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German military marks milestone

Patriot liaison office changes leadership in 50th year since German Air Force arrived

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The Sept. 16 change of command for the German Patriot Office was like homecoming for Lt. Col. Christian Uhlig.

He succeeded Lt. Col. Thomas Doerr as director of the office which acts within the Patriot missile program as a liaison for the German government to the U.S. Army and U.S. industry. It exchanges information between the Lower Tier Project Office and the pertinent German organizations.

"I'm very proud because my entire life in missile defense is connected here in Huntsville," Uhlig said. "I have been here so many times it's really like coming home here in Huntsville."

He first arrived in 1978 for training with the Nike system at the missile school.

Last week's ceremony at the Officers and Civilians Club was also significant because this is the 50th year since the first German Air Force soldiers arrived in 1958 at the school. Col. Michael Kuhn, commander of the German Air Force Command at Fort Bliss, Texas, conducted the change of command.

"Thanks to the Huntsville community for all the support the German soldiers have received in the last 50 years," Kuhn said. "Thank you very much."

Uhlig, 55, arrives from the German Armed Forces Office in Bonn, Germany. He was a member of the German Patriot Office from 1993-96.

"I want to keep up on the missile development and future plans of the United States and give advice to my folks back home, to my government, to work as closely as possible together," Uhlig said.

A native of Moenchengladbach in western Germany, he and his wife Edda have a son and daughter who are both married.

Doerr, who directed the German Patriot Office three years, is leaving Sept. 30 for assignment with the German Air Force Weapon System Command in Cologne, Germany.

Since its inception in 1986, the German Patriot Office has been an integral part of the German Patriot management as well as the international Patriot community.

"Faces changed throughout these years," Doerr said. "And faces will change, like today, but our common task to support the war fighter in the field will be met."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

KEY PARTICIPANTS— From left are Lt. Col. Thomas Doerr, outgoing director of the German Patriot Office; Col. Michael Kuhn, commander of the German Air Force Command at Fort Bliss, Texas; and incoming director Lt. Col. Christian Uhlig.

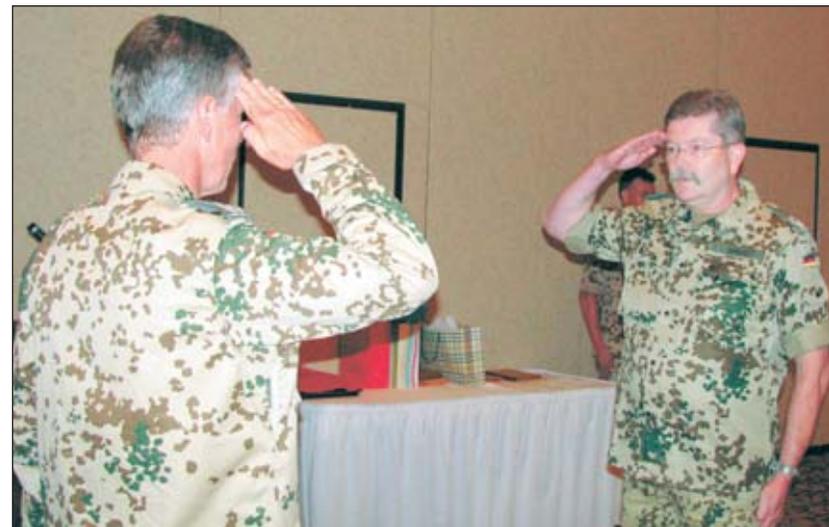


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BEST WISHES— Col. Michael Kuhn, commander of the German Air Force Command at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Lt. Col. Christian Uhlig, director of the German Patriot Office, exchange a salute during the ceremony Sept. 16.

An open lane random survey

What has been your proudest moment in the Army?

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Pfc. Kerry Green
 Charlie Company
"Making it through the 15K (9.3-mile) march in August 2007 at Fort Jackson, S.C."

Pvt. Jessica Patterson
 Charlie Company
"Getting through basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., in spring of this year."



Pvt. Teddy Peplinski
 Bravo Company
"Graduating basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on June 7."

Pvt. Kevin Cutshall
 Bravo Company
"The first time I saw my family after basic (training) at Fort Jackson, S.C., on Family Day, June 27."



Quote of the week

The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.

— Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)

Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
 Kansas City, Kan.

What do you like about your job?
 The people are great. Working with the projects we work on is great, and what we do supporting the war fighter.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
 I like fishing. Spending time with the family (wife Jill, daughter



Tanesha, 17, and son Barry Jr., 15).

What are your goals?
 This is new for me. I retired last year from the military (as an Army major after 25 years). I'm just looking forward to just continuing to build my Army civilian career.

What's your favorite type of music?
 Contemporary



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

Signature smiles

From left, Kimberly Ellis of Lockheed Martin, contracting officer Kim Floyd and Raytheon's John Brauneis participate in contract awards last Thursday for the Joint Air to Ground Missile. "These Technology Development Phase contracts mark the pacesetter competitive prototype path that Mr. John J. Young Jr., undersecretary of defense (acquisition, technology and logistics), has outlined," said Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space.

Leisure needs survey sets recreation priorities

The Army Southeast Installation Management Agency is conducting a survey of supported populations at Redstone this week. The purpose of the survey is to assess what types of leisure programs and facilities are needed at Redstone and how well the existing facilities are serving the needs of the community.

The survey is under way through Friday at key locations, such as the Post Exchange and Commissary. The survey will be administered to active duty military, their spouses, retired military, civilian employees, and youth dependents age 12-18.

The statistically valid survey is conducted by the ETC Institute, a professional market research firm under contract to the Army. The survey will be administered to more than 700 people. The results of the survey will have a margin of error of plus-or-minus 3.7 percent. The survey will ask people to rate whether they have a need for 84 different leisure programs and activities, including things like swimming, golf, dance, martial arts, camping, fishing, auto repair, arts and crafts, playgrounds, restaurants, bowling, movies and many others.

People who have a need for various activities and programs will be asked to rate how well their needs are being met and whether they would prefer to participate in the activity on post or off post.

In addition to rating needs for specific programs, people will also be asked to rank the top priorities for improvement at Redstone Arsenal.

Redstone is joining 14 other Army installations in the Southeast Region that will participate in the survey. The results will influence how funding is allocated to each installation.

A final report of the survey findings is scheduled to be presented to officials at Redstone in November. For more information about the survey, call Vickie Marks, at 876-5232. (Garrison release)

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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Sept. 11: When a subject requested a pass at Gate 1, it was revealed that he was operating his vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Sept. 11: It was found that two misdemeanor warrants exist for a subject issued by the Morgan County Sheriff Department. He was located at his workplace, arrested by Redstone Police and transported to Morgan County.

Sept. 11: The U.S. Marshal Service notified Redstone Police that a fugitive warrant exists for an Oktoberfest worker. The subject was located by Redstone Police, arrested and released to U.S. marshals.

Sept. 11: A subject entered the Post Exchange, selected AAFES property valued at \$50 and exited without paying. She was processed by police and released to her organization.

Sept. 13: When a subject was stopped by police for speeding on Vincent Road, it was revealed that he was driving while under the influence of alcohol. He submitted to a blood alcohol test with a result of .14 percent. He was detained until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level, issued two violation notices and released.

Sept. 13: When a subject was stopped for speeding on Rideout Road, it was revealed that he was driving with a suspended driver's license. He was issued two violation notices and released.

Sept. 13: A subject was arrested by Redstone Police after he became drunk and disorderly at the Oktoberfest. He was issued three violation notices and later released to his sponsor.

Sept. 16: A subject entered the Post Exchange, selected AAFES property valued at \$29.95 and exited without paying. She was processed by police and released to her organization.

Sept. 16: A subject approached Gate 10 while operating his vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Sept. 16: A subject approached Gate 1 and stated that he was lost. It was revealed that he was driving with a suspended driver's license. Further investigation revealed a misdemeanor warrant issued by the Boaz Police Department. He was issued a violation notice and released to Boaz Police.

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

Violation notices issued: 16 speeding, 4 suspended driver's license, 1 driving under the influence, 1 drunk/disorderly, 1 public intoxication, 1 underage drinking.



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

New office

The Integrated Air and Missile Defense Project Office dedicates its home Sept. 15 on Quality Circle in Research Park. Cutting the ribbon are, from left, Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, IAMD project manager Robert Thomas, program executive officer for missiles and space Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco and Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce chairman Evans Quinlivan. "It was a herculean effort but now we have the facility we need to enhance the capabilities of the war fighter," Thomas said.

Work starts on Army Materiel Command headquarters

Groundbreaking ceremony dedicates Martin Road site

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Members of the Army Materiel Command and the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command should have their new buildings at Redstone Arsenal by 2011.

“We’re anxious to come here. We’re anxious to move the headquarters here. We’re anxious to break ground and get construction started,” AMC commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin said during a groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 17.

AMC headquarters has already begun moving from Fort Belvoir, Va., under the 2005 base realignment and closure decisions. More than 150 workers are here and the number should grow to 450 by next summer.

The headquarters will be constructed on Martin Road at the former site of the Photo Lab building 4489. A design-build construction contract was awarded by the Mobile District Corps of Engineers to B.L. Harbert International of Birmingham. Total contract cost is more than \$105 million with another \$2 million in options to provide and install furnishings and security systems.

This project represents 400,800 square feet. The two buildings, with a common lobby adjoining them, will house about 1,354 AMC people and 367 others from the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command. Project completion is expected January 2011.

“The majority of our folks



Photo by Skip Vaughn

JUST BEGINNING— Rendering honors at the start of the groundbreaking ceremony are, from left, AMC commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin, AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

will be here by spring 2011,” USASAC deputy commander Rick Alpaugh said. Seventy workers have arrived.

Griffin thanked the local community on behalf of its new neighbors from the Army

Materiel Command.

“This is just a tremendous community,” Griffin said, “and you’ve welcomed us.”

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone

Arsenal, called this occasion a special day. “The fabric of this Arsenal is changing right before our eyes,” he said.

AMC’s move represents the “first time you’ve had a four-star headquarters in the state of

Alabama,” according to Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

“This (groundbreaking) is a wonderful event for the Arsenal and our local community and the greater Tennessee Valley area,” Pastorelli said.

Thanks in advance for supporting CFC



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ROUSING START—The Liberty Belles dance team from Liberty Middle School performs during the CFC kickoff on Sept. 15 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

2008 charity campaign seeks \$2 million goal

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The music played, the dancers danced and the speakers spoke. Now it's up to the members of Team Redstone to respond as they always have before.

The 2008 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Sept. 15 in Bob Jones Auditorium. The annual fundraising drive runs from Oct. 6 through Dec. 12 with a \$2 million goal.

"We would like to say thank you in advance for your efforts and all that you do to ensure the success of our campaign," Donna Johnson, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for CFC, said.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, serves as the campaign's honorary chairman.

"This is our main charity event where we have an opportunity to do some wonderful things," Myles said. Last year's

campaign raised \$2,240,000 to surpass a \$1.9 million goal. Like last year, the 2008 theme is "Give Today - Change Tomorrow."

The kickoff's keynote speaker was Lee Marshall, founder of Kids to Love Foundation. She started her charity four years ago to help foster children; and it is participating in its first CFC.

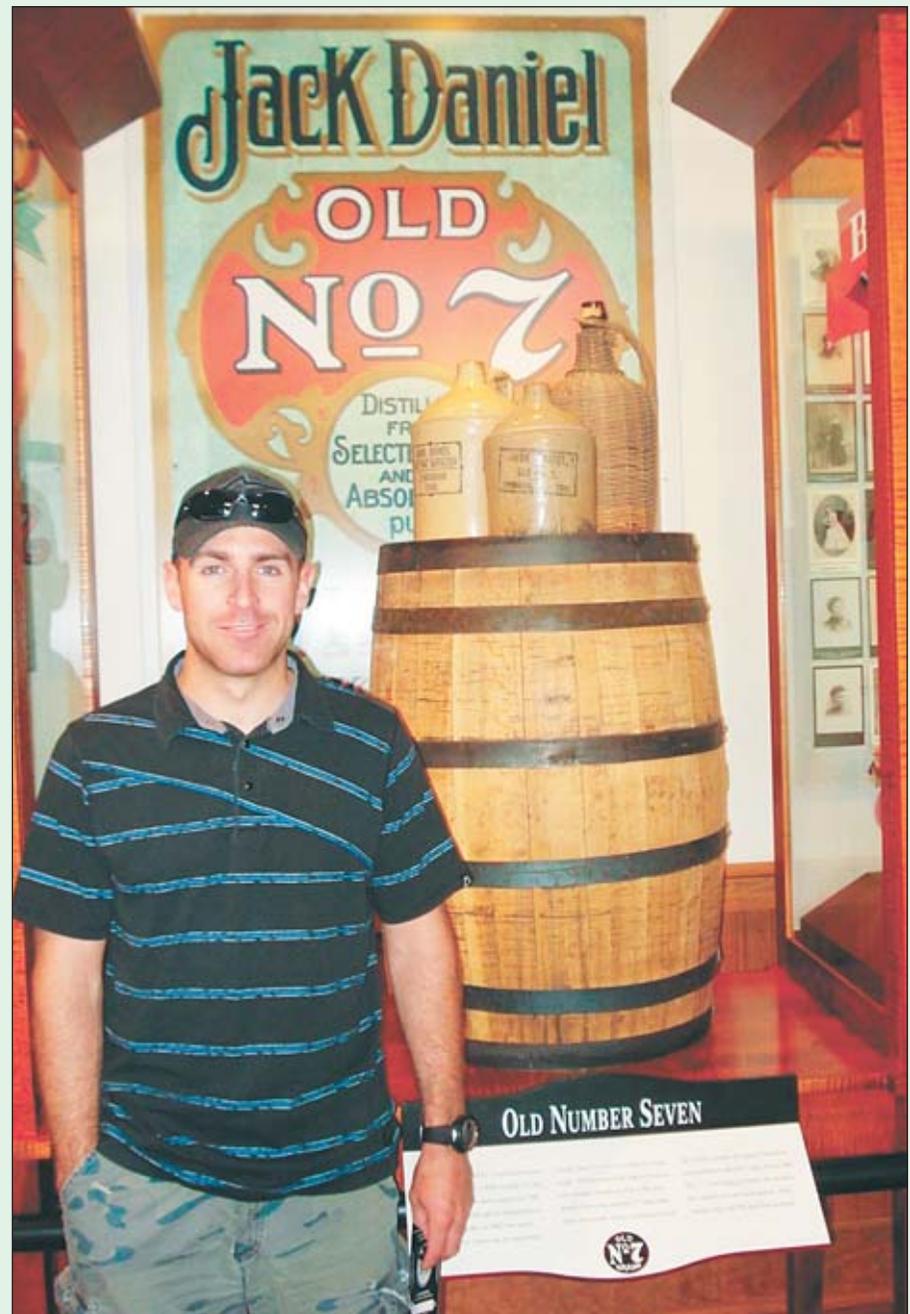
"Thank you so much for giving a little bit of you back to our community to help those who would otherwise do without," Marshall said.

The approximately 15,000 employees in 36 federal agencies can give to the charities of their choice. The federal workers are in six North Alabama counties - Cullman, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall and Morgan - plus Lincoln County, Tenn.

They can select from the 180 local and 2,200 national and international organizations in the 2008 charity listing.

"Thanks to each of you for your support," Johnson told the hundreds of attendees at the kickoff. "We definitely could not do it without you."

The Liberty Belles dance team from Liberty Middle School performed.



Courtesy photo

Seven for seven

Cpl. Mike MacDonald of Canada and six other students visit the Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg, Tenn., on Sept. 12 with the International Military Student Office. The students were from Canada, Turkey and Denmark.

In appreciation to deployed civilians and military

Recognition ceremony honors workers and family members

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A fellow alumnus of AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles was among the honorees Thursday during the Team Redstone Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony.

Jim Kelton got an extra hug when Myles presented his certificate of appreciation and commander's coin at Bob Jones Auditorium. Both are graduates of Middle Tennessee State University – Myles in 1974 and Kelton in 1977.

Kelton, assistant product manager for the Tactical Airspace Integration System in the Program Executive Office for Aviation, was among about 65 honorees. The ceremony recognized currently serving, deploying and returned Soldiers and civilians from Team Redstone.

"I think it was very fitting," Kelton said. "I particularly appreciate the fact that General Myles focused on the sacrifices made by our family members because they are the ones who have to carry on in the absence of their loved ones. The Army truly is an extended family."

The Murfreesboro, Tenn., native deployed in March to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan as part of an eight-member team from the Product Manager's Office for Air Traffic Control. The team included three Soldiers, three Army civilians, one Marine Corps chief warrant officer and one contractor.

"For what we did we traveled from site to site via helicopter and sometimes Air Force fixed wing aircraft," said Kelton, 53. "Occasionally there would be gunfire outside the forward operating bases where we were or mortar attacks. But with the quality and professionalism of our force protection efforts, we never felt ourselves at risk. Our Soldiers do a phenomenal job of providing force protection for all personnel on our forward operating bases."

As assistant product manager, he said he volunteered to deploy to ensure the Tactical Airspace Integration System remains relevant to the war fighter. "And that's why every year I travel over in theater to check on how my weapon system is doing."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GIVING THANKS— Jim Kelton, among the honorees, applauds an Army Strong video during the Team Redstone Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony.

Kelton retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2000 after 23 years active duty. He worked here as a support contractor on the TAIS program from 2000-05. In 2005 he competed for a new government position to run the program and was selected. He

and his wife, Anna, have three grown sons.

"Jim," Myles told him during the ceremony, "thank you for volunteering to go forward."

Myles personally thanked each hon-

oree. They collectively received a standing ovation from the estimated 450 attendees.

"Without you we couldn't do what we're doing overseas to protect our Soldiers," Myles said, "and to protect our way of life."

Gates examines close-air support at Bagram

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Avoiding civilian casualties is a high priority for U.S. aircrews, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said here Sept. 17.

Gates came to Bagram to get a full picture of the American aviation effort in Afghanistan. Civilian casualties from American and NATO bombing attacks are causing fury in parts of Afghanistan.

"We're very concerned about this; it's a high priority for us," Gates said. "We work at that hard, work at it harder and then take another look to see what more we can do to limit innocent people who are killed when we go after our enemies."

An attack on the village of Shindand in Herat province killed at least seven innocent bystanders and allegedly many more Aug. 22. U.S. Central Command has ordered an investigation.

Gates spoke with F-15E Strike Eagle and A-10 Thunderbolt II crews and maintainers who provide close-air support to ground forces in Afghanistan. Earlier Sept. 17, he met with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

"President Karzai told me this morning that the Afghan people still very much believe we are here to help them and overcome their enemies," Gates said. "They are still very friendly toward the United States. The key for us on those rare occasions when we do make a mistake – when we do make an error – is to apologize quickly, compensate the victims quickly and then carry out the investigation."

Businesses learn of Army contract requirements

Briefings for industry draw crowd downtown

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AMCOM gives businesses a look into its crystal ball every year.

The 2008 Advance Planning Briefings for Industry drew more than 400 registrants to the Von Braun Center on Sept. 17-18. The Aviation and Missile Command has sponsored this event annually since 1974.

"It's to give industry and academia an opportunity to hear about future contract requirements and industry capabilities," 2008 conference manager Cheryl Wise, a business planning analyst for AMCOM G-3 (Future Operations), said. "And our theme for this year is 'Team of Teams – Supporting the Warfighter.'"

This is the second year that the event was conducted by the AMCOM G-3 (Future Operations). Before last year, the conference was done by the Aviation and

Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

"And we're going to send out a survey to get feedback from attendees for improvements for next year," Wise said.

Wes Harrington, president of Rotair Industries Inc. in Bridgeport, Conn., was there both days. He has attended many of these conferences for the past 25 years.

"It's very good because they had senior people here, senior officials that were able to inform us about what's going on, the latest events," Harrington said.

First-time attendee Dr. Dana Law, president of Sankora Executive Solutions Inc. in Huntsville, was there Thursday. She didn't attend the previous day's reception.

"I think it's a great event," Law said. "It helps to inform small businesses and contractors about the opportunities that are going to be available at AMCOM. It also informs us of upcoming acquisition strategies and pending organizational changes."

Will she be back for 2009? "Yes," she replied. "I definitely will attend next year."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BRAC UPDATE— Todd Hutto, chief of Plans Analysis and Integration Office in the Garrison, gives a Team Redstone overview on base realignment and closure Sept. 18 during the Advance Planning Briefings for Industry.

Army Reserve partners with transportation firm

By Sgt. 1st Class CHRIS FARLEY
Army News Service

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Army Reserve and transportation firm Schneider National Inc. entered into a partnership during a ceremony Sept. 12.

Army Reserve Soldiers with a logistics or transportation skill set will now have the opportunity to work for Schneider National after they successfully complete their military occupational training, officials said.

"Today we are launching a public-private partnership that is the first of its kind in Wisconsin," said Tim Fliss, executive vice president of human resources for Schneider National. Fliss added the program also provides warrior citizens careers near their Reserve units, allowing greater stability in their careers and lives.

"We are talking about great individuals who've been tested under fire who want to be able to do a great job back in civilian life with the confidence they have the support of their employer and they can stay in uniform for their country," said Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, chief, Army Reserve, and

commanding general, Army Reserve Command.

Stultz said employer partnerships with the Army Reserve and companies such as Schneider benefit the citizen warrior and the nation, allowing Soldiers to sharpen their skills by working in the same career field as a civilian.

Schneider National was the 15th organization to partner with the Army Reserve. Some of the first include: Inova Health Systems, the American Trucking Associations, Con-way Freight, the Crowley Auto Group and the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department.

Editor's note: Sgt. 1st Class Chris Farley serves with the 88th RRC Public Affairs Office.

Cyberattack leads to prison sentence

AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security) provided this release from the National Security Institute Inc.:

A man has been sentenced to 18 months in prison for wooing a NASA employee so he could sneak malware onto her work computer and steal passwords, banking information, and 25,000 screenshots.

Akeem Adejumo, a 22-year-old Nigerian citizen, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 18 months in prison by the Lagos State High Court in Nigeria. He was initially charged with four counts but pleaded guilty to two counts of obtaining goods by false pretenses and forgery. Prosecutors said Adejumo tried to scam several hundred women and was successful with several.



Photo by Chuck Crowley

Reserve tag

PEO Aviation's Ronnie McDonald, right, presents Paul Bogosian, program executive officer for aviation, with the new Alabama Reservist vehicle tag that he designed. McDonald attended a ceremony at the state capitol Sept. 12 where Gov. Bob Riley unveiled the tag.

Missile launchers provide proven firepower



Photo by Kari Hawkins

STRONG FIELD— Lt. Col. Gregory Paul, product manager for field artillery launchers, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office, manages some of the best firepower missile systems the Army has to offer its Soldiers — the M270A1 and the HIMARS (in background).

Precision artillery systems highly regarded by troops

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Behind every successful Soldier on today's battlefield is an arsenal of missile systems providing the firepower essential for victory in the Global War On Terrorism.

Among the "Big Boys" in the missile arena, establishing themselves as the best of U.S. military strength in Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom-Iraq, are two multiple launch rocket systems managed at Redstone Arsenal. The M270A1 (an upgrade of M270) and the M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) are field artillery launchers that provide both close and long-range, precision strike capabilities for Soldiers.

"In the 1980s, the Army began developing the 'Big 5' weapon systems that they deemed were necessary to win a

war based on the lessons from Vietnam and projected threat assessments," said Lt. Col. Gregory Paul, product manager for field artillery launchers, Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office.

"The Big 5 were Abrams, Bradley, MLRS (Multiple Launch Rocket System), Patriot and Apache Helicopter. But then we had the conflicts of the early to mid-1990s – Desert Storm, Bosnia, Kosovo, Somalia, Haiti, the Balkans – and the need for a rapidly deployable force protection platform came into being."

The M270A1 represents selected upgrades and modernizations of the M270, dubbed "steel rain" by Iraqi soldiers during Operation Desert Storm. The M270A1 is a highly mobile, automated system that fires surface-to-surface rockets and missiles from a tracked platform derived from the same chassis used by the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Its three-Soldier crew can fire up to 12 MLRS rockets or two Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) missiles in a short time against critical, time-sensitive targets.

The M270A1 is identical to the M270, except that it incorporates an improved fire-control system that allows for more sophisticated munitions while also reducing costs, and an improved launcher mechanical system that is six times faster than its predecessor and less costly to support.

HIMARS, the newest launcher variant in the MLRS family designed as part of the rapid force protection initiative, is a highly mobile artillery rocket system using a wheeled chassis and operated by a three-Soldier team. It carries a single six-pack of MLRS rockets or one ATACMS missile on the Army's new family of medium tactical vehicles, and is designed to launch the entire MLRS family of munitions. It has especially proven its effectiveness and reliability during combat operations associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"HIMARS is the newest vehicle out there, and it's still in production," Paul said. "It is the latest and greatest of the systems, although the M270A1 is

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still doing a lot of the work. They both provide for close and long-range precision strike capability that gives our deployed forces the edge on the battlefield.

"From a Soldier who sees these systems from a field artillery standpoint, there is nothing in the force that can provide the capability of M270A1 and HIMARS. These systems will be around for a long time because of the reputation they have among the Soldiers we support."

More than 900 guided rockets and more than 500 ATACMS have been fired from either the M270A1 or the HIMARS in combat. The two systems were recognized for their outstanding combat effectiveness and in-theater performance as the recipients of the William J. Perry Award for Precision Strike in early 2008 by the Precision Strike Association. M270A1 and HIMARS are the first Army systems to be recognized with this award.

"These systems are deployed today in Afghanistan and Iraq," Paul said. "They are engaged in the Global War on Terror, and they are highly effective. They can both fire munitions containing 200- to 500-pound bombs to hit a target anywhere from 15 to 300 kilometers away. They are like a long-range sniper rifle that can strategically take out the enemy with minimal collateral damage."

Such surface-to-surface precision is required when the battlefield is an urban setting. There have been situations in Iraq and Afghanistan where the Army has used the exact and lethal firepower of the M270A1 or HIMARS on high-value tar-

gets and known enemy facilities that are embedded in urban environments.

"These systems are effective in a full spectrum of operations, from a conventional force-on-force battlefield to an urban environment where you worry about civilian casualties and collateral damage," Paul said. "The basic difference between the two systems is that HIMARS and its medium tactical vehicle platform typically works within a light infantry brigade combat team while the M270A1, which has a platform common with a Bradley, normally is in support of a heavy brigade combat team."

Both systems are operated with a sensor-to-shooter link, and are usually located away from the immediate battlefield. They are engaged when a target is sighted and verified by forward observers, the target is then communicated to an operations center, where maneuver commanders use clearance-of-fire procedures to verify the target and then give the command for the M270A1 or HIMARS to fire on a target.

"These systems provide flexibility by being available 24/7. They can immediately respond when a precise strike on a building is needed," Paul said. "In most cases, the observer is close to the enemy while the system can be 300 kilometers away and fire to precisely hit a target. It's an indirect fire system that supports the maneuver force."

Currently, the Army operates the M270A1 and the United Kingdom forces operate the M270B1 on the battlefield while the Army and Marines both operate HIMARS. There are now 223 M270A1 systems fielded and, when production is complete in fiscal 2012, there will be 375 HIMARS systems fielded.

"We do about three fielding events for



Courtesy photo

DIRECT HIT— A missile fired from HIMARS takes out a terrorist location in Iraq in this undated photo.

HIMARS each year with the National Guard and active duty," Paul said. "We train personnel on the operations and maintenance of the system, which includes the launchers, resupply vehicles, fire direction centers and communications equipment. When we're through with training, the unit is ready to do their mission."

Recent improvements in the systems, which are built by contractor Lockheed Martin, have involved improved crew pro-

tection for the vehicle cabs and the addition of environmental control units in the cabs. Work is starting on developing a surface-to-air capability in the systems.

"Supporting deployed forces is our number one priority," Paul said. "My job is to provide combat power. We do that by managing these systems, their repair, improvements, fielding, funding, and modifications and upgrades for the future."

Education offerings target Team Redstone members

College extensions represent tradition

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In order to produce the best Soldier and civilian work force possible, the Army emphasizes education. To better meet the educational needs within Team Redstone, five colleges and universities offer classes on post.

“They fit very well. They are well known institutions which approach educating Team Redstone with a positive, noncompetitive ‘how can we continue to provide high quality programs’ attitude,” Charles Williams, education services specialist in the Education Center, said. “They truly care about Team Redstone’s educational endeavors.”

Athens State University and Columbia College both opened their Redstone extensions in 1975 as part of the Department of Defense Military Voluntary Education Directive. Florida Tech joined their ranks the following year. It was a way to make higher education convenient to Soldiers and their family members living on an installation. It also allowed schools to design programs tailored to the military experience.

“On-post schools have been a traditional means of providing educational opportunities for Soldiers assigned to our military bases,” Charles Sellers, manager of the Athens State University extension, said. “Specialized degree programs have been created to maximize the academic credit awarded to Soldiers during their military training. The on base programs have been responsible for countless numbers of military personnel, and their family members, acquiring higher education.”

Having higher education available in their own backyard has been a great idea, Williams said. In addition to the benefit as a Soldier, attendees have also reaped the rewards later.

“The Army Continuing Education System helps develop Soldiers professionally and personally by assisting them with get-



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MEETING NEEDS— From left are Timothy White, site director for Florida Institute of Technology; Charles Sellers, manager of Athens State University extension; Charles Williams, education services specialist; Christy Fordham, director for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and Frank Lasher, assistant director for Columbia College.

ting a quality education,” Williams said. “Additionally, ACES helps sharpen the Soldiers competitive edge and allows the Army to retain the highest quality Soldier as well as prepare the Soldier for life after the military.”

In recent years, the shift has been toward increased enrollment of the civilian work force on the installation. Calhoun Community College had historically maintained a Redstone extension, but that ended this year.

Tenants of Redstone 15th in a series

In 2003, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University opened a Redstone branch to further meet the needs of Team Redstone. The concentration of people working in aeronautic-related fields made the loca-

tion a natural addition to their long list of extensions.

“We are the world’s oldest and largest aviation/aerospace university,” Christy Fordham, director for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, said. “Our worldwide campus includes over 130 extension campuses located around the world and Internet classes as well.”

Each school on post offers classes selected to be of particular interest to the community. They include more general offerings, such as business, computer and management programs. There are also specialized fields such as logistics, acquisition and aviation. All offer full undergraduate degree programs. Some also have graduate offerings and certificate programs.

Said Sellers, “In recent years, with more contractor support being used at many bases along with the military, on base schools have provided an excellent opportunity to prepare the total force for

the increased skills required to perform today’s military and government jobs.”

The biggest draw for installation education may be the schedule accommodation. All schools on post offer online courses and distance learning to their students. Most classes are after hours and on weekends. Smaller class sizes are appealing to students, as are streamlined and self-paced degree requirements. They have “an understanding of the military family and its unique situation — when a spouse can’t make it to class due to unscheduled commitment of the military member, for example,” Williams said.

Each school maintains office space on post. Embry-Riddle’s office is located within the Education Center. Columbia College is across the street in building 3218. Florida Tech occupies space in Sparkman Center building 5304. Athens State has two buildings, 3200 and 3341, which include computer labs and office space. The Auburn University extension, only offering Saturday classes, makes use of the classrooms supplied by the Education Center that are shared with the other schools.

The total enrollment for students attending any of the five schools is close to 2,000 students per year. While enrollment for each school varies, most are closely connected with Redstone.

“Annually, Florida Tech Redstone serves about 1,000 students of whom approximately 25 are active duty military, 120 are veterans, 140 are on post contractor personnel, 22 are Reserve personnel, 250 are DoD civilians,” White said. “The remainder are not directly affiliated with either the defense or aerospace communities.”

School staff fluctuates with enrollment. Each maintains a small cadre of administrative staff. To teach their course offerings, they make use of adjunct professors and faculty from their main campuses. They also pull directly from the expertise available in the area.

“We also use local faculty on a part-time basis,” Fordham said. “Which means that these faculty members work in the community in the areas, such as logistics, in which they teach.”

Help celebrate National Public Lands Day

Volunteers recruited for restoration effort

The Garrison's Environmental Management Division will be working Saturday to enhance cultural and natural resources at the Path to Nature, Redstone's outdoor education area, as Madison County area residents join the largest annual coast-to-coast, single-day volunteer restoration effort for America's public lands.

Local volunteers will roll up their sleeves and devote their day to constructing features of an authentic Late Mississippian Period farm and planting pollinator gardens at the Path to Nature as part of the 15th annual National Public Lands Day. Sponsored for the ninth consecutive year by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, these national cleanups give Americans an annual chance to make public lands in local communities safer, prettier and more desirable.

"Last year we reached a monumental participation of 110,000 volunteers in National Public Lands Day, and we are expecting

to increase this by an additional 10,000 this year," Robb Hampton, director of National Public Lands Day, said.

This year National Public Lands Day will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps. By educating volunteers at sites across the country, NPLD maintains the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps, an army of 3 million Americans who in the 1930s countered the devastation of the Dust Bowl and the American chestnut blight by planting more than 3 billion trees, building 800 state parks and fighting forest fires.

For the fifth year in a row, volunteers who work at a site managed by any of five federal agencies will be rewarded with a pass good for free entry any day during the next year at public land sites managed by those agencies: National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Army Corps of Engineers.

For more information call Christine Fisher at 842-0019 or see a list of NPLD sites, activities,

contacts and downloadable photos from past events in the Media Center section of www.publiclandsday.org.

National Public Lands Day partners include the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land

Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Defense, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, USDA's Forest Service, the U.S. Invasive Species Council, more than 30 states, numerous local agencies,

and nonprofit groups such as the National Parks Conservation Association, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Boy Scouts of America, and Girl Scouts of the USA. *(Garrison release)*

Army announces Japanese PAC-3 missile test

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE — Airmen of the Japanese Self Defense Force successfully conducted the first international PAC-3 Missile flight here Sept. 17.

The test was an engagement against a tactical ballistic missile target, which was intercepted and destroyed by a PAC-3 missile delivered to the Japan Self Defense Force. The test demonstrated the Patriot Configuration-3 upgrades to Japanese Patriot ground system, the addition of the PAC-3 missile segment, and the system's capability to detect, track, engage and destroy a TBM target in a realistic battlefield environment.

The PAC-3 missile segment upgrade consists of the PAC-3 missile, a highly agile hit-to-kill interceptor, the PAC-3 missile canisters (in four packs), a fire solution computer and an Enhanced Launcher Electronics System. These

elements have been integrated into the Patriot system, a high to medium altitude, long-range missile system providing air and missile defense of ground combat forces and high-value assets.

The PAC-3 missile is the world's most advanced, capable and powerful theater air defense missile. The Patriot system is the only battle-proven missile defense system in the world. The system counters the entire threat spectrum, to include tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and fixed and rotary winged aircraft. PAC-3 missiles increase the Patriot system's battlespace and firepower, since 16 PAC-3s can be loaded on a Patriot launcher, compared with four legacy Patriot PAC-2 missiles.

The Patriot system uses proven advanced technology to deliver lethality against today's most dangerous threats.

Picture this: You can learn the art of framing

Crafts center celebrates month with matting class and specials

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Care to get framed up?

If you've got a poster, piece of artwork, family heirloom or just about anything that you would like to frame yourself or have professionally framed, then the Arts & Crafts Center hopes you'll take advantage of special events and programs they have planned for October during National Art & Framing Month.

"We want to promote the enjoyment of art as part of daily life," said Gina Hurst, a certified picture framer at the June M. Hughes Military and Civilian Arts & Crafts Center.

Founded in 1997, National Art & Framing Month is an opportunity to "Picture the Possibilities" that art and framing can bring to homes, offices and public spaces. The National Art & Framing Month Council hopes to bring awareness to the value of art and custom framing, especially during October.

"We want to emphasize to our customers how you tackle a framing project, whether they do it themselves or they have us do it for them," Hurst said.

"Everything you frame, you want to be able to take it out in the future and you want it to be in the exact same condition it was when you framed it.

"We can teach people to frame just about anything – from cross stitch and other needlework to oil paintings, football jerseys, medallions, patches and documents. We can show you how to frame it so that it looks beautiful and is protected."

Hurst has more than 20 years of experience in the art and framing business. She is a member of the Professional Picture Framers Association, which is the organization that certified her as a picture



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FINISHING TOUCHES— Gina Hurst brushes the dust off a matted certificate that will be included in a shadow box with a flag flown over the White House in honor of a customer's retirement. The Arts & Crafts Center's Wood Shop custom designs and makes shadow boxes for flags and other items at the request of the Frame Shop.

framer. She also has a degree in art, and enjoys educating customers in art, design and conservation framing. She visits museums, galleries and trade shows and conducts research to stay informed on art and framing techniques.

Working with Hurst in the Frame Shop at the Arts & Crafts Center is associate Veronique Couverchel.

The following events and programs will be offered at the Arts & Crafts Center during National Art & Framing Month:

Free Art Checkup – It is recommended that framed artwork be inspected every

five years. Customers can bring their framed artwork to the Arts & Crafts Center for a free checkup in October. During the checkup, frames will be inspected to ensure they are structurally sound, mats will be checked for discoloration, the glass and framing package will be examined to ensure against things like mildew, mold growth, moisture stains and over exposure to UV light, and artwork will be inspected for possible environmental damage. This is also a good time to replace broken glass or change a mat color to accommodate a new décor. Suggestions

on ways to prevent and repair damage will be offered. Artwork can be brought in for a free checkup from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Brown Bag Lunch Art Talk – Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Hurst will discuss conservation and preservation of art through the use of frames and framing equipment.

Picture Framing 101 – This class will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Customers will learn the mechanics of picture framing, products and services, to include but not limited to the frame, matting, mounting, glazing and fitting. Customers must attend a class to use the Do-It-Yourself Matting and Framing Studio at the Arts & Crafts Center. Students will frame artwork donated by local artist Allison Dan Tatum, president of the Huntsville Art League. The class fee is \$30 plus about \$20 for supplies. To register, call 876-7951 or e-mail redstone-mwr.art@conus.army.mil.

Do-It-Yourself Matting and Framing Studio – The studio will be open to customers throughout October. The DIY is open on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Special Matting and Framing Discount – All customers will receive a 10 percent discount on matting and framing during October.

\$100 Gift Certificate – Customers who visit the framing and matting area at the Arts & Crafts Center during October will have their name entered in a gift certificate drawing.

The Arts & Crafts Center is a service provided by Family Morale Welfare and Recreation. It is located in building 3615 on Vincent Road.

For more information on these events and programs, call 876-7951 or visit redstone-mwr.art@conus.army.mil or gina.hurst@us.army.mil. For more information about October National Art and Framing Month, visit www.artand-framingmonth.com.

Flying Activity stays aloft in turbulent times

Redstone Arsenal and Fort Meade home of Army's only ones left

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Team Redstone is a high flying bunch. With the aviation programs, offices and retirees that call the area home, it makes sense that there would be a large interest in personal aircraft and private piloting. Because of that interest, Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity goes on while others fall by the wayside. Fort Meade, Md., has the Army's only other such activity.

"It's a matter of demand for the aircraft and the costs of operating expenses," Tim Thompson, activity manager, said of the dwindling number. "Insurance costs can be well over \$100,000 a year."

Redstone received two aircraft when Fort Leavenworth, Kan., closed its flying activity. The 1999 model Cessna 172 is a modern machine with all the bells and whistles found on the rest of their fleet. The Redstone activity is adding a GPS system to it. The other plane is a classic, 1962 model which has a more basic instrumentation.

"Some people prefer it," Thompson said. "They like the simplicity of it."

The activity, under Family Morale Welfare and Recreation, caters to both halves of the flying community — those who want to be pilots and those who

already are. For beginners, they have certified instructors ready to guide them through the process. Whenever possible, Thompson said, they try to match people of similar backgrounds or interests.

"We try to match helicopter pilots transitioning to fixed wing with other helicopter pilots because they speak each other's language," he said. "We try to put engineers with engineers. They speak the same language."

Those who have already earned their pilot's license can take advantage of the instruction program to further their education. They can receive instrument certification or even a commercial license. They can also take advantage of the rental program, which allows members to use activity aircraft for travel outside of the area. Rental prices are comparable to what is available in the outside community. It is a popular way to travel.

"We have pilots renting planes to go TDY," Thompson said. "People rent them to spend a day on the beach or to visit family during holidays."

Their facilities are open for member use 24 hours a day. All scheduling of rentals and their availability is available online at redstonemwr.com/html/flying.html.

Membership dues are \$35 a month. There are no plans to raise them now or any time in the future. However, rental prices will most likely rise slightly next month due to fuel costs. Thompson anticipates that the increase will be minimal,



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

FLEET SITE— Flying Activity manager Tim Thompson is proud of the aircraft, like this 1999 model Cessna 172, which are available for member use.

depending on the costs of fuel.

"October is typically the time we try to set prices and predict the future," he said. "Aviation fuel costs don't fluctuate as much as gasoline does."

The activity's open house is a much-anticipated event each year for the Redstone community. Historically, they have held two annually — one each spring and another in the fall. This will be the first year that a fall open house will not be scheduled. The response to the spring event has been overwhelming, according to Thompson.

"Typically, it's a big membership boost for us each year," he said. "We have so many new members that adding another large group at this time would stretch us too thin. We want to give our people the best service we can."

Having only one event a year also lets them make that event bigger and better. Since they have a full year to plan and don't have to split resources between two events, Thompson said they are pulling out the stops for the spring open house.

"We're looking into adding more displays and more sponsors," he said.

Army celebrates century of military aviation

By **C. TODD LOPEZ**
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ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army kicked off a celebration recognizing 100 years of military aviation during a Sept. 6 ceremony at Fort Myer, Va.

Despite heavy rains and flooded streets due to Tropical Storm Hanna, hundreds turned out to Conmy Hall to see the first public starting of the engine on a replica of the 1908 Wright Model A. The original of that aircraft flew Sept. 3, 1908 at Fort Myer. That flight was the first in a series that led to a \$30,000 Army contract awarded to the Wright brothers in July 1909 for the first military airplane.

In attendance at the ceremony Sept. 6 were the families of Orville and Wilbur Wright; Lt. Benjamin Foulois, who established the Army's first flight detachment; and 1st Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, the first military aviation fatality. Ceremony hosts included Rep. James Moran of Virginia's 8th district, retired Maj. Gen. Carl H. McNair, and



Photo by C. Todd Lopez

BYGONE ERA— A replica of the Wright Model A aircraft was on display Sept. 6 at Conmy Hall, Fort Myer, Va., as part of the centennial of military aviation celebration there. Elements of the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," participated in the event.

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli.

"Your ancestor's sacrifices to our nation can never be fully measured and will never be forgotten," Chiarelli told the gathered families of the Army's aviation pioneers. "We gather today

to give credit to these men, 100 years past — where the sound of Orville Wright's propeller first pierced the Fort Myer September air — proving that he could fly the Wright flyer to specifications demanded by the Army."

At the time, Chiarelli said, the

"key performance parameters" Orville Wright needed to demonstrate in order to meet Army contract specifications included flying for at least an hour, flying with two men aboard his aircraft, and flying at a speed of 40 miles an hour.

"Orville Wright succeeded, and a new high ground emerged," Chiarelli said. "It was one of the historic achievements of modern history. New ideas of warfare rapidly flourished."

The Wright Model A replica was displayed in the center of Conmy Hall, under spotlights and surrounded by elements of the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own." Following Chiarelli's speech, builders of the aircraft approached it and spun the propellers to start its engine.

The plane's single engine spun its wooden propellers and filled the hall with a sound not heard on the installation for 100 years. It was the first time the replica's engine had been started as part of a public demonstration,

an honor the builders had saved for the Army's celebration of military aviation. Just a moment later, the builders powered the engine down, and the roar of the engine was replaced with the thunder of applause.

Scott Rawlings — a project leader for construction of the replica aircraft and a team member of "The Wright Experience," the group that built it — said the team is attempting to relearn what the Wrights accomplished by doing just what they did.

"The Wrights were pioneers, and they established aviation as we know it," he said. "We're trying to follow in their footsteps. We're trying to document what the Wright brothers did, and how they did it. We are going back, systematically, 100 years behind them and rebuilding all their aircraft. What we are trying to do is document it for further generations."

Rawlings said there are no blueprints for the Wright Model A aircraft. Instead, there are photographs, journals, written documents

Veterans feel nation's appreciation on Honor Flight

Trip rekindles memories as hugs, tears shared

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World War II veteran Paul Taylor enjoyed seeing the memorial built in his honor during the Sept. 13 Tennessee Valley Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Yet, for Taylor, the highlight of the trip was not so much the memorial's brick and mortar, but the people who made the day memorable. His fellow veterans and the guardians who cared for all of them, the people who greeted the veterans with appreciation throughout the trip, and a visit with his hero made Honor Flight extra special for Taylor.

"(Sen.) Bob Dole visited the memorial to say hello to the people on our trip," the 83-year-old veteran said. "He's my hero. He was in World War II. I'm a Republican, too, just like him. He ran for president. But, mostly, he was the primary mover to get the World War II memorial built."

Taylor, like many veterans on Honor Flight, was surprised at the reception they received upon arrival at Reagan International Airport in Washington, D.C., and their return to Huntsville International, and at the memorials they visited.

"One of my first impressions was how sincere so many people were to cheer us on and recognize us," said Taylor, who lives in Decatur. "When we got to Washington, D.C., there were



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MEMORIAL VISIT— Honor Flight organizer Joe Fitzgerald, center with microphone, conducts a brief ceremony at the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C., as Honor Flight veterans and guardians look on during the Sept. 13 trip.

so many people greeting us and there was a band playing patriotic music. One of the biggest surprises was when we got back to Huntsville. I drove to the airport by myself that morning because it was so early. But when we got back, there were hundreds of people at the airport welcoming us. And there with them was my family."

"We used to travel a lot," Taylor said. "But my wife doesn't like to fly after 9/11 and I don't like to drive long distances."

"I want to thank (organizer) Joe Fitzgerald and all the Honor Flight staff for the recognition and privilege of attending the World War II memorial trip ... I was overwhelmed by the admiration and respect shown to me and the other veterans."

That feeling of appreciation — along with the memory of seeing their memorial — is a memento that World War II veterans have taken home from the Honor Flight trips since they began in April 2007. Since then, five flights — including an inaugural flight of 14 veterans and the Sept. 13 flight of 125 veterans — have flown more than 500 veterans to Washington to see their memorial.

Thanks to the contributions of hundreds of local businesses and individuals, the 125 veterans on the Sept. 13 trip are now alumni of one of the first and most successful Honor Flight programs in the nation. Honor Flight is a nationwide program that takes World War II veterans on free trips to see the memorial that opened nearly 60 years after the war ended.

The trip was unique also because

"We were the third group to start Honor Flight for veterans," said Fitzgerald, founder of Tennessee Valley Honor Flight.

"Each flight is different. The scenario is always the same, but other things make each trip different. The best thing about this (Sept. 13) flight was that everyone — all 125 veterans — showed up on Saturday morning for their flight. That is a large miracle because of the age of these veterans and the complexities of their health."

Veteran John Hancock, who piloted B-24 missions in northern Italy during WW II, thought he was, at the age of 87, one of the oldest on the trip. He was surprised to discover he wasn't.

"It's getting to be a real old bunch," he said. "I think one veteran celebrated his 100th birthday there. They must have called out 20 names of veterans that were over 90."

Fitzgerald will remember the Sept. 13 Honor Flight trip as the hottest one taken so far. It was also the trip that included a bus breakdown in Washington (which was quickly resolved by the bus company) and the use of the most wheelchairs on an Honor Flight trip. While four veterans were permanently assigned to wheelchairs, another 50 veterans used them on this trip.

"We always have plenty of wheelchairs on our flights because many World War II veterans just can't manage that much walking," Fitzgerald said.

of the number of veteran's burial flags that were flown with the Honor Flight group to be presented in a special tribute at the memorial. Families of 21 deceased World War II veterans presented their flags in a ceremony the night before Honor Flight. After the trip, another ceremony was held to return the flags to the families.

"It's closure for a lot of these families," Fitzgerald said.

This Honor Flight was different from the others, too, because in earlier plans organizers thought it would be one of the last flights — another is planned for Oct. 11 — carrying World War II veterans to Washington. But, because of the large number of veterans who have signed up for Tennessee Valley Honor Flight, Fitzgerald said World War II flights will continue into 2009.

"After the October flight, we have a waiting list of over 300 World War II veterans," Fitzgerald said. "So, we will continue to fly next year. We will have at least one flight in the spring and one in the fall."

"We are one of the largest Honor Flight programs in the nation. We have a good program and we are known for providing our veterans with the best of care. We have a complete medical team with two emergency room physicians. We have one-on-one guardians who stay with veterans all day. We do everything to make sure our veterans are taken care of on this trip. Families want their veterans to have this experience with us."

Fitzgerald is not overwhelmed by the number of veterans who are still waiting to participate in Honor Flight. He knows the flights will become a reality for all those who want to see their memorial.

"This is an enormous opportunity and an enormous responsibility," said Fitzgerald, whose own father served as a Marine in World War II.

"This is something we have to do because these veterans have made sacrifices for our freedom. Now, they are in their 80s and 90s, and they aren't going to make this trip by themselves. Most of them have never talked about the war before. This trip lets them meet each other and talk to each other."

Besides the World War II memorial, the trip also includes visits at the Korean War Memorial, the Iwo Jima War Memorial, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery and the Women's Memorial.

"I liked everything about it," veteran Hancock said. "It's the best organized excursion. On my own, I would have had to stay two or three days to see everything we saw in 10 hours. It's given me something to think about for the next 10 to 15 years."

Honor Flight is a "wonderful opportunity" for all veterans, said

WW II veteran Branch Fleming, who served with the Army's 26th Infantry Division until he succumbed to "trench feet" (a condition that causes the loss of circulation in outer extremities due to cold temperatures and wet conditions) and was reassigned to a hospital unit.

"It's hard to describe the experience. You can't describe it in a few words. It's too expansive," he said.

Once World War II veterans are flown to see their memorial, Honor Flight will begin making plans to take Korean War veterans to D.C. to see their memorial.

Fund-raising events are planned regularly to help raise money for Honor Flight. On Oct. 18, the Huntsville Community Chorus will take up an Honor Flight donation at its fall concert at the Von Braun Center. A cruise to Cozumel scheduled to depart on Jan. 31 is also an Honor Flight fund-raiser. And a fall golf tournament will be scheduled soon to raise funds.

"We need to raise another \$120,000 to fly next year," Fitzgerald said.

Editor's note: To contribute to Honor Flight, to participate in its fund-raisers or to sign up as a guardian, visit the web site at <http://www.honorflight.net>. Donations can be sent to Honor Flight Tennessee Valley, c/o Huntsville Times, P.O. Box 1487 WS, Huntsville, AL 35807.



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PLACE OF MEMORIES— World War II veterans from the Tennessee Valley were able to experience not only their memorial but also several sites in Washington, D.C., including the Washington Monument that overlooks the WW II memorial.

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Crimson and gold are the colors of the Ordnance Corps.

The unit's World War II service in the Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns is represented by the castle tower and the wavy band in the base, and the general configuration of the tower is an allusion to ordnance material.

The dragon leg is adapted from designs found on Korean artifacts. Its five claws refer to the number of campaign credits, and the Taeguk symbol on its shoulder denotes a Meritorious Unit Commendation for Korean Service.



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MOMENT ACROSS TIME— A World War II veteran and Honor Flight participant reaches out to touch the hand of a member of the Redstone Arsenal Color Guard during an Honor Flight ceremony at Huntsville International Airport. Hundreds of volunteers, including Soldiers from the NCO Academy and the Patriot Guard, assist in making Honor Flight an once-in-a-lifetime experience for WW II veterans.

Cool jazz tunes to recreate 1940s supper club

Night of food, fusion featuring local band

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The tunes of smooth jazz will cascade over the cool fall evening air when the Officers and Civilians Club hosts one of the best local jazz bands on Saturday, Oct. 4.

“Fusion, Food & Fun” will combine a buffet dinner with entertainment by George West and the Uptown Jazz Band featuring Shelly Williams in a throwback to the gala atmosphere of the 1940s supper clubs. The upscale event will take place in the club’s newly renovated ballroom.

“This is the first jazz night we’ve hosted on Redstone Arsenal,” Kenneth McDonald, FMWR resource management chief, said. “We will have a little variety of jazz for everyone. Jazz is a universal music that is appealing to people of all ages. We are hoping this event will appeal to a broad group of music lovers.”

The evening’s buffet dinner begins at 6 with entertainment beginning at 7:30. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, and can be ordered by calling 830-2582 or visiting www.redstonemwr.com.

George West and the Uptown Jazz Band were recommended for the event by the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society. West, a prominent local musician and owner of Studio AV in Huntsville, organized his jazz band about two years ago. The group features seasoned jazz performers whose resumes include a wide range of performance experience.

“We’ve come together from just a compilation of gigs we have done together,” West said. “I’d get an individual gig and ask other jazz musicians to join me. Or another of us would get an individual gig and pick the musicians they want to hire to join them. Eventually, you just put together a band that really works.”

West, a musician with a 35-year career in music that has spanned both his careers



Courtesy photo

SMOOTH OPERATORS— George West and The Uptown Jazz Band will be featured performers at the first ever Jazz Night at the Officers and Civilians Club. Saxophonist Shelly Williams will also perform with the band.

in the Army and in the civilian world, playing guitar in the six-man band.

“I’ve played a lot of music in Europe, Japan and Korea,” West said. “Many of the bands I’ve been in were stage bands in the military, and then I would always have bands on the side that I started myself.”

Joining him will be Shelly Williams on saxophone, Maurice Brown on bass, Sean Smith on keyboard, Lamonte Smith on drums and Matthew Hill on vocals.

“Most of us are seasoned musicians who have played jazz for 20 or 25 years,” West said.

Their sound is as unique as jazz itself, combining some of the best of each era.

“We do contemporary jazz as well as a standard mix from the ‘30s and ‘40s,” West said. “On Oct. 4, we will play a mixture of swing jazz, three-quarter jazz, contemporary and standard jazz, and rhythm and blues.”

Included on their play list are such favorites as “Bessie’s Blues,” “Take the A Train,” “My Favorite Things,” “Mr. Magic,” “A House is Not a Home,” “Listen Here” and “Ascension.”

“We are tailoring our music to dinner jazz,” West said. “It’s a smooth jazz that has always been a favorite. Jazz is America’s music, and it can be adapted to specific events, such as a dinner concert.”

One feature of the night will be songs performed on saxophone by Shelly Williams that he has recorded on his first



Photo by Kari Hawkins

GETTING READY— Robert Schumann, general manager of the Officers and Civilians Club, and Kenneth McDonald of FMWR review the setup for the first ever Jazz Night hosted in the club’s newly renovated ballroom. The evening of Fusion, Food & Fun is set for Oct. 4. Tickets are on sale now.

CD release, “Tones Thru Rhythms.” Besides the cover title, Williams has recorded “Take Control,” “Take A Cool Walk” and “Revealing Eyes.” The music on the CD was written by West and Williams.

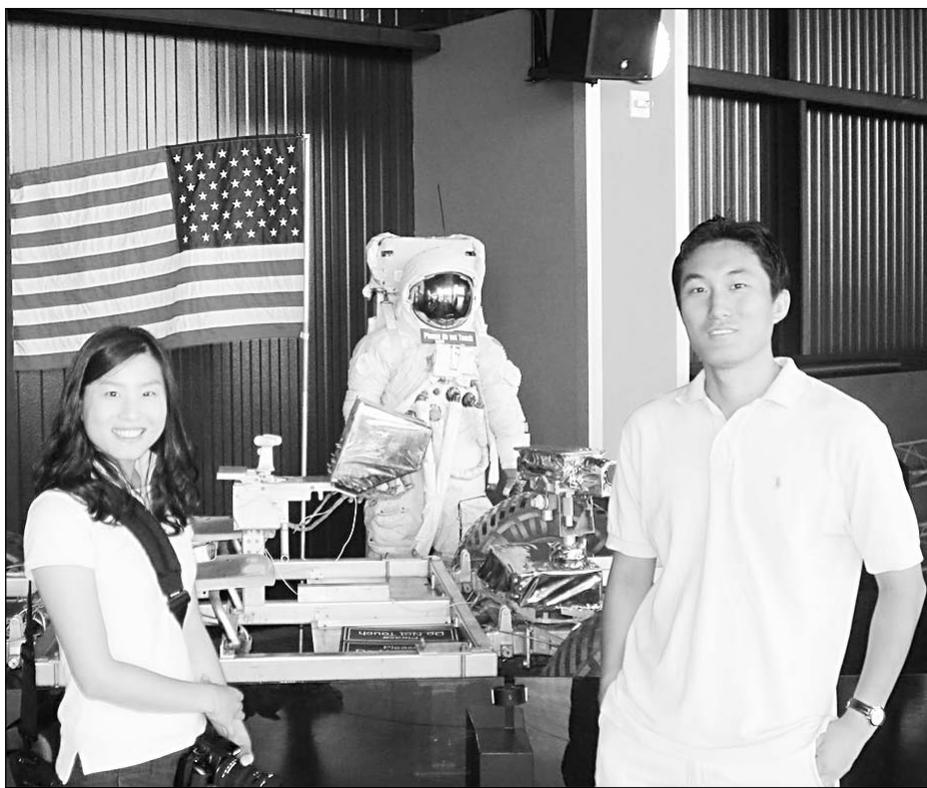
Both West and Williams grew up in Northwest Alabama – West in Russellville and Williams in Florence — during the time of school integration and the rise of the Florence and Muscle Shoals area as the blues and rock recording capitol of the world. Their interest in music was heavily influenced by such stars as Aretha Franklin, Clarence Carter, Wilson Pickett, Percy Sledge, Muscle Shoals Horns, The Rolling Stones and Atlanta Rhythm Section.

While West continued to grow his musical experience in the Army, Williams

went on to attend Alabama A&M University, where he pursued a bachelor’s degree in music theory and education. He performed in the A&M Marching Band, Jazz Band and Concert Band, and with several local jazz, blues and gospel groups. Williams developed his own style of playing the sax and built a repertoire of jazz standards, R&B and blues influenced by Grover Washington Jr., Ronnie Laws, Harvey Thompson Sr., David Sanborn and John Coltrane.

Williams and West first met each other as young musicians. Years later, they renewed their friendship and eventually collaborated on Williams’ first CD release.

They will share some of that collaboration during FMWR’s night of Fusion, Food & Fun.



Courtesy photo

Space visit

Lt. Chan-Seok Kim from the Korean Navy and his wife, SuJin Lee, visit the U.S. Space & Rocket Center on Sept. 13. The International Military Student Office took eight international students and nine family members on this visit to teach the importance of Huntsville in the making of the moon rocket and the space race. Students were from Korea, Turkey and Canada.

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and eyewitness reports on how it was put together and the materials used. The Wright Experience, he said, uses modern technology and research to discern exactly how the Wright brothers built their aircraft.

“It takes a lot of artisans, and we take photographs and overlay them with a computer-aided design program and then look at them from different angles,” he said. “There are no blueprints, but we do a lot of research and find the original materials, all through their journals. Then we bring it all together. If we build it exactly as they did — we expect it to behave as their aircraft did.”

Rawlings said the next stop for the Wright Model A is the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in northern Virginia.

Col. Laura J. Richardson, the Fort Myer garrison commander, is also a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot. She said she didn’t learn the role her installation played in military aviation until she was well on her way to taking command there. Part of the celebration at Fort Myer was to help others learn of that important part of the installation’s history.

“We are here promoting education and learning about our history,” she said. “But also promoting math and science, for our younger kids. And I think it is also

important to showcase what the military has to offer and important to have a good working relationship with your community.”

During the celebration of the 100-year anniversary of military aviation, Fort Myer opened its gates to the general public. It was the first time the installation had an Open House, Richardson said.

In addition to the display of the 1908 Wright Model A, there were information kiosks set up where visitors could practice “flying” the aircraft on a simulator, and also see how it was designed. Retired Navy Lt. Cdr. Dave Gedra and son Steve, a fifth grader, were two that braved the rain to attend the event.

Steve, a videogame expert, soccer player and Cub Scout from Fairfax, Va., tried his hand at the Wright Flyer simulator. He laid on his stomach and maneuvered an on-screen aircraft with a large wooden control stick.

“It was hard,” he conceded.

Steve’s father, who has only piloted a boat for the Navy, said it was his wife that noticed the centennial of military aviation event in their base newspaper. He said he knew he and his son had to check it out.

“It’s a great event,” he said. “It’s a shame the weather didn’t cooperate — but this is an important milestone to acknowledge and celebrate. Aviation, across the services, is critical to the capabilities we have.”

Win
 or lose

Civilian volleyball team takes title in first year

Second-seeded CWF beats 59th in final

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The first civilian team in the history of the troop volleyball league couldn't have had a better year.

The Civilian Welfare Fund won the post championship Monday night by beating HHC 59th 25-16, 25-18 in the postseason tournament final at Pagano Gym. The 59th, the losers bracket representative, had forced a second match by beating the CWF 25-27, 25-22, 15-11 in the night's opener.

"We've got the best players in the league," CWF player/coach Ro Ottey said. "All 10 of them are sharp."

CWF (11-3), the tournament's second seed, beat top-seeded Bravo on Sept. 17 in the semifinal 25-16, 25-13. The next night, HHC 59th (7-10) eliminated Bravo 25-17, 25-19 to advance to the final against the civilians.

"Experience and teamwork," Ottey said of the keys to his team's semifinal win.

William Kelly made eight kills in the decisive second set against Bravo, including the match point. George Guzman had five kills in the second set; and setter Edwin Lopez also played well.

"Between Mr. Guzman and Kelly, we finally came up with a set for the plays that work for us," Ottey said. "And it's all about having the right combination, the right players in the right place. We finally got that down pat. Plus, the players are pumped up. They want the championship. They want to make history for the first time civilians are in the league."

"Most of us are (military) retirees. This is giving them a chance to stay active and doing something they enjoy doing. Our plans are to take a team off post and pretty much make it a year-round sport for us."

In the second set, Kelly scored four of the first six points as the CWF raced to a 6-0 lead. The lead grew to 15 as Guzman's spike made it 19-4.

"We're just having fun," Kelly said. "We appreciate being accepted into the league. We just want to be able to participate."

"We played aggressive," Guzman said. "Everybody was talking, communicating, playing team ball. And we got all our serves, that's the main thing that counts — plus our hitter Kelly."

Bravo finished at 10-3.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

UP AND OVER— Bravo's Matt Negrete makes a leaping return but his team loses to CWF in the semifinal Sept. 17.

"We have a lot of new players," Bulldogs player/coach Patrick Caton said. "And they (CWF) played a good game. They played better than us tonight. We'll see them again, though. We'll play them again in the finals."

But HHC 59th eliminated Bravo the next night and went on to force two matches against CWF in the final before falling at the end.

Here are the postseason tournament results:

Sept. 15 - HHC 59th def. NCO Academy 27-25, 25-12; and Marines def. defending champion Headquarters & Alpha 25-20, 20-25, 15-13.

Sept. 16 - Bravo def. HHC 59th 20-25, 25-22, 15-7; and CWF def. Marines 25-9, 25-19.

Sept. 17 - CWF def. Bravo 25-16, 25-13; NCO Academy def. Marines 23-25, 25-6, 15-7; and HHC 59th def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-9, 25-13.

Sept. 18 - HHC 59th def. NCO Academy 25-16, 25-14; and HHC 59th def. Bravo 25-17, 25-19.

Sept. 22 - HHC 59th def. CWF 25-27, 25-22, 15-11; and CWF def. HHC 59th 25-16, 25-18 for the championship.

Lights will go out on Alabama in Georgia

Bulldogs favored over Crimson Tide

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Skip's Picks were 137-40 after four weeks of college football. Here are this week's predictions:



Alabama at Georgia — **Georgia**
 Tennessee at Auburn — **Auburn**
 Alabama A&M at Arkansas-Pine Bluff — **A&M**
 Southern Methodist at Tulane — **SMU**
 Southern California at Oregon State — **USC**
 Connecticut at Louisville — **UConn**
 Maryland at Clemson — **Clemson**
 Michigan State at Indiana — **MSU**
 Minnesota at Ohio State — **OSU**
 Mississippi at Florida — **Fla.**
 North Carolina at Miami (Fla.) — **Miami**
 Pittsburgh at Syracuse — **Pitt**
 Virginia at Duke — **Virginia**
 Northwestern at Iowa — **Iowa**
 Rhode Island at Boston College — **BC**
 Arkansas State at Memphis — **Ark. State**
 Arkansas at Texas — **Texas**
 Colorado at Florida State — **FSU**
 Fresno State at UCLA — **UCLA**

Houston at East Carolina — **EC**
 Marshall at West Virginia — **WV**
 Purdue at Notre Dame — **Notre Dame**
 Wisconsin at Michigan — **Wis.**
 Navy at Wake Forest — **Wake**
 Colorado State at California — **Cal**
 Chattanooga at Furman — **Furman**
 Oregon at Washington State — **Oregon**
 Army at Texas A&M — **Texas A&M**
 TCU at Oklahoma — **Okla.**
 UAB at South Carolina — **SC**
 Western Kentucky at Kentucky — **Ky.**
 Troy at Oklahoma State — **Okla. State**
 Mississippi State at LSU — **LSU**
 South Florida at North Carolina State — **SF**
 Illinois at Penn State — **PSU**
 Virginia Tech at Nebraska — **Neb.**
 Stanford at Washington — **Wash.**
 San Jose State at Hawaii — **Hawaii**

Kickoff set for kickball league

Adult kickball has arrived at Redstone Arsenal.

This co-ed social, sports league has the goal of getting people active and bringing them together in sports which cannot really be taken too seriously.

It is a partnership between MWR Sports, Fox Army Health Center Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion and the Civilian Welfare Fund.

Organizers believe this is the first adult kickball league to start in Alabama and within the Department of Army.

The 2008 fall league will open play Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the youth fields on Goss Road. Teams will play Tuesday and Thursday using two fields – one game per field. Each team is to have 11 players – squads can start with eight – including at least four females.

A coaches meeting to discuss rules is scheduled this Thursday morning at 9:30 at Pagano Gym when schedules will be distributed.

For more information, call Rick Stock at 955-8888, ext.1443, or Gaylene Wilson at 842-2574.



Photo by Sandra Stewart

GETTING KICKS— Joe Martin, left, recreation specialist at the Wellness Center, and Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center, team up against Rick Stock and 1st Lt. Ken Washington (not in photo), of Fox's Preventive Medicine/Wellness Service. Redstone Arsenal's first adult kickball league is forming as a Worksite Health Promotion initiative.



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

Life saver

Martha Dillard, a custodian for Phoenix Service at building 5400, is recognized Sept. 16 for her role in helping to save the life of a man who was choking in the 5400 cafeteria. From left are her son Brian Brandon, Dillard and AMRDEC director Dr. Bill McCorkle. Dillard received signed letters from McCorkle and AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles. Building 5400 cafeteria manager Molly Ponder was also recognized for her role in the Aug. 21 rescue.



Courtesy photo

Engineer honored

Nicholas Giordano, right, a senior engineer with AMCOM-G3 Command Analysis Directorate, was selected as the Professional of the Year by the North Alabama Section of American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Al Reisz of ASME presents the award at the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies annual award dinner Sept. 9. Giordano was recognized for his outstanding engineering achievements and for his community service in the Huntsville/Decatur and surrounding areas.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

Vehicle fire

Redstone firefighters quickly extinguished a flaming Ford Expedition in the parking lot behind the Post Library and building 3321 at 9:30 a.m. last Thursday.

I found all this money in your account! You must spend it all by the end of the month!!



Well, I always wanted a spa with 16 jets for the unit day room!



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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@primeloggicllc.com.

Triple Threat run/walk

The Triple Threat Run/Walk is 8 a.m. Oct. 4 at the Edgewater Community in Madison. Sponsored by the Regions Bank and the Marine Corps Reserve Center, this event benefits Toys for Tots. It includes a 3 mile run/walk for beginner runners, a 6 mile run for intermediate runners and a 9 mile run for advanced runners. To pre-register, mail the \$10 entry fee or any donations to Marine Corps Reserve Center, 3506 Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, AL 35801. After Sept. 27 please call if planning to register, but wait until 7 a.m. Oct. 4 to register in person. For more information, call 213-9683. Sgt. Bradley Easley's extension is 102; and Gunnery Sgt. Wayne Byron's extension is 105. Make any entry fee or donation checks out to Toys for Tots Foundation.

Hunter orientation

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

Hockey bus trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a hockey bus trip to Nashville on Nov. 25 to watch the St. Louis Blues take on the Nashville Predators. The bus will depart the Kroger parking lot, Drake Avenue and South Memorial Parkway, that afternoon at 3:30 and return immediately after the 7 p.m. game. "This year we once again feature two ticket pricing options at \$75 and \$40," a prepared release said. Each ticket package includes either a lower bowl or sideline balcony game ticket, transportation, and snacks and beverages on the bus. This trip is open to all Team Redstone members and their families. However, children must be chaperoned. If you are interested in attending this game, you must put your name on the priority list by e-mailing your contact and ticket request information to Robert Olson at robert.j.olson@us.army.mil. Payment in full must be received by Oct. 30. Space is

Tennis tournament

Huntsville Women's Tennis Association annual Fall Charity Tournament is Sept. 25-28 at the Huntsville Tennis Center. Format will be ladies doubles and mixed doubles for regular and senior players. Entry fee is \$25 per player. For more information and to download an entry form, visit www.huntsvillewomenstennis.net.

Benefit golf tournament

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

University women

American Association of University Women will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 7 at UAH's Beville Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. The meet and greet starts at 5:30 p.m., soup and salad (\$15) at 6 and the program at 7. Cynthia McCollum, incumbent Madison District 1 council member who lost her bid for another term, will speak on the experience and support women need to run for public office.

Reservation for both diners and non-diners should be made by Oct. 1 to Lois Guendel at herb.guendel@knology.com.

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.

Geospatial conferences

Organizers of the Rocket City Geospatial Conference and the Terrain Summit have agreed to merge their two events. The first Rocket City Geospatial Conference was held in 2007 and the Terrain Summit, a biennial event, was first held in 2005. The combined event will see its attendance expand as it also joins with the fifth annual Alabama GIS Symposium, typically held at Auburn University. The combined events will be held Nov. 18-20 at the Huntsville Marriott. For more information, visit the conference web site at www.RocketCityGeospatial.com.

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 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.

Contract managers

Join the Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association on Sept. 30 at the Holiday Inn Research Park as it welcomes Jerry Gabig, CEO of The

Q-Track Corporation, NCMA Fellow and attorney, for lunch and a discussion of "NDA – A License to Steal." For more information or to make reservations, visit www.ncmahsv.org.

Helicopter conference

The Southeast Region and the Hampton Roads Chapter of American Helicopter Society and the Colonial Virginia Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America will sponsor a national conference on Helicopter Military Operations Technology, Oct. 28-30 at Fort Eustis, Va. "Vertical Lift – Devils of the Night, Angels of the Day" is the conference theme. For more information call Jack Tansey of Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, Fort Eustis, (757) 878-4105.

Toastmaster open house

Come enjoy some free pizza and learn about how to improve your speaking ability. Lunar Nooners Toastmasters Club will have an Open House on Oct. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the building 4610 cafeteria. For more information, call Paul Pickett 544-6078.

Fleet reserve branch

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

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Group will meet Oct. 11 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Starting at 9:15 a.m., Ron Schmitz and Gayle Fairless of the Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will discuss "Solving Windows Problems" and "Using Your Cell Phone with a PC." At 10:45 there will be a short business meeting followed by a presentation by HPCUG secretary Pat Layky. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 714-5898.

Security professionals

The Mid-South Chapter of NCMS, the Society for Industrial Security Professionals,

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invites you "The NISPOM Tell You What, We Tell You How" presentation Oct. 14 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Dynetic Corporation. DSS IS representative Derek Fleischmann will hold a "DD 254 Preparation" workshop. Teresa Dyers, FSO for CSC, will hold "The Role and Responsibilities of an FSO" workshop. The cost for NCMS members is \$25 and \$35 for non-members. To register call Paul Malone 428-1308.

Security luncheon

The Mid-South Chapter of NCMS, the Society for Industrial Security Professionals, will hold its next luncheon Oct. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn (by Madison Square Mall). The luncheon costs \$15. The U.S. Investigative Service, contracted to Office of Personnel Management, will discuss "The Security Clearance Background Investigative Process." To register call Paul Malone 428-1308.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Ralph Petroff, Carina Board adviser, will speak on "The Greatest Story Never Told - how Alabamians worked with their former enemies to create the 20th century's greatest event." The informal monthly breakfast is Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest.

For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

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.

Catholic women

The Military Council of Catholic Women invites all ladies with a military or civilian ID to its First Friday meeting on Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. in the large Activity Room of the Bicentennial Chapel. Refreshments will be served and after a short business agenda at 9:30, members will view the DVD "Really BAD Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. The members say they hope you'll stay for Holy Hour at 11 a.m. and Mass at noon. To request child care and for more information, call Phyllis Gibat 842 2175 or (after Sept. 28) Chris Johnson 701-6490.

Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Award winning author and the Vicksburg, Miss., National Military Park historian Terry Winschel will present "Unvexed to the Sea, Vicksburg

and Control of the Mississippi River." Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Visitors are welcome. Call 890-0890 for more information.

Garden club

The Redstone Garden Club will meet Oct. 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the Links golf course Clubhouse. A tour of the grounds led by Larry Underwood will be followed by the business meeting and lunch. For more information, call Sharron Eubanks 828-9560 or Diane Breffeilh 864-8121.



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 Scott Ambrose 655-9436 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.

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/>.

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.

Diabetes walk

The "Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes" is Sunday at the University of Alabama-Huntsville lakeside. Registration starts at 1 p.m. and the walk at 2:30. Children 12 and under participate free. All other participants should raise or donate at least \$21 to participate. For more information, call Doris Lewis 539-4404.

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.

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.

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 Saturday 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.

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.

Plastic modelers

The Huntsville Plastic Modelers' Society presents its annual scale model exhibition and contest Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jaycees Community Building, 2160 Airport Road. Free admission to the general public, fees for contestants. Special awards for best Army and Space subjects. For more information, call 348-8392 or visit <http://hpmsweb.topcities.com>.

AMRDEC day

The Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center will hold its annual Organization Day on Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. Lunch tickets can be purchased from directorate representatives: \$9 for adult meal that includes pork and chicken barbecue with three sides, beverage and dessert; meals for children 12-and-under costs \$3 and includes jumbo hot dog, chips, beverage and dessert. Planned activities are softball, volleyball and horseshoe tournaments; fishing, rodeo, bingo, cake walk, and face painting for kids. Please bring lawn chairs, fishing poles and other personal entertainment items. Purchase tickets by Oct. 7. In case of rain, the event will be held Oct. 16.

Road advisory

Traffic delays are anticipated at Gate 9 inbound lanes. They will begin work and remove some of the rock wall, approximately 400-500 feet from both sides of the wall in each direction. They do not plan to close any lanes but advise Redstone Arsenal drivers to please be cautious of road construction debris and watch out for workers. Workers are removing the flashing lights and electronic signs (the ones that direct drivers/visitors where to go for passes). They will post a different sign at a different location for the visitors lane on the same

day. Anticipate construction work to last two months, according to the Garrison.

Veterans office

The local office for Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs provides assistance to veterans and their families in applying for benefits from the VA. These benefits include, but are not limited to, Service Connected Compensation Claims, Non-Service Connected Pensions, Appeals, Death Benefits for Widows, Education Applications, VA Insurance, and applications for VA Headstone/Markers. The office can also assist you in filing for state veteran benefits, for example the Alabama Dependent Scholarship Program and admittance to the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville. "We are a full service office with accredited veteran service officers available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are located at 115-B Washington St. off the Courthouse Square in downtown Huntsville," a prepared release said. "Service is based on a first come, first serve system. No appointment necessary." For more information, call 532-1662.

Acquisition work force

The fall 2008 Army Acquisition Tuition Assistance Program announcement is open through Oct. 22. ATAP is a robust tuition assistance program open to all eligible Acquisition, Logistics and Technology work force members who have met their position certification requirements, and are interested in pursuing their 12-24 business-hour requirement (at any level), associate degree, or bachelor's degree. Master's degree funding is also available to those GS-11 (or broadband equivalent) AL&T work force members who meet their position certification requirements (at least Level II) and are interested in pursuing graduate study in a business, scientific or technical specialty. For more information on ATAP, visit the ATAP section on the USAASC web site.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on Sept. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for chil-



Courtesy photo

Top graduate

Capt. Ken-Chen Tsao of Taiwan is recognized as the distinguished graduate of the Avenger System Repairer Course on Sept. 18.

dren using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Army training

Do you want to be on the cutting edge of Army training? The 1st Battle Command Training Group offers the opportunity for promotion while simultaneously enhancing your professional management, training and leadership skills. It has immediate openings for sergeant first class through lieutenant colonel – specialty and branch are immaterial — who want to transfer and make a significant contribution to the readiness of the Army. The 1st BCTG conducts continental U.S. pre- and post-mobilization computer simulation based Battle Command Staff Training exercises. It trains and validates Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout the Southeast in wartime readiness. It offers CONUS mobilization opportunities training and preparing USAR and ARNG units for deployment. Unit benefits include Fragmented Annual Training, and opportunity to travel throughout the Southeast. It encourages and supports attendance at Army professional development schools. For information call 1st Sgt. Larry King (205) 987-8443 ext. 4410, Capt. John Walker (205) 444-5208 or Lt. Col. Anthony Escott (205) 444-5163.

Future engineers

The National Engineers Week Foundation, a coalition of more than 100 professional societies, major corporations and government agencies, is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering work force. Engineers Week raises public understanding and appreciation of engineers' contributions to

our society. The Alabama Regional Future City Competition will be held Jan. 17 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville's Shelby Center. Regional competition winners travel to Washington, D.C. to vie for the grand prize, a week at Space Camp. School deadline for the 2009 Future City Competition is Oct. 20, 2008. All interested schools, teachers, students or engineers are encouraged to participate. For more information on entering or volunteering in the Future City Competition, call 1-877-636-9578 or visit www.futurecity.org.

Library book talk

Get an early start on your holiday "spirit." Join other book lovers around the library fireplace Nov. 7 from noon until 1 p.m. at the Post Library for a discussion of the Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol." This is the Victorian era story of the miser Scrooge who learns the true meaning of Christmas when visited by the ghosts of his past, present and future. Coffee and tea will be provided. Bring a bag lunch if desired. Call 876-4741 for more information.

Pancake breakfast

The Point Mallard Figure Skating Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser Nov. 8 from 7-10 a.m. at Applebee's in Decatur. Proceeds will benefit the local skaters of the Point Mallard Figure Skating Club. As in years past, all tips earned on the day of the fund-raiser are donated to a local non-profit group. This year all tips will be donated to the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center. Cost of tickets is \$5 per person. Plates include two pancakes, two sausages and a choice of drink. For more information, visit www.pointmallardfsc.com.

Butler High reunion

The S.R. Butler High School Class of 1983 is holding a Multi-Class Event for its 25-Year Reunion at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center Museum on Oct. 11. The Classes of '82, '83 and '84 are invited to join it. Pre-registration is required and the deadline is Sept. 26. For more information, call Laurie Cambron 509-6014.

Customer services

Do you have a comment or opinion about the services provided at Redstone Arsenal? Team Redstone and all DoD installations want your feedback about the services you are receiving at your home station. This is a new approach to customer service with the resources, enthusiasm and manpower to ensure your voice is heard and understood. Each installation is now assigned a full-time customer service officer, whose sole responsibility is to ensure customers have multiple avenues to offer feedback on all services that are provided by the Installation Management Command. The

process for your individual feedback is through the Interactive Customer Evaluation System which is automated through the Internet or filled out with an ICE comment card at the service provider's location. You can access the Interactive Customer Evaluation site at <http://ice.disa.mil> or www.redstone.army.mil and leave a comment. You can reach customer service officer Steve McFadden at 876-3294, e-mail steven.ray.mcfadden@us.army.mil or the ICE administrator Wendy Norris at wendy.norris1@us.army.mil.

Interactive feedback

Have you ever gotten "hot" over a situation and you wanted to tell someone? Take it to the source so you can "cool" down with ICE, the Interactive Customer Evaluation web site. You have direct access to all Redstone Arsenal service providers to let them know how they are doing, tell them of shortcomings or offer a pat on the back for a job well done. Log onto the Internet at <http://www.garrison.redstone.army.mil>; click on the ICE icon on right; and scroll down and find the service category you wish to rate or scroll to bottom and click "show all" to see the entire list for Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call 876-3294.

Girl Scout troop

Did you know that there is a Girl Scout troop that meets weekly on Redstone Arsenal? "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place," a prepared release said. "Every girl, everywhere, ages 5-17, who accepts the Girl Scout Promise and Law may become a member. In Girl Scouts, girls will discover their personal best and prepare for a positive future, connect with others in an increasingly diverse world, and take action to solve problems and improve their communities." For more information, call Laurie Taylor 722-8167.

Jazz night

George West and the Uptown Jazz Band featuring Shelly Williams will perform Oct. 4 at the Officers and Civilians Club. "Enjoy an incredible evening of great music and experience the gala atmosphere of the 1940s supper clubs," a prepared release said. Tickets, which include a dinner buffet, are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For tickets call 830-2582.

Latin dance

Saborlatino invites you to celebrate the "Hispanic Heritage Dance" on Oct. 4 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave, with DJ Mendez playing the Latin music. You must be at least 18 to party, 21 to drink. Cost is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. To reserve your tables, call hostess Yvonne 783-5756.

Yard sale vendors

The 203rd MP Battalion Family Readiness Group seeks vendors for its first Indoor Craft and Yard Sale on Nov. 15 at the Athens Armory, 1402 Armory St. in Athens. Thirty spaces, sized 10-by-20, are

available to vendors and are expected to go quickly. You can reserve your space for \$25. The family readiness group will provide one table per space and do all the advertising. This event is indoors – which means rain or shine. Call Laurie 679-7282, Shelley 230-9307, Amanda 457-6697 or Ruth 883-4364.

Breast cancer awareness

Breast Cancer affects both men and women, according to Fox Army Health Center. This year a new case of breast cancer is diagnosed every three minutes. It is, however, 90 percent curable if detected early. All women are at risk for getting breast cancer. And as women age, the risk increases. On average one in eight women will get breast cancer if they live to be 90 years old. It is not only a woman's disease as one in every 100 breast cancer cases is a man. Breast cancer in men is often fatal because the symptoms can be ignored. Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, www.breastcancer.org encourages everyone to start a dialogue about breast health and breast cancer with the women and men in your life. It is everyone's shared responsibility to spread life-saving breast health information. Fox Army Health Center Preventive Medicine, Health Promotion and community partners are sponsoring a Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair to provide the Redstone family with breast health information, displays and demonstrations Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bob Jones Auditorium lobby. For more information call Rick Stock, health promotion educator, at 955.8888 ext. 1443 or Jackie Rice 1026.

Health center news

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Monday, Oct. 13 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. The health center is closed on Thursday afternoons, weekends and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox does not have an emergency room or emergency medical services. In an emergency, dial 911.

Research seminar

The Huntsville-Madison County Public Library will host "Genealogy for the 21st Century: DNA Research & Roots Television" on Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Megan Smolenyak as the featured speaker. The event will be held in the ballroom of the Embassy Suites Hotel on Monroe Street in downtown Huntsville. The cost is \$50 per person which does not include lunch. Seating is limited to 130 people, so early registration is encouraged. Reservations can be made in person at the administration office on third floor of the Main Library – Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — or by mailing a reservation request and program fee to the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, DNA Research Seminar, P.O. Box 443, Huntsville, AL 35804. Reservation fees must be paid in advance. For more information, call 532-5950.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U				
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																							
SCBK08980263	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	24-Sep-08	IMMC		GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X														
SCBK08005869	Telecommunications Spec	24-Sep-08	SMDC		GS-0391	7/9	9/11	37,164 - 71,500						X	X								
SCBK08005869D	Telecommunications Spec	24-Sep-08	SMDC		GS-0391	7/9	9/11	37,164 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08965513	Opers Research Analyst	24-Sep-08	AMCOM, G3(Opers)		GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X														
SCBK08965462	Opers Research Analyst	24-Sep-08	AMCOM, G3(Opers)		GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X														
SCBK08777100	Civil Engr, Env Engr, Geologist, Architect, Chem Engr, Elect Engr, Mech Engr, Landscape Architect, General Engr	25-Sep-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810,0819, 1350,0808, 0893,0850, 0830,0807, 0801		2	2	45,458 - 101,913		X	X			X	X	X	X						
SCBK08978077	Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Sep-08	IMMC		GS-0346	14	14	92,633 - 120,421						X									
SCBK08955502	Secretary (OA)	25-Sep-08	ACQ SUPP CTR		GS-0318	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X													
SCBK08003844	Opers Research Analyst	25-Sep-08	PEO AVN		NH-1515	3	3	65,921 - 101,913			X	X			X	X							
SCBK08965394	Opers Research Analyst	25-Sep-08	AMCOM, G3(Opers)		GS-1515	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	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				
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				
SCBK08982388	Hospital Housekeeping Ofcr	26-Sep-08	MEDDAC		GS-0673	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	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				
SCBK08929945	Supv Public Affairs Spec	28-Sep-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd		YC-1035	2	2	57,146 - 110,691	X														
SCBK08953908	Tech Writer-Editor	29-Sep-08	IMMC		GS-1083	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X														
SCBK08996155	General Engr	29-Sep-08	SMDC		GS-0801	12	12	68,119 - 87,899	X	X													
SCBK08967152	Electronics Engr	29-Sep-08	AMRDEC		DB-0855	2	3	30,001 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08967152D	Electronics Engr	29-Sep-08	AMRDEC		DB-0855	2	3	30,001 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08991459	Contract Spec	29-Sep-08	ACQ SUPP CTR		NH-1102	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X													
SCBK08983438	Secretary (OA)	29-Sep-08	AMCOM, ACQ CTR		GS-0318	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X														
SCBK08973471	Antiterrorism Ofcr	30-Sep-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd		GS-0301	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X					X								
SCBK08003843	International Prgms Mgmt Spec	30-Sep-08	PEO AVN		NH-0301	4	4	92,633 - 141,657						X	X	X							
SCBK08999501	Budget Analyst	30-Sep-08	AMCOM, G8(Resource Mgmt)		GS-0560	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X														
SCBK08000010	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC		DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08000010D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC		DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08991523	Quality Assurance Spec (Metrology)	30-Sep-08	AMCOM TMDE		GS-1910	11	12	54,999 - 85,701	X	X													
SCBK08947849R	Lead Prjct Dir	1-Oct-08	TSMO		NH-0301	4	4	92,633 - 141,657			X				X			X					
SCBK08979130R	Prgm Analyst	1-Oct-08	SMDC		GS-0343	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X				X	X								
SCBK08005816	Mgmt Supp Asst (OA)	2-Oct-08	SMDC		GS-0303	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X														
SCBK08984144	Electronics Engr	5-Oct-08	AMRDEC		DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08981151	Computer Engr	6-Oct-08	AMRDEC		DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X														
SCBK08938489	Supv General Engr	9-Oct-08	AMRDEC		DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08913614	Electrical Engr	9-Oct-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL		YD-0850	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08913614D	Electrical Engr	9-Oct-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL		YD-0850	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
WTST08734770	General Engr	14-Oct-08	TSMO		GG-0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08981346	General Engr	16-Oct-08	AMRDEC		DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08681362DR	Mechanical Engr	16-Oct-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL		YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08681362R	Mechanical Engr	16-Oct-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL		YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08009202	Electronics Engr	17-Oct-08	AMRDEC		DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X														
SCBK08995679	Lead Aerospace Engr	20-Oct-08	AMRDEC		DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X														
WTST08991589	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	20-Oct-08	TSMO		GG-2210	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08777100	Civil Engr, Env Engr, Geologist, Architect, Chem Engr, Elect Engr, Mech Engr, Landscape Architect, General Engr	25-Oct-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810,0819, 1350,0808, 0893,0850, 0830,0807, 0801		2	2	45,458 - 101,913		X	X			X	X	X	X						
SCBK08777100	Civil Engr, Env Engr, Geologist, Architect, Chem Engr, Elect Engr, Mech Engr, Landscape Architect, General Engr	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810,0819, 1350,0808, 0893,0850, 0830,0807, 0801		2	2	45,458 - 101,913		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								
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON		GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476						X									
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON		GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997						X									
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON		GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X				X	X				X				
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON		GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997			X				X				X				
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON		GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X				X	X				X				
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON		GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X				X	X				X				
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd		GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X					X				X				
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd		GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X					X				X				

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SCBK08005869	Telecommunications Spec	24-Sep-08	SMDC		GS-0391	7/9	9/11	37,164 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08005869D	Telecommunications Spec	24-Sep-08	SMDC		GS-0391	7/9	9/11	37,164 - 71,500	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08738865R	Telecommunications Spec	24-Sep-08	SMDC		GS-0391	13	13	68,625 - 89,217	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08967152D	Electronics Engr	29-Sep-08	AMRDEC		DB-0855	2	3	30,001 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK07347979D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC		DB-0855	3	3	63,958 - 98,876	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08000010D	Electronics Engr	30-Sep-08	AMRDEC		DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08979130R	Prgm Analyst	1-Oct-08	SMDC		GS-0343	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X				X	X				
SCBK08913614D	Electrical Engr	9-Oct-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL		YD-0850	2	2	45,014 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08681362DR	Mechanical Engr	16-Oct-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL		YD-0830	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08991589	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	20-Oct-08	TSMO		GG-2210	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

- A** - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
- B** - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
- C** - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
- D** - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
- E** - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
- F** - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)
- H** - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
- I** - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
- R** - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
- T** - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- V** - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
- U** - All U.S. citizens

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

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at

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