an elementary school boy growing up poor in Philadelphia, he heard a message from President Franklin Roosevelt in which the president said "Do not quit."

"I would ask my parents how I could fly an airplane," he recalled. "I would tell people I was going to fly an airplane someday and they would laugh at me. When they told me I can't do it that made me more determined ... I told my mom and dad 'I'm going to be a pilot.'"

In 1941, Army recruiters came to Baldwin's high school and set up in the auditorium, the only black in the entire auditorium, was told by the vice principal that he couldn't take the initial Army test and that the Army didn't want

black recruits.

"I went back to the recruiting officer and he went to the vice principal and said 'Yes, we are taking Negroes and if he passes the test I'll get a promotion and a leave of absence.' I took that test and out of 350 others I had the third highest score. My IQ was 130. No one ever told me that before."

At 17, Baldwin joined the Army and began his pilot training, which took him to what was then referred to as Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Followed were months of strenuous training as the first recruits were winnowed down to the best of the best to make up the first unit of black pilots in military service.

"In the beginning it was tough. The leaders pressured you some," he said. "But that is their way of putting something good in you. Don't think they are always picking on you. They are helping you to mature ... That's how you learn to be in control of yourself. If you are going to fly, you have to be in control of yourself."

Baldwin described his first flight as

"heaven to me. 'If only the guys on the corner could see me now,' I thought. I was going to heaven."

Baldwin completed his flight training and graduated as a commissioned officer at age 19. Of the 300 in his class, only 23 graduated. Baldwin went on to fly escorts for bombing missions in Europe.

"We had to escort bombers and we never lost a bomber. Tuskegee Airmen did tricky things that the German pilots had never seen," he said.

But the Tuskegee Airmen did pay a price for their service. In all, 992 pilots were trained in Tuskegee from 1940 to 1946. About 445 deployed overseas and 150 lost their lives in accidents or combat. Tuskegee Airmen were awarded several Silver Stars, 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, eight Purple Hearts, 14 Bronze Stars and 744 Air Medals.

Baldwin urged the Soldiers in his audience to work hard, learn from others, help people, work together, depend on each other, remember all their training and pull up those who are not as well educated and trained.

"You don't really know how many people look up to you now," he said.

"What you are doing right now, it lays the foundation for what you are going to do and you don't know which way it's going to take you.

"You're on your way to something that will make this country better, and you don't know how your teaching will connect to your future ... You are getting the best education in the world because it can take you in so many directions and help you learn so many things. In the Army, you are learning how to control yourself for a purpose."

Baldwin, 82, has been married for 62 years. He has seven children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

"The Tuskegee Airmen made my life," he said. "I've done many things and I have been blessed. I'm proud of being a Tuskegee Airman."

In closing, Jackson told his Soldiers that Baldwin and Watkins are examples of Soldiers who found opportunities and overcame challenges to make their dream of service come true.

"Our lives are filled with possibilities," Jackson said. "We have to capture every opportunity. We have to prepare for our futures today."

Intelligence center collects information worldwide

Looks for weapon weaknesses to build America's defenses

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In order to defend Soldiers and civilians from enemy missile attack, weapon developers must know how the missiles they plan to counter work. They must know their capabilities and their weaknesses. The Missile and Space Intelligence Center provides intelligence that makes American missiles smarter.

"We have a very focused mission. We're part of a very big intelligence enterprise," MSIC director Pam McCue said. "Our mission is focused on characteristics, performance and operations of threat weapons. We don't do all weapons, just the ones that we're assigned. We're responsible for figuring out their characteristics and how they perform."

MSIC represents a small, specialized part of the intelligence community.

"I think the thing that is hard to grasp is the intelligence community is a very big operation. There are about 16 major organizations including services like Army, Navy and Air Force. There's the CIA, DIA, National Security Agency, and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency," McCue said. "I think the most confusing thing is that we are an intelligence organization, but we do one small part of the picture."

The organization began as a part of Wernher von Braun's missile team. They worked as a small cell of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency analyzing Russian developments and played a role in the Cuban Missile Crisis, assessing intelligence.

In the mid-1980s, MSIC transitioned from research and development to the Army Intelligence Agency. Their final organizational move came in 1992, when they became part of the Defense Intelligence Agency. The reality of their business isn't exactly what most people think, McCue said.

"We're not spies. We don't collect info on U.S. citizens or anything like that," she said. "The technical and engineering nature of our work is probably not widely known."

Tenants of Redstone 13th in a series

MSIC employs about 400 people. While the majority are civilian, they also have Army, Navy and Air Force personnel on staff, plus some reservists. Most of their employees work within the Richard Shelby Center, a total of 13 buildings on 50 acres off Fowler Road. The rest of their facilities add up to another 250 acres and 39 buildings.

"We have extensive lab and storage facilities," McCue said.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

GATHERING PLACE— MSIC's building 4545 mirrors the design of the Sparkman Center's building 5300.

They also deploy 10 or more people each year in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. They have five such volunteers deployed now. Having people in the field to collect data and equipment is a vital part of the work they do. MSIC has engineers, technicians and scientists working on 350 different weapons systems from around the world.

"Some of those are variations of another thing," McCue said. "But there are 350 total."

Their Redstone location enables the organization to draw from Redstone's pool of missile expertise, McCue said. They work closely with other organizations at Redstone working on systems much like the ones MSIC works with, such as Patriot, THAAD, Short Range Ballistic Missiles and Anti-Tank Guided Missiles.

"That really is why we were located

here. We were part of Army research and development. We were doing intelligence on the weapons that were like the ones we were developing here," McCue said. "We've got very close relationships and a lot of partners here."

Their mission, however, is not limited to systems developed at Redstone.

"We also follow ground based anti-satellite missiles," McCue said.

The techniques MSIC uses to collect the information they need varies. Some involves simple hands-on experience. Whenever possible, they like to have an actual piece of system hardware to work with. Since it isn't always possible to get hardware, they make the most of other sources of information.

"Sometimes it's open source writing on the subject. Sometimes we have people attend air shows where they are displaying it," McCue said. "Sometimes it is col-

lecting sensor information on them."

The pace with which technology and capabilities change is a challenge for MSIC, as is prioritizing.

"There are so many weapons out there. Having 350 weapons with the size work force we have, you don't have enough effort to work them all in detail," McCue said. "So you just have to set priorities and have to make sure whatever is likely to come up tomorrow, you've got it covered. It's about staying on top of what we anticipate being in the next war or the next conflict."

While the systems they work on change over time, McCue said their job remains the same – as does its importance.

"The bottom line is to identify vulnerability, limits and how can the U.S. defeat it if they came across it in battle," she said.

■ Nurse remembers patient that 'got to us'

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and homelike in this far away and so un-American place. The Iraqi oven has funny icons instead of words and I mistakenly set the oven to broil my muffins. They were charred. I wasn't going to give up on my muffins so I scrapped the black tops off of them, correctly set the oven to "bake" and placed them in for a few more minutes because the bottom half wasn't cooked. Now they were half muffins, and not too pretty.

Remembrance from Iraq

The crackle of the tactical radio fractures such a sanguine scene and we hear Medevac 1 (the U.S. Army Medevac helicopter) is bringing three litter-urgent-patients within minutes. An improvised explosive device injured three U.S. Soldiers. The sound of the chopper is heard about 30 seconds out. The medics already organized themselves into litter teams and prepare to meet the aircraft on the helipad and rush the injured Soldiers into the Emergency Medical Treatment (EMT or the emergency room). It is a long, long 100-meter race from the helipad. The pace of the medics and the look on their young faces broadcast the seriousness of each injured Soldier.

Soldier number one is a youngish male who was hit with a fragment of metal in his neck. He is alert and stable. The charge nurse is taking care of him with the EMT physician's trauma team in support.

Soldier number two is a non-commissioned officer and he comes to me. His arms are spread outward and hanging away from his body. I look hard at his chest as he is rolling toward trauma bed 2. I don't see his chest rising. His eyes are open and he is not blinking or looking at anything. I ask, "Is he breathing?" The medics continue to rush to the trauma bed area. There is no bed there. We use the litter attached to a rolling stand as a gurney. I am aware that there is a physician near the patient's head. I ask again, "Is he breathing?" I opened his unbuttoned shirt as he is swung into place, but I still can't see his chest rise. "He is not breathing!"

Sgt. 1st Class Maldonado, an unflappable NCO respiratory therapist, places a bag-valve-mask over the patient's nose and mouth and begins to ventilate. Thank God he is here. The chest is rising. I can't find a pulse. Not a carotid, not a electrical activity in two leads. I notify the EMT physician across the room. He said, "OK. I'll call it." Everything stopped. It was 12 minutes since we began trying to save this Soldier's life. It seemed like only a couple of minutes. Time of death 3:35 p.m. That will be with us a long time.

When that happens, when the code is "called" I don't want to stop. Every ounce of my energy and every brain cell I can muster are dedicated to saving this

life and then we stop. Every part of me wants to continue, but this man is dead and I can't, and my other nurses can't, and the doctors can't make this better. Death is an unequivocal, irretrievable permanent state. This guy was trying to survive and now he is dead. We lost. He is gone. This one "got to me."

As I step off of the stool, all I can think to do is to grab his bloodied boots and the flack vest I cut off of him and take it to our Patient Administration Division. They safeguard all patient property. This flack vest is an icon, a symbol to me. I noticed Jason directing medics to restock the bed. He is a dedicated and disciplined nurse and I am glad he is doing just what needs to be done right now. The medics start to pick up and restock because another casualty could come in at any moment. While they are focused, I feel a little lost. There was a pack of four cards folded and on the floor under the litter. I opened them and read them. They were casualty cards that this Soldier had partially filled out sometime earlier in preparation of this very moment. In the presence of all of these people, I am alone reading the cards. I read that he was married. There was her name. He had two children, and there were their names. He was from a town near my own hometown of Clarksville, Tenn. I am holding this heavy, blood-soaked flack vest and boots that a man who was living just minutes before had worn. Just minutes before, someone this man didn't even know inflicted a mortal wound. His family is unaware of this horrible scene and me, but I am intensely aware of them.

I walked out to the PAD desk and an enlisted female Soldier said, "Sir, I will take that." I wanted to stow it myself. She told me to set it in a spot and she would take care of it. I grounded the gear just outside the door. I watch it fall into a heap, and I hear the crumple of the material and the boots "flap" onto the con-

crete, and then return to the trauma room. Now only one medic remains. I was overcome with emotion. I was trying to keep from crying, and to keep anyone from seeing me. I am the head nurse here, and the senior officer in the EMT. The medic asked, "Sir, are you all right?" Looking down and turning about to avoid her gaze, I wave my hand over my shoulder while I walk away, indicating that I was "all right," but I was lying. The chaplain meets me as I walk past the door and he asks me who he needs to see. I just point into the room. I can't speak because I am afraid I will "lose it." I don't want him to see me right now so I need to speed past him. I just want a few minutes alone.

I went back to a storage room and hid in a spot between the supply shelves. I just wanted a few minutes to regain my composure. The medic, Spc. Kate Cassell, found me and we briefly spoke about how we didn't have the chance to save this Soldier. I shared my thoughts about how he must have wanted to live because he was wearing all of that protective gear. She left me alone. I thought and I prayed and I got up to get back on the floor.

Detouring to the smoke-tainted kitchen, I retrieved the salvaged muffins and returned to the trauma room and there was Mary. Patient number one and a couple of staff members were still in the trauma room. I told Mary this one "got to me." She told me that this one got to her, too. She said she noticed his wedding band and she couldn't stop thinking about it. I told her that I couldn't stop thinking about his flack vest. Independently of one another, we focused on two totally different symbols and arrived at the same place.

We agreed we were profoundly affected and didn't know what it was about this one person. I said, "You know what? This means we are still human" as she nodded her head and voiced the same words with me. As ER nurses, and now nurses in a combat zone, we see so much horror and we have to control our reac-



Courtesy photo

LAST RITES— A chaplain, with his arms folded, prays with medics over the body of a Soldier in Baghdad.

tion to what we see and what we do and to what we handle. We have to perform well and our competencies, techniques and skills save lives. But sometimes someone "gets to us" and we tumble like an emotional house of cards. All the cases to which we have "controlled" our reactions, collected behind our emotional dam spill out in a torrent. It is a needed release. I can't tell you what it takes, or when it happens but there has to be a release in some way every so often. It happened to Mary and to me this same day, with this same patient.

I nibbled at one of the pitiful looking muffins and got Mary to take one and we continued to talk. Mary's eyes began to fill with tears, which provoked me to tears. I hugged her shoulders and we were both embarrassed to be so damn human. With tear filled eyes, we began to quietly laugh at our awkward moment. Holding the muffins out to her I said, "Mary, don't cry. I have more muffins." Failing to restrain ourselves, we both laughed out loud while trying not to uncontrollably blubber. Others caring for patient number one probably thought we were crazy. Without an explanation, they couldn't understand what two Army Nurse Corps officers just went through.

Later we heard that patient number one asked about my patient. He told his nurses that my patient was going on leave the very next day to see his newborn baby. That made this death hurt even more. Although I am known to be a tad abrasive and intolerant of nonsense, I am a spiritual fellow. I wonder now if somehow on a spiritual plane Mary and I felt this was an especially grievous tragedy? Does this explain why this one "got to us" before we even knew of the depth of this tragedy?

It was a poignant and memorable moment, and one hard to fully appreciate unless you were there. I hope reading these words puts you in that spot and sharing this makes you know it is OK to be human.

Within an hour, Medevac 1 delivered three coalition force trauma patients at one time. Freshly reminded of our humanity, we went to work taking away their pain and stopping the bleeding.



Courtesy photo

BATTLE BUDDIES— Lt. Col. Greg Kidwell, left, poses with Jim DeBron, an attorney with the AMCOM Legal Office, during their 2004 deployment in Baghdad.

Outdoor Recreation connects families with nature

*Fathers and sons
hunt together*

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In the modern world of videogames and computers, it can be hard for fathers to find an active way to bond with their sons and spend some quality time together in the great outdoors. A small group of fathers and sons has found a way to do it with the help of their friends at Redstone.

“What we’re really trying to do is to knit the hearts of the fathers to their sons,” Bob Marshall, retired Marine and director of aviation engineering with Aerodyne Inc., said. “We get so busy in our professions ... that we lose years with our sons to the point that they are grown up and gone before we really take the opportunity to be with them and help them grow up into confident men, fathers and dads.”

Marshall knew he wanted to share the lessons about



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

AIM HIGH— Lane Rings, 10, takes aim during the father-son trap shoot Aug. 16 with the help of volunteer Joe Anderson.

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■ Hunting program bonds fathers with their sons

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preservation, safety and outdoorsmanship he learned as a child while hunting with his son.

"My son, Sam, is 12. I retired in 2004 and have lived here four years. I've never taken him out hunting. This is going to be our first opportunity," he said.

After talking with other men in his church, Cove United Methodist, he found several other fathers wanted to share that same sort of positive experience with their sons. Many, however, had never held a gun and didn't know where to start. They decided to try to do it as a group. The group of 12 fathers and 16 sons found the support they needed at Redstone.

"Most of these kids had never held a shotgun," Tom Pyburn, Outdoor Recreation business manager, said. "We're trying to get them on the right track."

A four-hour program was set up for Aug. 16 at Morale Welfare and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation facility off Sportsman Road. The group spent the first two hours in classroom instruction where two volunteers taught dads and kids alike the basics of gun safety.

"We like to work with youth and we stress the safety issues," Al Swartz,

Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries course instructor, said. "We talked to them about how to handle a firearm properly, muzzle control and basically knowing your zone of fire."

Then Redstone game warden Kelly Smith talked to them about hunting laws and the importance of following the rules. Smith said it was important for the kids especially to know that the game warden is there to help them, not try to catch them making a mistake.

"We are here to assist them. We are all stewards of the land. There is no reason to be afraid of a game warden," Smith said. "They need to know that if they need help or have a question, we are here to assist them however we can."

After class, the attendees headed for the skeet and trap ranges at Outdoor Recreation. There, six volunteers from Redstone's unofficial trap and skeet team manned the ammunition, pulled the launchers and offered their expertise.

"The more they learn here, the better they will be in the field," Lt. Col. Gary Hunter, volunteer range instructor, said. "We came out and prepped the area. We're just instructing them on basic safety and how to handle the gun."

Once all the clay targets had been shot and all the hot dogs eaten, the families headed home. Fathers and sons

chatted excitedly about the day's experience and prepared for the next weekend's event. Marshall had arranged for the group to spend a day clearing and working in a farmer's field in the Owens Cross Roads community. They would be preparing it so they could use it for an actual dove hunt during the season's opening day Sept. 6.

"A wonderful farmer has been gracious enough to let us come out and hunt on his land," Marshall said. "We're doing manual labor in this field to teach the boys stewardship. Before you can harvest, you need to sow. You need to be responsible.

"Outdoor Rec has been the best. We had no idea how much support they were going to give to this," Marshall said. "This encourages the dads and the sons, some of whom have never been on a range or prepared to hunt — ever. This could not be a better situation."

While the intention was for the group to learn to hunt while learning about each other, Marshall said the boys would be taking another lesson with them thanks to the support from Redstone's organizations and volunteers.

"If you want to achieve anything great in life, it involves self-sacrifice and service to others. The volunteers who have come out here are really modeling that for them," he said. "Leadership by example is probably the best form and these folks are showing them that."

Author engineers book on overcoming rejection

She believes childhood issues can overshadow later success

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Dr. Valerie Martin-Stewart has been many things in her life – collegiate Hall of Fame recipient, electrical engineer, basketball star, international traveler, mom, ordained minister, missionary and motivational speaker.

But one role at the heart of Martin-Stewart's life experiences is that of an author who writes books that speak to the spirituality of her readers.

Her recent book, titled "Rise Above Rejection: Exposing the Little Girl In Me," is the second book Martin-Stewart has written. Her first book, "Out of Pain Came Poetry: Tapping the Greatness Within," is a collection of poems she wrote as a teenager and young adult about the struggles of her life and her suicidal tendencies. Her second book explores how to overcome childhood rejections that can overshadow adult successes.

"Both books express a deep pain of mine that I felt as a child," Martin-Stewart said. "But this second book is about divine revelation. It's about a revelation that came to me as I was traveling to Nashville on I-65 in October 2003."

On that day, Martin-Stewart, a successful electrical engineer with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center who works on avionics integration for Army helicopters, was feeling rejected because a close friend declined to travel to Nashville with her. That seemingly minor snag in her friendship tapped into more serious feelings



Photo by Kari Hawkins

REACHING POTENTIAL— Dr. Valerie Martin-Stewart is facing her fears as she publishes her book on how to overcome childhood rejections and speaks to various groups about leading fulfilled lives without fear. She is an electrical engineer who works on helicopter avionics integration for the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

Martin-Stewart still harbored deep inside from childhood.

"I battled with low self-esteem, depression and, even, thoughts of suicide all my life," she said. "On the way to Nashville, there was a voice telling me all the great things I'd done in life – playing professional basketball overseas, inducted in the Hall of Fame at the University of Alabama-Huntsville for my academic and athletic achievements, working for the Australian government as a computer analyst.

"But there was also another voice saying 'You're still by yourself. You still don't have anyone to share with. Look at the 18-wheeler behind you. If you turn left you will die instantly.' Of course, I did not turn and when I got to Nashville the Lord began dealing with me."

God instructed Martin-Stewart to start writing about her feelings, and writing she did, beginning with her experiences as a young girl.

"I remember rejection from when I was 4 years old," she said. "My mother left me at my grandmother's house. She came every day to see me. I'd ask my mother if I could go home with her and she'd say 'Yes.' But, by the time I got my little red coat, she'd be gone.

"Most black people feel hate and rejection from the white race. Mine didn't start there. Mine started with my mother when I was 4 years old."

Later in life, Martin-Stewart came to know that she had to live with her grandmother because her older siblings were all in school and her mother had to work, leaving no one at home to care for the young girl. When Martin-Stewart was school age, she returned home to her mother and siblings.

And yet those early feelings of rejection stayed with her. Writing those feelings into a book was an uplifting experience. But God took it another step, leading Martin-Stewart to actually publish her book so that her experience can be shared with others.

"It exposes me," she said. "I've been an engineer for 16 years. Yet, I'm battling several emotional issues.

"Men and women grow up, but there's always a little boy or girl inside who still manifests themselves, and who still carries the hurts and pains of childhood. Life

and nature force us to mature. But we're still walking around with suppressed feelings. I hope people who read this book are healed from their childhood pain."

In her book, Martin-Stewart outlines the phases of rejection – self-hatred, low self-esteem, depression, suicidal thoughts and perfectionism. The book provides a glimpse into her life-changing experience on the way to Nashville, how her memories of her mother still affect her life and how she has worked to overcome childhood pains.

Publishing her own books has also led Martin-Stewart, who describes herself as introverted and a quiet thinker, into an arena that would have seemed impossible to her five years ago — the public speaking arena. She has taken time from work to take her motivational message to various organizations. She recently spoke on the subject "Do It Afraid" at the Blacks in Government National Training Conference in New Orleans.

"My message is about overcoming fear, depression, shame and failure," she said. "Most of our fear comes from failure. When we fail in life, it causes us to become depressed and ashamed. Those feelings keep us from trying again.

"Before any of us can be truly effective in life, we must step out of our fears. I am very afraid to speak out in front of others. So, it's fulfilling for me to be able to stand up and be able to inspire and motivate people to step out of their fear. I personally believe that none of us can be effective or live a fulfilled life until we step out of our comfort zone and overcome our fears."

She encourages people to try new things, to reawaken old passions and

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Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

Facing superiors

Non-commissioned officers competing in the HHC NCO of the Quarter board stand before the leaders of the 59th Ordnance Brigade to receive their instructions on how the board will be run. The winner of the board will later compete for the NCO of the Year Award. Standing behind each NCO are the sponsors for the competing NCOs. It is the sponsors' duty to ensure their Soldier is prepared to compete at the highest level.

■ Engineer writes her second inspirational book

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goals, to overcome failures, and to confront the memories and experiences that are keeping them from their dreams.

"Many people have told me they admire my boldness to talk about what I was going through five years ago," Martin-Stewart said. "My books and the things I say in my motivational speeches are making them look at themselves and how they were raised as children. Many were either the little kid in my book or they were the mother or father of that child. They are looking deep within themselves and seeing what they can do differently."

Martin-Stewart hopes to write more inspirational and motivational books. She would also like to go into local high schools and share her experiences with teenagers who may be struggling with feelings of depression and low self-esteem. She also uses her life experiences to try to be a better single parent to her 13-

year-old daughter, Paris Marie.

But more than anything else, Martin-Stewart is using her experiences and the insight God has given her to make herself a better, more confident person.

"Even though I have a rewarding career and I've been several places in the world, five years ago, I was feeling so unfulfilled," she said, referring back to 2003. "But writing and publishing, and speaking have made me feel fulfilled. Others tell me my books are a blessing to them, and that is very rewarding and fulfilling to me."

Martin-Stewart's book can be purchased at online books stores or by contacting her at vwstewart@knology.net or 468-7988, or visit her web site at www.valeriemstewart.com.

Editor's note: Martin-Stewart, who was an employee for the Space and Missile Defense Command for approximately eight years and AMRDEC for eight years, has accepted a position with Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., in which she began Sept. 2.

Smoke grenade sparks range fire

Fort Meade firefighters respond to 'unexpected training opportunity'

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FORT MEADE, Md. — For the 55th Signal Company, Combat Camera, it all started with a smoke grenade, dry conditions and a layer of leaves in the woods.

The 55th Signal Company's most recent training exercise was anything but routine; their training resulted in a three-day smoldering fire in the range area. Instead of looking upon the situation as a crisis, however, the unit's commander saw it as yet another chance to learn.

"This was an unexpected training opportunity," Maj. Donald W. Reeves, commander of 55th Signal Company, said. "We started the mess, so it's only right that we help clean it up."

Combat Camera had been given the authorization to use pyrotechnics for their recent field training exercise at the Maryland installation. All the proper precautions were taken before the exercise to ensure Soldiers would not be injured. What the unit's risk assessment did not consider, however, was using smoke grenades during dry forest conditions.

The fire started in what was initially a small area, but eventually spread to near-

ly three acres. Firefighters there had to dig deep under the black charred leaves to uncover the fire still smoldering underground.

To assist in smothering the spreading fire, volunteers from several Fort Meade units were called in. About 10 members of the Public Affairs Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, and between nearly 40 members of the 55th Combat Camera assisted in finding and removing the threat.

Suppressing the fire was a team effort with expert guidance provided by Capt. Ramon Davis of the Fort Meade fire department.

"It is quite common for Fort Meade to have small hidden fires during the dryer season of the year," Davis said. "They also get range fires from time to time."

Suppressing the fire was not an easy task. Those assisting trenched around trees so water could be soaked into the root systems. The effort meant firemen did not need to repeatedly come back to check on those areas.

"It is a common thing to have a fire, but not to have the fire continue for several days and burn underneath a top layer of leaves and roots," Capt. Joe Vanmeter of the Fort Meade fire department said. "To make sure the fire is out, you have to do a lot of physical digging to get under the surface of the roots — to get down and dirty."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Reeba Critser

LENDING HAND— 1st Sgt. Robert Hyatt operates the fire hose at the Fort Meade Training Area Charlie to suppress any underlying fire.

Training areas are limited at Fort Meade, so they are valuable to the units stationed there. A fire on one of those ranges could have serious impact on the important training that happens at the installation.

"We have very little training area available," said Sgt. 1st Class Mark A. Porter, U.S. Army Signal School, Fort Meade. "To lose some to a fire — even temporary

while it is reworked or reseeded — creates a big impact on our training."

Those involved in the cleanup agreed that one lesson learned from the experience is to pay special attention to surrounding areas when using incendiary devices for training.

"You need to do a risk assessment and take everything into consideration when using pyrotechnics," Reeves said.

Win or lose

Civilian volleyball team topples unbeaten Bravo



UPPER LEVEL— CWF's William Kelly makes a leaping return against Bravo Company.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

CWF rallies against Bulldogs for fifth consecutive victory

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The post volleyball league's first civilian team is brimming with confidence these days.

And with good reason.

The Civilian Welfare Fund got its fifth straight win by toppling previously unbeaten Bravo Company 21-25, 25-22, 15-11 on Aug. 26 at Pagano Gym. CWF improved to 5-2.

"We're not losing anymore," CWF setter Edwin Lopez proclaimed. "That's a promise."

"The team is good," player/coach Ro Ottey said. "It's the best team in the league. They've improved so much. We've been able to recruit a few players here and there. The team is actually getting closer together. Right now the team is together. Everybody is covering each other. And we're all hustling."

In the decisive third game, CWF led 3-0 before dropping the next four points. After evening the score 4-all, the civilians were down 5-4 but rallied and wouldn't trail again.

The comeback mirrored their season. CWF fell to the Marines in its opener Aug. 5 and to Bravo on Aug. 7, but hasn't lost since.

"We'll see you in the finals," Lopez said.

CWF leaders against Bravo included Lopez, William Kelly, Alfreda Greene, George Guzman, Carl Collins and Bryant Allen.

Bravo (6-1) hadn't lost a set all season until CWF stopped its streak.

"They played a better game," Bulldogs player/coach Edwin Villamil said. "Are they better than us? The answer is no. They just played better than we did tonight. But we're going to get better by practicing. And we're not going to lose again to them. We're going to practice and we're going to get better."

Charles Moore and Patrick Caton led the Bulldogs.

In other games Aug. 26, NCO Academy defeated Headquarters & Alpha 25-18, 20-25, 15-9; and HHC 59th beat the Marines 25-17, 25-12 for its first win.

Aug. 28 results included HHC 59th def. Bravo 25-12, 25-17; Marines def. NCO Academy 25-14, 25-18; and CWF def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-8, 25-15.

Standings after week four had Bravo (6-2), CWF (6-2), Marines (5-3), NCO Academy (3-5), Headquarters & Alpha (2-6) and HHC 59th (2-6).

Auburn gets nod over Southern Miss

Here are Skip's Picks for week two in college football:

- Southern Miss at Auburn — **Auburn**
- Tulane at Alabama — **Bama**
- Alabama A&M at Jacksonville State — **Jax**
- South Carolina at Vanderbilt — **SC**
- Navy at Ball State — **Navy**
- Georgia Tech at Boston College — **BC**
- Miami (Ohio) at Michigan — **Mich.**
- Marshall at Wisconsin — **Wis.**
- Ohio at Ohio State — **OSU**
- San Jose State at Nebraska — **Neb.**
- New Hampshire at Army — **Army**
- Furman at Virginia Tech — **VT**
- Brigham Young at Washington — **BYU**
- Air Force at Wyoming — **Wyoming**
- Cincinnati at Oklahoma — **OU**
- The Citadel at Clemson — **Clemson**
- Central Michigan at Georgia — **Ga.**
- Mississippi at Wake Forest — **Wake**
- Oregon State at Penn State — **PSU**
- San Diego State at Notre Dame — **ND**
- Tennessee Tech at Louisville — **L'ville**
- Utah State at Oregon — **Oregon**
- Richmond at Virginia — **Va.**
- West Virginia at East Carolina — **WV**
- Texas A&M at New Mexico — **A&M**
- California at Washington State — **Cal**
- Arkansas at Louisiana-Monroe — **Ark.**
- Louisiana Tech at Kansas — **Kan.**
- Maryland at Middle Tennessee — **Md.**
- Northwestern at Duke — **Northwestern**
- Southeastern Louisiana at Miss. State — **State**
- South Florida at UCF — **South Fla.**
- Houston at Oklahoma State — **Okla. State**
- Minnesota at Bowling Green — **Minn.**
- Miami (Fla.) at Florida — **Florida**
- Rice at Memphis — **Memphis**
- Troy at LSU — **LSU**
- UNLV at Utah — **Utah**
- Texas Tech at Nevada — **Tech**
- Stanford at Arizona State — **ASU**
- Toledo at Arizona — **Ariz.**
- Texas at Texas-El Paso — **Texas**



- Weber State at Hawaii — **Hawaii**
- Akron at Syracuse — **Syracuse**
- Norfolk State at Kentucky — **Ky.**

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Pineapple open

The 14th annual 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.

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.

Women's football

The Tennessee Valley Tigers will hold their inaugural season in the spring of 2009. Located in Huntsville, the Tigers are the newest member of the Independent Women's Football League, a women's full-contact football league. Tryouts are scheduled at 9 a.m. Saturday at Fayetteville City Junior High, 1800 Wilson Parkway in Fayetteville, Tenn.; and 9 a.m. Oct. 4 at D1 Training Facility, 7242 Bailey Cove Road in Huntsville. For more information, contact owner Carlos Mathews at carlos.mathews@tigersIWFL.com

or media relations director Jamie Flynt Jamie.Flynt@tigersIWFL.com.

Hunter orientation

MWR and Outdoor Recreation will hold the Hunter Safety Orientation for all those that want to hunt on Redstone on Sept. 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.

5K walk/run

The C.A.R.E. Center 5K race, the first of what is to become an annual event, is Sept. 20 at 8 a.m. at New Hope High School. "The purpose of the race is to raise funds that will allow the C.A.R.E. Center to continue to meet the needs of those who need assistance in southeastern

Madison County," a prepared release said. For more information, e-mail Erin Owens at erinowens1@yahoo.com or Laura Hale at lth@comcast.net.

Baskett Memorial tourney

The Barry Baskett Memorial Golf Tournament is Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. at Canebrake Golf Course. This four-man, best-ball scramble benefits the AHS Vertical Flight Foundation Barry J. Baskett Memorial Scholarship. For registration information, call Jim Winkeler 461-9721 or e-mail james.winkeler@us.army.mil.

Benefit golf tournament

Still Serving Veterans, a Huntsville-based 501c non-profit organization, is teaming

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History lesson

Sgt. Maj. Herwin Buhrmann from the Netherlands visits the Atlanta Cyclorama and Civil War Museum where he learns about Civil War Battle of Atlanta. The International Military Student Office took 15 international students to Atlanta on Aug. 23-24 where students also visited CNN, World of Coca-Cola, Turner Field and the Centennial Olympic Park. Students were from Korea, Germany, Latvia and the Netherlands.

with Analytical Services Inc. to sponsor a 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.

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.

Bible studies

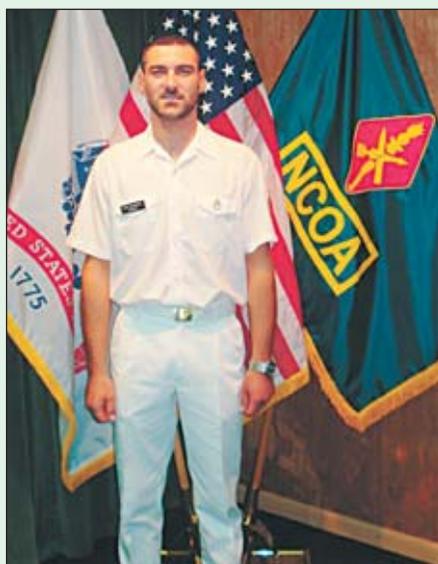
Protestant Women of the Chapel meets each Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 for lunch and 6:30 p.m. for Bible studies, praise and worship, prayer, fellowship, food and fun at Bicentennial Chapel. Child care will be provided at the Child Development Center; and home-schooled children ages 6 and up will have a homework/lesson room and supervisor provided for them at the chapel. For more information, call Sharon Olshefski 489-0404 and Laura Keegan 489-7686.

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.

Youth leadership

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars is holding its annual Youth Leadership Conference from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. This event is for high



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Returning home

Petty Officer Ioannis Sarantis from Greece graduated Aug. 27 from the Ammunition Specialist Basic NCO Course. He arrived June 4.

school sophomores and juniors, and select seniors who are returning as cadre. Students are selected for attendance through their school or home school association. The focus of the program is on leadership, patriotism/citizenship and free enterprise complemented by interaction with experienced professionals in government and industry. This program is on the National Association of Secondary School Principals' National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for this school year. Students interested in attending should contact their high school guidance counselors or principals/administrators.

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.

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.

Ad federation

The Tennessee Valley Advertising Federation will have a luncheon Sept. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redstone Federal Credit Union's Education Center on Wynn Drive. Brian Hilson, president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, will speak on "Marketing Huntsville in Today's Economy: New Opportunities and Challenges." Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Students with a valid identification card may attend for \$5. The event fee can be paid upon arrival or in advance at tvaf.org.

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 Alabama and surrounding regions. The conference should see its attendance expand this year, as the fifth annual Alabama GIS Symposium will be co-located with the event. For more information, visit www.DirectionsMedia.net.

Catholic women

The Military Council of Catholic Women invites all ladies with a military or civilian ID to join it for its Welcome Social on Friday 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 informa-

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tion, call Phyllis Gibat 842-2175 or Chris Johnson 701-6490.

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 Thursday 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.

Fleet reserve branch

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 27 at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565 Exit 3. For more information, call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

Youth conference

Hope Community Church Youth Ministry, 1111 Pulaski Pike, will hold a Youth/Young Adult Conference, titled "Rekindling the Fire," Sept. 12-13. There will be a 7 p.m. service Sept. 12 and events Sept. 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a gospel concert at 7 p.m. To participate call 534-8750 or e-mail Eurika Foster at emfoster02@yahoo.com.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Sept. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. Joe Fitzgerald, president and founder of Honor Flight-Tennessee Valley Chapter, is guest speaker. For ticket information, call Kim Wright 876-6163 or Lisa Lowery 876-7086. Cost is \$11 for members, \$12 non-members.

Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table is Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. The presenter is Dr. Michael Bradley, a retired history professor at Motlow College in Tullahoma, Tenn., who will discuss "Nathan Bedford Forrest's Escort and Staff." Visitors are

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welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for \$6.95. For more information, call 890-0890.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Group will meet Sept. 13 at 9:15 a.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Rod Rakes will discuss "GPS for the Consumer." Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

School invitation

J.E. Williams School's first PTA meeting is Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. "I have been working with the school to assist them with their efforts to get the military community more involved in supporting the school," Dwayne Baldwin, youth education support services director in Child & Youth Services, said. "Your support would go a long way to that end."

Test/evaluation group

International Test and Evaluation Association, Rocket City Chapter will meet Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at PWG Systems, 289 Dunlop Blvd, building 300, Suite K, for a free barbecue luncheon. Doug Freeman of National Instruments will talk about modernization of test equipment. RSVP with James Knoch 876-2550. For more information, call Leigh Christian 883-9791.

Admin professionals

The International Association of Administrative Professionals invites all civilians and contractors in any type of admin field to attend its meeting held every third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Hillary Marshall 313-1349.



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. The unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the areas of database management, programming, networking and/or telecommunications. A minimum of a secret clearance is required, and you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SSBI background investigation for upgrade to top secret soon after unit entry. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class

Officer David Ricketts 955-9436 or Chief Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

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

Motorcycle safety

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

Thrift Shop job

An assistant manager is needed at the Thrift Shop. The hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 9-5. Salary will be discussed during interview. Location is building 3209 on Hercules Road. Application deadline is noon Sept. 11. For more information, call Karen Thompson 881-6992.

Reserve unit

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

Butler High reunion

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

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.

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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.

Trade day

The 20th annual "Old Fashioned Trade Day" is Saturday 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.

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.

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. Family members, retirees and active duty are welcome to solicit information regarding VA benefits.

Voting reminder

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

Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School. If you are a college graduate with a four-year degree or higher from an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an Army officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the active Army and the Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Cyrus Russ 539-6511.

Pilots wanted

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking qualified applicants to apply for Warrant Officer Flight Training School. Applicants must have a high school diploma and age 18-33. Age waivers will be considered. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Cyrus Russ 539-6511.

Cadet program

Join the Army Reserves and enroll in your college ROTC program simultaneously

through the Simultaneous Membership Program. Earn anywhere from \$470 to \$1,400 a month as a SMP cadet. As a member of the Army Reserve SMP Cadet Program, you are non-deployable, you have an opportunity to pursue the degree of your choice and you can assure yourself of a future as a commissioned officer in the active Army or the Reserves. For more information, call your local Army Reserve recruiter 922-1422.

Sudoku invitation

On Sept. 9 everyone in the Redstone community is invited to the Post Library for Celebrating Sudoku Open House from 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to receive a free sudoku paperback (while supplies last), talk with some sudoku "experts," tour the library, and enjoy some refreshments. Purchase of the books is sponsored by Bill Heard Chevrolet. The library is on Redeye Road off Vincent. For information call 876-4741.

Jam tickets

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is selling Big Spring Jam three-day passes for the corporate rate of \$45. Children 10 and under are admitted free with a paid adult. Payment is by check or money order only, payable to BSJ. The last day for CWFC advanced three-day pass sales is Sept. 19. Three-day passes will not be sold at the BSJ gates. The individual ticket price at the gate is \$25 per day. You can purchase your three-day passes from the following CWFC members: building 5250, Starla Bond 759-1854; building 7471, Charles Urban 955-7662; building 5303, John Everett 842-7819; building 5400, Bob Olson 876-4993; building 5304, Melissa McWhorter 313-6839; Missile Defense Agency (three locations) Don Clark 313-9442; building 5302, Jan Pickard 842-6625; 106 Wynn Drive, Sharon Whittaker, 955-2016; building 7804, Tom Bramhall 876-3836; building 5309, Jason Jones 842-2542; building 4545, Loretta Brooks 313-7406; building 5435, Dave Landrum 842-8534; building 111, Sue Sammons 842-2072; and building 5301, Luereen Phillips 876-6942. For the Big Spring Jam entertainment lineup, visit www.bigspringjam.org.

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Employee orientation

The next New Employee Orientation for civilian employees is Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. NEO participants will receive training to orient them to federal employment and the installation, which will include: Civilian Personnel Advisory Center director remarks, staffing/classification procedures, employee benefits, Human Resources Development, management and employee relations and labor, American Federation of Government Employees, Equal Employment Opportunity, Legal, Communication Security, Defense Acquisition University, Employee Assistance Program, and Morale Welfare and Recreation. For more information on how to participate in NEO, call Jessie McCray 313-0146 or Greg Hill 876-4803, CPAC HRD specialists. To obtain a space in this course, you must register by Sept. 15 in TIP at <https://tip.redstone.army.mil/>.

Veteran education

The North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence is accepting applications for the Veterans Upward Bound Program. Free services include career assessments, academic instruction, tutoring, counseling, life skills workshop and others. For more information and eligibility requirements, call 372-4600.

Military service awards

The 21st annual GEICO Military Service Awards Program, sponsored by the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation, is under way. The program honors one enlisted member from each of the five military services, and one enlisted member from the Guard/Reserves component, for outstanding service to his or her military and/or civilian community. Nominations are due by Oct. 31. For more information, call the local GEICO Insurance office 837-0551.

Diabetes walk

The "Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes" is Sept. 28 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville lakeside. Registration starts at 1 p.m. and the walk at 2:30. Children 12 and

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under participate free. All other participants should raise or donate at least \$21 to participate. For more information, call Doris Lewis 539-4404.

Driver's license office

The Redstone Arsenal Alabama Driver's License Satellite Office, located in the PX/Commissary complex, has provided service on Tuesday and Wednesday during the summer. It will continue to be open Tuesday and Wednesday — from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed for lunch noon-1 p.m. — as long as the workload supports it staying open. The services available include transfer out-of-state driver's license, issue Alabama I.D. cards, renew your driver's license or state I.D., testing/license of vessel and motorcycles, and testing for learner's permit (no testing after 3 p.m.). The office can be reached at 882-8698.

Astronomy day

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will celebrate Astronomy Day on Sept. 27 at Monte Sano State Park. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6-11 p.m., activities include telescopes, planetarium shows, model rockets and more. Special guest is Roger Reid, author of a new children's book "Space," a murder mystery for middle school age children set in Monte Sano State Park and Swanson Observatory. Reid will autograph his books.

Judicial panels

The Economics of Justice in North Alabama Series, sponsored by Woman's Economic Development Council, presents the following programs: panel discussion titled "Appointed vs. Elected Appellate Judiciary/Are Judgments Excessive in North Alabama?," Sept. 4 from 6-7:30 p.m. at UAH Nursing Building, room 100; Judge Greg Shaw, Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, Sept. 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Von Braun Center West Hall; and a panel discussion on "Therapeutic Jurisprudence & Correctional Alternatives," Sept. 10 from 7-9 a.m. at Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St. For more information, e-mail WEDCHSV@gmail.com.

Honoring the deployed

Team Redstone's second Deployed Workforce Ceremony is Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. In recognition of Team Redstone's service and sacrifice, AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles will honor all those who are serving or who have served in deployments in support of Redstone Arsenal operations for Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom from Jan. 18 to Aug. 10. Myles will present letters of recognition to Soldiers, civilians and contractors who have deployed and/or family members who have deployed in support of Redstone Arsenal operations. For more

information, call Julia Story 842-7954 or Sofia Bledsoe 842-9828.

Motorcycle benefit

Birmingham Ride for Kids, benefiting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, is Sept. 14 at Barber Motorsports Park, 6040 Barber Motorsports Parkway, in Leeds (exit 140 off Interstate-20). "Join hundreds of other motorcyclists for a scenic ride through the Alabama countryside," a prepared release said. "You'll have a great time while raising funds for the PBTF's medical research and family support programs. Riders on all makes and models are welcome." Registration opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 9:45. The police-escorted ride starts at 10, rain or shine. The minimum donation to ride is \$35, but the more money you raise, the more premiums you earn. For each \$300 you raise, your name will be entered into a drawing for a new Honda motorcycle. For more information, call 800-253-6530.

Home school classes

Child and Youth Services will begin offering home-school support classes for the upcoming academic year beginning on Sept. 18. Home schooled children ages 5-18 are encouraged to attend. Children 5-9 will attend instructional classes at the School Age Services building located on Gray Road while students 10 and up will receive their instruction at the Youth Center on Youth Center Drive. There will be a brief parent orientation Sept. 18 at 12:30 p.m. at the Youth Center and again at the SAS center at 1:30. There is no cost associated with the program. Students at both

centers will receive instruction in physical education, art and technology. For more information, call Dewayne Baldwin 842-9642.

Car show

The Bob Jones High School Drumline Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show is Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Madison City Schools Stadium. Proceeds from the show go toward the purchase of percussion equipment and travel expenses to drumline competitions. For more information, the web address is <http://www.geocities.com/bjhs-drumlinecarshow>.

Craft show

The Northeast Alabama Craftsmen's "Fall Craft Show" is Sept. 19-21 at the Von Braun Center. Admission is free. The hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Latin party

SaborLatino invites you to the "September Latin Party" on Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave., with disc jockey Ed mixing the Latin music. You must be at least 18 to party, 21 to drink. Cost is \$10. To reserve your tables call hostess SaborLatino, aka Yvonne, 783-5756.

Ordnance ball

The 59th Ordnance Brigade's ball, celebrating 65 years of service, is Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets should be available in each department at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.



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SCBK08908167	Mgmt Analyst	3-Sep-08	IMMC	GS-0343	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08933669	Supv Procurement Analyst	3-Sep-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YC-1102	2	2	78,390 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08903092	Mech Engr	4-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08923306	Trng Instructor (Hazardous Devices)	4-Sep-08	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08946895	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Sep-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08952870	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Sep-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08811340	Engrng Tech	4-Sep-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YE-0802	4	4	73,983 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08964082D	Mgmt Asst	4-Sep-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0344	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08935412D	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
SCBK08908589	Contract Spec	5-Sep-08	AMCOM, ACQ CTR	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08903759	Lead Quality Assurance Spec	5-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DE-1910	4	4	78,390 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08932312	Lead Quality Assurance Spec	5-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DE-1910	4	4	78,390 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08932312D	Lead Quality Assurance Spec	5-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DE-1910	4	4	78,390 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08923976	Prgm Analyst	5-Sep-08	IMMC	GS-0343	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08586831DR	Civil Engr	6-Sep-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810	2	2	45,015 - 65,921	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08586831R	Civil Engr	6-Sep-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810	2	2	45,015 - 65,921	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08868459	Computer Engr	8-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08943152	Program Analyst	8-Sep-08	TSMO	GG-0343	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08955814	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-Sep-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08931653	Supv Prgm Mgrn (Product Dir)	8-Sep-08	PEO AVN	YA-0340	3	3	87,977 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08891284	Secretary (OA)	9-Sep-08	AMCOM, ACQ CTR	GS-0318	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK932306	Quality Assurance Spec	9-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DE-1910	3	3	50,060 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08977660	Accountant	9-Sep-08	SMDC	GS-0510	11	12	54,999 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08928750	Mgmt Asst (OA)	9-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DK-0344	3	3	37,164 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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
SCBK08967440	Admin Supp Asst (O/A)	10-Sep-08	SMDC	GS-0303	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08970979	Prgm Analyst	10-Sep-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0343	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08939294D	Prgm Supp Asst (OA)	10-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DK-0303	3	3	37,164 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08926073D	Mech Engr	10-Sep-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0830	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08971179	Lead Supp Sys Analyst	10-Sep-08	IMMC	GS-2003	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08945526	Prgm Mgmt Spec	11-Sep-08	IMMC	GS-0301	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08967914	Lead Prgm Analyst	11-Sep-08	ACQ SUPP CTR	NH-0343	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08984728	Budget Analyst	11-Sep-08	SMDC	GS-0560	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08938736	Accountant	11-Sep-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-0510	2	2	58,999 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08980103	Budget Analyst	11-Sep-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0560	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08923978	Human Resources Asst (Military)	11-Sep-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08882715	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Sep-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08945640D	Electrical Engr	12-Sep-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0850	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08931705	General Engr	15-Sep-08	PEO AVN	NH-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08939808	General Engr	16-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08939808D	General Engr	16-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08927178	Lead General Engr	19-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08893310	Supv Civil Engr, Supv Geologist	21-Sep-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YF-0810, 1350	2	2	65,278 - 126,442	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08893310D	Supv Civil Engr, Supv Geologist	21-Sep-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YF-0810, 1350	2	2	65,278 - 126,442	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08943066	Aerospace Engr	23-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08943066D	Aerospace Engr	23-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08730633R	Computer Engr	23-Sep-08	ACQ SUPP CTR	YD-0854	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08730633DR	Computer Engr	23-Sep-08	ACQ SUPP CTR	YD-0854	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08730629R	Computer Scientist	23-Sep-08	PEO Missiles & Space	YD-1550	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08730629DR	Computer Scientist	23-Sep-08	PEO Missiles & Space	YD-1550	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08730611R	Opers Research Analyst	26-Sep-08	ACQ SUPP CTR	YD-1515	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08730611DR	Opers Research Analyst	26-Sep-08	ACQ SUPP CTR	YD-1515	3	3	93,107 - 157,412	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08936251	General Engr	28-Sep-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X