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Redstone runners repeat winners

Army Ten-Miler team retains division title

By SOFIA BLEDSOE
For the Rocket

WASHINGTON — Perfect weather, perfect race, perfect team.

Defending its title in the government agency category, Redstone Team One took first place for the second year in a row in the 24th annual Army Ten-Miler running race in Washington, D.C. Sunday. It was first of 22 government agency teams and seventh of 507 teams overall.

Redstone Team Two placed third overall in the all-comers category. Team Two was third of 42 all-comers teams.

David Riddle, an aerospace engineer with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, led Team One with his time of 50 minutes and 51 seconds, better than his 52:31 last year. He finished eighth overall, among 18,857 finishers.

"We've never done this well," said Skip Vaughn, *Redstone Rocket* editor, team assistant coach and 15-year veteran of the race.

The Ten-Miler is a very difficult program in which to com-

pete, according to team head coach Harry Hobbs. "Team placements are determined by the top four running times for each group," Hobbs said.

Vaughn said part of Redstone's continued success at the Ten-Miler is due to the support of the Garrison, the Aviation and Missile Command, and the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

More than 50 tents showed their Army spirit and celebrated the race in the Hooah Tent Zone. The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA shared the Alabama Hooah Tent this year with Fort Rucker.

Redstone's two eight-member teams included military, retirees, government civilians and contractors.

Hobbs, a retired chief warrant officer 5 and the JROTC teacher at Columbia High, has been coach for the past five years. "It took me three years to get them here," he said.

Having coached for 10 years in Army teams, Hobbs is also a veteran of the Ten-Miler race and has taken each of his teams to first place starting with Fort Rucker, Fort Sill (Okla.) and now Redstone Arsenal. 2007 marked the first winning year for Team Redstone.

"I had a vision that in order to get to first place, I had to get first class runners from the war fighting community," Hobbs said. "That's why we compete in the government agency (category)."

Hobbs credits the team's winning performance to the right balance in talent, chemistry, training program and synergy. "This whole season for us was perfect," he said.

"You have to train whenever you can," said Col. Tom Newman, AMCOM chief of staff and Team Two member. A lifetime avid runner, Newman heard about the team in 2007 and became a member. The team needed to be dedicated and disciplined to train because everyone worked during the day,



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

SECOND TO NONE— Brad Schroeder helps Redstone Team One to first place in the government agency category. He finished in 55 minutes, 36th overall among 18,857 finishers.



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

TIME CHECK— Team One member Tim Vinson, left, checks his watch en route to his 1:02:46 finish.

Newman said.

"We had to train very early in the mornings starting at 5:30," he said. The team began training together eight weeks before the race. The six-days-a-week workouts included interval training on the track, long distance on the trail and weight lifting.

"We began winning when the team decided to include government civilians and retirees," Vaughn said.

Initially, Redstone's teams consisted entirely of military servicemembers. Vaughn's first opportunity to run in the race came when one year the Redstone team asked him to run with them. "That's when we

started running in different categories," he said.

Riddle credits his personal record time to training for the Rocket City Marathon this year. "The miles paid off," he said. "This is my best time yet. It was a great race."

Now in its 24th year, the Army Ten-Miler is an annual race held the Sunday before the AUSA Annual Meeting and Convention. The route starts and finishes at the Pentagon and takes runners through national treasures such as the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, and the nation's Capitol.

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An open lane random survey

How would you fix the economy?

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Carol Craft
 AMCOM G-6 (Corporate Information) contractor
"The economy is in the worst shape I've seen it since the early '70s. I think we need more regulation over big corporations – and what I'm talking about is Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. That's the root of the problem. And I just think we need more oversight."



Doris Byrd
 AMCOM G-8 (Resource Management)
"Number one, I don't know if I would really have all these bailouts that we're experiencing right now. I'd look at how we do the bailouts. And I don't think the middle class America should be taxed."



Willie Haney
 AMCOM G-8 (Resource Management) contractor
"I guess we're going to have to wait a little while to see if the fix we've already got is going to work before we try anything else. Good old greed has caused it all – good old greed on everybody's part, especially big business."



Richard Ellis
 Civilian Personnel Operations Center
"I would abolish the Federal Reserve. It violates Article 1, Section 8, Clause 5. Basically, I was in the military. We took an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. And I see none but a few of our elected officials that are standing for the will of the people."



Letter to the Editor

Take stand against domestic abuse

Our Redstone Arsenal family depends on the four cornerstones of Army well being: to serve, to live, to connect and to grow. Domestic abuse undermines Army well being.

We need all Soldiers, civilians, family members and retirees at this installation to dedicate themselves to the prevention of domestic abuse. And we need the commitment of the community at large to collaborate with us in the prevention of domestic abuse. In this high-stress/optempo environment, we need our community to recognize:

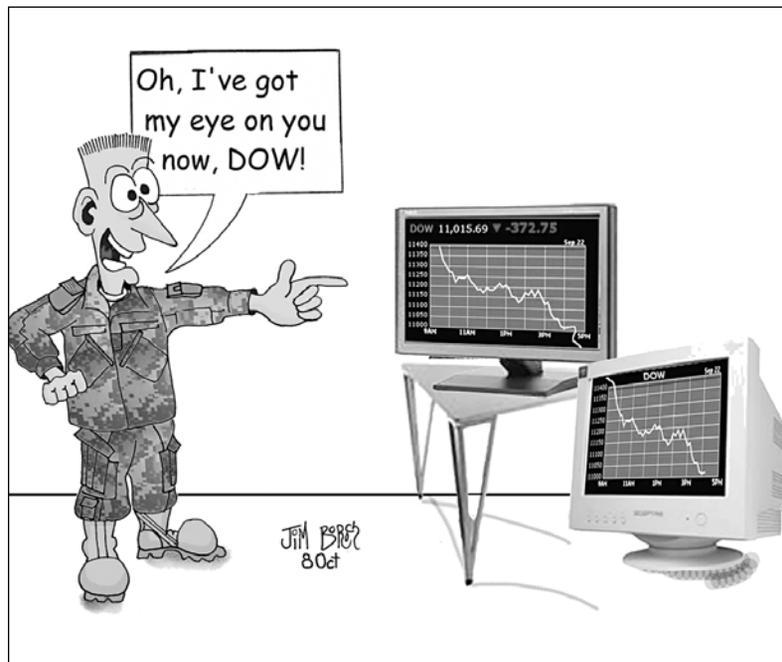
The commitment Soldiers and family members are making every day. The strength of Soldiers comes from the strength of their families. The strength of families is supported by the strength of the community. The strength of the community comes from the support of employers, educators, civic and business leaders and its citizens.

Our Army Community Service works every day to build community partnerships that support the self-reliance, resiliency and readiness of Soldiers and their family members during times of war and peace. This is the power to prevent domestic abuse. Soldiers, families and community: working together they form the perfect combination for prevention.

In the Redstone Arsenal community the Army Family Advocacy Program is charged with the mission of prevention. If you have questions, call the Family Advocacy Program at 876-5397.

I call upon every Soldier, all families, and the total community to become a part of the perfect combination for prevention. To reinforce that commitment, I hereby declare October 2008 to be Domestic Abuse Prevention Month at Redstone Arsenal.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles
 AMCOM and Redstone commander



Garrison seeks customer service feedback

Make your voice heard in the Army Customer Service Assessment Oct. 20 through Nov. 7.

This survey is your chance to provide input to the Redstone Arsenal leadership about what is important to you. The survey is web based and will take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete.

You can access it from any Internet based computer. It will list all services and descriptions of those services on Redstone Arsenal. You will be asked to rate the performance of these services as well as their importance to you.

"To help us better understand the results and to fix any problems or issues, you will be asked to provide comments explaining any less than satisfactory or not important service areas," the Garrison said in a prepared release. "If there is an area or service that you do not use or does not pertain to you it can be marked N/A."

The results will show the Garrison commander how the community views the customer service in each area as well as the importance of the service to the Redstone family.

"We need the survey to be accurate. This is your time to be heard and to be candid," the Garrison said. "Please take a few moments to complete the survey at the link provided from the Redstone, AMCOM and Garrison home page www.garrison.redstone.army.mil. Click on Customer Survey and provide your input to the Customer Assessment. Your Army voice can make a difference."

For more information, call Steve McFadden at 876-3294. (Garrison release)

Quote of the week

History records that the money changers have used every form of abuse, intrigue, deceit and violent means possible to maintain their control over governments by controlling money and its issuance.

— James Madison

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Orange County, Calif.

What do you like about your job?

Blowing stuff up (laugh). I like everything, but that's my favorite. Being able to learn how to manage ammunition. Learning different components that make up the different projectiles.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to read and play soccer.

What are your goals?

My goals are to further my education and become a surgeon as well as getting more knowledge and becoming more proficient in my Army career. I want

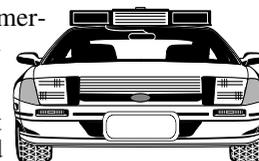


future generations to look up to me.

What's your favorite type of music?
R&B

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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



Oct. 3: When a motorist approached Gate 10 and requested a visitor pass, it was revealed that he was driving with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Oct. 4: A driver who approached Gate 9 and asked for directions was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested by Redstone Police and transported to the police station where he submitted to a Breath Alcohol Test with a result of .2 percent BAC. He was detained until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level; he received a violation notice and was released.

Oct. 4: A subject was found to be operating his vehicle with a suspended driver's license when he approached Gate 9 to obtain a visitor pass. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Oct. 5: An individual entered the Main Exchange, selected video items valued at \$1,195 and left the store without paying. The subject was detained by AAFES security and processed by Redstone Police. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

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

Violation notices issued: 19 speeding, 2 no driver's license, 3 failure to yield, 2 driving while suspended, 2 handicap parking, 1 larceny, 2 no 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 impacting 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 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)



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: _____
DAYTIME PHONE: _____ FAX: _____
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)

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 to register and submit a Quality of Life Survey.

Family *focus*

Family readiness group members fired up

HHC 59th families plan fund-raisers

By Spc. RYAN STROUD
 59th Ordnance Brigade Public Affairs

Members of HHC 59th's Family Readiness Group had their monthly meeting Sept. 30 at the Redstone Bowling Center to discuss upcoming events and fund-raisers for the end of the year.

"We have some exciting parties going up soon," said Erica Wilson, wife of Staff Sgt. Jay Wilson and FRG leader. "One of them is a Fall Festival, where we will have a pot-luck dinner, games for kids and the kids can even come wearing costumes to the events, plus other exciting events. We're looking to do the Fall Festival on Oct. 28, but the date might change.

"Also, we are having a family day Oct. 9th," she continued. "This is where the family of a Soldier can come into work and experience PT (physical training) and get a better idea of what our Soldiers are doing during the day. EOD will be conducting a robotics demonstration and family members will also be able to see a simulation at the EST 2000 and top the day off with a barbecue."

Along with planning parties and making care packages for new Soldiers and their families coming into the unit, the FRG wanted to generate ideas for fund-raising toward their next family events.

"We are currently brainstorming for our next fund-raiser which will go toward the Fall Festival and a Christmas party," Wilson said. "We've come up with some great ideas, so that should be really fun.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

JUST LIKE DAD— Staff Sgt. Jay Wilson of HHC 59th plays with his son during the Family Readiness Group meeting Sept. 30. The FRG, which is led by Wilson's wife, Erica, meets every month to discuss events and fund-raising activities.

"All the money we get from our fund-raisers goes right back into activities for the Soldiers and their families," she added. "So it's important for us to get out there to not only raise money but also raise awareness about what we are doing for the families."

Wilson and the Soldiers and family members of HHC 59th encourage all other family members interested in participating in the upcoming fund-raisers or joining the FRG to contact HHC 59th for more information. They can be reached at 876-9594.

Runners

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“It is a great opportunity to see all the sights,” said Riddle. He said he is honored to have run with very talented runners. “It is a unique setting you don’t get anywhere else.”

Redstone Team One members, and their finish times, included Riddle (50:51), Brad Schroeder (55:00), Jason Reneau (56:59), Brett Addington (59:28), Tim Vinson (1:02:46), Hobbs (1:18:53), Vaughn (1:25:44) and Lt. Col. Christine Hackett (1:37:24).

Redstone Team Two included Randy McFarland (1:06:43), Nathan Graham (1:07:08), Jason Gilliam (1:09:45), Capt. Paul Laracy (1:10:20), Joseph Robenson (1:17:35), Capt. Laura Matejik (1:18:07), Capt. Wade Preston (1:19:50) and Newman (1:22:03).

“When you have Redstone Arsenal on



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

TOP RUNNER— Redstone’s top finisher David Riddle (50:51) is introduced by AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles during a reception for the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

your chest, it makes you run faster,” Vaughn said.



Photo by Erica Hobbs

TROPHY PRESENTATION— Members of Redstone’s running teams gather onstage to accept the trophy for the government agency category at the 24th annual Army Ten-Miler.

Fox prepares for battle against influenza season

Health center sees risk from bird flu

By KARI HAWKINS
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Military success on the battlefield is only possible when there is an aggressive strategic plan in place – and so it is true, too, when fighting communicable diseases that can spread through the population like wildfire.

And, as the flu season draws nearer, Fox Army Health Center is once again at the forefront of Redstone Arsenal's battle against this highly infectious disease.

This year, however, the worries of a pandemic influenza outbreak are heightened.

Since 2003, there have been growing fears of a pandemic influenza outbreak, which is a global outbreak of a flu virus that most people are not immune to and that spreads easily from person to person. The World Health Organization, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Center for Disease Control and Prevention and various international health organizations are increasingly concerned that the spread of avian influenza A (H5N1) – more popularly known as the bird flu – from Asia, Europe and Africa to the rest of the world represents a significant threat to human health. Though this deadly strain of flu is currently only transmitted to humans through direct contact with infected poultry or wild birds, it is thought that eventually this influenza virus will evolve



Photo by Kari Hawkins

REVIEWING PLAN— Dan Morgan, chief of operations at Fox Army Health Center and the project officer for the center's Pandemic Influenza Exercise, talks over flu prevention measures with, from left, health care providers Tamiriz Centeno and K.C. Kelly, and logistics administrator and public health emergency officer Cherie Miller. They are preparing for an Pandemic Influenza Exercise at FAHC on Oct. 27-30 that will include a mass flu immunization Oct. 28 at Heiser Hall for active duty personnel and a simulated pandemic influenza outbreak exercise.

so that it can spread more easily to humans and from human-to-human contact.

To combat the growing threat of a pandemic influenza outbreak, the Northern Command, which is charged with defending America's homeland, has developed a comprehensive national pandemic influenza plan. To support this effort, the Army's Southeast Regional Medical Command has charged its hospitals and centers with conducting a pandemic influenza exercise, and assisting Garrison officials with writing or updating pandemic influenza plans.

In response, Fox Army Health

Center will participate in a pandemic influenza exercise Oct. 27-30 that will include a mass flu immunization at Heiser Hall for active duty military on Oct. 28, a public awareness campaign and a simulated pandemic influenza outbreak exercise conducted internally at FAHC's emergency operations center and within the Southeast region.

"There is an increasing fear of a pandemic influenza outbreak on a large scale," said Dan Morgan, FAHC's chief of operations and project officer for the Pandemic Influenza Exercise at the center.

"The outbreak of a deadly flu

virus is something of major concern to most countries, and certainly to the U.S."

There have been three pandemic flu outbreaks in the last 100 years – the Spanish Flu of 1918-19 that killed 50 million worldwide and 675,000 people in the U.S.; the Asian Flu of 1957-58 that killed 1 to 2 million worldwide and 70,000 in the U.S.; and the Hong Kong Flu of 1968-69 that killed 700,000 worldwide and 34,000 in the U.S.

"Originally, we began planning for the outbreak of a large flu problem," Morgan said. "But, in China, there is a concern that people dealing with livestock – specifically poultry – will cause an avian flu outbreak that will eventually be transmitted from human being to human being. The H5N1 virus now can transmit from animal to human through direct contact with poultry feces. But if it changes to where it can transmit from human to human we will have an influenza outbreak of the likes that we have not seen in U.S. history."

Though deaths related to H5N1 have been limited to direct contact with infected poultry, flu strains are constantly changing and there is a likelihood that the H5N1 strain will eventually evolve so it can transmit from human to human. H5N1 represents the deadliest flu strain currently, but other flu strains can also pose a threat to the world population if they spread quickly.

"With any flu virus that can move from human to human, say you have someone infected with

the flu virus that gets on a plane in China with 300 people," Morgan said. "The air circulated in that plane will pick up the virus and everyone in the plane will breathe that air. The virus potentially infects everyone on that plane.

"Some people will naturally be immune. But others will travel on to Denver, Chicago, Europe, and they are all now carrying the virus. You could have a worldwide explosion of that virus in a few days or a few weeks."

During the past several weeks, FAHC has been participating in regional video teleconferences to discuss how to limit the outbreak of the flu and how to mitigate an outbreak once it has occurred. Besides Morgan, center employees participating in this year's flu prevention planning include health care providers K.C. Kelly and Tamiriz Centeno, and center logistics administrator Cherie Miller.

"It is estimated that an influenza outbreak could degrade our work force by 30 to 40 percent," Morgan said. "That is not just at Fox or Redstone Arsenal. That could be throughout the community and the nation. If that happens, employees won't be able to go to work. It could affect our transportation system, our schools, our stores and our businesses. It could have a significant impact not only on our health but also on our economy."

Though there is a threat each flu season that a pandemic flu outbreak will occur, the existence

Flu

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of the H5N1 virus makes that threat an even greater possibility. H5N1 is particularly threatening because most humans are not immune to it and there is currently no vaccine to prevent it.

Yet, Fox officials say that getting a flu vaccine which protects against the three major flu strains can help curb the effects of the H5N1 if it is contracted.

“The more people who are vaccinated the more we develop a herd immunity,” Miller said. “We want to get as many people vaccinated as possible so that we can lessen the effects of any type of flu virus

on our Arsenal population.”

Miller has been appointed the center’s public health emergency officer and Col. Kevin Michaels of Fox has been appointed the installation medical emergency officer. They will interface with the Garrison if there is a pandemic flu outbreak on the Arsenal.

During the mass flu virus immunization for active duty on Oct. 28, Fox health care providers will wear personal protective equipment – including a mask and gown — as part of the pandemic influenza exercise.

“This will be a practice for us to prepare us for a real event,” Miller said. “You don’t want the medical people who care for you to also get sick.”

After the event, Fox will review lessons

learned and ways to improve the process.

“Our goal is to identify and refine our pandemic influenza planning,” Morgan said. “With more experience, we can identify our shortcomings and rewrite the medical part of the Garrison’s pandemic influenza plan.”

It is estimated that Redstone Arsenal will provide 7,000 vaccinations to the Arsenal community this year. Flu vaccination exercises will be conducted for National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, essential personnel, military family members, retirees and DoD civilians in early November as vaccine becomes available. The specific dates will be announced in upcoming issues of the *Rocket*.

“Each year, the CDC determines which three strains of flu vaccine are going to be combined in the flu vaccine mist or shot,” Miller said. “There are thousands of flu strains. But only three are in the vaccination.”

Though limited to three strains, the vaccine can help ward off the effects of other flu strains.

“Even if you get a flu strain not included in the vaccination, you won’t get as sick as you would if you didn’t have the

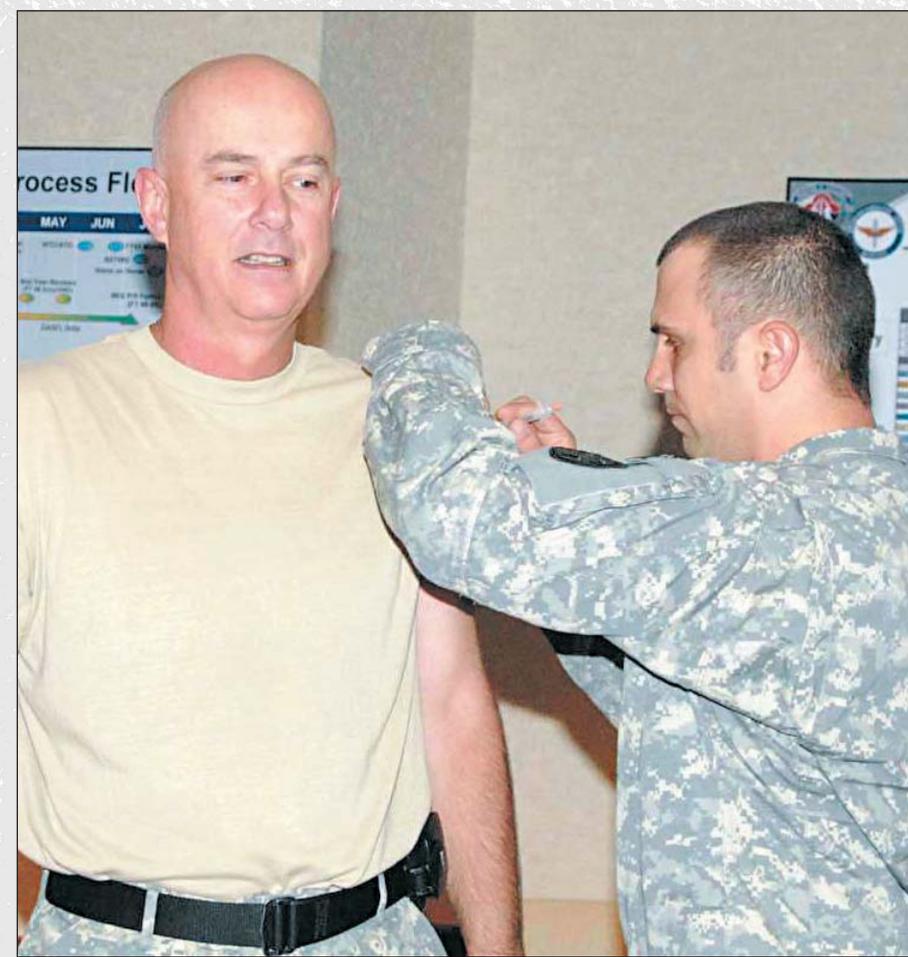
vaccination,” Centeno said.

There are other ways people can lessen the chances of contracting a flu virus, Kelly said.

“You need to wash your hands and limit your access to people with the flu,” she said. “If you are sick, stay home and away from others. When you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue. If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve.”

Wearing a disposable mask is also an option when caring for someone who is sick.

For more information about pandemic flu, visit the following websites: U.S. Government Pandemic Flu Website, <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Avian Influenza, <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian>; World Health Organization-Avian Influenza, http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/index.html; Center for Infectious Diseases Research and Policy-Latest News, <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/index.html>; and Department of Defense Pandemic Flu Watchboard, <https://fhp.osd.mil/aiwatchboard/index.html>.



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

Flu shot

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles receives his flu shot from Fox Army Health Center medic Staff Sgt. Timothy Stehle. Active duty personnel are the first category to receive the flu vaccine. A complete schedule for the flu shot campaign will be published as soon as more vaccine is received by the health center.

Fire safety tip: Practice an escape plan

House fire victim shares experience

By **BECKY PROAPS**
Army Engineering and Support Center

It only takes a few seconds for a fire to destroy everything you own. But if you have an escape plan, your most cherished “possessions” — your family — will survive to tell the story.

Just ask Walter Zange, a safety and occupational health specialist in the Environmental and Munitions Center of Expertise, Army Engineering and Support Center, who lost the majority of his family’s possessions in a devastating house fire in September. An electrical short in an unused electrical outlet in the living room most likely caused a spark and caught the couch, curtains and wall on fire. Zange’s wife Shirley and soon to be 4-year-old daughter Elizabeth were upstairs on the third floor of the house when the smoke detector went off.

Fortunately, because Zange had an escape plan his wife and daughter escaped unharmed.

“You have to have an escape plan and you have to practice it,” Zange said. “I bought a fire ladder about five, six months ago and checked all the smoke detectors. Two of the three smoke detectors didn’t work so I replaced the batteries. If the smoke detector hadn’t been working in the living room, by the time the smoke reached the bathroom where my wife was, it could have easily been too late.”

He stressed that just having the ladder and smoke detectors aren’t enough. It is important to practice different scenarios — to have multiple plans for different situations. The family had a plan that could apply if everyone was home and they had a plan for the times Zange might not be home. It just so happened Zange was at work and his 6-year-old son Walter was at school when the fire occurred.



Photo by Walter Zange
DAMAGED GOODS— This is what remains of Walter Zange’s front door entranceway and family room after a fire swept through his home in September.

It is also important to know how everyone will react in a time of crisis.

“You have to find out if someone is going to freeze up on the ladder. My wife is terrified of heights so I had to coach her into getting onto that ladder when we practiced. If someone can’t do it, you have to figure out another way to get them out of the house. The children also have to know exactly what to do,” Zange said. “One night after the children went to bed, I set off the smoke detector and we practiced. We actually went down the fire ladder, down the side of the house. My daughter did exactly what she was supposed to do when this happened. As soon as she got down she went straight to the

mailbox and waited for her mom.”

Zange reiterated several key points in developing an escape plan and in preparing for such an event. He said finding the correct window for the fire ladder is very important. It should be hung from a window above a flat, straight portion of the house because it is very difficult to climb out over a garage. If you have small children keep a good, strong rope with the ladder so that you can tie the rope around their waist to either lower them down or as a safety precaution if they are able to climb down the ladder. Have a place to meet after each person gets out of the house. If everyone meets in a central location, accountability is much easier. Also take an inventory of personal belongings, furniture and other valuable items in the house and keep it in a safe place. A CD or photographs in a safe deposit box, a fire-proof safe or with relatives will make the inventory process with the insurance company much easier.

Although this was a tragic event in the Zanges’ lives, he expressed his appreciation and gratitude for all the generosity and kindness he received from Huntsville Center employees and especially to David Becker, the organizing force behind the donations. Becker is also a safety and occupational health specialist with the EM-CX.

“It has been amazing at the amount of people who have come out to help and have donated. Everyone gets wrapped up in their own lives; you almost lose faith in humanity until something like this happens. The numbers of people who have donated money, time and clothes — it’s overwhelming,” Zange said. “And Dave Becker headed up everything. He was at my house half an hour after I got the phone call. He pretty much took the bull by the horns and coordinated everything so I wouldn’t have a million phone calls coming. He has made my life so much easier. If not for him, things would have been much more difficult.”

Unfortunately Zange isn’t the only Huntsville Center employee who has experienced such a tragedy. Brandon Hunt, contracting specialist in the Contracting Directorate, lost almost everything in an apartment fire a few months ago that started with a cigarette, cardboard boxes and packing paper in his next door neighbor’s apartment.

“I will never forget that day. It was about 3 or 3:30 in the afternoon. I was in a rush to try to get something done when my cell phone kept ringing. I was hoping it could wait, but after three or four calls I decided I had better call back. It was the apartment management office calling me saying there had been a fire and there was lots of damage,” Hunt said. “My heart sank. Nothing in my apartment was burned, but most things were destroyed by water and smoke, which was everywhere. The roof above my apartment did burn in places, and there were many places where the ceiling caved in with fallen tile and insulation everywhere. I lost about 95 percent of my things. All that was salvageable were bicycles and some CDs, records, audio and video tapes. I went in the apartment later to find a few things such as family heirlooms. Luckily I found most heirlooms, though not all.”

Hunt strongly recommends that anyone living in an apartment purchase renters insurance.

“It is not that expensive, but replacing lost furniture is. Also if you smoke please be vigilant about the possibility of starting a fire. It is a devastating experience and when Walter Zange came to thank me for the donation, I could sense the pain in his voice, because it was in mine,” Hunt said. “I am slowly getting over the pain. It is like you also lose a piece of your heart and soul when things you have purchased and treasured over the years are suddenly gone. Maybe the fiscal-year-end rush is taking my mind off of it some. But I wouldn’t wish this on my worst enemy.”

Take time to think about holiday safety

Brigade safety manager gives advice for everyone

By Spc. RYAN STROUD
59th Ordnance Brigade Public Affairs

As the weather starts to change, leaves start falling from their trees and nightfall seems to come earlier every day, Soldiers at Redstone Arsenal start planning for the upcoming holidays. Three months full of special holidays, trips and family events to end the year can be full of fun, as long as you and your family are safe.

“Seeing and spending time with your family is very important; just about everyone wants to be with family during the holiday season,” 59th Ordnance Brigade safety manager Jesse Lockett said. “So if you are traveling to see your family, you definitely need to take precaution to make sure your trip will be safe.”

Lockett shared advice for those planning on traveling to see their loved ones this holiday season.

“During the holidays, the roads are always busy with oth-

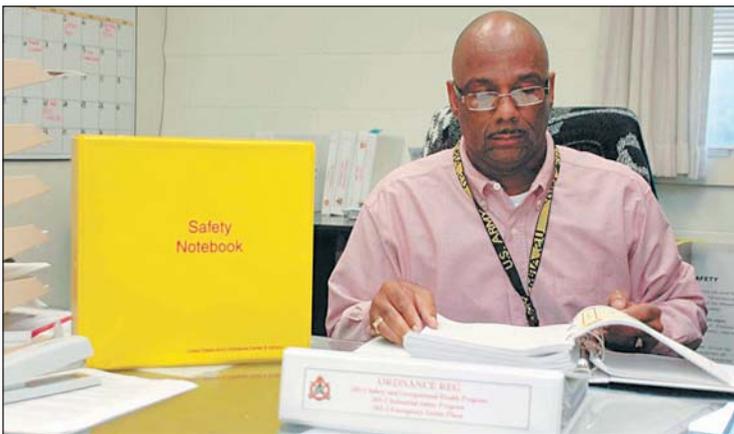


Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

BOOK REVIEW— 59th Ordnance Brigade safety manager Jesse Lockett goes over safety manuals at his desk.

ers also trying to reach their family, so you need to make sure you’re paying attention to your surroundings,” he said. “You may be doing everything correctly on the road, but the person next to you might be on a cell phone and not paying as much attention as they should. Stay alert and aware of what’s happening around you and you may prevent an accident from occurring.

“People like to talk on their cell phones while traveling,” he continued. “If this is necessary, try to use an earpiece so you can keep both hands on the wheel. People are now causing accidents on the road because they are texting others as well. Cell phone use is causing many accidents so try to keep it to a minimum and use that earpiece.”

“Also, driving under the influence is one of the main causes of

accidents during the holiday season and year round. You should always drink responsibly and have a designated driver with you at your holiday parties.”

Lockett also said Soldiers should plan their trip out, not just getting directions beforehand but getting the right amount of rest.

“On long road trips, you really need to plan ahead and get the right amount of sleep the night before,” he said. “If the trip takes 12 hours or so to drive, you should separate the trip for two days of travel. It is really important to get the proper amount of rest during holiday travel.

“It’s also important to properly place your child in his car seat with all the correct attachments buckled because statistics have shown a lot of kids have been thrown from their seat and injured while traveling when not properly locked in.”

Lockett believes military units can get further involved with holiday safety through pushing not only on the common safety tips like “check your tree lights” or “drive with your car lights on,” but other hands-on methods .

“Units can do many things to

help spread the message of holiday safety,” Lockett said. “First of all, prior to holidays, we here at OMEMS stress the Basic Rider Course for motorcycles and the advanced courses as well. Also, POV (personally owned vehicle) inspections and POV awareness classes are always really important before traveling. Any kind of consistent training on safety will always help.

“If you can gather the whole brigade together and stress safety by showing videos or bringing in a guest speaker, you can really reach people that way. Some of the videos you see are very ugly, especially ones of drunk drivers. They can really make you think.”

Holidays are times to relax and enjoy your loved ones. If you properly prepare for the holidays, they will be smoother and more pleasurable.

“Be smart and always think safe. If it’s not safe, or you think it might not be safe, then don’t do it,” Lockett said. “There are so many things one can do to be safe, you have to make sure you embed daily in others to keep thinking safety.”

Heavy machinery calibrates aircraft engines

Army and Air Force install two machines at Redstone laboratory

The Army, working collaboratively with Arnold Air Force Base's Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory, has successfully designed, manufactured,

Security awareness follies make return engagement

AMCOM G-2 performances fulfill training requirements

By AMCOM G-2
For the Rocket

"Bravo!" "Encore!" "Good grief!" This is just some of what critics are saying about this year's "G-2 Follies" Security Awareness Week performance. Regrettably, Helga's return this year is in question as she is under investigation following the Beijing Games' gender and doping scandals. Helga has been detained by authorities and stripped of her gold in the equestrian judo event. However, The Great Sham A Lama Ding Dong pops in to wisely put to bed some of the trickiest security questions, and Captain America just can't seem to stop texting with bad girls.

This presentation fulfills your annual OPSEC training and Security Awareness training requirements for fiscal 2009.

Show times remaining, in Bob Jones Auditorium, include:

AMCOM Life Cycle Management Command – today from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

PEO Aviation – Thursday from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

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

restored and installed two extreme precision force machines.

The force machines – capable of supporting 112,000 pounds and 12,000 pounds – will be used by the Army's Primary Standards Laboratory.

The Army and Air Force laboratories will use load cells calibrated by the force machines for determining force measurements such as critical center of gravity of aircraft (helicopters), and thrust measurement of jet and rocket engines.

"Thrust force measurement is a critical parameter for testing on turbine engines and on rocket motors. The calibrated load cells convert force to an electronic signal that can be acquired and monitored during testing," Steven Lingar, product director for the Army's Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment office, said. "One of the most important parameters for the jet and rocket engines is the thrust produced versus the fuel consumed; optimizing fuel flow rate and thrust is a matter of efficiency."

The work required to get the force calibrators installed and in operation was labor-intensive. The team at Arnold was quick to take on the task of renovating the force calibration machines. Three truckloads of system components were brought back to Arnold for Model Shop machinists and painters to refurbish the stainless steel weights and supporting beams.

"The team meticulously took a system that some may have questioned was salvageable and transformed it into a highly precise system," Col. John Myers, project manager for the Army's Joint Combat Support Systems, said.

Once refurbished, the riggers and crane operator successfully assembled and installed the force machines and components at Redstone Arsenal.

Each of the force machines consists of 36 individual mass items calibrated to an uncertainty of less than 20 parts per million by the National Institutes of Standards and Technology. The larger machine will produce a total force of 112,000 pounds in the local gravity at Redstone Arsenal. The smaller machine will produce 12,000 pounds of calibrated force. (TMDE release)



Courtesy photo
EQUIPMENT CHECK— John Heath, a technician, checks the specifications on the 112,000-pound, dead-weight force machine in the Primary Standards Lab.

Wiener makes one lucky winner of drawing

Hot dog lunch leads to Big Apple trip

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**

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The perfect hot dog is all about the toppings — ketchup, mustard, onions, relish or a kitchen sink version with everything. Darrell Johnson, however, likes his with a trip to New York. He won a vacation from a drawing at Redstone Lanes because he was hungry.

“That was a good hot dog,” he said laughing.

Johnson, an inventory manager with the directorate of logistics, is a frequent lunch patron at Redstone Lanes. Taking advantage of a spring promotion, he stopped by one day to claim a free hot dog. While he was waiting, a staff member suggested he enter a drawing sponsored by the Hebrew National company.

“I just sat here and filled it out,” Johnson said. “I had a co-worker with me. He didn’t want to fill one out. He wished he had now.”

He filled out the slip, dropped it in the box and promptly forgot all about it. Months later, he got an e-mail saying he had won something. He deleted it.

“I thought it was a hoax,” he explained. “You know the kind of e-mails you get. I just knew it couldn’t be real.”

Next, he got a phone call from MWR saying, again, that he had won a contest. Still skeptical, Johnson refused to verify any personal information until he checked it out.

“I came up and talked to John (Howard, bowling center manager),” he said. “I asked him about it and he told me I’d won. I went back home and told my wife that this is real.”

Turns out that trip to Redstone Lanes yielded more than a free lunch. Johnson won an all expenses paid trip for four to New York City, tickets to a Yankees game and \$2,500 in spending money.

“It was amazing,” he said. “I’ve never won anything in my life!”

Last month, Johnson, his wife, son, and sister-in-law hit the Big Apple in style.

Their accommodations put them in the



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

GOOD HOT DOG— Darrell Johnson turned lunch into a trip to New York by winning a drawing sponsored by Hebrew National.

heart of Rockefeller Center, just across the street from the plaza where the NBC Today Show broadcasts on weekday mornings.

“We got to see Al Roker and the others up close,” he said. “I was impressed. They don’t use a teleprompter.”

They also did some of the usual tourist things, like a visit to the Statue of Liberty. Johnson said he and teenage son, Arthur, took the opportunity to visit Ground Zero.

“We got off the bus there just to see it and look around,” he said.

They watched the Yankees defeat the Tampa Bay Rays from good seats, Johnson said. With the Yanks scheduled to move to their new stadium for the 2009 season, the game was one of the final matchups in the 85-year-old venue.

“Our seats were right behind the bullpen,” Johnson said. “Those are \$350 tickets. I couldn’t believe some of the Tampa people came all the way up for that game and left those seats early because they were losing.”

The trip, and the hot dog that made it happen, are memories Johnson said he will always treasure.

“This was a once in a lifetime experience,” he said. “It was the trip of a lifetime.”

Soldiers celebrate brigade's 65th birthday

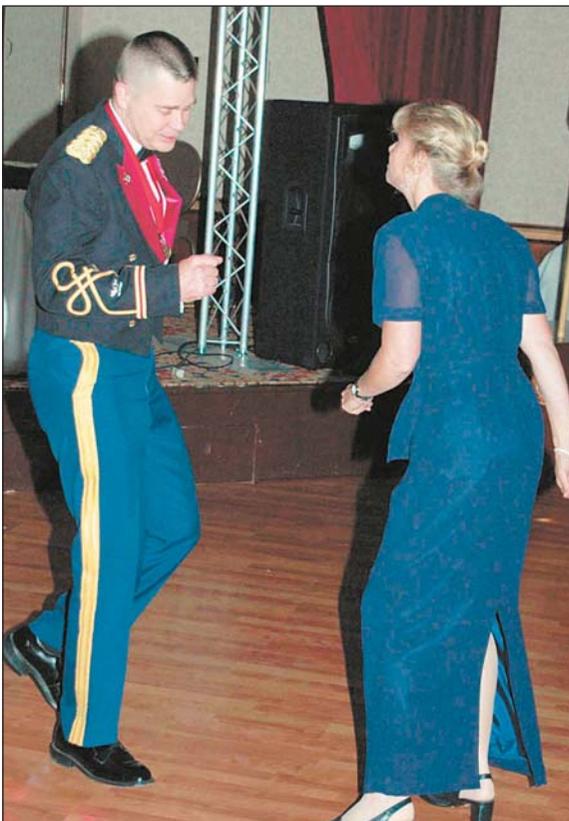


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GETTING DOWN— 59th Ordnance Brigade commander Col. Thomas Keegan and his wife boogie on the dance floor.

59th Ordnance Brigade holds annual ball

By Spc. RYAN STROUD

59th Ordnance Brigade Public Affairs

Soldiers and civilians alike stood in crowded areas, telling jokes and sharing stories while their wives talked about their dresses and where they were purchased. Laughter rang out every few seconds while drink glasses clanged for a toast. Photographs captured smiling couples dressed in Army formal attire and ball gowns.

The 59th Ordnance Brigade 65th Birthday Ball roared into action Oct. 3 as soon as guests started to arrive at the Officers and Civilians Club. The night was a chance for Soldiers of 59th, civilians working with the brigade and many of the brigade's retirees gathering in celebration of one of the Army's proudest units, to wish the 59th the happiest birthday in grand fashion.

The ball had everything a proper formal evening affair had to offer: great music, funny speeches, dancing, flashing lights and major laughs.

"It feels great to be here. I love coming to celebrations (like the birthday ball), I really do," said retired instructor and sergeant first class Sharon Battle, wife of 59th's com-

mand sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle.

"Seeing all the old pictures and footage during the video presentation, it really takes you back," she said. "It brings back great memories of the good times you had working here.

"As a matter of fact, I had a Soldier walk up to me here tonight and he said, 'You don't remember me, do you? You were my platoon sergeant in Germany.' So not only do you see others you used to work with, but people you knew from different areas as well."

Pictures dating back to 65 years lined the club's halls. Old bomb suits were on display as well as military vehicles outside in the parking lot. The entire facility was consumed with Ordnance history for the guests to enjoy.

In attendance for the evening was Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, the 35th Chief of Ordnance, who recognized the many retired Soldiers in attendance, thanking them for their support and service to the Ordnance brigade. He spoke about the future move to Fort Lee, Va., in 2011.

The night ended with many guests boogieing down to "The Electric Slide" on the dance floor while others socialized until the ball's conclusion. It was an eventful evening, recollecting moments of the past, sharing stories of the present, and looking forward to

many new experiences of the future.

"We should have more balls like this one, they're great fun and extremely entertaining," Sharon Battle said. "We should continue to carry on traditions and celebrate being in the Army together.

"Also, it's very important for the Soldiers here to get to know what the Army is about, the camaraderie it offers and to get to see all of this in a formal setting. I encourage all Soldiers, young and old, to come to events like these. It's great to see others in this formal scenery and enjoy special occasions like this one tonight with each other."



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

SHOWING RESPECT— Soldiers render honors during the 59th Ordnance Brigade 65th Birthday Ball.

ATF settles into new home on range

Explosives center under construction

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Redstone Arsenal will be home to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives National Center for Explosives Training and Research facility.

To celebrate this event, ATF acting director Michael Sullivan will host a groundbreaking ceremony at the NCETR site on the morning of Nov. 6. The ceremony will be followed by an explosives demonstration at ATF's newly constructed range. The NCETR facility, scheduled to be completed in 2010, will consist of three explosives ranges, eight classrooms, laboratories, a conference facility, office space for ATF personnel and for partners from throughout the federal, state, local and international law enforcement and explosives communities.

ATF has maintained primary responsibility for enforcing federal explosives laws and regulations for nearly 40 years. ATF's training, research and information-sharing missions in the area of explosives are equally longstanding. In 2002, Congress recognized ATF's efforts and established NCETR with the passage of the Homeland Security Act of 2002. The Act moved ATF from the Department of the Treasury into the Department of Justice, added "Explosives" to ATF's name and established the NCETR within ATF to train federal, state, local, military and international law enforcement personnel to investigate bombings and explosions; properly handle, utilize and dispose of explosives materials and devices; and conduct research on explosives.

ATF selected Redstone Arsenal as the permanent site to house ATF's national explosives program for a number of reasons, to include the availability of a suitable site for the administrative building, explosives storage availability, a domestic airport at Huntsville, a hazardous waste site on base and exclusive-use range avail-

ability. Equally important, major military and civilian research entities are already located at Redstone for collaboration purposes. The main building will house classrooms, explosives examination and research laboratories, and administrative offices. The multi-range complex will be suitable for many activities, from testing everything from large vehicle improvised explosives devices to teaching advanced explosives and disposal operations. It will also house the U.S. Bomb Data Center, which has been designated by the Justice Department as the official repository for all arson and explosives incident data in the United States.

Although the name indicates a national mission, the NCETR facility is expected to encourage cooperation and information sharing on an international level as well. ATF has already received commitments from numerous civilian and military departments, both foreign and domestic, to participate in the many research and training initiatives expected to take place at NCETR.

ATF's technical expertise, knowledge, experience and forensic capabilities related to explosives properties, mixtures, devices, products and forensics are unsurpassed within the federal government. ATF relies on this expertise to provide technically accurate and reliable information to Congress, the public, and law enforcement. The research conducted at NCETR will take three main forms, broadly categorized as:

- Applied research – conducted with the goal to produce data in furtherance of agency objectives to fill a specific need and dedicated to the solution of defined problems.
- Testing and Evaluation – a methodology of applied research that can be characterized as those projects that support classifications, rulings and other official ATF determinations concerning explosives products, tools or devices.
- Reconstruction and Modeling – research that can be characterized as those projects that directly support specific ongoing criminal or terror investigations

and/or prosecutions.

ATF has overseen and/or participated in a number of significant research projects over the years, including a congressionally mandated study into the feasibility of tagging explosives materials for purposes of post-blast detection and identification. It is anticipated that the demand for explosives research projects will increase dramatically in the future.

The Safe Explosives Act of 2002 authorized ATF to collect from manufacturers and importers samples of explosives and ammonium nitrate. Recognizing that it might be possible to solve bombings in which AN is used by studying and identifying the physical properties of the various types of AN manufactured in or imported into the United States, ATF contracted with the International Fertilizer Development Center to assess a methodology for analyzing and determining the source of various types of AN prills produced by all existing manufacturers of AN. This initiative is ongoing.

Many of ATF's research initiatives have been carried out in partnership with the Department of Defense's Technical Support Working Group. Other projects have been narrowly focused on specific problems, for example, the investigation of contamination issues related to post-blast investigations. The Eric Rudolph case clearly showed the

value of this type of research. (Eric Rudolph was convicted of the 1996 Olympic Park bombing.) Some other projects are directly related to the survivability of evidence in post-blast debris (e.g. DNA and fingerprints).

There are no shortage of topics to be investigated, including the use of remote sensors to detect explosive vapors, characteristics of novel and homemade explosives and improvised explosive devices. Other topics that pertain directly to industry operations include empirical studies of magazine locks, locking mechanisms and alarm systems, as well as new technologies such as radio frequency ID chips and bar coding. While some of these topics seem theoretical, ATF's strong practical experience in explosives crime will ensure that research is highly relevant.

ATF has learned through many years of collaboration with federal government entities, the military, academic institutions and the private sector, that there are not enough suitable explosives ranges for conducting these research projects. Redstone is the solution. The feedback that ATF has received thus far from the aforementioned groups has been universally positive. All have expressed excitement over the fact that so many government and private entities will be co-located in order to foster the free flow of scientific information.



Photo by Robert Stevens

Meritorious service

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles awards the Meritorious Service Medal to Lt. Col. Eric Kaempfer, who served as an operations officer within the AMCOM G-3 Operations Center since 2002. Kaempfer's wife, Karyn, received the commanding general's coin in appreciation for her service.

Another big year for association's local chapter

AUSA Redstone-Huntsville best for 5th straight year

By SOFIA BLEDSOE
For the Rocket

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter is simply the best in the Association of the U.S. Army for the fifth consecutive year.

With heads held high as they walked to the stage, the leaders of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, proudly accepted the banner for Best Overall Chapter, an unprecedented accomplishment, at the 2008 AUSA annual meeting and exposition in Washington on Oct. 6-8.

The chapter also received awards at the Third Region Breakfast Oct. 8 for Best Support to Reserve Components, special awards for Army Birthday, Family Programs, Institute of Land Warfare, Take the Hill and Star Chapter; Greatest Percent Increase in Corporate Membership, Greatest Government Civilian Membership, Excellence in Corporate Membership Growth, Presidents Club Gold, Merit Chapter, Superior Chapter, Chapter of Excellence, Support to Recruiting Command, and Support to ROTC – the largest number of streamers given to a chapter in the Third Region.

The chapter region includes counties in Tennessee and northern Alabama including the cities of Huntsville, Birmingham, Florence (University of North Alabama Sub-Chapter), Montgomery and Anniston (Satellite Chapter).

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter hosted an array of activities during the AUSA Expo including a hospitality suite at the Embassy Suites Hotel where they celebrated their Chapter Homecoming, Southern Hospitality Open House, and Chapter Member Appreciation Night.

In addition to the chapter's hospitality suite, they hosted Team Redstone's Soldier and NCO of the Year as part of its delegation. The chapter also sponsored a Hooah Tent at the Army Ten-Miler and cheered Team Redstone's winning teams.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter furthers the aims and objectives of AUSA with a range of programs that promote the Army and support Soldiers (active duty, Army Reserve and Army National Guard), their families and Department of the Army civilians, veterans and retirees.

Chapter goals for 2009-10 include:

Support through grants and donations activities that benefit chapter membership, AUSA, the Army, civilians, and Soldiers and their families.

- Expand activities focused on Army civilians, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, ROTC programs and Army recruiters.

- Strengthen community support for AUSA and expand community involvement in chapter activities.

- Translate AUSA's professional and educational objectives into chapter programs.

- Explore options to establish/charter a Birmingham Satellite Chapter.

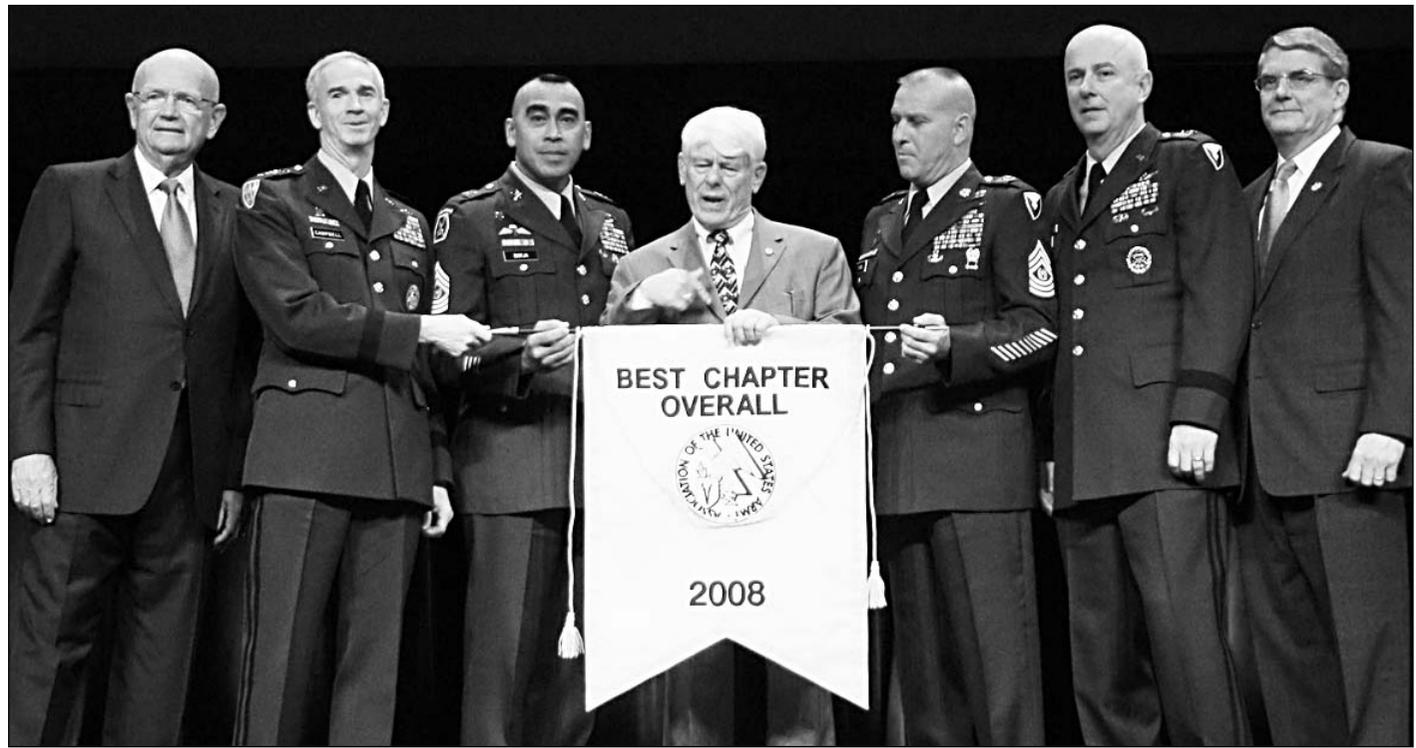


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TOP AWARD— Redstone-Huntsville leaders accept the Best Overall Chapter award at the 2008 AUSA annual meeting and exposition Oct 6. From left are retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, AUSA president; Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of Space and Missile Defense Command; Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja of SMDC; Michael Howell, Redstone-Huntsville chapter president; Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates of Aviation and Missile Command; Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of AMCOM; and Pete Geren, secretary of the Army.

- Achieve individual membership goal of 3,000 members.
- Achieve corporate membership goal of 300 members.

- Attain and maintain Chapter of Excellence status.

The chapter will hold its "Welcome Home" celebration Thursday, Oct. 23

from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club in downtown Huntsville. Everyone is invited to the celebration.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Annual meeting

The Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting last week draws a crowd at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

Artists donate work for picture frame classes

War memorial, nature among subject matter

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Three local artists — including one with close ties to the Redstone Arsenal community — are being featured this month during picture framing classes at the June M. Hughes Military and Civilian Arts & Crafts Center.

Retired engineer Dan Tatum has donated prints of his piece titled “World War II Memorial, Atlantic, Washington, D.C.” while local artist Karen Putnam has donated prints of “California Sun Flower” and local artist Alison Levson has donated prints of “Tahoe” to be used in the framing classes.

Arts & Crafts Center students taking Picture Framing 101 during National Art & Framing Month in October will be able to choose one of the three prints to use in a class that will teach the mechanics of picture framing, products and services, including framing, matting, mounting, glazing and fitting. This class must be completed before customers can use the Do-It-Yourself Matting and Framing Studio at the Arts and Crafts Center.

Picture Framing 101 is being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. To register for the class, call 876-7951 or e-mail redstone-mwr.art@conus.army.mil.

War memorial print

Tatum, who retired as a Redstone engineer in 2004, said his art as well as his engineer career are an extension of the creativity he has expressed since his childhood.

“As a child I made things that I had seen in books, magazines or elsewhere such as toys and puzzles,” he said. “As a teen, I made amateur rockets, hot air and natural gas balloons, and model airplanes and automobiles. As an adult and an engineer manager, I participated in projects that made weapons systems for our national defense.

“I also developed into the ‘office artist’ where I created images of co-workers careers visually through caricatures that not only depict their images but their personalities, lives and careers. After being retired for years, I still get calls from the old office to ‘do one more.’”

During his 20-year career as an engineer, manager and facilitator of Army leadership classes, Tatum created more than 100



‘World War II Memorial, Atlantic, Washington, D.C.’

watercolor and ink caricatures as departing gifts for employees in the various offices where he worked.

Tatum has worked in various art forms as a hobby since he was a child. He began taking art lessons in 1984 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. He has also taken art classes from several well-known local artists, including Chuck Long (watercolor), Don Howard (caricatures) and Kathryn Vaughn (watercolor). He is also active with several local community, art and drama groups, and is president of the Huntsville Art League. Tatum has been juried into several art shows and exhibits, and has received many art awards.

Tatum works mostly in watercolors and pastels. His work is a reflection of his experiences and the journey of other artists.

“I often create images of wondrous places I’ve been blessed to visit and see,” he said. “Other times I create images of what could be and invite the observer

to see from a different perspective. As I grow and go on my art journey, I am encouraged and taught by those who have made the journey before me as well as my peers and those who see my work and compliment it and especially those who want to have it as their own.”

Tatum uses his talent to express emotions, and to depict people and scenes in a unique way. Many of his pieces are of scenes he has discovered on travels with his wife through the U.S., and in Europe and the Tropics.

“I enjoy when I find and depict the irony of a particular scene or a concrete abstract which may cause a viewer to pause to say ‘Hmmm!’” he said.

Sun flower print

Putnam, who lives in Madison, enjoys working with oil paints in a realistic style dating back to the Renaissance and which employs many glazes of color over a toned drawing. She also enjoys expressing her vision

of art in pen and ink drawings, which can be embellished with

watercolor in a common practice dating back to the 18th century.

Putnam is an art teacher who has taught several media classes at the Madison Senior Center. Her experience includes working as an interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg for five years, where she developed a documented “art for young ladies” demonstration. She also participated in a program to bring the art experience to teenage mothers in New York. She has also exhibited her art in several shows.

Tahoe depiction

Levson, who also lives in Madison, has learned to express her artistic talent with the encouragement of family members and the art teachers who taught her as a student in the public school system. Through her landscapes and portraits, Levson’s goal is to convey both her emotions toward a particular scene and the emotions of her portrait subjects.

“I find that the most effective tool I have is being sensitive to the preferences of those who are interested in my art while maintaining my style and ideas,” she said. “Incorporating these two major elements usually works to the benefit of everyone.”

Levson enjoys meeting new people through her work and establishing relationships with her customers.

Editor’s note: This story was compiled from information released from the Arts & Crafts Center.



Courtesy photo

Radar repairers

Jordanian army Capt. Mwuafak Al-Hinnawi, left, and Egyptian army Capt. Ahmed Warashan attended the Radar Repairer Course at Redstone Arsenal from July 14 to Oct. 2.

Saving *Redstone Rockets* for future generations

Maxwell Air Force Base helps preserve newspapers

MAXWELL AFB — When AMCOM command historian Mike Baker faced losing thousands of pages of historic newspapers to age, he turned to the Defense Logistics Agency's Document Automation & Production Service, or DPAS, at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery for help.

The AMCOM Historical Office is the repository for millions of pages of historical documentation from the installation's founding in 1941 to the present. Baker said that in 1997, "we were fortunate to inherit the *Redstone Rocket* archive from the AMCOM Public Affairs Office. The bad news was that many of these 50-plus-year-old newspapers were deteriorating."

Linda Readus, the AMCOM secretary of the general staff, gave the go-ahead to Baker this summer to find a facility that could scan these one-of-a-kind newspapers into a readable form of Adobe's PDF format. That's when Baker turned to DPAS.

Documentation specialists at DPAS' Maxwell Air Force Base facility are carefully scanning each page to ensure the

type will be recognized by the optical character recognition software employed by DPAS. From there, the individual scans will be compiled into multipage PDF documents. The original newspapers will be stored in archival boxes for safekeeping. The *Rocket* PDFs will reside on internal storage systems accessible to Baker and his staff.

"We frequently use the *Redstone Rockets* in our historical research," Baker said. "We are not a library where customers can come in and browse. That has certainly cut down the wear and tear on these documents. But by putting the *Rockets* into PDF, we'll be able to search for historical events faster and will preserve the *Rockets* for years to come."

In a recent visit to the DPAS facility at Maxwell Air Force Base, Baker and historian Claus Martel received a first-hand review of the process.

"We were very impressed, to say the least," Baker said. "For the first time in over 50 years, we won't have to physically handle these Army treasures. I've been at Redstone almost 29 years and have probably put some wear on these myself."

The preservation effort is scheduled to take about one year. (AMCOM Historical Office release)



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OVERVIEW— From left Claus Martel and Mike Baker receive a technical overview of DPAS capabilities from Defense Logistics Agency's employees Myrtice Carter and Rodney J. Thomas at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Higher headquarters hits ground running



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

FORWARD OFFICE— Ron Lewis, Army Materiel Command's deputy director for G-3/5 enterprise integration, discusses upcoming briefings with public affairs specialist Beth Clemons.

Army Materiel Command arriving from Va. in phases

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**
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In the Army, materiel is more than just a different way of spelling. It is a different way of thinking about all the things Soldiers need to fulfill their mission. The organization that works hard to manage all of those things is in the process of moving to Redstone. The parts that have already made the move are hard at work.

"We have a number of functions here now," Ron Lewis, Army Materiel Command's deputy director for G-3/5 enterprise integration, said. "A lot of work is really being accomplished here out of Redstone. We're performing a lot of missions right here, right now."

Created in 1962, the way Army Materiel Command does business has changed over the years, but the job at its most basic has not. It is still about the needs of every Soldier.

"We get to have a direct impact on a day to day basis on Soldiers around the world," Lewis said. "We work across all the Army elements to ensure that everything is synchronized to make sure Soldiers have whatever they need to accomplish their mission."

AMC officially says its mission is to "provide superior technology, acquisition support and logistics to ensure dominant land force capability for Soldiers, the United States and our allies." But unofficially, AMC officials put it in much simpler terms. They define their job as providing everything a Soldier shoots, drives, flies, wears, eats or communicates with.

"It sounds corny, but when you really stop and think about it in a few words it pretty well describes what the AMC mission really is," Lewis said. "People at (AMC) are very dedicated."

The organization has many subordinate commands, including Redstone's Aviation and Missile Command, and numerous support and executive offices. Currently, the offices and functions within AMC are split between the Fort Belvoir, Va., location and temporary facilities at Redstone. Lewis acknowledges that having people who work together be geographically separated is tricky at times. They are also getting used to being farther away from other organizations that were nearby.

"The biggest challenge has been trying to get the battle-rhythm and the tempo set right between how we're performing those functions here and to make sure we stay linked and synchronized with what's going on back at Fort Belvoir," Lewis said.

AMC staff already has a move under their belts. In 2003, the organization moved from Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, Va., to Fort Belvoir. The Redstone move actually involves two moves for much of AMC — a move into the temporary location and then another into the permanent facility once completed. They've had a chance to review what did and did not work during the Fort Belvoir move to make this one easier.

"The initial move to Redstone is the big issue. Moving to the new building will be a relatively minor process," Lewis said. "We've already experienced it before. We still have those plans in place. A lot of the lessons learned and processes of what you have to go through have been documented already."

Currently, more than 150 AMC employees are reporting to Redstone for work. Most are making their way to the former AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate location, building 7612, off Redstone Road. A few are located with Sparkman Center counterparts.

Tenants of Redstone 18th in a series

The people already at Redstone represent the first two phases of employee movement from Fort Belvoir. Phase three will bring employee numbers close to 450 by next summer. Additional work force requires additional space. AMC took possession of neighboring building 7611 last week.

"There are some minor modifications we'll do before we start moving people in," Lewis said.

Ground was broken on a permanent home on Martin Road for the organization last month. The 400,000 square foot structure will house more than 1,300 AMC personnel when it, and the BRAC move, are completed in 2011. U.S. Army Security Assistance Command will also be located within the facility.

AMC has the distinction of having the first female four-star general. Lt. Gen. Ann Dunwoody was confirmed by Congress this summer for a fourth star. Currently serving as deputy commanding general, she is slated to be AMC's next commanding general.



Courtesy graphic

BUILDING AHEAD— This is an artist's rendering of the completed AMC facility which will be located along Martin Road.

Program executive offices have winning weekend

Kudos go to Aviation, and to Missiles & Space

By **SOPIA BLEDSOE**
For the Rocket

WASHINGTON — Praising the acquisition community for “redefining expeditionary” to support the war fighter, Dean Pops, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, kicked off the evening with some words of wisdom and encouragement at the 2008 Army Acquisition Corps annual awards ceremony Oct. 5.

“This is a celebration of the successes of the more than 42,000 work force whose responsibilities are to equip and sustain a very capable and respected United States Army,” he said.

Pops reminded everyone to be vigilant and to remain independent in their support. “With that independence comes purity and accountability,” he said.

Twenty-one awards were given including two new awards that evening. Among the honored recipients were the Program



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

MANAGER OF YEAR— Lt. Col. Shawn Gresham, middle, the product manager for Medium-Altitude Endurance Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Program Executive Office for Aviation, receives the Product Manager of the Year award at the 2008 Army Acquisition Corps annual awards ceremony Oct. 5. Gresham accepted the award from Lt. Gen. N. Ross Thompson III, left, and Dean Pops, right.

Executive Office for Aviation and the PEO for Missiles and Space.

The 2008 ALT Continuous Process Improvement Award was presented to the Hellfire Missile System Reset Project Team from PEO MS in recognition for their

Lean Six Sigma processes in the Joint Attack Munition Systems Project Office. Col. Michael Cavalier, project manager for the Joint Attack Munition Systems Project Office, accepted the award.

Lt. Col. Shawn Gresham was

recognized as Product Manager of the Year for his work in the Medium-Altitude Endurance Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office in PEO Aviation.

“This particular Lean Six Sigma was about reducing the time required for reset which means getting the equipment back to the war fighter,” Cavalier said. The award signifies excellence in business process improvements, application of Lean Six Sigma methods and achievement of operational and financial benefits for war fighters.

“Applying Lean Six Sigma processes for this particular program reduced costs and inefficiencies by 25 percent,” Cavalier said, adding that the money saved allows the Army to do more for other units.

Gresham said he credits his success to the synergy and dedicated teamwork from different organizations on the Arsenal. “The support our team received from the PM UAS, PEO Aviation, as well as AMCOM, AMRDEC and IMMC leadership, contributed greatly to overall mission success,” he said.

A major part of Gresham’s duties include managing the cost, schedule and performance of his assigned program, interfacing with the Army and Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff agencies and sister service program offices, and keeping his chain of command informed about the program’s health.

The 2008 Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year Awards recognize the expertise and ability needed to research, manage, develop, test, evaluate, contract, field and sustain war fighting systems.

The event recognized the accomplishments of the acquisition work force’s most extraordinary members and the teams they lead. The ceremony’s theme, “Celebrating Our Acquisition Stars,” was a tribute to the military and civilian professionals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide combatant commanders and their Soldiers the weapons and equipment they need to execute decisive, full-spectrum operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

“It’s all about teamwork,” Gresham said.

Airspace synchronization team wins top honor

Tactical Airspace Integration System lauded for improving Soldier safety

By SOFIA BLEDSOE

For the Rocket

When Jim Kelton was a young captain in the 1980s with the 82nd Airborne Division, it took a long time to review the hundreds of pages from the hard copy Airspace Control Order.

One of Kelton's tasks was to decipher the airspace volumes that were relevant to the 82nd Airborne in order to create a map of their planned airspace usage that keep Soldiers safe.

Now, as assistant product manager of the Tactical Airspace Integration System working in the Program Executive Office for Aviation, Kelton and his TAIS team can be proud of the significant improvements they have done to make the process simpler, quicker, more accurate and most importantly, safer for Soldiers.

For providing better situational awareness and a more orderly airspace by making the process automated, seamless and cost effective, the 2008 Secretary of Defense Performance Based Logistics Award was given Sept. 30 to Team TAIS at the Aerospace Industries Association's Fall Product Support Conference at Hilton Head, S.C.

Team TAIS is the only Army winner for the PBL award across the Department of Defense this year.

"We are very proud of being recognized for this distinction, and very humbled by the honor," Kelton said. "We have attained greater than 90 percent operational readiness for TAIS worldwide, have gained 100 percent customer satisfaction with the PBL program, have reduced maintenance and supply chain cycle



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OPERATIONAL USE— Soldiers use the Tactical Airspace Integration System for real-time views of aerial battlespace and operational flight paths.

times, have established a first-rate logistics management database for tracking faults and for trend analysis, and have reduced the total cost of TAIS ownership through PBL."

The TAIS Team is comprised of Product Manager Air Traffic Control systems as the product support integrator, and General Dynamics C4 Systems as the product support provider.

Created in 1997, TAIS was originally built for the Army to transform an antiquated manual process of board mapping and migrate it into an automated computer system process. The TAIS is a robust software system that de-conflicts large amounts of objects in space, enabling the Army the ability to speak with various aircraft simultaneously.

Back in the 1980s, Kelton said, they accepted more risk because they just could not keep up with the workload. "Now with TAIS, those processes are automated and seamless."

The real value in TAIS lies with being able to de-conflict airspace in the third dimension, according to Kelton. "We want to be able to know where objects are in space," he said.

Through TAIS, the Army can dynamically retask aircraft, manned and unmanned, and through the vastly improved situational awareness Soldiers have of the airspace and the airspace users, according to Kelton.

"We can get inside the enemy's decision cycles and can maximize the application of combat power in the third dimension of the battlefield through synchronization, de-confliction, and integration while preventing potential mid-air incidents," he said.

Citing a 'troops in contact' example scenario, Kelton explained the benefits of being able to work together with various units and agencies while looking at the same airspace mapping in real time. "The Army Brigade Combat Team will use TAIS to collaborate with a U.S. Marine Corps airspace agency, the U.S. Air Force Joint Terminal Attack Controllers, and an Unmanned Aircraft System ground control station simultaneously," he said. "All elements of combat power could be rapidly de-conflicted and integrated into the airspace at speeds and accuracy previously impossible."

While the TAIS was built in 1997, PBL came in 2005. Created by the Defense Department, PBL allows the government to leverage all capabilities from a traditional acquisition program. It streamlines the process of a traditional RFP, using an existing contractor for efficacy and cost savings, according to Jim McKendree, chief logistician for General Dynamics.

"The efficacy of PBL is amazing compared to traditional systems," McKendree said. "We are held accountable but

allowed to do what we need to do to get the job done, which makes it more enjoyable."

Patricia Coppinger, logistics manager for TAIS, said PBL has been one of the best examples of a true partnership between government and industry.

"Government can access real-time information from the Team 24/7," she said.

Additionally, TAIS has been used in disaster assistance and contingency missions such as Joint Task Force Katrina. Said Kelton, "We have also demonstrated how TAIS, along with tactical air traffic control radars and tactical tower systems could rapidly restore operations at fixed base air traffic facilities if those facilities become inoperable due to attack or natural disaster. We demonstrated TAIS capabilities to support a Homeland Security mission back in 2001 at the Huntsville Airport."

"We never anticipated that we would support natural disasters," McKendree said. After learning lessons from Katrina, states and communities began coordinating response conditions with the government. "When FAA has no other resources to deploy to support natural disasters, they call upon DoD and use their resources to establish control," McKendree said.

As one of the Army Battle Command System Programs of Record, TAIS is evolving under the guidance and direction of the Army's Battle Command Migration Plan and Unified Battle Command. The first step in this evolutionary process has been to convert from expensive Unix-based hardware to Windows platforms. The TAIS for Windows product is called TAIS 10.0.

"The move to Windows will reduce total ownership costs for computer hardware

Wolfpack hunting another flag football title

Charlie Company prepares for tonight's season opener

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The Charlie Company flag football team has different motivation from last year.

This year the Wolfpack is the defending post champion after being the runner-up in 2006. Charlie won the 2007 title by beating 326th Chemical Company 28-20 in the final on Nov. 20 at the field off Patton Road.

Instead of the second place finisher on the hunt for redemption, the Wolfpack returns as the team getting hunted by everybody else. The 2008 season opens tonight with eight teams.

Charlie enters with basically a new roster from last year's team which finished 11-3.

"We have a legacy to maintain," said defensive end/tight end William Gravely, who arrived in April from Fort Bragg, N.C. "Being as we are the defending champs and pretty much everybody on the squad is new, we just have to get our

minds right and be focused on maintaining the title. It's going to be hard with what we're doing but we pretty much will be able to adapt and overcome."

Gravely, 36, from Buffalo, N.Y., has about six years of flag football experience from Korea, Fort Bragg and Germany.

Teams in this year's league include Charlie, HHC 59th, Civilian Welfare Fund, NCO Academy, Marines, Bravo, 326th

Chemical, and Headquarters & Alpha.

Starting tonight, games are 6, 7 and 8 p.m. They're normally Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. The regular season ends Nov. 4; and the postseason tournament is tentatively scheduled Nov. 6-19.

Here's the season schedule:

- **Tonight** – Charlie vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 6 p.m.; HHC 59th vs. 326th Chemical at 7; and CWF vs. Bravo at 8.

- **Thursday** – NCO Academy vs. Marines at 6; Headquarters & Alpha vs. Bravo at 7; and 326th Chemical vs. Charlie at 8.

- **Monday, Oct. 20** – Bravo vs. Charlie at 6; CWF vs. NCO Academy at 7; and HHC 59th vs. Marines at 8.

- **Tuesday, Oct. 21** – 326th Chemical vs. Marines at 6; HHC 59th vs. CWF at 7; and Headquarters & Alpha vs. NCO Academy at 8.

- **Thursday, Oct. 23** – 326th Chemical vs. CWF at 6; Charlie vs. Marines at 7; and Bravo vs. NCO Academy at 8.

- **Monday, Oct. 27** – Headquarters & Alpha vs. HHC 59th at 6; NCO Academy vs. Charlie at 7; and Marines vs. CWF at 8.

- **Tuesday, Oct. 28** – CWF vs. Charlie at 6; Bravo vs. HHC 59th at 7; and 326th Chemical vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 8.

- **Thursday, Oct. 30** – NCO Academy vs. HHC 59th at 6; Bravo vs. 326th Chemical at 7; and Marines vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 8.

- **Monday, Nov. 3** – Marines vs. Bravo at 6; and CWF vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 7.

- **Tuesday, Nov. 4** – HHC 59th vs. Charlie at 6; and NCO Academy vs. 326th Chemical at 7.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WOLFPACK RULES— The Charlie Company players celebrate their 28-20 win over 326th Chemical Company in last year's final.

Alabama favored over Ole Miss

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Skip's Picks were 190-69 after six weeks of college football. Here are this week's predictions:

- Mississippi at Alabama — **Bama**
- Vanderbilt at Georgia — **Georgia**
- Alcorn State at Alabama A&M — **A&M**
- Arkansas at Kentucky — **UK**
- Florida State at North Carolina State — **FSU**
- Mississippi State at Tennessee — **UT**
- Kansas at Oklahoma — **OU**
- LSU at South Carolina — **LSU**
- Missouri at Texas — **Texas**
- Brigham Young at TCU — **Brigham Young**
- Hawaii at Boise State — **Boise**
- Connecticut at Rutgers — **Connecticut**
- Georgia Tech at Clemson — **Ga. Tech**
- Memphis at East Carolina — **EC**
- Purdue at Northwestern — **Northwestern**

- Syracuse at South Florida — **SF**
- Texas Tech at Texas A&M — **Tech**
- Wake Forest at Maryland — **Wake**
- Wisconsin at Iowa — **Wisconsin**
- Nebraska at Iowa State — **Nebraska**
- The Citadel at Furman — **Furman**
- Colorado State at Utah — **Utah**
- Baylor at Oklahoma State — **OS**
- Southern Mississippi at Rice — **Rice**
- Southern California at Washington State — **USC**
- Army at Buffalo — **Army**
- Miami (Fla.) at Duke — **Miami**
- Middle Tennessee at Louisville — **L'ville**
- North Carolina at Virginia — **UNC**
- Ohio State at Michigan State — **OSU**
- Pittsburgh at Navy — **Pitt**
- Stanford at UCLA — **UCLA**
- Michigan at Penn State — **Penn State**
- Kansas State at Colorado — **Colorado**
- Oregon State at Washington — **Oregon State**
- Houston at Southern Methodist — **Houston**
- Indiana at Illinois — **Illinois**
- San Jose State at New Mexico State — **Jose**
- Texas-El Paso at Tulsa — **Tulsa**
- Virginia Tech at Boston College — **Tech**
- Air Force at UNLV — **Air Force**
- California at Arizona — **Ariz.**



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

Morale booster

A group of leaders attending the 59th Ordnance Brigade's IET Conference celebrate before finishing their early morning run, led by 59th commander Col. Thomas Keegan. The run was to pump up the guests attending and get them ready for the day's events.

■ Team receives performance based logistics honor

Honors

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by 74 percent and reduce software license costs by 95 percent," Kelton said.

TAIS 10.0 has incorporated technology originally developed by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency for the Command Post of the Future program, and has integrated the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Commercial/Joint Mapping Tool Kit as a powerful underlying

ing Geographic Information System layer. The new TAIS software also incorporates a Microsoft .NET framework developed by General Dynamics which provides the foundation for continual evolution to a full service oriented architecture.

This award is an acknowledgement of the professionalism and selfless service of the entire TAIS government-industry partnership, Kelton said. "But what is more important is that the true beneficiary of these efforts is the Soldier in the field."

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Sports & Recreation

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 Friday. For more information, call Adam Sunstrom 895-1154 or e-mail 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. 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.

Bass tournament

The Fall Bob Vlasics Classic Bass Tournament is Saturday 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.

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.

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.

Hockey bus trip

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

Admin professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will celebrate Boss' Month at its monthly meeting Oct. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Alpadella McRae 313-1957.

Evaluation association

The Rocket City Chapter of International Test and Evaluation Association will meet Oct. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the University of Alabama-Huntsville's Shelby Center, room 301. RSVP with chapter secretary James Knoch 876-2550.

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.

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Photo by Mamie Morgan

Pilot visits

Chinook helicopter pilot Maj. Jennifer Newsome visits youngsters Oct. 3 in the new Autistic Classroom at Challenger Elementary for occupational day. A policeman and firefighter visited in previous weeks. Niki Bowling is the teacher.

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.

Technology expo

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

Old crows roost

The Redstone Roost chapter of the Association of Old Crows will hold its monthly meeting Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the Twickenham Lounge. George Burruss of PEO Missiles and Space will speak on technology transition. For more information, call Dave Hays 842-3358.

Geospatial conferences

Organizers of the Rocket City Geospatial Conference and the Terrain Summit have agreed to merge their two events. The first

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

Youth leadership

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars is holding its annual Youth Leadership Conference from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. This event is for high school sophomores and juniors, and select seniors who are returning as cadre. Students are selected for attendance through their school or home school association. The focus of the program is on leadership, patriotism/citizenship and free enterprise complemented by interaction with experienced professionals in government and industry. This program is on the National Association of Secondary School Principals' National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for this school year. Students interested in attending should contact their high school guidance counselors or principals/administrators.

Helicopter conference

The Southeast Region and the Hampton Roads Chapter of American Helicopter Society and the Colonial Virginia Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America

will sponsor a national conference on Helicopter Military Operations Technology, Oct. 28-30 at Fort Eustis, Va. "Vertical Lift – Devils of the Night, Angels of the Day" is the conference theme. For more information call Jack Tansey of Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, Fort Eustis, (757) 878-4105.

AFAP conference

The Team Redstone 20th Army Family Action Plan Conference is Oct. 28-29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. This is an opportunity to make suggestions or express concerns about programs, services or benefits affecting the total Army family, to include active duty Soldiers, retirees, National Guard, Reservists, family members and civilians. To register as a conference delegate, call Cathy Hays at 876-5397 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Toastmaster open house

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

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Oct. 23 at

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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.

Security luncheon

The Mid-South Chapter of NCMS, the Society for Industrial Security Professionals, will hold its next luncheon Thursday 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.

Survivors support

"My Soldier, My Fallen Hero," a newly formed support group for widows of military killed while on active duty, will meet

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Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. For more information, call Chaplain James Benson 876-2409 or Jenna Henderson 430-4736.

Genealogy society

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library Auditorium, Main Branch. Rhonda Larkin will speak on "Researching Madison County Records in the Courthouse and at the County Archives." For information call 883-5650.

Fleet Reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 25 at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For more information, call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.



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/experi-

ence 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

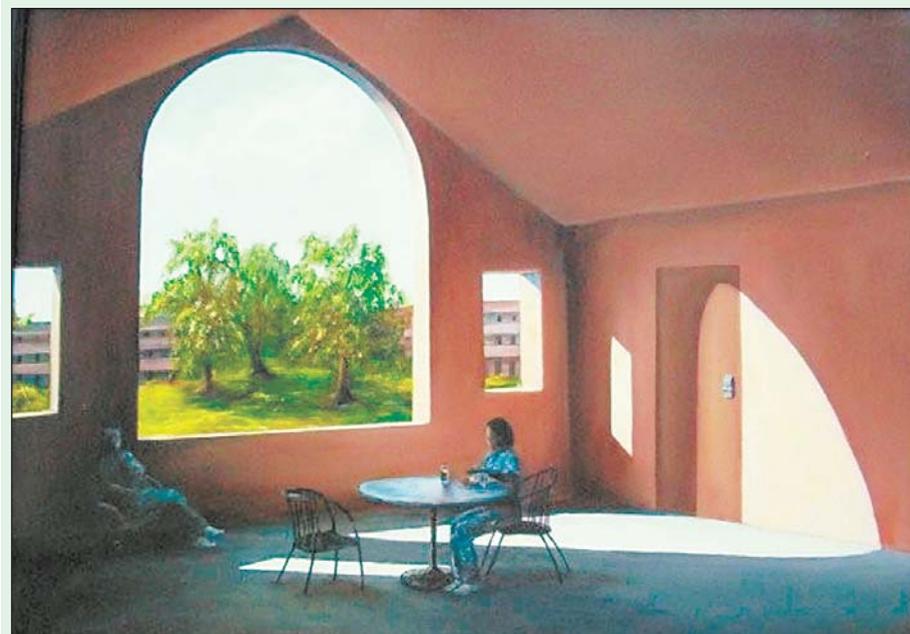
top secret soon after unit entry. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class Scott Ambrose 655-9436 or Chief Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Reserve unit

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

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



Courtesy photo

'Hurlburt Morning'

Mary Nelle Black's "Hurlburt Morning" won first place at the Oktoberfest Art Show. Mutt Suttles took second; Tony Piri, third; Randy Wells, honorable mention; and Joe Fikes, honorable mention.

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to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

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.

Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

Self-paced computer classes are offered at Army Community Service to assist mili-

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

Motorcycle safety

To permanently register a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal, the DoD requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. There are two programs offered free of charge to Army personnel and on a space available basis to others authorized access to Redstone Arsenal. For information call Keith Coates at the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383, e-mail keith.coates@us.army.mil or e-mail MSF instructor Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

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

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officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the active Army and the Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Cyrus Russ 539-6511.

Pilots wanted

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

Cadet program

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

Veteran education

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

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.

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.

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

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Photo by Melody Sandlin

Daddy's home

Logistics Support Activity's Jack Dodge is greeted Sept. 29 at Huntsville International Airport by his 5-year-old sons, Anthony and Joshua, as he returns from six months in Southwest Asia. LOGSA workers joined his family in welcoming the transportation management specialist. "I'm extremely proud of our LOGSA team for their dedication in supporting our Soldiers," LOGSA commander Col. James Rentz said. "Our employees, like Jack, who deploy to one of our logistics liaison officer assignments in SWA take this dedication to a much higher level. Jack is just one example of the high quality, committed work force here in LOGSA."

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 679-7282, Shelley 230-9307, Amanda 457-6697 or Ruth 883-4364.

Research seminar

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

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 Auditorium. 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.

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.

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. 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.

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 membership base that live and work at Redstone Arsenal," said Mark Wood, manager of ATM services at Redstone Federal Credit Union. "This is our sixth ATM location at Redstone Arsenal and it includes all of the basic functions of our existing ATMs, including withdrawals, transfers, balance inquiries, and postage stamp purchases." Redstone Federal Credit Union has had a presence at Redstone Arsenal since 1951 when the credit union was chartered. The credit union's building 4202 branch office is also located at the Arsenal.

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.

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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.

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 and leave a comment. You can reach customer service officer Steve McFadden at 876-3294, e-mail steven.ray.mcfadden@us.army.mil or the ICE administrator Wendy Norris at wendy.norris1@us.army.mil.

Interactive feedback

Have you ever gotten "hot" over a situation and you wanted to tell someone? Take it to the source so you can "cool"

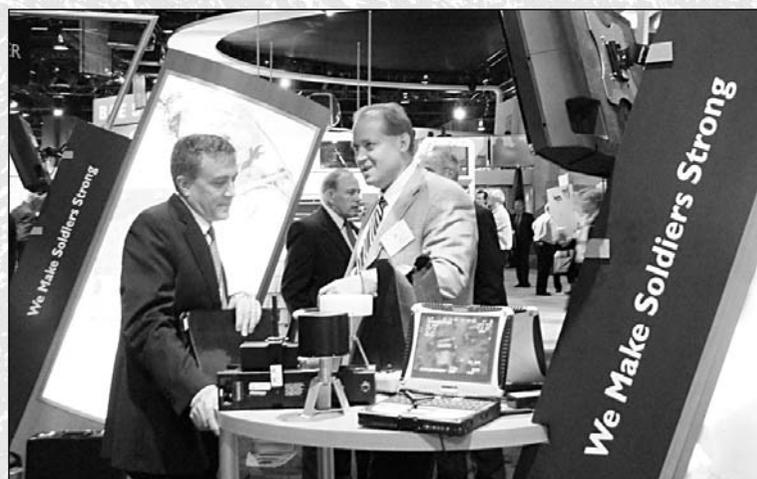


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Aviation technology

Tim Owings, right, deputy project manager for Unmanned Aerial Systems, Program Executive Office for Aviation, talks to an attendee about the Raven and One System Remote Video Terminal at the 2008 Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting and exposition Oct. 6-8 in Washington, D.C.



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

Missiles and space

Maj. Michael Hauenstein, assistant product manager for the Integrated Battlefield Control System, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, talks to an attendee about current programs at the AUSA annual meeting and exposition at the Washington Convention Center.

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CPA review courses

Becker CPA Review courses will be offered through the University of Alabama-Huntsville's College of Business Administration beginning in January 2009. Courses to prepare for all four portions of the Alabama CPA exam — regulation, business, financial and audit — will be offered in sequence on Saturdays during the spring semester and again from June through November. The classes will be taught by UAH faculty. Becker is an approved education vendor with the federal government. The decision to partner with Becker was a response to requests from the local business community, said Dr. Dorla Evans, chairman of the Accounting and Finance Department. "Many students don't enjoy studying on the computer and they wanted an alternative to driving to Birmingham or Nashville." For more information about the Becker CPA Review, contact Evans at Dorla.Evans@uah.edu.

Professional award

Nominations are being accepted for the first-ever 2008 Gerald E. Williams Person of the Year Award. This award will be presented to an AMCOM Life Cycle Management Command employee who has demonstrated excellence and professionalism in his or her assigned duties in support of Security Assistance/Foreign Military Sales program objectives and made notable

contributions to the community which have improved or enriched the lives of others. Gerald E. Williams, recently retired Security Assistance Management Directorate division chief, truly emulated these characteristics in both his professionalism and community involvement during his career and since in his retirement. Eligible population for the award includes all AMCOM LCMC personnel (Army civilian, military or support contractors) who contribute to the Security Assistance/Foreign Military Sales mission. For more information call Debbie China 313-6824. Completed nomination forms should be submitted by Oct. 27 to Nora Morris who can be reached by e-mail at nora.morris@us.army.mil and phone 313-6975.

Candlelight vigil

A candlelight vigil for domestic violence awareness will be held Oct. 23 from 6-7 p.m. at Oakwood University, Mosley Complex. This event is sponsored by Crisis Services of North Alabama and celebrates those who have survived domestic violence and honors those whose lives have been taken as a result of domestic violence.

Mr. Man pageant

The "Mr. Man Premiere" is Feb. 13 at the Westin (Bridg Street Town Centre). This premiere event will reveal each male contestant's character through personality,



finesse and style. A panel of judges will decide who will win the title of "Mr. Man." "SB Productions is seeking the caliber of men who possess the completeness of what a true gentleman should portray to compete in the Mr. Man Premiere," a prepared release said. "For those who are selected, runway and etiquette preparation will be given." For more information, call 278-8862 or 683-3083.

Air defenders

The Air Defense Artillery Association, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter, is having its annual dinner dance Nov. 1 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cocktails will commence at 6 p.m. Maj. Gen. Howard Bromberg, commander of U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and School, Fort

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Bliss, Texas, is the guest speaker. Cost for members is \$35 per person/\$70 per couple, non-members \$45/\$80 per couple and \$280 for a corporate table of eight. Make reservations by Oct. 22 with Janett Beasley 837-5282, ext. 1524 or e-mail janett.beasley@sparta.com.

Women's day

First Missionary Baptist Church, 3509 Blue Spring Road, with its pastor Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, will celebrate annual Women's Day this Sunday. The guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Renita Weems, co-pastor of the Ray of Hope Community Church, Nashville. Weems will bring the message at the 8 a.m. and 10:45 worship services. The theme is "Christian Women Boldly Reaching Inward and Outward through Intensified Prayer."

Library closed

The Post Library is closed the week of Oct.14-18 for renovations. Items may still be returned to the orange bookdrop outside the front door. A library staff member will be at ACS building 3338 on Redeye Road, across from the library, to clear people Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stress management class

Stress Management Lunch and Learn Class is today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Army Community Ser-

vice conference room, building 3338. "When job or home or life in general gives you stress, what do you do? Learn how to take control and reduce the push and pull on your mind and body," a prepared release said. "Rick Stock, health promotion educator, Fox Army Health Center, will give you some ideas of how to make life more comfortable and enjoyable. You bring your lunch and we supply the cookies and the class." For more information, call 876-5397.

Tax assistance center

The Redstone Tax Assistance Center needs volunteers to both prepare active duty and retiree returns and to schedule such appointments. Volunteer preparers must attend a 32-hour computer assisted training program to earn their IRS Tax Preparers Certificate. The training and certification will be held Jan. 5-9. The Tax Center will open for business from Jan. 19 through April 15. Volunteers are asked to work at least one four-hour shift each week. "This is a highly rewarding volunteer opportunity that not only provides a tremendous service to the Redstone community, but will give you an in-depth understanding of the tax system and the ability to prepare your own tax return," a prepared release said. To volunteer or for more information, call Capt. Alyson Mortier 313-1289 or e-mail alyson.mortier@us.army.mil.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Standing tall

The nation's Capitol is in full view from the top level of the Washington Monument.

