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# Army going green with fuel use

Garrison takes initiative  
to reduce consumption

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The recent gasoline shortage delayed some fuel deliveries but didn't affect Redstone operations.

"We have enough inventory to offset any irregularities in distribution. So we're doing fine," Tony Fuller, chief of supply and services division in the Garrison's Directorate of Logistics, said.

The Defense Energy Support Center is the executive agent for fuel. Redstone each month consumes about 30,000 gallons of gasoline and about 15,000 gallons of diesel.

"And our goal is to reduce that, based on using our initiatives to go green," director of logistics Chris Pegues said.

Greening initiatives are authorized by federal mandate to reduce carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and other harmful emissions. The goal is "to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels," Pegues said. "To take the best care of the environment, be good stewards of the environment."

As a result, the Army chief of staff and the Installation Management Command want the Army to go green.

Redstone is working on three such initiatives:

- Purchased by the Army Environmental Command, a biodiesel tank for diesel vehicles should be installed in mid-November. This 12,000-gallon tank will be located at the Garrison fuel point. Biodiesel comes from such things as plants, recycled grease and cooking oil. "It's blended with diesel, so effectively you'll use a lot less fossil fuel," Pegues said. "It's more friendly to the environment or to the air, burns cleaner. Late model diesel vehicles all should be able to



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ELECTRIC RIDE**— Garrison director of logistics Chris Pegues, left, and Tony Fuller, chief of supply and services division, stand beside one of two Neighborhood Electric Vehicles belonging to the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

burn biodiesel fuel."

- E 85, an ethanol blend of gas, will be installed with the upgrade of the Garrison fuel point within the next year.

- Adding electric vehicles, but officials are considering the safety aspect because of these vehicles' low speed. Army officials know of three on post: one at Marshall Space Flight Center, and two at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and

Engineering Center. "Additional electric vehicles will be coming in next spring," Pegues said.

There are some things individual workers can do to save on fuel. These include: avoid unnecessary trips in government vehicles; slow down and eliminate fast starts; and carpool — even in government vehicles.

"Apply the same logic as if you were paying the bill or buying the gas," Fuller said.

# An open lane random survey

What's your worst nightmare?

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2nd Lt. Jonathan Bender  
Headquarters & Alpha Company  
"Sharks, because they look mean and they have a lot of teeth – a lot of sharp teeth."

Spc. Max Echols  
Headquarters & Alpha Company  
"I had some stuff happen in Iraq. I wake up (in the middle of the night). Like Saturday, I woke up – from stuff I remember. I was in Iraq from November '06 to December '07. I go back again this upcoming May."



Wanda Quigley  
Child, Youth & School Services  
"Probably the cost of living because everything's going up – food cost, gas cost."



Yenny Acevedo  
Child, Youth & School Services  
"Economics, because of the gas prices. Everything's getting expensive. I think that's my nightmare. Waking up every day and you don't know what to expect."



## Quote of the week

When a man sits with a pretty girl for an hour, it seems like a minute. But let him sit on a hot stove for a minute and it's longer than any hour. That's relativity.

— Albert Einstein

## Give today to change tomorrow

The Combined Federal Campaign is our annual opportunity to respond to urgent needs in our communities, our nation and our world. Through your contributions to CFC agencies, you provide vital support to programs that touch both our lives and the lives of many around us, on a daily basis, all year round. Every year, the Tennessee Valley CFC traditionally demonstrates its generosity by giving, and I am very proud to be part of this team.

You can take part in changing tomorrow by making a contribution, by serving as a volunteer, and by giving from your heart to help others. Through your selfless actions, you stand behind those organizations working every day to improve the lives of others. Federal, postal and military personnel continued their tradition of caring by contributing over \$2,240,000 to the 2007 Tennessee Valley CFC. We can all take pride in the fact that through our contributions we are improving the quality of life for those in our local community and in the nation.

Please take a few minutes to read through the charity listing and learn about various services provided by our CFC agencies. The agencies need your support again this year to continue their valuable services. The choice of how to give is yours. When completing your pledge form, you may designate to the charity or charities you wish to support. Only those agencies that you designate will receive your donation.

Your contribution is an investment in our community; please give generously!

Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile program.

**Maj. Gen. Jim Myles**  
Tennessee Valley CFC chairman

## Work force behind work horse

From morning till evening the news canvasses pictures of the war and the Soldiers who admirably fight and give their lives in it. Dynamic scenes are displayed depicting war-torn streets and buildings, ignited and burning vehicles, forward moving tanks, and artillery and every now and then some scenes give glance to a seemingly suspended "work horse" in the sky.

What is it really? How did it get there? Who made it happen? And what is its mission? It is really a CH-47 helicopter, the "work horse" of the Army. It came into being by the gravitas work efforts of many government and industrial personnel, who daily give their life's



Courtesy photo

**CONTRACT TEAM—** From left are Sharon Patterson, Robin Hadlock, Willis Epps, Teresa Cosby, Velma Howard and Lillie Williams.

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## Soldiers/chaperones much appreciated

I am writing this letter to express my appreciation and gratitude to the 59th Ordnance Brigade for providing Sgt. 1st Class Winston McElrea and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Tilley as chaperones for my students to attend Camp McDowell Environmental Camp. I also had a mother of one of my students go as a chaperone. Her name is Dorinda Pleasure and she works at Fox Army Health Center.

As lead teacher for our semiannual trip to the camp, I was thrilled to be able to take 20 science students for this valuable program. Stone Middle School is an inner city school, Title I, with 98 percent of the students receiving free lunch. Many of the students come from one parent homes and it is difficult for the parents to take time off to attend a three-day program such as the one their children just participated in.

As I watched Sgt. 1st Class McElrea and Tilley walking in the canyons, going on a night hike, testing river water, climbing a 30-foot pole and doing a belly flop in the pool at recreation time, I was amazed at the smiles and laughter on the students' faces. It only took a short time for the atmosphere to be positively contagious to anyone that happened to see the interaction between him and my students. They provided dynamic role models to all of the students.

Sgt. 1st Class McElrea and Tilley contributed their time and energy to help us make this trip a success. Without their help, my task would be far more difficult, and without their smiles our day would have been less enjoyable.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the driving force that made this whole event possible — the 59th Ordnance Brigade. Without your unwavering support, this event could not have happened. Thank you for your support.

Comments from the students were also appreciative. "These guys are cool." "We can't pull anything over on you." (That was in reference to try and sneak out of the cabins at night, which they didn't.) "Wow, you take bombs apart and you have all of your fingers!" "Thanks for defending our country and finding time to go with us." "Can you come next time we have a field trip?"

Bobbi Murphy

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**Name:** Andre Terry

**Job:** Chief of Child, Youth & School Services, Garrison

**Where do you call home?**

Hinesville, Ga. It's right outside of Fort Stewart.

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

I like the community, cost of living. And I like what I do – working with Garrison families and children, Soldiers.

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

Play music. I play drums, piano, guitar. Actually, I've got a record company I'm opening up in Huntsville – Trinity Music

Records. It's Christian contemporary.

**What are your goals?**

My immediate goal is to get two additional Child Development Centers, plus a pre-kindergarten program, open and available to the community in FY '09. And it's available to anybody that works on the Arsenal. If you can get through that gate, your children can use our program.



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

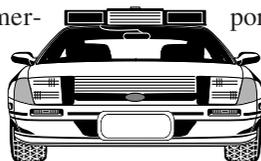
I like house and techno music. It's all electronic music.

## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Sept. 19:** A woman who requested a visitor pass at the Visitor Center was driving with a suspended driver's license. Further checks revealed two misdemeanor warrants for her issued by the Madison County Sheriff Department. She was issued a violation notice and released to the sheriff department.

**Sept. 19:** A vehicle approached Gate 10 in the outgoing lanes. After being arrested by Redstone Police for driving under the influence, the driver submitted to a breath test with a result of .1 percent blood alcohol content. She was issued a violation notice and then trans-



ported to Huntsville Hospital for medical problems.

**Sept. 21:** A man approached Gate 9 and could not produce a valid driver's license. It was revealed that he was operating his vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 23:** At Gate 3, a driver who stopped and asked for directions was found to be driving with a suspended license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 31 speeding, 3 suspended driver's license, 1 driving under the influence, 2 no driver's license.

## Acquisition team delivers helicopter contract

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talent, time and effort to meet the mission and needs of the war fighter.

After months of skillful, strategic and time worthy negotiation efforts to shore up the readiness posture of the United States Army, Willis Epps, chief of CH-47 SFL Acquisition Directorate, and his project leads to include Teresa Cosby, Velma Howard, Robin Hadlock and Lillie Williams, received congressional approval and signed a \$4.3 billion contract with Boeing International, Philadelphia on Aug. 26.

The signing of this contract is monumental for multiple reasons to include:

It sets a solid foundation in support of our troops, by providing new and updated models of the CH-47 utility "work horse" for troop and equipment transport.

It also provides job security to the hundreds of onlooking employees of Boeing International, who watched with panted pride at the signing, surely realizing that a job well done had propelled them into a multi-billion dollar, multi-year contract.

The fulfillment of bringing to reality the "work horse" of the Army was the gravitas work effort of many and they should be commended and honored by all for a job well done.

Mary L. Epps

The Garrison has been honored by the city of Huntsville for its environmental efforts.

The Garrison was among the recipients of 2008 Air Pollution Control Achievement Awards presented Sept. 24 at the city council chambers. John Callahan, deputy chairman of the city's air pollution control board, presented the plaque to Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

"Again it shows the environmental consciousness that the Garrison has for Redstone Arsenal, and working to help protect the environment of the whole community," Terry Hazle, chief of environmental management division in the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works, said.

This was among six awards presented by the city's air pollution control board. The honorees were cited for their efforts to reduce air pollution emissions or to improve environmental education. Besides the Garrison they included Boeing, National Copper & Smelting, Sanmina-SCI, Toyota Motor Manufacturing and Vulcan Materials.

The Garrison was recognized for the



Courtesy photo

**RECOGNITION—** Accepting the award are, from left, Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli, chief of environmental management division Terry Hazle and director of public works Joe Davis.

following: During construction of a facility for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at Redstone Arsenal last year, instead of burning 1,328 tons of vegetative debris, the Garrison chipped the material and sold it for use as fuel in a wood waste boiler at a mill in Stevenson.

Redstone Arsenal representatives included Pastorelli, Hazle, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Cooper and public works director Joe Davis.



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**HONORING VETERAN SACRIFICES—** A wounded Marine poses with a Vietnam veteran Marine, in wheelchair, during ceremonies at the 2007 Heroes Weekend. This year's second annual Heroes Weekend has been expanded to five days of activities and will include 30 wounded Marines and their spouses or caregivers. Heroes Weekend, which is sponsored by the Semper Fi Community Task Force and several other organizations, takes place in conjunction with Huntsville's Veterans Day Parade.

## Marines, community roll out red carpet for wounded

*Heroes Weekend centered on Veterans Day ceremonies*

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In one brief moment, Marine Cpl. John Hermann and Vietnam veteran Marine Joe Bongiovanni made a personal connection that will last a lifetime.

"Joe, I feel like you're my dad. I want you to have my rack," Bongiovanni remembers Hermann saying as a group of Marine veterans smoked cigars and reminisced in the parking lot of the Embassy Suites following the 2007 inaugural Heroes Weekend in Huntsville.

And with that, the young Marine gave Bongiovanni all his ribbons and medals, including a Purple Heart and a combat action ribbon. Today, those ribbons and medals are encased and on display as a tribute to the young Marines who are fighting for their country and making sacrifices for freedom.

"He gave them to me because he was so appreciative of what we had done for him and the other wounded warriors who

had spent Veterans Day weekend with us in Huntsville," Bongiovanni said.

Hermann's appreciation was felt by all 17 wounded Marines of the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment who traveled to Huntsville for Veterans Day 2007.

"They all loved what we did for them," Bongiovanni said. "They were so impressed with the community and they loved the reception. A lot of them said this was the first time they felt really appreciated. They felt honored and loved, and they were overcome by the entire weekend."

Last year, the Semper Fi Community Task Force joined with the North Alabama Veterans Coalition, the Huntsville Track Club and Still Serving Veterans to honor and support members of the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment by bringing them to Huntsville for a weekend of activities. The wounded Marines participated in the first-ever Huntsville Track Club-Road Runners Club of America Heroes 5K Run, and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, the Veterans Day Breakfast and Parade and a career fair.

And now the group of volunteers wants to repeat the success of the first Heroes Weekend. This time they are inviting 30

wounded Marines, who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan, and their spouses or caregivers to enjoy the second annual Heroes Weekend, which has stretched into a five-day event Nov. 7-12. Along with last year's events, organizers have also added a fishing tournament and a farewell dinner.

"We are bringing these Marines here and showing our appreciation, and how much North Alabama appreciates their service," said Bongiovanni, a member of the Semper Fi Community Task Force.

"It was so successful last year that we wanted to open up Heroes Weekend to more Marines and to their spouses. We want to include family because their families have also made sacrifices."

For many local active duty, retired and former Marines, Heroes Weekend is a continuation of their own service to their nation.

"We believe it is incumbent on us who have walked this path before to continue the Semper Fi spirit of the Marine Corps, which is always to be faithful to our troops and families, to our Corps and country, and to our God. We have banded together

## ■ Heroes Weekend becomes Huntsville tradition

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to recognize the service and contribution of our young Marines and Soldiers as well," said retired Lt. Gen. Frank Libutti, who is the senior Marine in North Alabama and, who along with Heroes Weekend chairman Bob Marshall, is a founder of the event.

Wounded Marines will be selected for Heroes Weekend from the two battalions of the Wounded Warrior Regiment, one located at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and the other at Camp Pendleton, Calif. In addition, Col. Greg Boyle, commanding officer of the Wounded Warrior Regiment, will again travel to Huntsville to participate in Heroes Weekend.

"Col. Boyle was very grateful for what we did last year," Bongiovanni said. "The Huntsville program is the most successful program like this in the nation. Other communities are trying to copy what we're doing. This program is not unique, but it is the most encompassing and most prestigious event of its kind in the nation."

But to make Heroes Weekend a success, organizers are working to raise \$100,000 to pay for transportation, food, lodging and other requirements of the visiting wounded Marines. Several local businesses and organizations are making financial or in-kind contributions to make the event a success, including the

Embassy Suites Hotel, Association of the U.S. Army, the Volunteer Center of Huntsville and the Vettes for Vets Corvette Club.

"This is a Huntsville tradition now," Libutti said. "There is no place in the country that does this type of recognition to the degree and scope of participation like we do. All of this came about because we were trying to do what we thought was appropriate for our wounded Marines."

A committee of about a dozen Marines from the Semper Fi Community Task Force work all year to plan an event that is bound to create lasting memories for the visiting Marines.

"We have volunteers with great organizational skills and coordination efforts," Libutti said. "It is a great joy for all of us to support these Marines and see their reaction to what we have done for them. Last year, we saw how they were moved by the love and concern and affection we demonstrated to them. It overjoyed me and made me proud of this community."

Besides the need for funds, the Semper Fi Community Task Force also needs volunteers to help with the activities. They are also asking the Huntsville and North Alabama community to be a part of Heroes Weekend.

"Like last year, we encouraged the public to come out during the different activities and interact with these Marines and show them their support," Bongiovanni said.

The connection Huntsville, the Semper

Fi Community Task Force and other organizations make with the visiting wounded Marines doesn't end when Heroes Weekend is over.

"We keep in touch with them. We try to help them. We want to make sure they are doing OK," Bongiovanni said. "This is more of a mentoring program. A lot of these Marines are transitioning out of the Marine Corps into civilian life. We want to give them counseling, help them adjust to a new job and help them cope with their wounds. We want them to know we appreciate their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their families, and that our appreciation will be with them throughout their lives."

How their nation and its communities treat them is something these wounded Marines will carry with them forever.

"I was a Marine who served in Vietnam in 1967 during the height of the war. I never felt welcomed, never felt recognized for my service until I came here," said Bongiovanni, who moved to the Huntsville area in 2003.

"I vowed – along with several other local Marines – that our men and women who serve today will not have that same experience. We all want them to feel appreciated."

*Editor's note: Contributions to Heroes Weekend can be made at any Wachovia Bank, online at <http://sfcfj.org> or through the mail to SFCTF, P.O. Box 2291, Madison, AL 35758. Heroes Weekend is a CFC organization. For more information about Heroes Weekend, check out the web site at <http://sfcfj.org>.*



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## Up for 3rd star

The president has nominated former Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as deputy commanding general/chief of staff for Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va. He is serving as deputy chief of staff for logistics and operations at AMC.

# Fire Prevention Week blazes in with message

National theme focuses on home fire safety

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Do you know if the batteries in your smoke alarm at home are still working? Do you have a fire extinguisher posted in a common area at home and is it in workable condition? Does everyone living in your home know how to get out safely in case of fire?

Questions about fire safety in the home will be the topic of discussion next week throughout the nation as fire safety advocates work to promote home fire safety during National Fire Prevention Week, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association during the week of Oct. 5-11. The theme for this year's campaign is "Prevent Home Fires!"

"This is an important theme because home fire safety affects all of us," said fire chief Troy Vest of Redstone Arsenal Fire and Emergency Services. "On Redstone Arsenal, the purpose of this week is to bring individual awareness to the fire safety measures that people should take at home and at work. Although the national campaign stresses home fire safety, it is important that we are aware of potential fire hazards at home and at work, and that we recognize ways to prevent fires."

In 2007, there were an estimated 399,000 reported home structure fires in the U.S., resulting in 2,865 civilian deaths and 13,600 civilian injuries and \$74



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ENSURING FIRE SAFETY— Assistant chief for fire prevention Jason Berlin, left, and fire chief Troy Vest lead a 52-member firefighter crew who are out to ensure Arsenal employees are fire safe both at work and at home. The week of Oct. 5-11 is National Fire Prevention Week. The theme is "Prevent Home Fires!"**

billion in direct damage. Home fires caused 84 percent of civilian deaths and 77 percent of injuries. December and January are the peak months for home fires and home fire deaths, with heating equipment and smoking the leading causes of home fire deaths.

"During National Fire Prevention Week, everyone should check the smoke detectors at their homes and make sure the batteries work," Vest said. "Smoke detectors are one of the best early alarm systems available. But they can't operate if the batteries are not good. The batteries should be changed at least once a year."

To emphasize fire safety on Redstone Arsenal, the fire department will have a display

on Monday, Oct. 6, at Garrison headquarters, building 4488. On Oct. 7, they will have a fire truck on display and provide information on fire safety during the lunch hour at the PX/Commissary. On Oct. 8, Sparky, Pluggy, fire trucks and firefighters will be part of a fire safety event at the Child Development Center from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

On Redstone Arsenal, the fire department has an ongoing campaign to keep Arsenal employees aware of fire safety. All Arsenal buildings are checked at least once a year for fire safety; and the fire department will work with organizations to develop a fire protection program and conduct safety training at anytime.

"We get a lot of requests for training this time of year because

of the national campaign," Vest said. "We can provide that training throughout the year. We also welcome school children from several local schools to visit our fire department and talk with us about fire safety. We can also give tours to adults who want to see our facility and equipment."

Assistant chief for fire prevention Jason Berlin designs and teaches fire safety training classes to meet the needs of any employee organization on the Arsenal.

"When we talk to employees about fire safety, it usually involves reviewing fire safety tips and training on how to use fire extinguishers," Berlin said. "If you have a fire extinguisher in your work area or at home, you need to know how to operate it and what types of fires it can extinguish."

The fire department also has fire protection engineers on staff who work with contractors whenever there is a new building or a renovation under construction.

"We have a built-in review process to try to engineer out hazards before a building is built," Vest said.

But fire safety is not just the responsibility of the fire department. It is a responsibility of every individual, Vest said.

"Fire safety goes beyond the things we can do as a fire department. Employees need to be aware of safety in their work area," he

said. "They should check for fire hazards and either remove them or call us in if they have a hazard they want us to address."

Even when people are aware of a possible fire emergency, they can often be hesitant to call 9-1-1 for fear their concern is a false alarm. Don't hesitate, Vest urged.

"Call us anytime you think there is an emergency," he said. "You need to call earlier rather than later so that we can get on the scene and mitigate the emergency. Even if it turns out not to be an emergency, we check everything out."

The Arsenal's fire department has a five-minute response time to populated areas on post. Besides fire, its 52-member staff responds to medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, hazardous material spills and rescues. The Arsenal's four fire stations, which are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week,



# Support encouraged for disability employment

This year's theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October is "America's People... America's Talent... America's Strength!"

On July 22, President Bush celebrated the 18th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and signed an executive order for individuals with disabilities, which is located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/newfreedom/>.

During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, tribute is paid to the accomplishments of the men and women with disabilities whose work helps keep America strong. Team Redstone managers and supervisors express their commitment to ensure equal employment opportunity for all.

Over the past seven years, strides have been made to ensure opportunities for individuals with disabilities who are willing and able to work. Access to jobs was expanded in 1990 when President George H. W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law. It has served as a foundation for strengthening this nation's work force and advancing innovation and American leadership in a global marketplace.

In 2001, the president announced the New Freedom Initiative to build on the progress of the ADA and more fully integrate men and women with disabilities into all aspects of life. The New Freedom Initiative has helped expand access to technology, training, education and employment for citizens/employees with disabilities. Today, those who have a dis-

ability and seek employment are better able to compete for jobs. By visiting <https://www.disabilityinfo.gov/>, individuals and employers can learn more about the government's disability-related programs and receive information and resources for their enhancement.

On July 27, 2007, the White House released the 2007 Progress Report on President Bush's New Freedom Initiative for people with disabilities. Announced in February 2001, the New Freedom Initiative is his plan to tear down barriers to full integration into American life that remain for many of the 54 million Americans with disabilities.

To recognize the contributions of American's with disabilities and to encourage all citizens to ensure equal opportunity in the work force, Congress, by joint resolution approved as amended (36 U.S.C. 121), has designated October of each year as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

"In commemoration of this month's celebration, let us all celebrate their accomplishments and reaffirm our commitment in support of National Disability Employment Awareness Month," Clarenza Clark, individuals with disabilities program manager in the Garrison's Equal Employment Opportunity Office, said. "On the occasion of this special observance, sincere appreciation is extended to all employees of Team Redstone and the Huntsville community for their efforts in contributing to America's excellence." (Garrison release)

# Quality of life survey under way

This survey is your opportunity to make suggestions or express concerns about programs, services or benefits affecting you and your family. These will be discussed at the Team Redstone Army Family Action Plan Conference scheduled Oct. 28-29.

Consider what could be improved in the following areas to include but not limited to: Medical and Dental Services, AAFES (Army & Air Force Exchange Service), Commissary, Military or Civilian Pay, Allowances, Entitlements, Relocation, Housing, Traffic, Travel, Transportation, Education, Childcare, and Morale Welfare and Recreation.

Here is the survey question:

How would you improve the Army's programs, services or benefits? (Be specific and recommend solutions. Give brief examples. Issues can be anything affecting the quality of life at Redstone or impacts the total Army family. Issues must have attainable solutions. Personal complaints will not be addressed. Comments may be continued on a separate sheet. Please present one issue per page.)

Please include the following optional information in the event officials need clarification:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Send your completed survey to Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, U.S. Army Garrison-Redstone, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5000 or fax to 955-9171.

If you would like to participate as a conference delegate, please contact your organization's AFAP point of contact or send to Cathy Hays at 842-8375, fax 955-9171, or [cathy.hays@conus.army.mil](mailto:cathy.hays@conus.army.mil); or visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com) to complete the registration online and complete this Quality of Life Survey.

Surveys for the AFAP Conference will be accepted until Oct. 23. (Garrison release)

## ■ Home fires are theme for prevention week

### Safety

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are located on Martin Road, Patton Road and Vincent Road and at the airfield.

For more information about fire safety or to schedule fire safety training, call 876-7005.

The following are fire safety tips for the home provided by the National Fire Protection Association:

#### Safety 101 —

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Make sure everyone can hear the sound of the smoke alarms.
- Have a home fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible, and a meeting place outside. Practice your escape plan twice a year.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- If you are building or remodeling your home, consider a residential fire sprinkler system.

#### Cooking with Care —

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags — away from your stovetop.
- Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.
- Always keep an oven mitt and lid handy. If a small fire starts in a pan on the stove, put on the oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Don't remove the lid until it is completely cool.

#### Everyday Electrical Safety —

- Keep lamps, light fixtures and light bulbs away from anything that can burn, such as lamp shades, bedding, curtains and clothing.
- Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords.
- Use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.
- Homes with young children should have tamper-resistant electrical receptacles.
- Call a qualified electrician or landlord if you have recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers, discolored or warm wall outlets, flickering lights or a burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance.

#### Healthy Heating —

- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Turn portable space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- An oven should not be used to heat a home.

#### Strike Out Smoking-Materials Fires —

- If you smoke, choose fire-safe cigarettes if they are available in your area.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- Never smoke in a home where oxygen is used.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet, out of the reach of children.

#### Candle with Caution —

- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Use sturdy, safe candleholders.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Blow out candles when you leave a room.
- Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- Use flashlights for emergency lighting.

# Tactical tracking system deploys for stateside use



Courtesy photo

**FIRE FLIGHT—** A helicopter equipped with Blue Force Tracking-Aviation supports wildfires operations.

*Huntsville-managed program travels to national events*

By **SKIP VAUGHN**

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A satellite-based system for tracking friendly forces in war has now been used in domestic missions.

Blue Force Tracking-Aviation served since July to support National Guard units battling wildfires in California and Nevada and to support units providing security at the Democratic national convention in August in Denver and at the Republican national convention in September in St. Paul, Minn.

“This was the first time we’ve had situational awareness in a domestic operations realm where we were able to track and message key ground and air assets,” Al Abejon, director of Blue Force Tracking-Aviation for the Army, said. “This is lever-

aging combat capabilities for use in homeland security operations.”

National Guard members who experienced the system in Iraq or Afghanistan expressed their appreciation at its domestic deployment. “Many of them had already used it in combat,” said Darryl Thompson, a field service representative/technician. “It was welcomed by the Soldiers at all levels.”

Managed in Huntsville, the Blue Force Tracking-Aviation is used to track aircraft and vehicles equipped with the system.

“It’s a satellite-based tracking system that provides situational awareness for a platform operator and the command structure, as well as a two-way beyond line of sight messaging capability,” Abejon said.

At the Democratic national convention, it supported 58 vehicles and 26 aircraft of various types. It supported 38 vehicles, eight aircraft and nine base stations at the Republican national convention.

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Twenty vehicles were equipped for the wildfires operation in California and Nevada; and equipped aircraft from other states assisted. The National Guard credited the system for saving two lives in July in California, according to Abejon. In this incident, field representatives had set up one of their mobile kits as a base station. They were able to stop two Soldiers who were about to drive into a fire.

Blue Force Tracking-Aviation is under the Project Management Office for Force 21 Battle Command Brigade and Below. That project office belongs to the Program Executive Office for Command, Control & Communications Tactical, based at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

“We had been working with the National Guard J3s (operations officers) of various states,” Abejon said. “They’d been deploying this combat capability to enhance the performance of their states’ domestic operations missions. So they asked for our assistance with California wildfires as well as support for their assigned security missions for the Democratic national convention and the Republican national convention.”

The Huntsville office dispatched field service representatives to accompany the system at those venues. Thompson and Francis Benson, both of QinetiQ North America, went to California. Samuel

Scott, training coordinator Dan Norris, Thompson, Dave Kirkland, Chris Breitbach, Sara Glahn, Alan Hautea and James Williams went to the Democratic national convention. Breitbach, Benson, Ted Sendak, Thompson, Norris, James Hicks and Chuck Salmons went to the Republican national convention.

“They set the systems up, they conducted training and then they maintained the systems during the duration of the support, and then recovery,” Abejon said.

They trained more than 120 National Guardsmen at the two conventions. And they trained civilian firefighters in California.

“I was just glad to help out where I could help out at the DNC (Democratic national convention),” Scott said. “To help out with the convention and to support the troops was great.”

“I think not having any major incidents at either convention speaks to the system’s enhancement of security,” Norris said. “I think it’s nice to see military assets used in a peacetime environment and have a purpose.”

The system has been used throughout the world the past six years. In late 2002 fielding began to deploying units in Kuwait, Germany and the continental U.S. It’s also used on several coalition aircraft.

“Right now we have over 3,800 systems that have been fielded on aircraft around the world,” Abejon said.

Its original intent was to provide improved situational awareness, air and



Courtesy photo

**OPERATIONS CENTER—** Members of the National Guard use Blue Force Tracking-Aviation at their joint operations center during the Republican national convention.

ground, as well as a reliable beyond line of sight messaging capability for command and control.

“We have a new network architecture that is being developed,” Abejon said, “and will be fielded in the next two to

three years that will allow us to track aircraft and vehicles every two to five seconds and enable a limited beyond line of sight voice over Internet protocol communications. So, instead of messaging we can actually talk.”

# Power of attorney a powerful legal tool

By Capt. LAURA MATEJIK  
*Chief of legal assistance*

The phrase “power of attorney” is a buzz word that is often associated with wills and estate planning. A power of attorney is a legal document that lets the maker, or principal, appoint an agent to act on his or her behalf. For example, in a power of attorney, one spouse may appoint the other spouse to act as agent.

A power of attorney grants an agent powers that can be broad or limited in scope. Accordingly, a power of attorney can be general or it can be specific. A general power of attorney includes the broadest range of powers. A general power of attorney can allow the agent to sell property, conduct banking transactions, make gifts, and file taxes on behalf of the principal.

A special power of attorney is narrower in scope than a general power of attorney. A special power of attorney is used for a specific purpose, for example, to pay a certain bill, or to sell a house according to specified parameters. Whether it is general or specific, a power of attorney can also be made “durable,” which means that the power of attorney will survive the incapacitation of its maker.

A power of attorney can be effective

immediately upon its signing, or it can be “springing,” in other words, effective when the principal becomes incapacitated. Also, a power of attorney can be effective for an indefinite duration, or it can have an expiration date. An indefinite power of attorney is generally effective until one of the following: it is revoked; the principal or agent (if there is no alternate) dies; or, in the case of a non-durable power of attorney, upon a court issuing an order of incapacity in a guardianship proceeding.

A power of attorney can be a very useful tool to manage the financial affairs of a spouse while he or she is deployed or unable for whatever reason to conduct transactions on his or her own. However, a power of attorney can be a very dangerous instrument if placed in the wrong hands. While her husband was deployed, one Minnesota woman used a power of attorney to drain her husband’s investment accounts. Another wife used a power of attorney to sell her husband’s home, move the children to a different state, and cash in the husband’s retirement benefits while her husband was deployed.

Even celebrities are not immune to the danger of trusting another with the power of attorney – Michael Vick lost nearly a million dollars from a business manager.

The power of attorney he gave her was intended to help gather restitution funds, but in addition to gathering such funds, the business manager also transferred business entities that Vick owned into her name.

If you are considering getting a power of attorney, be careful who you trust as an agent. If possible, try to limit the scope of the power of attorney. Ask yourself for what purpose you need the power of attorney, and include only powers that effectuate that purpose. You can also limit the duration of the power of attorney so that it is effective only for a specified time. Another option is to give the power of attorney to another person that you trust for safekeeping until it is really needed.

Be aware that there are alternatives to getting a power of attorney. Automatic payments through a checking account are a good way to handle recurring bills. Another option is to open up a separate, joint checking account, then control the amount of money going into the account.

In the case where you do decide to give a power of attorney to someone that you trust, be aware that some institutions require more than just a power of attorney to conduct transactions. Institutions may have their own forms that must be filled out in addition to presenting a gen-

eral or specific power of attorney, and may refuse to accept the power of attorney without these forms. Be sure to contact your banks to find out what they require and if necessary, execute the required forms.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

## Voter signup

**Pvt. Jessica St. Louis, the newest and youngest, at 20, member of HHC 59th, fills out a Federal Postcard Application for the presidential election. Members of 59th who still need to register to vote may contact their unit’s voting assistance officer for more information and to pick up a FPCA.**

# Corps of Engineers participates in youth engineering day

*Adventures in Engineering has eighth annual event*

By BECKY PROAPS  
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Area students used high-tech metal detectors to search Redstone Arsenal's main parade field Sept. 24 for buried "munitions" as part of the eighth annual Adventures in Engineering Day.

This event is geared for area high school juniors who are interested in pursuing college degrees in science and engineering and it gives the students a chance to interact with several engineering agencies.

More than 180 11th- and 12th-grade students from Huntsville, Madison, Madison County, Limestone County and Arab high schools attended.

Huntsville Center employees met students as they arrived at the Huntsville Center stop set up on Redstone Arsenal's main parade field to explain the center's many diversified missions, the types of engineering positions available in the Corps, types of munitions and munitions safety.

Amy Walker, a geophysicist in the geotechnical branch of the Engineering Directorate, talked to the students about the field of geophysical engineering and its wide variety of applications.

"I described my job as a geophysicist for the Corps of Engineers, and explained to them how we use geophysics to locate potentially hazardous munitions in order to remove them and reduce the risk to the



Photo by Becky Proaps

**ORIENTATION— Wilson Walters, left, an ordnance and explosives safety specialist and Amy Walker, a geophysicist, both with the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Corps of Engineers, talk with area high school students about geophysics, career opportunities with the Corps, types of munitions and munitions safety during the Adventures in Engineering Day activity on Redstone Arsenal Sept. 24.**

public," Walker said. "It was also a chance for me to be an example for the female students and let them know that there are women engineers doing interesting work and if they apply themselves, there is nothing holding them back."

Wilson Walters, ordnance and explosives safety specialist with the Military Munitions Center of Expertise, Ordnance and Explosives Directorate, showed the

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# Helga returns for Security Awareness Week

*AMCOM G-2 performances serve as reminder for workers*

She was sassy and totally insecure. But there was a message to her madness.

Helga – portrayed by Chris Lindberg of AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security) – helped remind the work force that security isn't just for "that other guy." She, Ivan and the rest of the "G-2 Follies" cast were featured in skits for security awareness training in October 2007. The troupe returns for performances throughout October and into November at Bob Jones Auditorium.

"Clear your schedules now for this not-to-be-missed show that not only trains but entertains," Lindberg said.

Here's the show schedule for the Aviation and Missile Command:

Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space – Oct. 2 from 9-11 a.m.  
AMCOM Primary – Oct. 14 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

AMCOM Life Cycle Management Command – Oct. 15 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. (with accommodations for hearing impaired).

PEO Aviation – Oct. 16 from 9-11 a.m. (with accommodations for hearing impaired) and 1-3 p.m.

Integrated Materiel Management Center – Nov. 3 from 1-3 p.m. and Nov. 7 from 9-11 a.m.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**TOTALLY INSECURE— Chris Lindberg of AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security) portrays Helga during a skit for security awareness training in October 2007.**

## Absentee ballots due for October mailing

By **RONNIE McDANIEL**

*Installation adjutant general*

As we come down to the last month before the presidential election, it is critical that all are aware of their right to vote and the means available to make their vote count.

If voters have not received an absentee ballot from their state, they should complete and mail the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot to their state. Free express mail service will be offered from military post offices during the last seven days of the election – Oct. 29 through Nov. 4. Delivery confirmation service is available at a nominal cost to the voter.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program Office web page includes a new automated tool to register or request a ballot through a secure server (individual state dependent). Voting assistance officers should encourage all voters to use this new tool, especially voters assigned outside the U.S. Visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) to register and request your ballot.

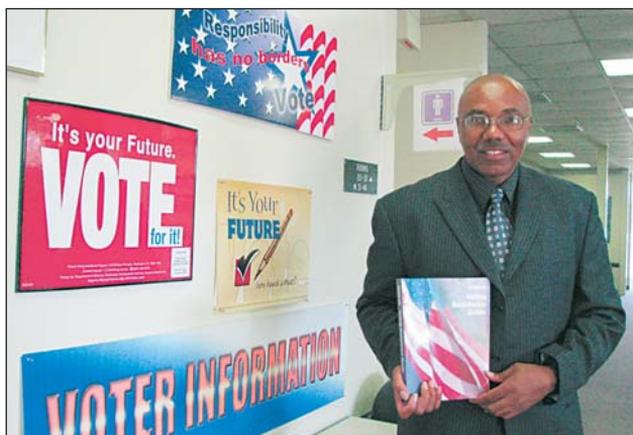


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**VOTING REMINDER—** Installation adjutant general **Ronnie McDaniel** is the assistant senior voting officer for Redstone. The senior voting officer is Garrison director of human resources **Joe Winston**.

“Absentee Voters Week” is Oct. 12-18. This is the final major effort for voting assistance officers to encourage voters to complete and mail their absentee ballots prior to the general election. Absentee voters should submit the FWAB during this week if they have not received an absentee ballot from their state.

Soldiers should contact their unit voting assistance officer for assistance on any voting matters. The voting assistance officer for your unit is listed at the following web site: [https://garrison.redstone.army.mil/dhr/vote/federal\\_vap.html](https://garrison.redstone.army.mil/dhr/vote/federal_vap.html).

## Personal privacy quiz: Are you overexposed?

How much are everyday activities affecting your personal privacy? Take this quick True or False quiz – provided by the National Security Institute Inc. and AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security) — to determine your privacy exposure.

1. When I subscribe to a newspaper or magazine, the publisher is prohibited from selling my address and phone number to other companies unless I give them explicit permission.

2. When I order a pizza to be delivered, the pizza company is prohibited from selling my address and phone number to other companies, unless I give them explicit permission.

3. When I make a donation to charity, the charity is prohibited from selling my address and phone number to other companies unless I give them explicit permission.

4. When I enter a sweepstakes, the company is prohibited from selling my address and phone number to other companies unless I give them explicit permission.

5. When I send in a product warranty card, the product manufacturer is prohibited from selling my address and phone number to other companies unless I give them explicit permission.

*Answers: 1. False. A newspaper or magazine is free to sell subscription lists without subscriber consent.*

*2. False. Pizza companies have become a hub for collecting personal information, and the data is sometimes used by private investigators and governments to track individuals.*

*3. False. Many organizations that solicit charitable donations sell lists of members and donors.*

*4. False.*

*5. False. And keep in mind that you don't have to fill out this card to be protected by the warranty — a receipt will do. Many companies collect a wide range of personal information from warranty cards and then sell it for direct marketing purposes.*

# Recruiting brigade joins Redstone residents

## Top producing unit moves into building

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Base realignment and closure has brought some new buildings and new faces to Redstone. One organization making the move is in the business of new faces themselves. The 2nd Recruiting Brigade will move into its new facility over the next two weeks before holding a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 14.

"It's nice to be on an installation this size," brigade commander Col. Rodney Symons said. "The whole brigade team is excited to be here in the Huntsville area, working as a part of the Redstone Arsenal team."

The brigade has spent the last 32 years at Fort Gillem in Forest Park, Ga. With their old facility outdated and outgrown, they had just begun the process of building a new one when they found

out Uncle Sam had different plans.

"Our building was condemned three or four years ago," Symons said. "When BRAC came up, we had started the process for a new location. We had done a groundbreaking ceremony. Instead, we moved the brigade to Huntsville."

They have constructed a modern 26,000 square foot building at the corner of Aerobee and Snooper roads, next to the dining hall.

Personnel began arriving during the summer. While their facility was being completed, they have been temporarily located in one of Columbia College's classroom buildings just a few blocks away. They took possession of their own building Sept. 22 and will be moving in this week.

"Our stuff is all packed up out of the old building and is headed this way," Symons said. "Now the civilian-hire piece and the new Soldiers that are coming to join the brigade will have to catch up to us."

They are among five recruit-

ing brigades in the Army. They are composed of eight Southeastern states, plus San Juan and the Virgin Islands. Within that area, they have 1,753 active duty Army recruiters and 387 Reserve Army recruiters. Symons said each of those recruiters represents many personal relationships between the Army and families.

"The recruiters tell me they stay in contact with Mom and Dad and with the young man or woman who has joined the military," Symons said. "It's kind of a lifelong relationship."

## Tenants of Redstone 16th in a series

The 2nd Brigade is the top-producing brigade in the Army Recruiting Command. For fiscal 2008, just ended, their efforts welcomed 23,279 new Soldiers into active duty and an additional 7,250 into the Army Reserves. However, they don't have time to pat themselves on the back. They are already at work on the next year's goals. During the first half of the new fiscal year, they plan

to recruit 10,295 active duty and 3,214 reservists.

"The biggest challenge is continuing to go out and talk to young men and women about joining the United States Army," Symons said. "Less than 1 percent of the population serves in the military. That can change, especially with an Army at war. Quite honestly, this brigade does it better than just about anybody else out there. They're very successful at what they do; we just need to continue that momentum."

Symons said their 73 employees will be settled in and going about business as usual by the ribbon cutting date. Roughly

two-thirds of their work force is military. All are dedicated to recruiting quality Soldiers for the next generation of the Army. Symons said going out and seeing that generation in the making makes the job worthwhile.

"The most rewarding part is going out and seeing Soldiers every day, getting to interact with them every day," he said. "We see our product — those young Soldiers joining the Army, going off to basic training and then having them come back and remember their recruiter. There are two things you always remember in the Army: your recruiter and your drill sergeant at basic training."

## Area high school students experience engineering

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students several different types of munitions and explained how dangerous these items can be.

"I stressed the 3Rs of Unexploded Ordnance safety — Recognize, Retreat and Report — and reminded them that munitions can be found anywhere," Walters said. "Munitions can be and have been found on beaches, in grandparents' attics or basements, even in beaver dams."

Then came the fun, interactive portion of the activity. Each student was handed a high-tech metal detector called a schondstedt and given the opportunity to simulate a search for buried "munitions."

Ken Shott, a safety specialist with Huntsville Center's Ordnance and Explosives Directorate, explained how the equipment is used to find buried munitions at formerly used defense sites and other locations across the country. The students headed to the parade field and with flags in hand searched for and marked the "munitions" they found, which were actually large timber spikes.

"The kids seemed to really enjoy using the schondstedts and searching for the buried spikes," Shott said. "I don't think a lot of the students knew about this kind of work before today."

Eric Whitehead, a senior at Holly Pond High School, in Cullman County, was surprised the Army and the Arsenal had so much to offer.

"It's amazing how many job opportunities are available in this Huntsville location," Whitehead said. Fellow Holly Pond student Kevin Adams also thought the day was worthwhile.

"I really enjoyed the hands-on experience. I thought this was just going to be people talking about their careers but I became really interested, especially in electrical engineering," Adams said.

The Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Command, the Missile Defense Agency, the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, Marshall Space Flight Center, and the Missile and Space Intelligence Center also participated.

This event is sponsored by the Air Space and Missile Defense Association, the National Defense Industrial Association, the University of Alabama-Huntsville and Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**SETTLING IN— 2nd Recruiting Brigade commander Col. Rodney Symons and Command Sgt. Maj. Donnel Daniels discuss plans to occupy their new building at the corner of Aerobee and Snooper roads.**

# 59th Brigade's Organizational Day a big hit

Units compete in sports events for brigade bragging rights

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All the halls at 59th Ordnance Brigade headquarters were empty. It was the same with many of the schoolhouses on the Arsenal – empty.

Instead, these Soldiers were grueling it out in competition, dripping sweat from their brows, all in hopes to bring their team a few points closer to the grand prize – the brigade Commander's Cup.

Just about every Soldier on the Arsenal gathered Sept. 19, with their respective companies, to compete during the 59th's Brigade Organizational Day and for the illustrious cup. Winning the cup not only granted the company top heroics of the day but also gave them bragging rights.

The Organizational Day's events began before many citizens of the surrounding area had even awakened, with the platoon run. Soon following were the finals of softball, basketball, track, volleyball, bowling, and a new event, Halo.

But the Organizational Day wasn't just about winning streamers or trophies; it was about spending time with your comrades, building team morale, welfare, and remembering the importance of unity, said Col. Thomas Keegan, 59th's commander.

"I honestly think days like Organizational Day are important for Soldiers' morale," said Sgt. Rosalyn Anderson, a member of HHC 59th's first-place bowling team.

"The Soldiers in IET get to see (the permanent party Soldiers) let loose and have fun a little," she explained. "They might think that we're all strict, saying, 'do this, scrub that,' but that's not what we are all about. The Army is about having a family. We can work together and play together. These new Soldiers need to know when we are given a mission, we accomplish it first and then we can have some fun."

Lesson learned. With a stunning performance from Bravo over Charlie in the softball finals, to the awesome victory of HHC 59th over the Marines in volleyball, all the Soldiers and Marines across the board received lessons in fun and camaraderie.

"Our whole team played really well today and throughout the past week, getting us to the finals and now the champions of softball," Pvt. Joseph Tazioli said. "But I have to give it to (Charlie Company), they didn't give up. We thought we had them beat and they just came right back at us. You really have to respect that and can learn from it as well.

"It was a good game, but we came out on top. Bulldogs lead the



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

**MAKING CONTACT—** A member of Charlie Company's softball team hits a double against Bravo Company. Bravo took the lead in the first inning, never looking back to defeat Charlie.

way," he added.

The victory in softball was just the beginning of Bravo's dominance of the day; taking first place in the platoon run, track, disc golf, ping-pong and Halo. During the closing ceremonies, Bravo was awarded the brigade Commander's Cup.

Coming closely behind were Charlie Company, taking second, and HHC 59th, which won the third place prize in the most dramatic of fashions – winning a tiebreaking tug-of-war against the Marines.

Overall, the day was a success, Keegan said in his closing statements. He added he hoped everyone enjoyed spending a relaxing day of fun and competition with each other.

"I enjoyed being out of the norm with everyone," Anderson said. "When you get your co-workers together like this, it's more relaxed and fun. It's entertaining because you get to go out and show off your skills – or lack thereof – while competing.

"Plus the events were very well organized," she continued. "During the week, we



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

**ONE ON ONE—** A member of Charlie, left, dribbles against an NCO Academy player during the basketball finals.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

**COMPUTER GAME—** Members of Charlie take on Bravo during the finals of Halo. A new event, Halo focused on military strategy and game play.

Friday. This gave the Soldiers the chance to participate in more events and for those watching, it let them see the championship games so they could go cheer for their team during other events. That worked out quite nicely.

"I honestly think we should have more event days like these," she said. "They don't have to be as elaborate as this one was, but at least something once a quarter to help raise morale and camaraderie. It's a good thing."

Tazioli agreed with Anderson – more event days to raise morale.

"This whole competition has been fun," he said. "You know, it gives us the chance to let loose a little, talk some smack and then compete against each other. What more can you ask for?"

had team competitions going on to determine who would be playing in the finals for



Photo by Spc. Kourtnei Briscoe

**PULL TOGETHER—** Marines tug-of-war team members pull to a second place finish in the event.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

**FAST COMPANY—** Soldiers and Marines race during the men's 4x400 relay. Bravo won first place overall with the Marines finishing a close second.

# Summer hires find good fit with government

Two college students  
join co-op program

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The Army is always exploring ways to recruit the best employees. One way to do so is to hire college students for summer jobs through the myriad of programs available. At least two such students, having worked this summer, have been converted to the co-op program so they can stay on.

Pamela Graham and Nick Walling came to the AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate as part of the Workforce Recruitment Program for college students with disabilities. The program provides funding for the positions, allowing employers to hire students at no cost to them.

"The purpose of the program is to place college students with disabilities in summer jobs — 14 weeks of employment during the period 15 May to 30 Sept. — at Army activities nationwide," Clarenza Clark, individuals with disabilities program manager for Garrison and serviced activities, said. "To make use of these resources, activities must employ students referred through the Workforce Recruitment Program for college students with disabilities."

Armywide, 67 positions were allocated for WRP students, out of the 200 total positions set aside in the Defense Department. Redstone Arsenal received three of those students: Graham, Walling and Evan Webster, who returned to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center for a second time under WRP. Now that the summer is over, Webster has returned to school full time. Both Graham and Walling will continue their studies at University of Alabama-Huntsville, while continuing to work for SAMD.

"It's different for each of us," Walling, a sophomore, said. "I come in the mornings sometimes, go to school and come back. Whenever I don't have school, I am here."

While unsure at this point whether life as a government civilian is their ultimate career goal, both Graham and Walling are grateful for the opportunity to stay on beyond the summer. It is work experience that can't be taught in a classroom.

"In my office, I pretty much assist with everything. I do their time, so I guess I'd be classified as a timekeeper. I do secretarial work," Graham, a senior, said. "I hadn't really thought too much about where I was going to go once I got through with school, as far as what area I was going into. It's a great experience. I've learned a lot. Being given this opportunity is really a blessing."

Their co-workers and supervisors have been impressed with the work they have put in, Brenda Lovejoy, personnel support services at SAMD, said. Participating in WRP has given the organization and the students a way to "try each other on." Since there was such a good fit, the organization wanted to keep them.

"We officially picked them up 31 Aug.," Lovejoy said. "They hit the ground running. They worked hard. They were very good. Their supervisors saw real potential in them and wanted them to stay. That's one of the main ideas of this program. It's an opportunity to actually see these kids and see how they work in the environment. We see if we can acclimate them to the government and actually weave them in."

The pair were converted to student trainees by SCEP appointment. It is exactly the kind of success story that WRP seeks to create, Clark said. It also helps to open future opportunities for other students by dispelling the misgivings employers may have about hiring someone with a disability.

"Myths, stereotypes, and misconceptions about people with disabilities often stand in the way when people with disabilities look for jobs, resulting in a high rate of unemployment," Clark said. "Statistics show that people with disabilities from minority backgrounds encounter even greater difficulty in obtaining work. The WRP aims to eliminate this workplace discrimination one student, one employer, and one job at a time."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**OFFICE WORK**— University of Alabama-Huntsville students Pamela Graham and Nick Walling discuss their work at AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate.

# Civilian volleyball team had to fight back in final

*CWF overcomes resurgent 59th*

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This would not be an easy night for the Civilian Welfare Fund volleyball team.

The CWF had rolled into the postseason tournament final on a 10-match winning streak. But the civilians faced a resurgent HHC 59th which advanced from the losers bracket by eliminating top-seeded Bravo Company.

CWF prevailed 25-16, 25-18 on Sept. 22 at Pagano Gym. But this was only after HHC 59th had forced a second match by winning the night's opener 25-27, 25-22, 15-11.

"Again, a lot of teamwork," CWF's George Guzman said. "We had to fight. The other team didn't give up. We had to come back. And we kept our serves in pretty much the whole night."

In the final set, Guzman had two service aces and two kills – including the match point. William Kelly had six kills. Bryant Allen, a 6-foot-6 ("and don't forget the quarter-inch," he said) spiker, added three kills and an ace.

"Teamwork," Allen said. "We just had fun."

The first civilian team in the history of the troop league finished with the championship trophy and an 11-3 record.

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

HHC 59th was only 2-8 in the season but rallied in the tournament to finish at 7-10.

The 59th's Stanley Hodges, Rick Wasson and Thomas Conner had two kills apiece in the third set of the night's first match. Jeffrey Moses coached in the absence of Dynetha Childs.

"We found our strengths and our



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HISTORY MAKERS—** Members of the Civilian Welfare Fund team celebrate a post championship in their first year in the league.

weaknesses and we balanced it with our positions on the court," Moses said of the team's postseason surge. "And we worked on our weaknesses. And we exploited our opponents' weaknesses."

Since the civilian team isn't included in the race for the unit-level Commander's Cup, HHC 59th received the first-place points and Bravo (10-3) got second.

But the post volleyball championship belongs to CWF.

"The better team won," Moses said.

CWF's roster included Guzman, Kelly, Allen, Ottey, John Bell, Alfreda Green, Edwin Lopez, Carl Collins, Pam Gibson, Emily McGee and Glenda Adolphus.

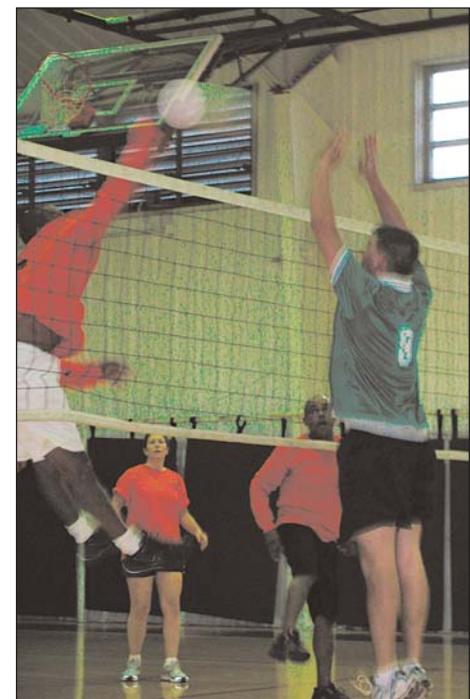


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**AIRING IT OUT—** CWF's William Kelly, left, battles HHC 59th's Rick Wasson in the postseason tournament final.

## Kickball league makes debut Thursday

Seven teams are competing in Redstone's new kickball league which opens its season Thursday at the fields off Patton Road. All games start at 5:30 p.m.

Here's the schedule:

**Oct. 2** – Foot Action vs. CWFC Tigers at field 13; and CMDS Kegs & Legs vs. Torch at field 14.

**Oct. 7** – MWR Wild Turkeys vs. CMDS Kegs & Legs at field 13; and We Got the Runs vs. Foot Action at field 14.

**Oct. 9** – New Kicks on the Block vs. CWFC Tigers at field 13; and MWR Wild Turkeys vs. Torch at field 14.

**Oct. 14** – Torch vs. New Kicks on the Block at field 13; and CWFC Tigers vs. CMDS Kegs & Legs at field 14.

**Oct. 16** – New Kicks on the Block vs. Foot Action at field 13; and MWR Wild Turkeys vs. We Got the Runs at field 14.

**Oct. 21** – CWFC Tigers vs. CMDS

Kegs & Legs at field 13; and We Got the Runs vs. New Kicks on the Block at field 14.

**Oct. 23** – Torch vs. CMDS Kegs & Legs at field 13; and Foot Action vs. MWR Wild Turkeys at field 14.

**Oct. 28** – CWFC Tigers vs. Foot Action at field 13; and We Got the Runs vs. Torch at field 14.

**Oct. 30** – CMDS Kegs & Legs vs. MWR Wild Turkeys at field 13; and New Kicks on the Block vs. We Got the Runs at field 14.

**Nov. 4** – Torch vs. CMDS Kegs & Legs at field 13; and CWFC Tigers vs. New Kicks on the Block at field 14.

**Nov. 6** – Foot Action vs. We Got the Runs at field 13; and MWR Wild Turkeys vs. CWFC Tigers at field 14.

**Nov. 13** – Foot Action vs. New Kicks on the Block at field 13; and Torch vs. MWR Wild Turkeys at field 14.

# Miami ready to blow by rival Florida State

*Hurricanes too strong for Seminoles at home*

By SKIP VAUGHN

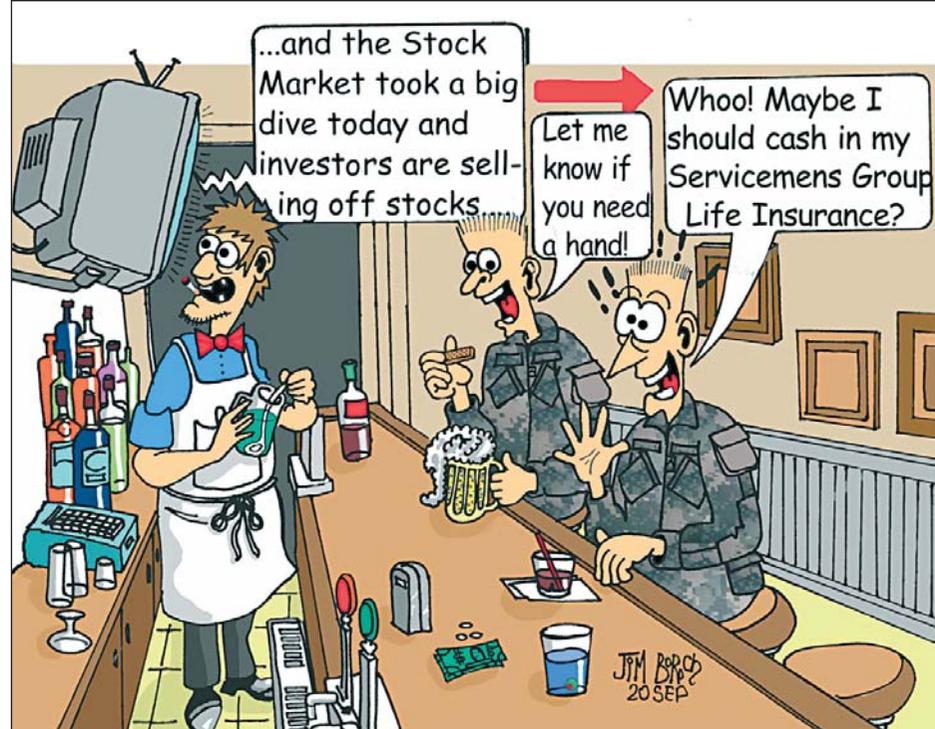
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Skip's Picks were 159-56 after five weeks of college football. Here are this week's predictions:

Florida State at Miami (Fla.) — **Miami**  
Tuskegee at Alabama A&M — **A&M**  
Auburn at Vanderbilt — **Auburn**  
Kentucky at Alabama — **Bama**  
Louisiana Tech at Boise State — **Boise**  
Pittsburgh at South Florida — **SF**  
Memphis at UAB — **Memphis**  
Oregon State at Utah — **Utah**  
Brigham Young at Utah State — **BYU**  
Cincinnati at Marshall — **Cincy**  
Akron at Kent State — **Akron**  
Boston College at North Carolina State — **BC**  
Duke at Georgia Tech — **Tech**  
Iowa at Michigan State — **Mich. State**  
Indiana at Minnesota — **Minnesota**  
Penn State at Purdue — **PSU**

Rutgers at West Virginia — **WV**  
Florida at Arkansas — **UF**  
Kansas at Iowa State — **Kan.**  
Oklahoma at Baylor — **Okla.**  
South Carolina at Mississippi — **SC**  
UNLV at Colorado State — **Colo. State**  
Stanford at Notre Dame — **ND**  
Army at Tulane — **Tulane**  
Arizona State at California — **ASU**  
Illinois at Michigan — **Mich.**  
Southern Methodist at UCF — **UCF**  
Temple at Miami (Ohio) — **Temple**  
Texas Tech at Kansas State — **K-State**  
Navy at Air Force — **Air Force**  
San Diego State at TCU — **TCU**  
Connecticut at North Carolina — **UNC**  
Maryland at Virginia — **Maryland**  
Northern Illinois at Tennessee — **UT**  
Texas-El Paso at Southern Mississippi — **SM**  
Washington at Arizona — **Ariz.**  
Ohio State at Wisconsin — **OSU**  
Oregon at Southern California — **USC**  
Rice at Tulsa — **Tulsa**  
Texas at Colorado — **Texas**  
Missouri at Nebraska — **Neb.**  
Hawaii at Fresno State — **Fresno**  
Texas A&M at Oklahoma State — **OS**  
Washington State at UCLA — **UCLA**



# Bravo runners hold off Headquarters & Alpha

*Bulldogs take 5K for unit-level teams*

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Bravo Company won the unit 5K held Saturday near Pagano Gym.

The Bulldogs team-1 was first with 19:04, which represents the average time for its four runners. Headquarters & Alpha finished second in 19:42 followed by Bravo team-2 in 19:65.

Bravo-1 runners included Justin Semanisin, Allan Prudhomme, Justin Gormley and Sean Riherd.

Winston McElrea of HHC 59th was the

top finisher in 17:54, followed by Ian Jarvis of Headquarters & Alpha in 18:02.

"I surprised myself," said McElrea, 29, from Seattle, Wash. "I thought I was going to do it in 20. I didn't get much sleep last night. I felt like I was getting dehydrated. I just wasn't going to let anybody pass me."

"I liked it," said Jarvis, 27, from Annandale, Va. "It's a good course. It's pretty level at the turns. It's a good course. I like the downhill at the end. It helps you. It kind of accelerates you at the end, slingshots you."

Here are the team results: Bravo-1 (19:04), Headquarters & Alpha (19:42), Bravo-2 (19:65), Bravo-5 (19:94), Marines-2 (20:25), Marines-1 (20:58), Bravo-4 (21:02), HHC 59th-1 (21:03), Bravo-3 (21:10) and NCO Academy (23:52).

# Fame comes with hammer and saw attached

*Contractor on television with home improvement*

By KARI HAWKINS

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In November, Todd and Jo Willis will get their “15 minutes of fame” as participants of a new reality show about home renovations.

But to win their time in front of a national audience, this young couple had to don grungy clothes and carpenter tools, learn all the ins and outs of do-it-yourself construction, bare their concerns and disagreements in front of television cameras and tackle a renovation project involving plumbing, electrical work and new sheetrock in a matter of days rather than weeks or months.

Oh, the price of fame.

All joking aside, their experience with a new DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Network program known as Renovation Realities has given the Willis couple a once-in-a-lifetime experience with reality television. Besides expanding their 1929 Craftsman bungalow into a three-bedroom, two-bath home, the project also gave the couple a new appreciation for construction contractors, supportive neighbors and an understanding film crew.

Their experience with Renovation Realities began when Todd, a Jacobs ITSS business application analyst for LOGSA's Logistics Information Warehouse, was searching on the Internet for information on how to install radiant heat under granite tiles. The couple, who had bought their historic home in Athens in May, were in the process of selecting materials for a renovation that involved turning a 364-square-foot media and TV room in the attic into a master bedroom and bathroom when Todd discovered an Internet advertisement for Renovation Realities.

“It’s all about showing the reality of do-it-yourself renovations, and the ups and downs you run into when you take on a renovation,” Todd said of the new show. “Things don’t always go perfectly to plan and before you know it you are having minor arguments about things like lighting and switch covers. There’s a drama in things that you can’t plan for.”

The Willis’ sent Renovation Realities information about their project, pictures of themselves and their home, and a video that showed them talking about their proposed



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TACKLING HOME RENOVATION— Jo and Todd Willis will be featured in a new home renovation reality series called Renovation Realities on the DIY Network and HGTV. The couple, who own a 1929 Craftsman bungalow in Athens, renovated an attic media and TV room into a master bedroom and bathroom with the help of a local contractor during the six-day filming project. Todd Willis is a Jacobs ITSS business application analyst for LOGSA's Logistics Information Warehouse.**

project. They also had to complete a questionnaire that provided information about their skill sets.

“The executive producer called us and said they were interested,” Jo said. “It is very competitive. Just the day before they saw our tape they had looked through 40 tapes and had selected only one. So, we were very proud to be selected.”

The couple’s charm combined with the unusual attic project grabbed the attention of Renovation Realities executives, said producer Lori Golden-Stryer.

“This show is based on projects and based on personalities,” Golden-Stryer said. “People have to carry the show because there is no host, there is no one running around bailing them out of trouble. The family doing the renovation has to be able to hold their own for a 30-minute show.”

“Jo was a little trooper. She has to put her makeup on every morning no matter what. But, in the end, she’s not so concerned with her mascara. She’s more concerned with putting tile down. So, you see an evolution with her and Todd during the show.”

Golden-Stryer of Rivr Media in Knoxville is not new to home improvement

shows. She was involved with the creation of the popular Trading Spaces series, which was the first show in the reality genre of do-it-yourself renovations.

“This show is much edgier than anything we’ve aired,” she said. “We are trying to teach viewers about renovations through other people’s successes and failures. This is all about the homeowners and renovation projects that viewers can relate to.”

Although this was a do-it-yourself renovation, Todd and Jo did consult with a local contractor to ensure their plans for the attic were feasible.

“The attic space is so big that we felt we could actually create a three bedroom, two bath house with the existing footage,” Todd said. “But we were especially concerned about making sure the walls below the attic would be able to support the weight of a bathroom tub and double vanity as well as the natural stone flooring.”

Once they were assured the project would work, Todd scheduled time off from his job with his boss, Joe Munson, and his co-workers agreed to handle his responsibilities while he was gone. Six days of filming were then scheduled with Renovation Realities, which descended on the project

with cameras in late September. The film crew consisted of audio technician David Bolinger, director and camera man Keith Byrd and Golden-Stryer.

“They’ve been great to work with,” Todd said. “They’ve been patient with us as we’ve tried to figure everything out. They’ve been here in the early hours of the morning as we’ve worked out problems.”

The Willis couple began the renovation by demolishing an existing wall that would increase the master suite’s closet space by about 200 percent. They then began to take out the flooring, and that’s when they faced their first major problem.

“We discovered that the upstairs area is built on 2-by-6 floor joists,” Todd said. “For the support of drains and plumbing fixtures, we realized we needed to either raise the floor or drop the ceiling down. When that happened, we stopped filming for a couple days, and we called in a family friend who had several years of construction experience.”

That friend – local contractor Jimmy Hamm – suggested that instead of raising the floor or lowering the ceiling, the Willis couple could include an alcove downstairs that would provide the space needed for supporting the drains and plumbing.

“He also suggested adding a dedicated water heater for the upstairs due to the logistics of the existing water heater,” Todd said.

“Jimmy and his son then worked side-by-side with us to get the project completed to meet the deadline. We were forced due to the Athens building code to hire a certified electrician and plumber to rough-in wiring and plumbing, and we did outsource the actual ‘finishing’ of the sheetrock, which is really difficult if you’ve never done it and want it to look seamless.”

Calling in the professionals wasn’t a problem with Renovation Realities executives.

“This is an 80-year-old house and the existing problems were out of their realm,” Golden-Stryer said. “We’ve always advocated that if you can’t do it, call somebody who can. Homeowners should call a licensed electrician or plumber when they’re over their heads.”

“This is a reality show where homeowners set out with good intentions. They may hit a hurdle and have to call in the professionals. That’s OK. Some of our shows have the homeowners doing all the work

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Photos by Dan O'Boyle

## Reset duo

Business manager Christina Ridgeway, left, and program analyst Betty Stokes each received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service last Friday at Aviation Reset. "Betty and Christina are rock solid in the project office, always hitting the mark," project manager Col. Al Evans said. Project office staffers also enjoyed a competitive chili cookoff, which saw Mitch Delk being voted as the top chef.



Photo by Melody Sandlin

## Home again

Logistics Support Activity commander Col. James Rentz hugs Kellie Wade of LOGSA as she arrives Sept. 22 at Huntsville International Airport after serving six months in Southwest Asia. Rentz and co-workers were there to show their gratitude and respect for her service. Wade, a chemist assigned to the Army Oil Analysis Program Office, is performing various assignments within the scope of the AMC Fellows Program.

## ■ Reality show features local couple's home renovation

### Renovation

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and others include professionals helping the homeowners."

Filming ended at about 10 p.m. Sept. 22 after the Willis couple installed the claw-foot tub, toilet and vanity, and hung the bi-fold doors for the closet and the entry door into the bathroom. Ninety percent of the project was complete.

"We still have a few trim pieces to install and a few touchups to paint. But as for functionality, it's ready to go," Todd said. "The film crew left after doing their wrapup shots and exit interviews."

**W**orking through the project's challenges gave the Willis couple a new appreciation for their neighbors and friends.

"We've met a lot of good people through all this," Todd said. "You really understand who your friends are when you are in trouble. We'd call people for help and they would say things like 'I know someone who can help with that and they owe me a favor.' And, we would get the help we needed.

"Jo and I have done renovation projects but we've never done something of this magnitude. We've done cosmetic things like replacing flooring and fixtures. We've never done structural stuff like this before. This was really over our heads."

Fortunately, understanding neighbors were OK about the couple working late at night – with the consequent noises of saws and general construction activity – and were willing to loan drills and other equipment to help keep the project moving forward. And Athens police officers lent a hand directing traffic when an 18-wheeler truck parked on the busy two-lane road in front of their house to deliver their claw-foot tub.

"Our road runs between Athens State and Athens High School, so this is a busy road," Todd said. "We didn't script the problem we would have with the 18-wheeler blocking traffic. We saw the truck and said 'What do we do now?' My wife and I started directing traffic around the truck. It was real embarrassing.

"Our neighbors came out to help us, and then the police came and started directing traffic so we could figure out how to unload this claw-foot tub. We eventually were able to slide the tub from the 18-wheeler into the back of our truck so that we could clear the road."

Later that same day, they received a call that their vanity and marble were ready for delivery. The first thing Todd asked them was "What kind of truck do you have?"

"You learn to try to ask as many questions as you can think of," he said. "But there are always

going to be things you never consider."

Because the project was on a tight schedule, and both Todd and Jo had to take time off from work, the couple spent long days working together. They got five hours or less sleep a night, had to contend with the use of a Porta-Potty during a few days of the project and had to make fast decisions to overcome the problems they faced.

"We got to know our limitations," Todd said. "This show is about how people deal with the problems of a renovation. So they want to show people struggling. They want to show how we deal with problems. They want to show what goes wrong and how we react, so that others can learn from our mistakes."

The Willis couple were paid a location fee for the project. But it only covered a fraction of the \$10,000 they spent on their renovation. Yet, they are glad to have gone through the experience.

"We've learned a lot and met a lot of good people. We really appreciate people who do this kind of work for a living and we appreciate all they did to help us," Todd said. "We had plumbers, electricians and framers all working together with us and right on top of each other to get this project done in time, and we really appreciate that."

Of course, the greatest benefit of the entire project is the renovation itself.

"The entire space at the start was 28 feet by 13 feet, which now after the remodel has created a 11.5-foot-by-9 foot master bath and allowed the remaining to be used as a master bedroom. We added an additional bed and upscale bath, without increasing the square footage, without taking any square footage away from existing bedrooms, bath or the kitchen," Todd said.

**T**hough Renovation Realities focuses on a renovation project, Todd said it also notes the teamwork, ingenuity and local character of the home's owners, their neighbors and contractors, and the community itself.

"It really showcased the quality of life we have in the Tennessee Valley, our neighbors, and all the help we had to outsource and how patient and accommodating that help was," Todd said. "Most of this was done with little or no knowledge of the TV crew or the scale of the remodel we were attempting. Although we were sometimes over-whelmed, and went without sleep and an operable bathroom for a couple of days, we wouldn't trade it for the people we've met and experience we've gained."

The Renovation Realities episode featuring the Willis couple will air in late November or early December on the DIY Network and in January on Home & Garden Television. HGTV will also air a webisode of the toilet installation because it involved an old fixture with a wall-mounted tank.

# Rocket Announcements



## Sports & Recreation

### Pineapple open

Today is the entry deadline for the 14th annual OCWC Pineapple Open Charity Golf Tournament on 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. For more information, call 539-5996 or e-mail [pineappleopen@prime-logicllc.com](mailto:pineappleopen@prime-logicllc.com).

### Triple Threat run/walk

The Triple Threat Run/Walk is 8 a.m. Saturday 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. Entry fee is \$10. Race-day registration starts at 7 a.m. 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.

### CFC golf tourney

The inaugural Tennessee Valley CFC Golf Tournament is Oct. 23 with registration/lunch at 11:30 a.m. and shotgun start at 1 p.m. The four-man scramble will be held at the Becky Pierce Municipal Golf

Course, with an estimated 100-125 golfers (25-30 four-man teams) participating. The tournament is open to everyone. Registration deadline is Oct. 17. For more information, call Adam Sunstrom 895-1154 or e-mail [adam.sunstrom@us.army.mil](mailto:adam.sunstrom@us.army.mil).

### Hunter orientation

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

### Honor Flight classic

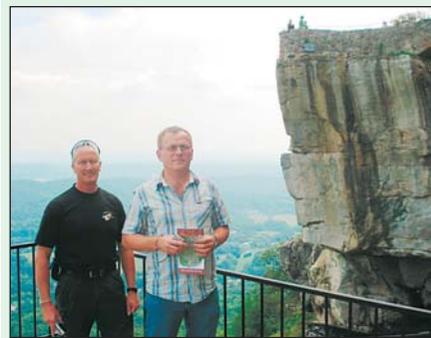
Honor Flight, Tennessee Valley will sponsor an 18-hole benefit golf tournament Nov. 14 at the Links at Redstone. Deadline for registration and payment is Nov. 6. For more information, e-mail Nick Leone at: [nleonegolf@comcast.net](mailto:nleonegolf@comcast.net).

### Bass tournament

The Fall Bob Vlasic's Classic Bass Tournament is Oct. 18 at the Jackson County Park in Scottsboro. For registration and details call Matt Boenker (building 4488) 313-9117, Gaylen Bush (building 5678) 313-3373, Terry Hortter (building 5300) 313-5362, Lance Craver 883-7974 or Tom Geoffroy (building 5400) 876-5359.

### Hockey bus trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a hockey bus trip to Nashville



Courtesy photo

## Scenic overview

**Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kim Fog, left, and Pfc. Jens Lassen, both from Denmark, visit Rock City Gardens located on Lookout Mountain, Ga., on Sept. 20. The International Military Student Office took 19 international students to visit Chattanooga on Sept. 19-20. Students were from Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Turkey, Latvia, Taiwan, Canada, Czech Republic and Germany.**

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](mailto:robert.j.olson@us.army.mil). Payment in full must be received by Oct. 30. Space is limited, so get on the priority list today.

### America's boating

America's Boating Course will be taught Oct. 18 and Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gander Mountain Sporting Goods, 3418 North Memorial Parkway. This course meets the Alabama and Tennessee Vessel Authorization boating license requirements. Attendance is required on both Saturday mornings, Oct. 18 and 25. There is a \$25 charge for a textbook which can be shared by a family. This course is offered by Huntsville Power Squadron. For information call 617-0869 or e-mail [deborahjmilller@hughes.net](mailto:deborahjmilller@hughes.net).

### Boating class

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights beginning Oct. 9 through Nov. 20 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive. Classes are held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance.

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### Heroes 5K

Huntsville Track Club and the Semper Fi Community Task Force will hold the second annual Heroes' Run 5K on Nov. 8. "Come out and support veterans recovering from combat injuries sustained in Iraq and Afghanistan by participating in the HTC's Half-Marathon (13.1 miles) and Heroes' 5K (3.1 miles)," a prepared release said. "Show Alabama's support for all the armed services as we proudly recognize and support these brave young Americans to whom we owe so much, by running at their side." The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m. and the 5K starts at 8:20 at Hillwood Baptist Church, 300 Kohler Road, just off South Memorial Parkway at the intersection of Mountain Gap Road. For more information, call Dick Franklin 881-0331 or e-mail dickfranklin@knology.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 Friday at Cherokee Ridge Golf Course. To sponsor, visit www.stillservingveterans.org. Interested golfers should visit www.stillservingveterans.org.



### Conferences & Meetings

### Sergeants major

The Sergeant's Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Members are offered breakfast for \$6 plus tip. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are open to all E-9 ranks, from all services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Membership into the association is a one-time lifetime fee of \$30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-6778.

### Bible studies

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

### University women

American Association of University Women will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 7 at UAH's Beville Center, 550 Spark-

2530 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 today 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.

### Technology expo

This year's Redstone Arsenal Technology Exposition is Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bob Jones Auditorium and lobby. The event is being hosted by LOGSA, AOAP PMO. All military, civilian and contractor personnel are invited. For more information, call Jennifer Presswood (301) 596-8899, ext. 216 or e-mail presswood@ncsi.com. To pre-register, visit www.FederalEvents.com, click on "Redstone Arsenal," and choose the Government/Military link.

### 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.

### 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.

### AFAP conference

The Team Redstone 20th Army Family Action Plan Conference is Oct. 28-29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. This is an opportunity to make suggestions or express concerns



Photo by Merv Brokko

## Cakewalk

It's a beautiful day for a cakewalk. Come out to enjoy the fun and festivities during the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's annual Organization Day, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. Lunch tickets can be purchased from directorate representatives. Cost is \$9 for adult meal that includes pork and chicken barbecue with three sides, beverage and dessert; meals for children (12 years and under) cost \$3 and include a jumbo hot dog, chips, beverage and dessert. Planned activities include softball, volleyball and horseshoe tournaments; fishing rodeo, bingo, cakewalk, 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 would be held Oct. 16.

about programs, services or benefits affecting the total Army family, to include active duty Soldiers, retirees, National Guard, Reservists, family members and civilians. To register as a conference delegate, call Cathy Hays at 876-5397 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

### 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.

### Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Oct. 23 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. John Croyle, founder and director of Big Oak Ranch, is guest speaker. Cost is \$11 members, \$12 non-members. For ticket information, call Kim Wright 876-6163 or Lisa Lowery 876-7086.

### 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, 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.

### 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

2:30 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 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.

### Survivors support

"My Soldier, My Fallen Hero," a newly formed support group for widows of military killed while on active duty, will meet Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. For more information, call Chaplain James Benson 876-2409 or Jenna Henderson 430-4736.

### 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.

### Mechanical engineers

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will have as guest speaker TVA director Howard Thrailkill at today's luncheon meeting. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting is at the Von Braun Research Hall on the UAH campus and begins at 11:30 a.m. The lunch cost is \$10. For reservations call James Denson 883-2531 or e-mail [jjdenson@reiszeng.com](mailto:jjdenson@reiszeng.com).

### Blacks in government

Blacks In Government will meet Oct. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at PB's Restaurant, 1419 Jordan Lane. For more information, call James Foster 852-2129 or 684-9345.



### Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators. The unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the areas of database management, programming, networking and/or telecommunications. A minimum of a secret clearance is required, and you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SSBI background investigation for upgrade to top secret soon after unit entry. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class 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](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to [www.gsaauctions.gov](http://www.gsaauctions.gov),

search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

### Computer classes

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

### Motorcycle safety

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

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stone Arsenal. For information call Keith Coates at the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383, e-mail [keith.coates@us.army.mil](mailto:keith.coates@us.army.mil) or e-mail MSF instructor Ralph Harris at [93hdstc@bellsouth.net](mailto:93hdstc@bellsouth.net).

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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.



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## Happy 50th

Members of AMCOM G-3 decorated Tony King's cubicle for his 50th birthday.

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## 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.

## Ordnance ball

The 59th Ordnance Brigade's ball, celebrating 65 years of service, is Friday 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 Saturday 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://hpmweb.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.

## 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 Pension Claims, Appeal, 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.

## 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 train-

ing 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 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](http://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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:steven.ray.mcfadden@us.army.mil) or the ICE administrator Wendy Norris at [wendy.norris1@us.army.mil](mailto: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.

### Jazz night

George West and the Uptown Jazz Band featuring Shelly Williams will perform Saturday 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.

### 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.

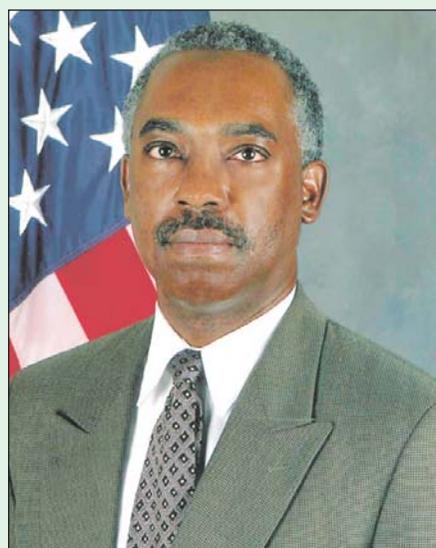
### Breast cancer awareness

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in America, other than skin cancer. Fox Army Health Center is promoting Fox Army Health Center Preventive Medicine's Breast Cancer Awareness Day on Oct. 3, Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day on Oct. 13 and National Mammography Day on Oct. 17. Mammography is the best available method to detect breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable

stage — an average of one to three years before a woman can feel a lump. Mammography also identifies cancers too small to be felt during a clinical breast examination. At the Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair – Friday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Bob Jones Auditorium lobby — there will be approximately 30 vendors supplying the Redstone family with information, educational materials and promotional items.

### 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.



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## PEO addition

Michael Hartwell has been named the deputy program executive officer for missiles and space, aviation and maneuver. "Mike Hartwell is an outstanding member of the AMCOM LCMC family having worked several programs for many years," Brig. Gen Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space, said. "He currently serves as the associate director, program management support at IMMC (Integrated Materiel Management Center) which provides support to MDA, SMDC, joint services and FMS (foreign military sales). We congratulate and welcome him."

### 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.

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## 59th Ordnance Brigade

*is having a Birthday!*

Come help us celebrate  
65 years of service  
at the 59th Ordnance  
Brigade Ball

03 October 2008  
6:00 p.m.

Redstone Officer's and Civilian's Club

Tickets available in each Department



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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## Latin dance

Saborlatino invites you to celebrate the "Hispanic Heritage Dance" Saturday 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.

## Veterans Day parade

Sign up for your Veterans Day parade floats on [www.waff.com](http://www.waff.com). The Veterans Day parade scheduled for Nov. 11 in downtown Huntsville is fast approaching. This year's theme is "Courage, Sacrifice and Duty." All floats must display this year's parade theme. Floats will be judged and awarded prizes for patriotism, originality and best design. A special award will be presented to the one float which best fits the parade theme. You can watch the parade live on WAFF channel 48 at 11 a.m. Nov. 11. For more information, call Dave Carney 217-6311 or e-mail [david.r.carney@lmco.com](mailto:david.r.carney@lmco.com).

## Citizenship classes

Citizenship classes are available starting Oct. 16 from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive. English as a Second Language classes are available on Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive or call 428-9400. Classes are available on Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. at Weatherly Baptist Church, 1306 Canstatt Drive or call 881-6882. English as a Second Language self-paced classes are available through Army Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Drive. For information call 876-3465. For questions about ESL classes or citizenship call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager at Army Community Service, 876-5397.

## Flutist performance

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center Hispanic Employment Program presents renowned Latin Grammy Award winner



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## Corporate executive

QinetiQ North America has appointed retired Col. Don Hazelwood as vice president of unmanned systems at its Systems Engineering Group. Hazelwood served as project manager for the Army's Unmanned Aircraft Systems until he retired July 14 after 30 years service.

Nestor Torres today at 2 p.m. in the Richard C. Shelby Auditorium, building 4544 on Fowler Road, Redstone Arsenal. An accomplished flutist, Torres will entertain with his mix of Latin, jazz and pop sounds. All of Team Redstone is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information or special accommodations, call Angela Morton 313-7271.

## Dress for success

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center African-American Program will present one in a series of professional development seminars Thursday at 10 a.m. at Richard C. Shelby Auditorium, building 4544 on Fowler Road. "Dress for Success on a Budget" presentations will be made by Pat Brown, chief of the Office for Integrated Intelligence, and consultants from Belks Department Store. All are invited. For more information or special accommodations, call Kimeko Langham 313-7230.

# ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
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<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																							
SCBK08947849R	Lead Prjct Dir	1-Oct-08	TSMO	NH-0301	4	4	92,633 - 141,657				X	X			X			X					
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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	X				
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SCBK08033778	IT Spec (PLCYPLN/CUSTSPT)	14-Oct-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08981346	General Engr	16-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	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	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	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	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	X				
SCBK08026502	Lead Materials Engr	27-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08026502D	Lead Materials Engr	27-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	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	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	X				
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	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				
<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV</b>																							
SCBK08979130R	Prgm Analyst	1-Oct-08	SMDC	GS-0343	11	11	54,999 - 71,500				X	X			X			X					
SCBK08973471D	Antiterrorism Ofcr	3-Oct-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0301	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08907576	Integrated Missile Defense Analyst	3-Oct-08	IAMD	GS-0301	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X		X						X	X	X				
SCBK08916250R	Contract Spec	6-Oct-08	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701										X	X	X				
SCBK08916250D1	Contract Spec	6-Oct-08	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08022496	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	7-Oct-08	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701										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	X				
SCBK08835930	Prgm Analyst	9-Oct-08	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0343	2	2	45,015 - 74,248	X	X		X							X	X				
SCBK08005148D	General Engr	9-Oct-08	USADTC	GS-0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08931936D	General Engr	9-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	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	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	X				
SCBK08026502D	Lead Materials Engr	27-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
<b>WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)</b>																							
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																							
<b>NOTE:</b> If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																							
<b>NOTE:</b> 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 <a href="http://www.redstonemwr.com">www.redstonemwr.com</a> or you may telephone 876-7772.																							
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