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# Comfort for widows of Soldiers

Support group provides hope

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On Tuesday mornings, a group of women gather at the Bicentennial Chapel to discuss their lives – the blessings, the struggles, the surprises, the disappointments — that come with being a member of a select group of Army wives.

These women have endured a loss that bonds them to each other forever – the loss of their husbands to war.

Tiffany Little is the widow of Spc. Kyle A. Little, 20, who died May 8, 2007, in Salman Pak, Iraq, just north of Baghdad, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

Emily McFall is the widow of Staff Sgt. Thomas McFall, 36, who died May 28, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq, from wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his position during a dismounted patrol. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (one of two Stryker Brigade Combat Teams), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Jennifer "Jenna" Henderson is the widow of Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Henderson, 35, who died June 17, 2007, in Panjway, Afghanistan, from wounds sustained when an explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, but attached to the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Transition Team), Fort Riley, Kan.

The three women, who have moved their families to North Alabama following the deaths of their husbands, have joined together to form a widow's support group known as My Soldier, My Fallen Hero, a phrase taken from a military camouflage purse that



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**REBUILDING THEIR LIVES—** Jennifer "Jenna" Henderson, Tiffany Little and Emily McFall share lighter moments together as they grow their friendships in the aftermath of their husbands' deaths in the Global War On Terrorism. They have formed a widow support group called My Soldier, My Fallen Hero that meets Tuesday mornings at Bicentennial Chapel.

Henderson carries with her. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday at Bicentennial Chapel, and has the support of chapel staff as well as Army Community Service.

"This group is for widows of today's military," said Henderson, who was in a similar support group with McFall at Fort Lewis.

"This is hard to talk about with someone who hasn't gone through it. Together, we can share our stories and talk about how we get through this loss. When this happens, everything in your life changes – your eating habits change, your sleeping habits change, your TV habits change. We can understand that and help each other through the changes."

The women want to extend their group to other military widows in North Alabama.

"We know there are other women out there who might need a group like this," McFall said. "But it's hard to find them. We hope we can get the word out to other widows."

The group is loosely organized, with

meetings involving a "Round Robin" discussion of anything by anyone in the group. They hope to add other activities, such as monthly family get-togethers and quarterly events. The group is not only a support group, but a way for widows to make friends with others who share their experience.

"A lot of friends disappear when this happens," McFall said. "Other women you know through the military are fearful that this could happen to them. You become their worst nightmare. You also lose the connection to the military and the military lifestyle that has been your life, and you can't help hoping again for that close knit military family."

The day the women learned of their loss is still a fresh memory for all of them.

Little was three months pregnant with daughter Kylee and living at Ft. Benning when Soldiers came to tell her at work that her husband had been killed.

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## An open lane random survey

Why is it important to vote?

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Sgt. 1st Class Lance Green  
AMCOM equal opportunity adviser  
**"To be able to make a difference and have your voice heard."**

Julie Jordan  
Phoenix Service

**"It's an American right that was fought for. And it's our right to vote for who we think should be the next president."**



Will Knapp  
Acquisition contractor Westar  
**"I think it's important for every American to take an interest in the nation's future and therefore elected officials."**

Arlean Thomas

Program Executive Office for Aviation  
**"To be able to have a chance to elect a leader that can hopefully make a difference."**



## Quote of the week

**'T**his is an old fashioned, country butt kicking. And Georgia is providing the butt.'

— ESPN announcer Mike Patrick during Alabama's 41-30 college football win over Georgia.

## Poring over gasoline prices

I know this has been answered in the past but the post gas station price is so glaringly overpriced, it is really unbelievable. On Sept. 18, I checked the post station price at \$3.99 per gallon for regular gasoline. I then headed down to the Wal-Mart Gas Station on South Parkway; and it was priced at \$3.54 per gallon. I'm sorry but a difference of 45 cents per gallon is pretty large for the same quality gasoline.

I really believe the post gas station needs to relook at which stations they are basing their surveys on because it's obvious they're comparing their low grade of gasoline with the higher types like Citgo, Exxon, Chevron, BP, or Shell. In fact they should do a price shopping with other discount stations that carry the same quality of gas that the post carries. This really seems like a nice legal way to price gouge the Soldiers and retired military.

John Zuber  
logistic specialist

*Editor's note: The Post Exchange provided the following response. "Thank you for your letter in reference to the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's gas pricing policy. At a minimum, AAFES does weekly surveys of at least five locations selling motor fuel, deemed by the local GM to be the competition, and establishes a price equal to the lowest price surveyed for each grade of fuel sold. This sometimes means AAFES locations, including the Redstone Arsenal One Stop, sell gasoline below cost. Regardless, this policy allows for the establishment of prices that are fair and competitive with the local community, yet allow enough income to cover operating expenses and generate monies for the morale welfare and recreation programs AAFES is charged with supporting."*

## In knots about traffic

It seems like Gate 1 experiences worse-than-normal traffic tieups once or twice a week. The stop 'n go lines extend for a half mile or more. Often, when we reach the gate we find the apparent reason to be that we're short one guard and, therefore, only two of three possible traffic lanes are open.

The added time spent in line times the number of people delayed would seem to be much

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## Trying to keep on trucking

My basic question is: Why does a vehicle (37-foot motor home) with a valid military decal have to be inspected when entering Gate 1, while a cement truck making a delivery is waved through without being inspected? On Sept. 4, I was entering Gate 1 in my motor home (with valid decal) and had to enter through the "big truck/inspection/visitor lane, which I understand because of the other lane's configurations.

After sitting in line for a while, I was next in line. Thinking there would be no problems because of the decal, I showed the contract guard my and my wife's military ID cards (retired). He proceeded to inspect my motor home, even looking inside. Asking why I had to be inspected because I had a valid decal, he responded that everyone in this lane has to be inspected. However, just moments earlier the same guard waved a cement truck (making a delivery) around the other waiting traffic (me included) and allowed it to enter without inspection. That action sort of irritated me, but I said nothing to the man, hence the reason for this letter.

Am I right to assume that if you are a cement truck, no decal, no connection to the Arsenal, the rules do not apply? My last question: What are Arsenal decals for if vehicles (large ones) still have to be inspected while smaller vehicles (cars and trucks that can weave through the barriers) with decals need only to produce valid ID cards?

U.C. Jones  
Army retired

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "All commercial delivery and heavily laden vehicles are inspected at Gate 1 when entering Redstone Arsenal. This policy includes tractor trailers, moving vans, motor homes, cargo trucks, heavily laden pull behind trailers, boats, etc. This policy is in support of our force protection initiatives. Our guards walk through all motor homes and school buses to ensure only authorized persons are granted access to the installation. There are numerous construction projects under way on Redstone Arsenal at this time, and many more in the near future. Because concrete is a time sensitive load, and because the cement trucks are hauling the concrete from outside destinations, expedited entry has been approved. The Directorate of Emergency Services conducts a criminal background investigation on the cement truck drivers. All cement trucks are inspected when delivering their first load of the day and the drivers' ID is checked each time a delivery is made."*

## Celebrating Polish-American heritage

October has been designated by Congress as Polish-American Heritage Month and this year's focus is the 401st anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, Va. Jamestown was the first successful English colony settled in North America,

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Toby Davis

**Job:** General administrative law attorney, AMCOM Legal Office

**Where do you call home?**  
Baton Rouge, La.

**What do you like about your job?**  
I like the fact that everything seems like it's a new issue, continually challenging.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
I like to fish. And be with my kids (two sons Cameron, 9, and Ethan, 7), watch LSU football.

**What are your goals?**  
I guess just to be the best lawyer I can



be for the Army, raise my kids, have a happy marriage (with wife Jennifer).

**What's your favorite type of music?**  
I tend to listen to classic rock, I suppose.

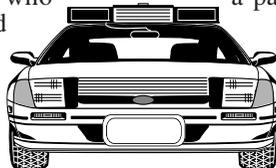
## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Sept. 25:** A motorist who approached Gate 10 and requested a visitor pass was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 26:** A motorist who approached Gate 3 and asked for directions was found to be driving with a revoked driver's license, no insurance, and improper tags. He was issued three violation notices and released.

**Sept. 28:** A motorist was found to be driving with a revoked driver's license when he approached Gate 9. He was



issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 29:** While attempting to park at Fox Army Health Center, a driver struck a parked vehicle. Witnesses then saw him park in a different parking space. Police arrived and it was revealed that he was driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was detained until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level. He was then issued two violation notices and released.

**Traffic accidents reported:** three without injury, one vehicle to deer.

**Violation notices issued:** 20 speeding, 2 revoked driver's license, 1 suspended driver's license, 1 failure to report an accident, 1 proof of insurance.

# 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; 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)

## Military Health System seeks feedback

WASHINGTON — The Military Health System invites wounded, ill or injured servicemembers and their families to respond to a new pair of questionnaires designed to help MHS leaders better understand the needs and expectations of the warriors in their care.

The questionnaires — one for wounded, ill or injured servicemembers and one for their family members — are available on the Military Health System website and will remain open for completion until Oct. 15. Both questionnaires ask for feed-

back concerning a servicemember's experience and satisfaction with the care he or she has received since becoming wounded, ill or injured.

To encourage honest and specific answers that will lead to positive changes in how the MHS handles care for wounded, ill or injured servicemembers, all questionnaire responses are anonymous.

Questionnaire results and analysis should be available in November at [www.health.mil](http://www.health.mil).

# Marine makes smooth shift back into family life

Returns to new baby and fun of first-grader

By KARI HAWKINS  
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This time, the transition home has been much easier for the Lamar family.

Despite the busyness of having a 6-week-old baby and a daughter in first grade, and the preparations for relocating to California, Marine Gunnery Sgt. Mike Lamar and his wife Depsy have easily moved back into their relationship as a married couple after his return from an eight-month deployment to Iraq.

It wasn't so easy in 2004 when Lamar returned from a deployment in Afghanistan where he spent four months "living in the dirt." During that eight-month deployment, Lamar was only able to call home once because he spent much of the time embedded in heavy fighting with Taliban and Al Qaida terrorists, and because there was only one satellite phone that had to be shared among more than 1,200 Marines.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TOGETHER AGAIN—** The Lamar family – from left, mom Depsy Lamar holding 6-week-old Ethan and Gunnery Sgt. Mike Lamar with daughter Kayla, 6, in his lap – spend a quiet afternoon together. Lamar just returned from a deployment in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq and has plans to deploy again with the 4th Regiment in mid-2009.

"Things changed while I was gone. We had no idea what was going on with each other," Lamar said. "We were different people when I got back. And, on top of

that, I had a little PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) to deal with."

Things changed, too, while Lamar was deployed in Iraq.

After all, he came home to a new baby, a daughter who had grown much taller and older than her 6 years, and a wife who had learned to rely on friends, her church and Army Community Service's Waiting Spouses group for emotional support during a tough pregnancy.

"But this time, we were able to get back together so much more quickly," Depsy Lamar said. "When he was gone, we talked on the phone almost every day. We e-mailed almost every day. I was really nervous about him coming back because the first time it was so hard for us. But on his first night home it was like he had never left."

Besides the regular phone calls and e-mails, Lamar also got to share in his son Ethan's delivery, watching by webcam.

"After he was born, our friend Cathy Wittkop grabbed the camera and followed the nurse around so Mike could watch the baby get weighed and measured and cleaned up," Depsy Lamar said.

"It was a phenomenal experience," added Lamar.

Lamar returned to Huntsville on Sept. 26. The former opera-

tions chief for the Marine Corps' Kilo Battery in Huntsville, Lamar joined the 4th Marine Regiment Weapons Company in January, deploying to Iraq about a month later as the platoon sergeant for the 3rd Battalion.

"We were in the Al Anbar Province," Lamar said. "I spent half my time in a small town known as Baghdadi. Our entire mission was to promote and support the local government and community council.

"The rest of my time there I was at the Haditha Dam, where we provided explosive ordnance device escorts. The good thing about that was the only things that blew up were things we blew up. We also did community relations while there and we went on security escort missions when a couple governors and senators visited. We also did security missions for Iraqis working to open a vocational industrial complex."

Lamar was in charge of providing administrative support for the 55 Marines in his platoon and securing supplies to operate the platoon's 12 trucks.

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Overall, the time in Iraq was pretty tame by Marine standards.

“We only had two IEDs hit. With one we had a Marine medevaced back to California. He had had five concussions in two years and they decided he needed to be put on desk duty. With the other we also had a Marine medevaced out, but he returned to full duty,” Lamar said.

“With the new vehicles we are using – the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Armored Vehicles or MRAPs – we are pretty safe from IEDs. MRAPs have a welded hull like an armored vehicle.”

Other Marines in the battalion stationed in the Hit area did face some terrorist resistance in the first few months of the deployment.

“Things have changed a lot over the last several months,” Lamar said. “When we got there, there were attacks on Hit almost daily. That subsided substantially when the Multi-National Corps-Iraq removed the local government in Hit because of their involvement in oil smuggling.

Once they replaced the local government, things got better.”

As the U.S. turns more and more governing authority over to Iraqis, the presence of Marines and Soldiers is diminishing. The 4th Marine Regiment replaced two regiments in January 2008.

“We are at the tip of the spear when it comes to reduction in troops in Iraq,” Lamar said. “Our battalion was responsible for 27,000 square miles along the Euphrates River from Hit to Haditha that was once patrolled by two battalions. The regiment that replaced us took on that area plus the area of another regiment that left at the same time.”

The battalion initiated Operation Overwatch during its deployment.

“We actually pulled out of cities and closed down four combat operation outposts,” he said. “We started pulling away from the citizens and turning over control to local authorities.”

Terrorism is declining, Lamar said, because of the Iraqi people and the growth in infrastructure and support services.

“The people themselves are the ones who stopped the terrorism, not the government,” he said. “Then, you had things like the opening of the Baghdad

bridge that cut down time traveling through the area and ended the need to go to Hit or Haditha to cross the river. That helps with economics and moves the people forward.”

Yet, like other Marines and Soldiers serving in Iraq, Lamar has seen a hesitancy on the part of Iraqis to take over their own country.

“They don’t want Americans to leave because they are kind of use to big brother being there and the handouts they are accustomed to receiving. Even during the Saddam regime, they received subsidies from the government all the time,” Lamar said. “But they have come a long way in helping themselves.”

Lamar, who has served in the Marines for 15 years, will undertake yet another deployment. In October, he and his family will move to Twentynine Palms, Calif., where Lamar will rejoin the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines Regiment in preparation for a deployment in mid-2009.

“This unit has been gone seven to nine months and home for five months for the last five years,” Lamar said. “They’ve spent more time in Iraq than in the U.S. during those five years.”

Although the time away from his family is difficult, Lamar

doesn’t regret being a Marine. “When I joined back in the ‘90s it was the end of the Cold War and I didn’t envision spending so much time in the desert,” he said.

“But I joined to see the world and do what I’m trained to do. I’m from a real small town in Illinois where my friends go to work on the family farm every day and spend Friday nights at the local bar. They do the same thing every day. I knew at 17 that I wanted more than that. The Marines were the best decision I ever made in my life – not just going in, but staying in. And because of what I do my family has an excellent quality of life.”

Lamar also knew the Marines would give him a chance to learn about leadership and responsibility, and give him the tools to be successful as a husband, father and leader. “It’s not just about leading, it’s also about mentoring young men,” he said.

It was especially tough leading and mentoring young Marines while deployed in Iraq because the environment, although less threatening and much safer than in previous years, wasn’t what they expected.

“The younger Marines were a little upset because it seemed the deployment was going very slow,” Lamar said. “All we did

were escort missions. It was not what the younger Marines expected to do when they went to Iraq. The kind of boredom we faced in Iraq wears on you day in and day out.”

Even with the decline in terrorism, the growth of the Iraqi government and the drawdown of U.S. troops, Lamar said he does not think the U.S. military will be leaving Iraq anytime soon.

“World War II happened in 1945 and we’re still in Japan and Germany,” he said. “I believe there will be an American presence in Iraq for the foreseeable future. In years to come we will have one or two bases so that we will be able to project American power and protect freedom as we need to.”

Although Lamar’s family remained in Huntsville during his deployment with the 4th Regiment, they have made the decision to relocate in California so they can be together during the short time before Lamar’s next deployment.

“Kayla wants to be with her daddy,” Detsy Lamar said. “She knows she will be leaving her school and friends. But she has said her family is more important than friends. We looked at staying here and letting Mike go to California without us. But there’s no way Kayla can let him go so soon. We need to be together as a family.”

## Software engineering expansion gives Soldiers boost

*New building dedicated to increase capabilities*

By **SOFIA BLEDSOE**  
For the Rocket

Software engineering and development that help Soldiers train to fight with more lethality just got bigger and better.

More than 100 people celebrated the expansion of the new 78,800 square foot Software Engineering Directorate building during a ribbon cutting Sept. 29.

The annex was started in September 2006 and completed in July this year, with another building on the way. The new \$19.6 million facility will expand the Army's

capability to support aviation, unmanned air vehicles, and missile system projects, as well as provide a platform to conduct testing and development in all levels of the Army weapons systems life cycle.

What SED gives to the Soldier is the guts, said Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command.

"All the systems Soldiers use in combat have started from here," he said, crediting SED's part in the fight to the Global War On Terrorism at 35 miles from Baghdad.

Myles called the event a very special day. He lauded the Army for being the best in the world, and added, "It just gets better."

Before Soldiers deploy to the battlefield, they need the most realistic training environment available to help them prepare.

One of the most important elements that help them prepare to fight is the systems software that SED develops, verifies and validates. SED is responsible for supporting over 50 million lines of tactical and system support code and establishes the software sustainment environment that includes project specific hardware, software and documentation, and performs analysis, sustainment, configuration management, quality assurance, testing and fielding.

SED is the Army's watchdog that ensures all software configured into the systems are up to par with Army standards.

Dr. William Craig, SED director for the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, said that the department's growth parallels the dramatic increase in the Army's use of software systems.

Twenty-four years ago, Craig said, when the first SED building was built on the Arsenal, they used less than 100,000 lines of computer code when they worked on the Pershing II missile.

"Now we use more than 7 million lines of code."

As the Army relies more on unmanned aircraft systems that help keep Soldiers safe in the battlefield, Craig said software and simulation, and therefore SED, will only



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

**RIBBON CUTTING—** From left, Dr. William Craig, Maj. Gen. Fred Robinson, Jim Fite, Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and Dr. Bill McCorkle get ready to cut the ribbon during SED's ceremony Sept. 29.

continue to grow in its importance.

Among many of the simulated systems that SED has worked on include training simulators for the Javelin, Common Remotely Operated Weapons Station, TOW missile, and the now very popular video game called America's Army that was launched in 2002.

People who play America's Army go through a variety of obstacle courses and fire weapons as if they were in a real convoy. It is the closest experience to actual soldiering that civilians can encounter.

Seated in the crowd at the ribbon cutting was Sgt. Tommy Rieman, one of the Army's heroes who is helping to popularize the America's Army's game.

Rieman is a recipient of the Purple Heart, Silver Star and the Army Commendation Medal with a "V" device for valor and was recognized in January 2007 by President Bush at the State of the Union address. He was shot in his chest and arms,

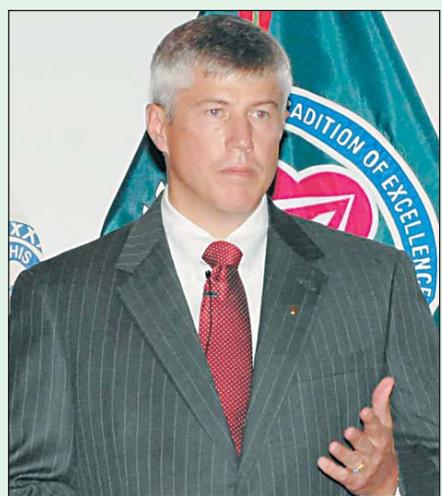
and received shrapnel wounds in his legs when he and his squad were ambushed by more than 50 anti-American insurgents in Iraq in December 2003.

"The expansion of SED gives Soldiers even more opportunities to succeed in their mission," Rieman said.

Ten years ago, SED was small, said Maj. Gen. Fred Robinson, commander of the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command. Now, with more than a thousand personnel working to improve the Army's capabilities in the fight, Robinson said that the software created at SED will translate to added capabilities in the battlefield.

"It's the software," he noted. "What used to take years to develop now only takes months.

"The amazing brilliance and talent to grow the right capability for our Army and for the future will translate into other capabilities," Robinson said.



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

### Senior executive

Eric Edwards, executive director of the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center, is promoted to the Senior Executive Service in a ceremony Oct. 1 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

# Heritage

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and events and decisions made there had a large impact on the laws and customs tied to our country, the United States of America. As you are reading this, you are probably trying to remember your American history from grammar or high school, and are aware that Jamestown was an English colony. You also may remember Capt. John Smith as the leader of the colony, and the Indian Princess Pocahontas who was credited with saving Smith's life. And didn't they have the 400th anniversary last year in 2007? And the answer to all of the above is yes. So you may ask, "What in the world could this have to do with Polish-American Heritage Month, since there were no Poles in Jamestown and those that came to America didn't do so until much later on in the history of the United States, and only a small handful at that?" As you read on, you'll learn a part of American history that has somehow been omitted, even up until this day in our global society with instant information at our fingertips.

With the discovery of the New World (America), England in the 16th century didn't put as much emphasis on colonization of the new land as did Spain and Portugal. Though it was beginning to have some difficulty in feeding its own population, and lacking some important natural resources such as timber, iron and pitch, England was able to import these necessary commodities from other European countries, of which Poland was one. During the Middle Ages, Poland became known as the grain arsenal of Europe, as it was rich in many natural resources, especially grain. The Eastland Company of London was granted a charter by King Richard II of England in 1390 to begin trade with Poland and the city of Gdansk became the gateway for English traders to Poland. Poles sent their goods for trade down the Wisla River and its tributaries to Gdansk where they were made available for overseas traders. Due to such successful trade relations, England didn't launch its first attempt to colonize North America until 1584 at Roanoke Island, currently in North Carolina. This attempt, along with a second attempt in 1587 in which all of the colonists disappeared (the Lost Colony of Roanoke) ended in failure.

At the beginning of the 17th century, events arose to change England's situation. The King of Denmark cut the trade

route through the Danish-Swedish Sound to English traders. This had enormous effects upon England's trade in the Baltic Sea. The loss of this important trade with countries along the Baltic Sea such as Poland was aggravated by the fact that England was experiencing domestic problems. An ever increasing population lead to a growing need for food supplies and an increase in criminality. Beggars and vagrants became more commonplace and along with a growth in thievery, prisons began to overflow with debtors and convicts. Spurred on by these events, England's monarchs began looking at establishing colonies as new sources for food and raw materials as well as to alleviate the problems associated with the growing population.

In 1606, King James I granted the Virginia Company of London a charter for colonization and exploitation of North America. This was a private venture whose main goal was the personal enrichment of the company's charter members with a secondary goal of acquiescing to royal constraints placed upon their charter. As part of this charter it was determined that these colonies would be strictly "all English." Thus the Virginia Company founded its first colony, Jamestown (present day Virginia) on May 14, 1607 with 117 English colonists. This is the date upon which the 400-year celebration as the founding of Jamestown is recognized. The Board Council elected Edward Wingfield as the first president of the colony. These original settlers were poorly chosen for the task of establishing a colony. Many of them didn't possess the skills required for existing in this new wilderness. Others, who possessed some useful skill, felt it was below their social class to perform physical work or manual labor. Historian Samuel Morison wrote in his "Oxford's History of the American People": "The general run of the first settlers was ill-chosen, they seem to have been divided into those who could not work and those who would not work." Most of the men in the category of nobles were "vagabond gentlemen," social outcasts that had no concept of discipline and shunned all form of labor, being more accustomed to easy living.

They came to Virginia mainly for personal enrichment and then return to England. A majority of their time was spent roaming the land prospecting for minerals (gold), quarrelling with one another and being involved in disputes with the Native

Americans. Without planting crops, building proper shelters or even securing a source of potable water, by autumn the colonists were ravaged by hunger, disease and the elements and began to die in rapid order. Amidst all these problems, President Wingfield stepped down and Capt. John Ratcliff became the second president of the Virginia colony. By the end of 1607, only 38 of the original 117 colonists were still alive.

On Jan. 4, 1608, the first supply ship arrived in Jamestown with food, supplies and an additional 120 settlers. These new colonists were of no better stock than the original lot that came the year before. Three days after their arrival, disaster struck as Jamestown burned to the ground. Capt. John Smith, second-in-command, sent an urgent letter to the Virginia Company in London. In this letter he emphatically requested the company drop the "all-English" requirement for the colony and asked that the next supply ship bring as many Poles as possible. In strongly worded language, he stressed that there were no better workers than the Poles and Jamestown desperately needed this kind of people in order for the colony to succeed. Smith wrote about the present colonists: "They were poor gentlemen, tradesmen, serving-men, libertines, and such like, ten times more fit to spoil a Commonwealth then either begin one, or help maintain one." Even with the newly arrived colonists, little improved in Jamestown. The English were constrained by their class system, for as gentlemen they were unaccustomed to physical labor and even during the times of starvation some of them refused to work.

Eventually Capt. Radcliff stepped down as president and Capt. John Smith, at the age of 28, became the third president of the Virginia colony. Forced into an unpopular decision, Smith strictly enforced a rule; "No work. No food."

On Oct. 1, 1608, the second supply ship arrived from England with additional food, supplies and 70 new colonists. Of this 70, five were Poles and four were Germans, breaking the "all-English" rule. These nine settlers would definitely have a far greater impact on the colony than their numbers would indicate; however, the fate of the Poles was going to be far different than that of the Germans. In order to obscure the fact that non-Englishmen were sent as colonists, the names of the Poles and Germans weren't recorded in the ship's log as was done with all of the Englishmen. However from a book titled in Latin "Memorialium Commercatoris"

but written in old Polish and published in Amsterdam in 1625, the names of the five Poles were learned: Jan Bogdan from Kolomyja – a pitch, tar and ship building expert; Michal Lowicki from London – a merchant; Jan Mata from Krakow – a soap maker; Stanislaw Sadowski from Radom – a house builder; and Zbigniew Stefanski from Wloclawek – a glassmaker. This existence of this book wasn't known until World War II. The occupying Germans found the book in a private French library in 1940 or 1941.

Surprisingly, the book wasn't destroyed by the Nazis who had penchant for destroying books that didn't mirror their philosophies. In 1947, the book was brought to the United States where it was examined and authenticated.

The Poles immediately went to work doing the essential tasks needed by the colonists for survival such as digging wells, building a saw mill, a glass house and soap works. Once the saw mill was in operation, the Poles set to work on constructing buildings to replace the ramshackle huts the colonists had previously built.

While the Poles labored constructing the basic necessities for the colony's survival, the majority of the English spent their time searching for riches. Smith wrote: "They (the English colonists) never did know what a day's work was, except for the Poles."

All citizens of the United States are indebted to these first Poles at Jamestown, for were it not for them, we may not be enjoying some of the rights which are written into the United States Constitution that we enjoy today. Precedents set in Jamestown have carried over into our legal system. Two of the most basic rights that the Poles fought for and won were the freedom of religion and the right to vote. Historians credit that the English were responsible for establishing these principles in Jamestown and thus all honor goes to them. Certainly the English controlled the colony and made the rules as they saw fit, however some of these laws were not their origin. The right of freedom of religion and the right to vote by legal citizens were forced to be enacted by the English due to the Polish colonists in Jamestown. We as citizens of the United States are beholding to these early Poles for ensuring that no one would have to accept second class citizenship in the New World.

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## Graduating the future civilian leaders of command



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HONOREES—** Among the AMC Fellows graduates are, from left, Tonya Smith, Dawn Sutherlin, Brett Addington, Kevin Besser, Joshua Call and Jacques Eckles.

### Two classes complete five-year fellowship

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AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles looked over the group of civilians seated in the front rows of Bob Jones Auditorium.

"I'm looking at the future of AMCOM," Myles said.

He was referring to the newest graduates of the Army Materiel Command (AMC) Fellows Program. Classes 3 and 4 were honored Sept. 30 on completing the five-year program designed to develop the civilian leaders of the 21st century.

"I congratulate you and thank you for your commitment to Soldiers," Myles said.

Class 3 began in July 2003, and Class 4 started that September. Members of both classes moved to Texarkana, Texas, that year where they completed their graduate degree from Texas A&M-Texarkana and AMC core leader development within 18 months. After finishing this first phase of the program, they moved to various major subordinate commands and installations across the country to begin the first of three rotational assignments.

Phil Finigan of Class 3 voluntarily went to Iraq from July-December 2007 as part of his training. "It was very educational. It gave me a different perspective definitely," he said.

Finigan earned his master's of business

administration from Texas A&M-Texarkana in 2004. Employed by the Integrated Materiel Management Center, he serves as a logistics management specialist at the Apache Project Office.

"I'm an advocate of the (Fellows) program," he said. "We learned a lot of different types of stuff, got a lot of different types of experience. It was good. It was a good overall experience."

Brett Addington of Class 4 got his MBA from Texas A&M-Texarkana in December 2004. He too is employed by the Integrated Materiel Management Center and serves as a logistics management specialist at Armed Scout Helicopter Project Office.

"It was challenging," Addington said of the program. "And it provided experience."

Tim Grey, director of human resources at the Aviation and Missile Command, congratulated the graduates. The AMC Fellows Program began in June 2001.

"Go forth and do great things," Grey said. "Thank you for what you've done so far."

Class 3 graduates included Finigan, Jared Clonts, Ryan DeArmond, Brian Dempsey (AMC G-8), Jeffrey Jenkins, George Lewis, Jennifer McCollum, Richard Ruzicka, Tonya Smith, Dawn Sutherlin and Regine Stelker (currently in Germany).

Class 4 graduates included Addington, Kevin Besser (AMC G-1), Joshua Call (AMC G-3), Jacques Eckles, Eric Fuentes, Robin Miller, John Roll, Marsha Sawyer, Nicole Starks, Duc Vu and Matthew Whitworth.

# Comedy Night making return engagement

Get your laugh on  
Oct. 17 at O' Club

By KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY

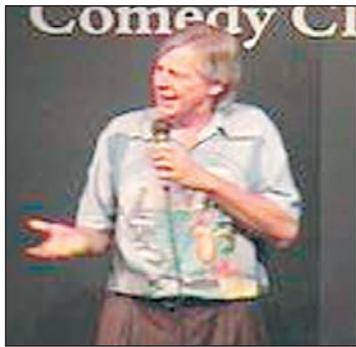
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In entertainment, when the crowd is clamoring for more you give them an encore. By popular demand, Morale Welfare and Recreation has added a second Comedy Night performance Friday, Oct. 17 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"We're doing it again so quickly because we had such a great response last time," Mark Germonprez, MWR business operations officer, said. "Turnout was fantastic. We looked at our calendar and thought we could put another one together."

This time around, chef Ben Howard will present with his award-winning barbecue on the buffet. No stranger to the Whistlestop Festival, Howard's team consistently places near the top of the competition. His barbecue chicken is a local favorite.

Just like the August event, doors will open at 5 p.m., with



Courtesy photo

**ON STAGE—** Legendary comedian Charlie Wiener will headline the Comedy Night show Oct. 17 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

dinner service beginning at 6. While there is no such thing as a bad seat, those closest to the stage will fill quickly. The show will begin at 7:30. A cash bar will be open throughout the evening. The show is expected to wrap about 9:30.

Gid Pool will open the show with observations and wisdom gleaned from his 63 years. While he is not new in general, he is a rising star in the comedy world. He is one of the 2006 winners of

the California Comedy Conference. Billed as crotchety, sarcastic and just funny, Pool likes to keep it clean.

Next to the stage will be comedian Frank Roche. Known for his impressions, Roche likes to take famous people and play "what if?" His "celebrity kindergarten" clip is currently a popular YouTube destination.

Headliner Charlie Wiener has been considered one of the top club-touring comedians for the last 10 years. Much of his show promotes the idea that while getting older may not be fun, it can be funny. In fact, it can be downright hilarious. He has made appearances on just about every network there is, just short of Home Shopping Network. He lists stints on A&E, NBC, ABC, CBC, XM Satellite Radio and has even hosted two television shows of his own over the years.

"He's a legend," Germonprez said. "Inside Joke Productions always sends us some great folks."

Because the last comedy night was such a hit, Germonprez said they are trying to repeat as much of the format as possible. He is

waiting for confirmation that popular local radio personality Mojo will return as emcee for the evening.

"He was great," Germonprez said. "If for some reason he can't do it, we will have someone else from WZYP in his place."

Advance tickets are \$8 with-

out the buffet and \$16 with dinner. Some tickets will be available at the door. They will be \$12 without dinner and \$20 with dinner. Because of the extraordinary turnout for the previous event, advance tickets are suggested. For more information, call 830-2582.



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

## Salsa buffet

**Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space, welcomes PEO family members to a buffet celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.**

# Base realignment brings physician issues to light

*Hotline, other actions taken in community*

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Base Realignment and Closure activities occurring at Redstone Arsenal mean more than new buildings, additional Army civilian employees and a growing North Alabama community.

They also mean new services throughout Huntsville and the surrounding area as local leaders work to make North Alabama more attractive to potential transferees. And that can only mean good things for current local residents as improvements also better their quality of life.

This is most evident in one area that the Tennessee Valley BRAC Committee has addressed during the past year. In November 2007, the committee learned that Army Materiel Command transferees were concerned about the perceived inability to locate available physicians in Huntsville.

“What we are trying to do is if we hear of an issue for transferees we try to resolve it,” said Joe Ritch, chairman of the Tennessee Valley BRAC Committee. “We were hearing multiple stories from multiple groups of transferees having trouble with finding physicians.”

With those complaints in mind, the



BRAC committee and officials with the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce decided to take a proactive approach to address the issue.

“The need to address health care issues came to our attention because of BRAC employees,” said Mike Ward, the Chamber’s vice president of government affairs. “The Chamber is generally not involved in trying to recruit physicians or in other medical issues. We focus on economic issues and let other things take care of themselves. But when an issue affects economic development – in this case when it is a concern of employee transferees coming into Huntsville – we get involved.”

The BRAC committee and Chamber officials met in December 2007 with representatives of Huntsville Hospital, Crestwood Hospital, the University of Alabama-Birmingham Medical School in

Huntsville and the Huntsville/Madison County Medical Society. Work began on researching and addressing issues in regard to local physician services and availability.

“We learned a number of things from the meetings we had,” Ritch said. “We learned there is a nationwide shortage in some specialties including pediatricians and dermatologists. So this problem is not unique to Huntsville.

“We learned there is a general misunderstanding of what family practice physicians do and that family practitioners can do 90 percent of what a pediatrician can do. So, families can use family practitioners if pediatricians are unavailable and still get the same level of care. We also learned there is a communications problem in that many transferees called the medical society for physician referrals, but the medical society will only refer to members and not all physicians are members of the society.”

Other factors that became evident in discussions were: Huntsville is the largest city of its size with one residency program; adding residency programs in Huntsville is difficult because there is a freeze by the federal government on funding residents; residents tend to stay where they do their residency; there has been no significant effort to keep UAB-Huntsville residents in the area; and specialties tend to attract physicians to programs not in the medical school in Huntsville.

As a result of focusing on the physician issue, the BRAC committee has worked to provide better information to transferees regarding the role of family practitioners, now provides information on its website

about health care in the area and has made health care a primary presentation topic at meetings with Army Materiel Command and Missile Defense Agency transferees.

In addition, UAB-Huntsville is working to add two new residency programs, one in internal medicine and another in emergency medicine, efforts will be made to recruit UAB-Huntsville residents to stay in the area, and Huntsville Hospital and Crestwood Hospital agreed to increase physician recruiting and subsidies. But more importantly, both hospitals immediately began work to establish physician referral hotlines, which are both now in operation and accessible to all North Alabama residents.

“The hotlines are a facilitator for those moving into town and trying to find a physician,” Ritch said. “The issue was brought to the attention of the hospitals and they both jumped on it.”

Burr Ingram, spokesman for Huntsville Hospital, said the hospital has always

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## *Honor Flight gift*

Rick Turner, left, executive director of the AMCOM Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, presents a check for \$3,200 to Joe Fitzgerald of Honor Flight. Activity employees raised the money by having a dunking booth, NASCAR Fan Day, cakewalk, ring toss, silent auction and individual donations.

# CCWS Project workers help avoid costs

*Close Combat Weapon Systems office sees green belt savings*

As part of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space lean six sigma program, the Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office has completed its first four green belt projects.

All projects within CCWS are reviewed biweekly for progress with the PM/DPM. Currently, there are 12 additional green belt projects and two black belt projects being worked. The four projects were completed by Steve Weems, Yvonne Heusinger, Dennis Morris and Misty Glover.

Weems' project was related to a component in the Javelin missile round arm circuit which was being damaged due to exposure to stray voltage during pre-flight testing for quality assurance lot verification tests. The goal was to identify the cause of the problem, implement corrective action, and implement the proper measures of protection/prevention to assure that no future rounds became damaged. Root cause was found and corrective action was implemented to block a stray solenoid valve signal with a voltage suppression circuit and the problem was solved. Steps have also been taken to implement test equipment configuration control including review of design changes, maintenance and calibration. This project resulted in a cost avoidance of \$520,000 per year.

Heusinger's project has proven to be a "quick win" solution for the item man-



Photo by Vervena King

**COST CUTTERS—** From left, Steve Weems, Misty Glover, Yvonne Heusinger and Dennis Morris have completed green belt projects at the Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office.

agers in the CCWS Logistics Directorate. Item managers were experiencing massive delays and consuming unnecessary resources in accomplishing critical tasks to ensure the validity of the data. Dual monitors were installed at each workstation which allowed accessing multiple databases required to accomplish the mission. The electronic resolution also enabled the item managers to provide rapid responses to the war fighter in the field. It was determined that the addition of a dual monitor to each item manager's

workstation provided an estimated cost avoidance of approximately \$137,000 annually.

Morris' project was intended to improve the spares post award process. The spares acquisition and follow-up process did not ensure that spares were delivered in an efficient and timely manner. In the months leading up to the improved process implementation, there was an average of 21 late contracts. The Lean Six Sigma process helped to determine that the main factors of this high

number of late contracts were the result of a number of factors: inadequate surveillance of contracts, lack of communication with the contractors and lack of communication with the Acquisition Center. Improvements to the process include review of contracts prior to delinquency and increased communication with the Acquisition Center and contractors. These improvements have resulted in a 47 percent reduction in late contracts and an estimated cost avoidance of \$32,500 annually.

Glover's project was developed to standardize the CCWS intern training plans for business management employees. As a result of the project, intern training plans were standardized for program analysts with emphasis in financial management, POM cell, and review and analysis; operations research analysts, and contract specialists. Incoming interns will be placed on an appropriate intern training plan. The standardization of the training plans reduces variation, time spent working/staffing the plan, and minimizes time spent in unnecessary training and rotations. Cost avoidance was determined to be approximately \$25,500 per intern.

If you have any interest in a green belt project, call Eric Ingram at 313-5864. As the black belt representative from PEO MS, he can assist you in obtaining the required training prior to entry into a project. (CCWS Project Office release)

# Widows

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"I don't think there's anyway I could have made it through that if I hadn't had our baby to think about. Kylee has given me a reason to hope. And taking care of a baby keeps me from having a lot of time to think about what has happened," she said.

McFall learned of her husband's death at 7 a.m. on Memorial Day 2007, when her doorbell rang. She answered the door, with her 15-year-old son Austin nearby and her other two children – 7-year-old Elizabeth and 3-year-old Matthew – still sleeping.

"My husband told me I would get a call if he was injured. He said if Soldiers came to my door, that would mean he was dead," she recalled. "But I still remember asking them 'Is he injured?'"

And, Henderson got the news of her husband's death on Father's Day 2007.

"It was a little after lunch and I had heard a buddy of his had come back injured from Iraq," she said. "Chris had told me that 'If Soldiers come to your door in dress greens then I'm dead. If they come in BDUs, then I'm really, really injured.'

"I opened the door and there they were in their dress greens. I shut the door and took my daughter (Kayley, who was 8 at the time) out the back door to my neighbors. I then came back and opened the front door again. When they were telling me, I realized that the chaplain was crying. He saw the pictures around the house and recognized Chris, and made the connection that he had been my husband's chaplain at one time."

The women have more than their husbands' deaths in common. Their bond is also strengthened by a love for the military and their country, a sense of loss for the military lifestyle, the challenges of raising children as single parents, the struggles of day-to-day living without their husbands, the opportunities of rebuilding their lives and meeting new people, and their faith and hope for a better tomorrow. Together, they hope to rediscover a new way to live without their husbands and, perhaps, without the military.

"When Chris left, I felt like he was leaving me all alone," Henderson said. "I kept asking myself 'Who am I?' I didn't know. I still struggle with who I am, who I am to my community, who I am to myself. Part of me wants to go on with life and another part of me doesn't want to leave what I had with Chris."

For McFall, these days are filled with the thought that if her husband was still alive she and her family would be moving to their next duty station.

"I'm still married as far as I'm concerned. We should be PCSing somewhere right now," she said. "When this happens, you do have to sort of rediscover who you are and where you fit in."

"There's no owner's manual on how to be after you go through this," added Little.

But there are supportive friends and family who can help widows recover from the loss of their Soldier, and that's what the women hope to do through their sup-

port group. For them, much of that recovery started with their own family.

"My dad was a Marine and he helped me a lot," said Little, whose family is from Priceville and who now lives in Hartselle where her dad also lives. "I remember just floating through the days after my husband's death. My dad would tell me 'You need to do this' or 'You need to do that,'" she recalled.

Henderson, whose dad served in the Army, and McFall, who herself served six years in the Army, also relied on the strength of their family. McFall now lives close to her hometown of Hoover, where her family still lives. Henderson moved to North Alabama at the urging of McFall.

While Henderson and McFall already knew each other when they moved to North Alabama, McFall happened to find Little through a search on MySpace.com after learning about her through the VFW in Decatur. All three women said having to care for their children also forced them to go on with their lives.

"The day after we got the news, I had my kids go to school," McFall said. "I told them we had to keep the routine, that we couldn't fall apart."

Little's husband is buried in a cemetery near his hometown in Massachusetts, McFall's husband is buried in the Riverside National Cemetery in his hometown in California and Henderson's husband's ashes are buried in Section 60 at Arlington National Cemetery.

"It took me three months to decide," she said. "He was killed in June and we buried him in August. He needed a special place and that was the most special place I could think of."

Henderson and her daughter will be featured in an HBO documentary feature about Section 60, an area at Arlington where servicemembers killed in Iraq or Afghanistan are buried. It will air Oct. 13 at 9 p.m.

"The documentary gives a little about the section and then it talks about some of the families who have Soldiers buried there," Henderson said. "It's about getting public awareness of the stories behind the Soldiers and their families. It's about what happens to the families after their loss."

For Henderson, Little and McFall, rebuilding their lives in new communities comes with a lot of challenges and opportunities. It also means making new friends outside the military and answering the inevitable questions about their husbands.

"It's a mixed blessing," McFall said. "I want people to know, but then I don't. You're busy trying to process this whole thing and go on with your life, and then somebody comes up to you and says 'I'm so sorry' and then you have all the grief and loss to deal with again. We don't want to remember their death. We want to remember their life."

*Editor's note: For more information about the My Soldier, My Fallen Hero widow support group, contact Henderson at [jennifer.henderson3@us.army.mil](mailto:jennifer.henderson3@us.army.mil) or 803-553-0475 or 430-4736. Information on family support groups can also be obtained from Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Benson at 876-2409 or [james.benson@us.army.mil](mailto:james.benson@us.army.mil) and from Army Community Service at 876-5397.*

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month and a good time to celebrate the AbilityOne Program, formerly Javits-Wagner-O'Day.

The AbilityOne Program creates employment opportunities that enable people who are blind or have other severe disabilities to fulfill their potential while providing a wide array of custom solutions at a fair market price to federal customers. The AbilityOne Program is the largest single source of employment for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities in the United States, currently employing over 42,000 such individuals at more than 600 community-based nonprofit agencies across the country. However, more than 68 percent of people with severe disabilities remain unemployed or

underemployed.

Employment opportunities made possible through the program equip this group of people with the job skills and training necessary to earn equitable wages, benefits and greater independence. Nonprofit agencies that employ these individuals provide best value products and services to the government.

Through the AbilityOne Program, the Redstone Base Supply Store employs 11 people that have served the military and government customers since 1997. The Redstone Base Supply Store is operated by Alabama Industries for the Blind and is your local AbilityOne resource for blind-made and commercial general office products. *(Alabama Industries for the Blind release)*

## 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:

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.**



## REDSTONE ARSENAL ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN CONFERENCE

Redstone Officers' and Civilians' Club  
28 – 29 October 2008, 0800 - 1600



### REGISTRATION FORM

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974; AUTHORITY: 5 USC 301, 10 USC 3013, PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Identification of participants in the Army Family Action Plan Conference. ROUTINE USES: Used to record the names and addresses of attendees at the Army Family Action Plan Conference. Used to contact participants. DISCLOSURE: Disclosure is voluntary. If the requested information is not provided, registration for the conference may not be possible.

1. FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 or OFFICE SYMBOL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you require Daycare: \_\_\_\_\_ If So, Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
 You must register at the Child Development Center to use their facility.

### COMPLETE ALL THAT APPLY:

#### 2. YOUR MILITARY AFFILIATION? (If not applicable, go to item 3.)

- a. Are you a:  
 Soldier or Retiree  
 Spouse of Soldier or Retiree

- b. Are you or is your sponsor:  
 Active-duty  
 Reserve  
 National Guard  
 Retired

- c. Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. YOUR MARITAL STATUS?

Single  Married  Widow/Widower

#### 6. YOUR CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION?

- Delegate  Admin support  
 Facilitator  Issue Support  
 Recorder

#### 8. YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST (pick 3 and indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice):

- \_\_\_ Medical/Dental  
 \_\_\_ Consumer Services (Commissary/AAFES & Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities)  
 \_\_\_ Single Soldiers  
 \_\_\_ Entitlements (traffic/transportation/personnel(civilian & military)/finance/housing)

#### 3. YOUR DA CIVILIAN AFFILIATION? (If Active Duty Military go to item 4.)

- a. Are you a:  
 DA Civilian Employee  
 Spouse of DA Civilian

- b. Are you or is your sponsor:  
 APF (GS, WG)  
 NAF (NF)

- c. Series/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. YOUR FAMILY TYPE?

Dual-Military  Sole-parent  Traditional  Other

#### 7. HAVE YOU EVER PARTICIPATED IN AN AFAP CONFERENCE? WHERE / WHEN?

- Installation level; what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 MACOM level; what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 DA Level; what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Never participated at any level

Please return this form to your organization's AFAP point of contact or send to: Cathy Hays, IMSE-RED-MWA, Bldg 3338, Redeye Road, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35758-5000 or fax to 955-9171 or e-mail: cathy.hays@conus.army.mil or visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com) to register and submit a Quality of Life Survey.

## Hospitals trying to connect newcomers with physicians

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provided residents and newcomers with medical information and information on physicians accepting patients. But that service was better emphasized beginning in March when the hospital established a physician referral hotline at 1-866-581-BRAC (2722) or locally 265-9240. It can also be accessed through the hospital's website at [www.hhsys.org/brac/](http://www.hhsys.org/brac/).

"We are doing a little bit more to make sure they get connected," he said. "After we get a call on the hotline, we re-contact the caller to make sure they got connected with a physician and to assist with any questions about the medical community. We are also contacting physicians regularly about their availability to new patients, updating their specialty information and checking on the types of insurance they accept.

"This is a coordination, communication and connection type program to meet the needs of the community as a whole. This is as much about telling the story of health care in our community as it is about referring physicians."

The hotline also provides information about specialty areas and explains the benefits of using family physicians, which Huntsville has in abundance.

"The primary concern of any family coming into a new area is the medical services and the quality of care provided," Ingram said.

"At Huntsville Hospital, we have 650 physicians with privileges. The medical

services we provide at Huntsville Hospital or anywhere in the community will rank among the best in the nation. Our heart program is in the top 10 percent in the country. We have an outstanding trauma center, a women's and children's hospital with pediatric specialties and a St. Jude clinic. Our quality of care in Huntsville is very high."

Lori Light, spokeswoman for Crestwood Medical Center, said Crestwood has always had a physician referral program, but in April that program was more formalized and expanded because of BRAC concerns. The Crestwood Medical Center Physician Referral Line can be reached by calling 429-5000 or visiting the hospital's website at [www.crestwoodmedcenter.com](http://www.crestwoodmedcenter.com).

"Now we are doing a biannual survey of physicians in the community and we update their information on our website. We also update the website whenever we have new physicians," she said.

Light said Crestwood also has an aggressive physician recruitment plan, and has recruited 16 new physicians, many in the primary care fields of family practitioners and internal medicine, to the community so far this year.

"We've also commissioned an organization to look at how many physicians are needed to serve our community," she said. "We are always looking at demographics and trends, and trying to match what we provide with the evolving medical needs of the community."

For more information on Huntsville's medical services and other quality of life issues, visit [www.tennessee-valley.org](http://www.tennessee-valley.org) or [www.asmaplace.com](http://www.asmaplace.com).

# CID special agents safeguard truth

## Criminal investigators respond to felonies

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If you commit a felony on Redstone Arsenal, the Criminal Investigation Division is hot on your trail. While they are not a large organization, they perform a big service to the entire installation.

"We deal with, I'm not afraid to say, the worst 2 percent that the Army has to offer on a daily basis. We deal with criminals," Jason Day, special agent in charge, said. "We also deal with victims. They've usually got only one chance to come forward and say this is what happened. It's our job to prove or disprove a case."

Located in the Directorate of Emergency Services building just off Gray Road, CID occupies the southern end of the facility. Within their walls, three active duty investigators, Day, and civilian support staff are hard at work. However, don't confuse them with the civilian CID office across the street. The two handle very different workloads.

"We handle the rapes, murders, robberies and frauds under a certain dollar amount," Day said. "Any major procurement frauds, contract frauds and things like that are done by Major Procurement Fraud unit for CID... They are special agents also. They are our counterparts on the civilian side."

The active duty investigators respond to reports of fires, sexual assaults, burglaries over \$1,000 and certain other crimes considered above and beyond what the provost marshal investigators handle, per Army Regulation 195-2.

"If CID investigates it, it has to be felony level," Day explained.

When a call comes into DES that falls within their scope, CID investigators are called, regardless of day or time. There is always an agent on call. Most often, two agents will head to the scene. Working in teams makes the most of each agent's strengths and cross trains them in other areas.

Investigators make the most of their extensive training. In addition to any police or investigative experience they may have had before, CID special agents spend over four months in dedicated study before their gumshoes hit the pavement.

"Our training is as thorough or more thorough than any other federal agency," Day said. "Thoroughness is our watchword. As long as we find everything we can, we will find the truth. For an investigative agency, we have one of the most experienced and trained teams in any aspect of law enforcement."

The training is beyond what a standard military or civilian policeman receives. Day likens it to training at the FBI or ATF level. In fact, CID agents serve in a capac-



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**COMPARING NOTES—** Special agent in charge Jason Day and special agent Chris Coffey discuss case notes at the Criminal Investigation Division.

ity similar to that of the Secret Service for top military officials.

"CID details protect the top seven individuals in the Department of Defense," Day said. "We also protect their counterparts and other high ranking military officials regardless (of branch of service)."

Agents investigate cases from beginning to end. That means they are at the crime scene collecting evidence, following leads and processing information as the investigation progresses and eventually working with prosecutors when the matter goes to trial.

"We go all the way through prosecution – testifying in court, submitting evidence to a crime lab, doing all the interviews and eventually testifying in court," Day said. "We work with the Staff Judge Advocate here on the Arsenal, the assis-

tant U.S. attorney and district attorney in Huntsville. We work a lot of joint investigations with all of the local, state and federal investigative agencies – Huntsville and Decatur, FBI, ATF and DEA."

## Tenants of Redstone 17th in a series

Day said they are careful to keep personal feelings out of their investigations. While they might feel sympathy for a victim, their ultimate loyalty is to the truth.

"We're not swayed for one side or the other. We are going to collect every piece of evidence we can find. We're going to go through it and let the evidence lead us to the truth. The most rewarding thing is finding the truth," Day said. "Part of our

oath we take is to 'seek diligently to discover the truth, deterred neither by fear or prejudice.'"

Despite being Soldiers, agents at work are not usually in uniform outside the office. Most often they will be in civilian business attire or if the scene calls for it, in work clothes. They are also not addressed by their military rank.

"We may have to interview higher officers during an investigation," Day explained. "This way rank is not an issue."

Because they are Soldiers, agents deploy just like any other. Each member of Redstone's unit has served in forward areas. Day has spent time performing CID duties in Iraq.

"Every agent in this office has been deployed at least once," he said. "We do the same job there. We support commanders, brigade combat team commanders and overall theater commanders."

While the basics of the job are the same regardless of location, the war environment does make for a few differences. The distance between bases makes traveling between posts more difficult. Investigating in a war zone has other complications as well.

"Here, I can hold a (crime) scene as long as I need to," Day said. "There that scene may be in the middle of the desert where hostile fire is or has taken place. We have to get in there, collect what we can, photograph what we can and get out. There is no going back for rechecks."

Day said CID is always looking for new agents. While they ask for applicants with two years of college and prior police experience, waivers are available. The requirements, like the job, are demanding. Day maintains that the training and opportunities available are well worth it.

"There is no other military investigative organization like CID," he said.

In addition to their investigative duties, Redstone's CID agents go into the community to teach Team Redstone about crime prevention. Regardless of whether they are talking to young Soldiers about preventing sexual assault or teaching civilian workers how to prevent crimes in the workplace, agents want to get involved with issues before they become crimes.

"We're a tool to support the community," Day said. "We'll come out to any unit or organization to give briefings. We're happy to do it."

Whenever it appears that a crime has been committed, regardless of its nature, Day advises people to refrain from disturbing the scene and any potential evidence as much as possible while waiting for police to arrive.

"If you think a crime has occurred anywhere, unless you are rendering immediate aid to someone, try not to touch anything," he said. "Not everyone knows what we collect at crime scenes. Just call 911 or the MP desk. Don't rummage through things. Let the professionals handle it."

# Redstone worker strikes it big at bowling

Larry Keel among the best in state

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Larry Keel knows how to bowl a strike. Give this Redstone Arsenal worker a few minutes at the bowling center and he can show you how to make a bowling ball glide effortlessly down the lane, curving out and then in to hit the rack of pins just right for a sensational strike.

In fact, Keel, now 48, recalls his dad, who bowled in Army leagues during his years as a Soldier, taking him to the bowling center for the first time when he was 6 years old. To everyone's surprise, the young Keel got a strike with the first bowling ball he threw.

"And then after that, I threw 11 gutter balls," he said.

But Keel wasn't too discouraged. He went on to participate in local youth bowling leagues from the age of 12 until he was 21. He then became active in the Huntsville bowling scene through the adult leagues.

"I always liked the competition, and I've met a lot of great people," Keel said. "It's such an enjoyable sport. Being at the bowling alley has brought me a lot of pleasure and satisfaction over the years. It's also kept me out of a lot of trouble."

Keel, a 1979 graduate of Huntsville High, went on to bowl collegiately with the first bowling team at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

In recent years, Keel's form and talent behind a bowling ball has catapulted him into the best of the best in Alabama bowling. For the past two summers, he has won the gold medal in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame adult bowling competition. He is also a member of the Huntsville Bowling Hall of Fame.

In August, Keel began a three-year term as an elected member of the board of directors for the 5,000-member Alabama State Bowling Association, making him the only member on the board from Huntsville.

"We needed representation on the board because we have a very active Huntsville USBC (U.S. Bowling Congress) Association. Huntsville is one of the biggest associations in the state," he said.

"For years, Huntsville had been well represented on the state board. But recently there hasn't been anybody on the state board from Huntsville, and representation on that board is very important for the sport of bowling in Huntsville."

Keel, who has worked nine years as a recreation assistant for MWR's ITR Ticket Office and who has just begun a new job with another Army division, was a write-in candidate at the board member election at the state association's Montgomery meeting. He received enough of



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**BOWLING FOR FUN—** Redstone's Larry Keel spends a lot of time rolling bowling balls. He recently repeated his win as the gold medalist in the adult division at the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. He has also been elected to the board of the Alabama State Bowling Association, making him the only representative from Huntsville on the state board.

the 78 votes to make him one of four new board members elected.

"I was so honored and humbled to be elected, especially as a write-in candidate. I couldn't believe I actually got voted in," Keel said. "I'm real excited about this because I want to work to help bowling grow as a sport in Alabama."

"My main idea is to try to get more adults interested in bowling. Collegiate bowling has really taken off in the last few years, and so has high school bowling. Now, I'd like to see adult bowling take off. The thing about bowling is you can bowl at any age — 18, 28, 68, 88. So, we should be able to increase interest in bowling among adults."

Although Keel has bowled almost his entire life, he knows it can be difficult to find time for the sport when adult responsibilities become overwhelming. He has faced that same struggle in his own life, and it has shown in his bowling record. Although he won the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame the past two years at the games in Birmingham, Keel actually won it for the first time in Huntsville at Pin Palace in 2003, the same year he was inducted in the local hall of bowling heroes. But responsibilities got in the way of repeating a win until the 2007 and 2008 games in Birmingham.

"I really haven't bowled that much the

last 10 to 12 years because of other obligations and a work schedule that had me working on weekends and evenings," he said. "But my new job will hopefully free up weekends so that I can bowl more. It's a great sport for adults to be involved in because it's fun and gives you exercise."

Keel's gold medals at the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame qualify him to compete in the State Games of America in Colorado Springs in August 2009. That's a trip he plans to make.

"I've bowled with a lot of great bowlers over the years. I have bowled with the best bowlers in the state of Alabama, and many of those bowlers are right here in Huntsville," he said. "Now, I'm ready to meet bowlers at the national level."

But having the highest competitive bowling score, and receiving honors for his skill and talent isn't what drives Keel's dedication to the sport.

"For me, it's more important that I do things that help grow this sport," he said. "I want to give back to bowling what it's done for me. When I was young, if I hadn't had bowling and spent all my time at the bowling alley, I would have gotten myself into a lot of trouble. Then, as an adult, this sport — along with my wife — have helped me tremendously. I want to see this sport help other young people and adults."

# Taekwondo more than just a sport

Instructor instills confidence, discipline in his students

By JO ANITA MILEY

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There are guys who look like they might snap your spine if you cross them the wrong way, but Jeffrey Davis is not one of them. Soft-spoken, mild-mannered and conspicuously reluctant to punch other people, he gives little hint of the fourth-degree black belt lurking within. Davis is a world-class contender in national and international Taekwondo tournaments.

For the past three years, Davis has worked as a management analyst in the Army Engineering and Support Center's Business Management Office. His primary responsibility lies in the area of manpower management. He manages the civilian work force structure at the center, making sure there are a correct number of positions available to accomplish the mission. He is a 23-year retired veteran of the Army and a proud graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy, Class 51 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Davis has a tremendous record as a competitor. His talent, dedication and experience are such that he has dominated virtually every contest he's entered. He is a member of the World Taekwondo Federation, the U.S. Taekwondo Union, the Amateur Athletic Union and the U.S. Specialty Sports Association.

"I've always been an athlete. I was very successful in playing basketball, football and track. I excelled in these sports, and was looking for another challenge," Davis said. "This is how I found Taekwondo. Well, maybe I should say it found me."

For Davis, the martial arts aren't about spine snapping or fighting. He said the point is the underlying values and principles he learned early on as a 15-year-old growing up in a small, southwest suburb of Chicago. Several neighborhood men taught martial arts to boys in the community to keep them focused and out of trouble.

Davis said he had no idea how far he'd go in the sport. What originally began as an activity to keep him away from the mean streets of Chicago eventually altered his life forever. He continued in the sport throughout his high school years and entered the military. It was after he was transferred to Uijeongbu City, South Korea, that Davis began his formal training at a military base called Camp Red Cloud.

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“It was at Red Cloud that I finally took the sport seriously. I learned that the five tenets of Taekwondo (courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self control, indomitable spirit) reflect that Taekwondo is a mental discipline as well as a physical one,” Davis said. “Taekwondo helps students develop improved awareness, confidence, focus, discipline, memory and respect. I knew I had found what would be my greatest challenge.”

Davis said Taekwondo techniques can be used for self-defense. It’s not a disabling or overly aggressive sport, but a harmonious one that brings people together, not harm them. Taking part in a competition is not to hurt or embarrass your opponent, but to test your strength, in both physical and mental ways.

In the study of martial arts, few things are more important than mental awareness, having confidence and self-control, Davis said.

“The mental benefits of any martial art include helping each student improve in the areas of discipline, respect for oneself and others, focus or concentration, and self-confidence or self-esteem,” he said. “The physical benefits are improved flexibility, coordination, balance, stamina, body tone, and, of course, in the ability to defend or protect oneself.”

Taekwondo is a very competitive sport, with many different levels and degrees. Students can attain up to a ninth-degree black belt.

“It took me 20 years to earn my fourth-degree black belt due to the frequency of my military reassignments,” Davis said.

Next summer he heads to Virginia to test for his fifth-degree black belt under the World Taekwondo Federation.

Davis has earned a reputation as a top-notch coach, instructor and mentor. He has coached Taekwondo champions throughout the Huntsville-Madison County area; and he is the founder of Rocket Taekwondo, a martial arts program held in three locations. He teaches at the Redstone Youth Services, the University of Alabama-Huntsville Fitness Center and the Jones Valley Wellness Center, averaging more than 100 students over the course of a week.

“I really enjoy motivating others,” Davis said. “I like developing their confidence level, teaching them proper self-control and helping them to recognize their own strengths and talent. Since no two students are the same, I cater the program of study according to an individual’s skill level and ability.”

Davis’ program is family-friendly and motivating for the young and old alike. Ramona Whitmore, secretary in Ordnance and Explosives Directorate, has a son, Miles, who has been in Davis’ class since 2005. In the past, Davis allowed her to sit in on the class and participate with her son to become familiarized with the sport.

“Jeffrey is a good instructor. He is firm, but soft-spoken with the kids — very fair and patient,” Whitmore said. “I was very



Photo by Jo Anita Miley

**CLASS IN SESSION— Taekwondo instructor Jeffrey Davis spars with student Rachel Hernandez, who has a black belt, in the Redstone Youth Services gymnasium.**

concerned about there being violence in the sport, so he allowed me to take part in a couple of classes to experience it for myself.”

Whitmore said Davis knows his students and really cares about their lives outside the sport, and is always concerned about their well-being.

Miles has done exceptionally well in the program and will compete for his black belt next year.

Taekwondo is popular for its employment of kicking techniques which distinguishes it from karate or kung fu. The art in general emphasizes kicks thrown from a mobile stance, employing the leg’s greater reach and power (compared to the arm). Traditional Taekwondo training generally includes a system of blocks, kicks, punches and open-handed strikes.

For Davis, Taekwondo is an analogy for his life. It has helped to define him as the type of person he is today; and to stay focused, grounded and humble.

Davis said he always finds a connection between himself and others. Taekwondo has also given him a great sense of self-confidence, and it helps him to do his job better. He likes getting up and coming to work each day.

Davis has a passion for mentoring others. He wants to stay involved in martial arts for as long as he can.

“I absolutely love what I do,” he said. “I get excited when I get a new student. I love inspiring people to feel good about themselves, I love to see the look on a child’s face when they finally overcome some of the fears that may come with the sport, and I am always amazed to see what they have learned over time.”

He said growth in the sport is largely because of Taekwondo programs like his that actively promote the sport.

“I tell my students they can do anything they want to do if they apply themselves,” he said. “Whether it’s in or out of the ring, their accomplishments can be unlimited. I can help them. In turn, I can keep the art alive through them.”

# Headquarters & Alpha captures Commander's Cup

*Gators edge Bravo for sports trophy*

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Headquarters & Alpha Company sits atop the troop sports world this year.

The Gators have won the Commander's Cup by compiling the most points in the unit-level sports for fiscal 2008. The seasonal sports include flag football, basketball, volleyball, softball, golf and a 5K run.

Headquarters & Alpha finished first with 331.7 points, followed by Bravo Company with 328.6 and the Marines with 320.7. Eleven units participated.

"A win is a win, that's what I'm talking about," an elated Staff Sgt. Troy Davis of Headquarters & Alpha said after hearing the news. "It was a lot of teamwork, a lot of dedication. We placed the team first, and great motivational keys from our commander Capt. (Maurice) Miles."

Davis, a platoon sergeant, played volleyball for the Gators.

"I think it was a good team effort," said Staff Sgt. Felix Knight, who also played volleyball. "We didn't look at it as on

an individual basis. We were just looking at it as working as a team and achieving the team goal which was winning the championship this year."

Bravo finished second for the second straight year. Last year the Bulldogs were runner-up to the Marines, who won two consecutive Commander's Cups.

"I have to thank all the Soldiers who participated," Bravo 1st Sgt. Chris Mazur said. "They stayed motivated and they never quit on themselves. And they gave 100 percent."

Bravo commander Capt. Jay Gavigan, like Mazur, plays on the Bulldogs teams.

"We had the Soldiers come out to the events even if they weren't on the teams," Gavigan said. "We let them know. So it was always a good turnout, people cheering us on."

The award ceremony is Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. at Pagano Gym.

Here are the final standings for the fiscal 2008 Commander's Cup: 1. Headquarters & Alpha (331.7), 2. Bravo (328.6), 3. Marines (320.7), 4. NCO Academy (233.6), 5. HHC 59th (206.7), 6. Charlie (154.7), 7. 326th Chemical Company (133), 8. National Guard (101.8), 9. AMCOM (46.9), 10. 375th Engineers (28.1) and 11. MEDDAC (0).



**GATORS GLOW**— Headquarters & Alpha players celebrate their basketball championship March 17 after winning the final against HHC 59th. The Gators went on to earn the fiscal 2008 Commander's Cup for unit-level sports.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

# Louisiana State to survive Florida swamp

Tigers favored over Gators

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

- LSU at Florida — **LSU**
- Tennessee at Georgia — **Georgia**
- Grambling at Alabama A&M — **Grambling**
- Arkansas at Auburn — **Auburn**
- Clemson at Wake Forest — **Clemson**
- UAB at Houston — **Houston**
- Louisville at Memphis — **Louisville**
- East Carolina at Virginia — **EC**
- Iowa at Indiana — **Iowa**
- Minnesota at Illinois — **Illinois**
- Rutgers at Cincinnati — **Cincy**
- Syracuse at West Virginia — **WV**
- Toledo at Michigan — **Mich.**
- Texas at Oklahoma — **Okla.**
- Colorado at Kansas — **Kan.**
- South Carolina at Kentucky — **Ky.**
- Kansas State at Texas A&M — **State**
- Utah at Wyoming — **Utah**
- Vanderbilt at Mississippi State — **Vandy**
- Nebraska at Texas Tech — **Tech**
- Arizona State at Southern California — **USC**
- Michigan State at Northwestern — **State**
- Notre Dame at North Carolina — **ND**



- Purdue at Ohio State — **OSU**
- TCU at Colorado State — **TCU**
- UCF at Miami (Fla.) — **Miami**
- Arizona at Stanford — **Arizona**
- New Mexico at Brigham Young — **BYU**
- Iowa State at Baylor — **Baylor**
- Boise State at Southern Miss — **Boise**
- Oklahoma State at Missouri — **Missouri**
- Penn State at Wisconsin — **Penn State**
- Tulsa at Southern Methodist — **Tulsa**
- Tulane at Texas-El Paso — **Tulane**
- Air Force at San Diego State — **AF**
- Idaho at Fresno State — **Fresno**
- UCLA at Oregon — **Oregon**
- Eastern Michigan at Army — **EM**
- Washington State at Oregon State — **OS**

# CID seeking candidates to become special agents

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, is seeking qualified applicants to become highly-trained criminal investigators.

Special agents are responsible for investigating felony-level crime of Army interest, conducting protective-service operations, and working with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in specialized investigative disciplines. Selected agents receive advanced training at the FBI National Academy, Metropolitan Police Academy at Scotland Yard, DoD Polygraph Institute, and the Canadian Police College. Agents also have the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in forensic science from George Washington University.

To qualify, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years old, be an E-5, sergeant (non-promotable), with at least two years but not more than 10 years time in service, have an ST score of 107 or higher (ST of 110 if tested prior to Jan. 2, 2002), have at least 60 college credit hours from an accredited

institution (waiver of up to half of this prerequisite may be considered if favorably endorsed by the local CID office), have a physical profile 222221 or higher, with normal color vision and no record of mental or emotional disorders, a minimum of one year of military police experience or two years of civilian police experience (a waiver of this prerequisite may be considered if favorably endorsed by the local CID office).

Applicants must be able to speak and write clearly, have suitable character established by a Single Scope Background Investigation leading to a Top Secret clearance, no record of unsatisfactory credit and no civil court or court-martial convictions, and lastly, be able to complete 60 months of service obligation upon completion of the Apprentice Special Agent Course.

To apply or for more information visit [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil) or contact your local CID office at Redstone RA (CID), 3623 Gray Road, Redstone Arsenal, phone 876-2037. (CID release)

*Editor's note: This release applies to military members. Any civilians who desire to be a CID special agent should use CPOL.*

## ■ Driver patience appreciated at Gate 1

### Traffic

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more costly to the post than the cost of a spare guard. Add to this the fuel wasted by the dozens of vehicles and it seems to make the cost tradeoff even more obvious.

#### Name withheld by request

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Recently, the installation has experienced sporadic traffic delays at Gate 1 during peak hours, 6-9 a.m. Gate 1 delays are due to an increased heavy volume of commercial trucks arriving during peak hours. Although guard assets are*

*stretched very thin, in order to minimize congestion at Gate 1, the Redstone Police Department re-assigned an additional guard to assist with traffic.*

*"The additional guard allows the flexibility to assist with truck inspections or check IDs in POVs, depending on what is required. When commercial truck traffic backs up, guards are able to close a general traffic lane and open two commercial lanes. Opening two commercial lanes allows oversized vehicles to move to the processing area faster (from a traffic lane), thus allowing employee traffic to reach the gate faster. When commercial traffic slows down, guards are able to close a commercial lane and open all three general traffic lanes. Your patience is appreciated and will be needed in the near future as we prepare to begin construction at Gate 1 to enhance our security posture."*

# 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).

## 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.

## Bowling benefit

Teams are needed for the Bowl for Kids' Sake fund-raiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9 at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. at Plamor Lanes, 2404 Leeman Ferry Road. For more information, call 880-2123 or visit [www.bbbsna.com](http://www.bbbsna.com).

## Sparkman High tourney

The third annual Sparkman Senator Baseball Golf Tournament is Oct. 25 at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. Check in begins at 11:45 a.m., with the shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$400 per team (cart and lunch provided). Register your team by Oct. 15. Make checks payable to Sparkman Diamond Club. The mailing address is Sparkman High School, c/o Sparkman Diamond Club, 2616 Jeff Road, Harvest, AL 35749. You must include driver's license and telephone numbers. For more information, call Kim Hughes 653-4721.

## Fall classic tourney

The Huntsville Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will hold its first Fall Classic Golf Tournament on Oct. 24 at the Links at Redstone. The shotgun start is 8 a.m. Cost is \$55 per player. Corporate sponsorship is \$320, which includes one four-man team

and one hole sponsorship, and \$100 for hole sponsor only. Format is four-man scramble. The price includes green fees, cart rental, range balls, lunch and drinks. For information call Jeff Edwards 890-2739.

## 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 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 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

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Classes on Tuesday 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. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621, cell 527-4475 or e-mail tkunhart@knology.net.

## 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.



## 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.

### Defense association

National Defense Industrial Association, Tennessee Valley Chapter will have a luncheon Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Marriott, Tranquility Base. Registration will open at 11. The price is \$20. Charles Wiley is to speak on "Accuracy of Reporting in the Media." For more information, call Sigma Services 533-6986.

### 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.

### Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments and social time start at 9:30 a.m., with the business meeting at 10. A representative from Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound (CASA) will speak. For more information, call 519-3327 or 539-1333.

### Unmanned systems

Unmanned Systems Symposium is Oct. 14 at the enGenius Auditorium, 655 Discovery Drive. It features Paul Bogosian, program executive officer for aviation; Col. Greg Gonzalez, PM UAS; and other speakers on topics relative to various Unmanned Aerial and Ground Systems, and Unmanned Develop Centers. This event is co-hosted by local chapters of AFCEA and AUVERSI and sponsored by BFA Systems, Northrop Grumman, and enGenius Consulting Group. Reservations can be made online at [www.hsv-afcea.org](http://www.hsv-afcea.org).

### 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](mailto:presswood@ncsi.com). To pre-register, visit [www.FederalEvents.com](http://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](http://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



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## Leadership honoree

Latvia army Cpl. Vladimirs Ozolins graduated Oct. 1 from the Ammunition Basic NCO Course. He received the John D. Woodyard Leadership Award for his display of outstanding leadership while attending the course. This was the first time in recent memory that an international student received this award.

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 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](http://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 Comptrollers, 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 Saturday 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 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Hillary Marshall 313-1349.

### Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday 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.

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## 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 Thursday 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.



## 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

### Motorcycle safety

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

### 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.



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## Korean grads

Seven Korean officers graduated Sept. 26 from the Army Acquisition Basic Course. From left are Capt. Chan-Seok Kim, Maj. Il-Young Tak, Maj. Myung-Chul Lee, Maj. Mun-Seok Lee, Maj. Jae-Kyung Jung, Maj. Eun-Su Ohk and Maj. Il Jung.

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**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, 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.

**Veterans office**

The local office for Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs provides assistance to veterans and their families in applying for benefits from the VA. These benefits include, but are not limited to, Service Connected Compensation Claims, Non-Service Connected Pensions, Appeals, Death Benefits for Widows, Education Applications, VA Insurance, and applications for VA Headstone/Markers. The office can also assist you in filing for state veteran benefits, for example the Alabama Dependent Scholarship Program and admittance to the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville. "We

are a full service office with accredited veteran service officers available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are located at 115-B Washington St. off the Courthouse Square in downtown Huntsville," a prepared release said. "Service is based on a first come, first serve system. No appointment necessary." For more information, call 532-1662.

**Acquisition work force**

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

**Army training**

Do you want to be on the cutting edge of Army training? The 1st Battle Command Training Group offers the opportunity for promotion while simultaneously enhancing your professional management, training and leadership skills. It has immediate openings for sergeant first class through lieutenant colonel — specialty and branch are immaterial — who want to transfer and make a significant contribution to the readiness of the Army. The 1st BCTG conducts continental U.S. pre- and post-mobilization computer simulation based Battle Command Staff Training exercises. It trains and validates Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout the Southeast in wartime readiness. It offers CONUS mobilization opportunities training and preparing USAR and ARNG units for deployment. Unit benefits include Fragmented Annual Training, and opportunity to travel throughout the Southeast.

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.

### 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-

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7282, Shelley 230-9307, Amanda 457-6697 or Ruth 883-4364.

### Health center news

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

### Research seminar

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

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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.

## 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 Breedon, relocation assistance program manager at Army Community Service, 876-5397.

## PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will have the following hours Columbus Day, Oct. 13: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ... Concessions, closed. ... Furniture Store, closed. ... One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ... Tire Store, closed. ... Burger King, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ... Military Clothing, closed. ... Barber Shop, building 3479, closed. ... Food Court - Anthony's, closed; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Robin Hood, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Churches, closed; and American Eatery, closed.

## Health benefits

Attention, civilian workers: The Federal Benefits Open Season is Nov. 10 through Dec. 8. During these dates, employees can enroll, cancel or make changes to their health, dental, vision insurance as well as sign up for Flexible Spending Accounts. Specific plan brochures for the new year will be available online closer to open season. Mark your calendar for the Annual Health Fair on Oct. 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the lobby of Bob Jones Audi-

torium. Many of the health, dental and vision providers will attend and distribute information. For more information, contact your servicing Civilian Personnel Advisory Center human resources specialist.

## Moms in Touch

Moms in Touch international prayer ministry says it has "a group of moms in Madison County and surrounding counties praying for students, young adults and schools." For more information, call area coordinator Marilyn Merkel 325-1800.

## Better business workshop

The Better Business Bureau will present a workshop on Managing Multi-Generations in the Workplace Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. The presenter is Cam Marston of Generational Insight. For more information, call Michele McDaniel 533-6456.

## Blood drives

American Red Cross blood drives this month include the following: Oct. 9 from 7-noon at buildings 5308/5309 and 5400. Oct. 10 from 7-noon at 5681 and 7:30-12:30 at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive. Oct. 17 from 8-1:30 at NASA building 4316. Oct. 23 from 7-noon at 6263 and SMDC's 5220.

## Credit union ATM

Redstone Federal Credit Union has opened a new ATM for the employees who work in building 5681. "The new ATM is open and ready to serve our growing member-

ship base that live and work at Redstone Arsenal," said Mark Wood, manager of ATM services at Redstone Federal Credit Union.

## Veteran fund-raiser

Crestwood Senior Circle will hold a "Red, White and Blue Night," Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church to benefit the Veterans Memorial Museum. Cost is \$20. RSVP to Crestwood Senior Circle 429-4070.

## Acquisition professor job

Defense Acquisition University, Program Manager's Course (PMT 401) has multiple positions at DAU Midwest Region, Kettering, Ohio. It seeks well qualified acquisition professionals with recent defense systems management experience (program manager, deputy, or other significant acquisition management experience in government or industry). As a professor of acquisition management you will: apply your knowledge, experience, technical, managerial and leadership competencies to teach and facilitate high levels of learning for the DoD acquisition work force; facilitate classroom-based learning through case studies, simulations and workshops; develop curriculum, writing case studies and teaching guides; consult and mentor executives and senior managers on policy, processes and best practices. For more information, call Bob Steele (937) 781-1055 or see the vacancy announcement number AD-1101-HH19-852-08 at [www.USAJobs.com](http://www.USAJobs.com).

