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# In memory of dedicated worker

## Fire Station No. 1 renamed in honor of Darren Spurlock

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Long after most of the current Redstone work force is gone, the fire station on Ride-out Road will remain. The building will still be here as a legacy to the memory of Darren Spurlock.

Spurlock was remembered as a dedicated NASA worker and a devoted father and husband in a ceremony Thursday that renamed Fire Station No. 1 as the Darren Spurlock Fire Station. Spurlock was a 39-year-old engineer at Marshall Space Flight Center when he was killed in a Redstone traffic accident May 30 caused by a driver who was fleeing Huntsville police.

"We want you to know we will never forget Darren Spurlock," said Maj. Gen. Jim Myles during the dedication ceremony attended by the Spurlock family, Redstone officials and local dignitaries.

Crews from all four Redstone fire sta-

tions responded to the fatal wreck.

"Darren Spurlock represents all that is good about the employees throughout Redstone Arsenal," Myles said.

David King, director of Marshall Space Flight Center, called this dedication a fitting tribute. Spurlock was just a few weeks into his NASA career when he was killed. He was an engineer in the Stage Design and Integration Branch of the Marshall Engineering Directorate's Spacecraft and Vehicle Systems Department. He had worked in space exploration as a contractor for more than a dozen years and came from Boeing in Huntsville, where he was part of the systems engineering and integration team for Ares Upper Stage Production, a key part of NASA's Ares I rocket development program.

"Darren may not have been able to leap tall buildings in a single bound," King said. "But to his family, friends and co-workers he was a hero just the same."

Spurlock's wife, Kelly, and their two sons, Ben, 6, and James, 3, participated in the dedication.

"We thank you so much for this honor," Kelly Spurlock said. "God bless Darren and all of us. Thank you."

She announced that a college fund, established in the community for her two sons after the accident, has raised \$29,000.

She joined Myles and King in unveiling a plaque on the fire station wall, naming the Darren M. Spurlock Fire Station "in memory of Darren Spurlock for his passion and dedication to family and the U.S. space program."

Myles helped the two Spurlock sons into their very own firefighter gear that was in lockers with their name tags.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GETTING IN GEAR**— Kelly Spurlock, wife of the late Darren Spurlock, holds son James, 3, while post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles helps Ben, 6, into his very own firefighter gear after the ceremony.

## DARREN M. SPURLOCK FIRE STATION



IN MEMORY OF  
**DARREN SPURLOCK**  
FOR HIS PASSION AND DEDICATION  
TO FAMILY AND THE U.S. SPACE PROGRAM

Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PERMANENT REMINDER**— This plaque, a tribute to NASA engineer Darren Spurlock, who was killed May 30 in a traffic accident on Redstone Arsenal, was unveiled Thursday during the fire station dedication.

The Darren Spurlock Fire Station was built in 1942.

"We're going to do a renovation of the administrative and living areas," Redstone Fire Chief Troy Vest said. "It'll be in a couple of months when they'll probably start. The contract was let at year-end (for about \$750,000)."

The fire station has four people on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week — just like the other three fire stations. "And we always run as crews depending on what we're responding to," Vest said.

That was the case May 30 when the fire stations responded to the fatal multi-car collision at the intersection of Martin and Ride-out roads.

## An open lane random survey

*What would you do with your last \$5?*

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 Fort Gordon (Ga.) Signal Center of Excellence



**"What I would do with my last five dollars is donate it to a religious organization because five dollars in the hand of God could be three trillion dollars back to the community that organization represents."**

Col. Tom Newman

AMCOM chief of staff

**"Probably save it for a final meal."**



Liz Hamlin

AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center



**"I would go to the nearest state that sells lottery tickets. And I don't even play the lottery but in this case I think I would."**

Francine Stone

Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation

**"I'd spend my last five dollars at an MWR facility."**



## Quote of the week

**'T**here are no traffic jams along the extra mile'

— Roger Staubach

## Commander urges conference participation

**R**edstone Arsenal will conduct the 20th annual Army Family Action Plan Conference Oct. 28-29. This program is a grassroots process designed to give the total Army Family (active duty, family members, retirees, civilians, National Guard and reservists) an opportunity to participate in identifying and recommending solutions to community and family issues.

Communication is the key to understanding and this interactive process allows us to plan better and meet the needs of Team Redstone. A focus on continuous improvement will enable us to recruit and retain quality Soldiers and civilians, sustain readiness, and enjoy a high quality of life throughout the Army.

I challenge all community leaders to use this opportunity to share information, strengthen our programs, and improve the quality of life for everyone in our Army family. I encourage your participation in and support of this important community event.

**Maj. Gen. Jim Myles**

AMCOM and Redstone commander

## Parent unsatisfied with food portions

**S**everal months ago, the Child Development Center and I can only assume all of Child Youth Services realigned their nutrition program to match the USDA guidelines regarding portion sizes. I also understand and had witnessed prior to this that there was wasted food being thrown out most days. Some could be attributed to items the children did not like but usually the rooms were given more than enough food to feed the children.

My issue is with the drastic cut in the amount of food the children are now being given. As a parent I try to have lunch with my daughter once a month, and if my schedule permits more than that. I understand that not all parents have the opportunity to do that and that is why I am bringing this to an open forum.

I happened to have lunch with my child the first day this program was put into place and they did not have enough food. The menu for that day was fish sandwiches, fruit and tomatoes. We only had enough fish to give each child a half of fish patty and one serving of fruit (four peaches) and half of a hamburger bun. That was it. There was nothing else to give them. We had plenty of tomatoes

See Portions on page 15

## Bicyclists should be visible, too

**T**wice in the last couple of weeks I have encountered bicycle riders with no visible warning devices on their bicycles during the hours of darkness on post.

Motorcycle riders have to have a reflective belt on; runners have to have a reflective belt on; so why don't bicycle riders?

I came through Patton gate at about 5:45 a.m. and almost encountered a bicycle rider without any reflective equipment. He was dressed in dark clothes with a dark helmet. I saw him out of the corner of my vision, otherwise it could have had a bad outcome. He had just stopped to show his ID to the guard.

All to say, why aren't they required to have reflective equipment and if so why don't the guards at the gates enforce it?

**Wilson C. Walters**

Engineering and Support Center Huntsville

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for your question and comment concerning Bicycle Safety and bicycle riders on Redstone Arsenal. Redstone Arsenal Regulation 190-5 (Redstone Arsenal Bicycle Traffic/Safety Supervision), dated Jan. 15, 2008, provides safety guidance for the use of bicyclists on the Arsenal. Paragraph 2-3d. (Bicycle Safety) states 'All persons operating or riding bicycles on the installation will wear suitable helmet conforming to federal safety standards and a reflective vest.' Safety is an individual and Team Redstone effort. The bicyclist you encountered failed to wear a reflective vest and put themselves, you and others at risk. Under Title 32, Alabama Traffic Code, Section 32-5A-265 (Lamps and Other Equipment on Bicycles) referenced in paragraph 2-2 f1. (Bicycle Laws), Redstone Arsenal Regulation 190-5, it states 'every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the department which shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.' Although the reference is to 'nighttime' a prudent bicyclist should use risk management and determine that early morning hours, foggy weather or other conditions that limit visibility would require using devices and reflective vests to ensure the bicyclist was visible to vehicles also using the roadway. We appreciate you sharing this incident. By doing so, we collectively share the safety message by reporting observed unsafe behaviors or acts."*

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# Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN

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**Name:** Lana Porter

**Job:** Central enrollment clerk, Child, Youth and School Services

**Where do you call home?**

Beckley, W.Va.

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

I enjoy the friendly Redstone community, I really do. This is a very friendly, outgoing place. And I enjoy helping people. So, it's a good job.

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

I have a very large Rottweiler girl that I walk. And I do a lot of walking. I like to walk.

**What are your goals?**

I see further down the line, retirement. Retirement.

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

'60s rock 'n' roll



# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

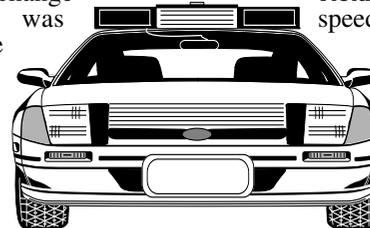
**Oct. 11:** An individual was observed taking a set of headphones and walking out of the Main Exchange without paying. He was stopped by the store detective and the Police were called. He was processed and released.

**Oct. 12:** A driver was found to have a

suspended license after being stopped for speeding. He was issued two violation notices and released.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 13 speeding, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 failure to yield, 2 parking.



## Flu shots arrive for community

Fox Army Health Center has received a partial shipment of flu vaccine for the 2008-09 flu season.

Active duty Soldiers will receive flu shots Oct. 28 from 5-10 a.m. at Heiser Hall on Patton Road. The remainder of vaccine is expected to arrive in time to proceed with the following schedule of vaccinations.

Beneficiaries may receive flu shots at Fox Army Health Center in Primary Care Clinic 2 as follows:

Active duty family members and military retirees and their family members are scheduled Nov. 1 and 15 from 8 a.m. to noon, and Nov. 6 and 20 from 1-4 p.m.

After Dec. 1, flu shots will be given this group on a walk-in basis in Primary Care Clinic 2.

Current DoD civilians may get their flu shots Nov. 6 and 20 from 1-4 p.m. After Dec. 1, flu shots will be given to DoD civilians on a walk-in basis in the Occupational Health Clinic.

By regulation, retired DoD civilians and their family members and contractors are not eligible to receive the flu shot from Fox, unless you also fit into one of the beneficiary categories.

For more information, call Preventive Medicine at 955-8888, ext. 1026. (Fox Army Health Center release)

# Armed Recon Helicopter program canceled

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense has notified the Congress and contractor Bell Helicopter that it will not certify the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter program for continuation. As a result the Army Acquisition Executive Office for Aviation is directing that the program's contract be terminated completely for the convenience of the government.

The ARH contract was awarded for an expected development cost of \$359 million and a procurement average unit cost of \$8.56 million. Currently, DoD estimates that development will cost \$942 million and the procurement average unit cost will be \$14.48 million. Delivery of ARH to the Army was originally scheduled to take place by 2009, but the current projection is for 2013.

"The cost and schedule that were the focus of the decision to award the contract to Bell Helicopter are no longer valid," Secretary of the Army Pete Geren said Thursday. "We have a duty to the Army and the taxpayer to move ahead with an

alternative course of action to meet this critical capability for our Soldiers at the best price and as soon as possible."

Lt. Gen. James Thurman, Army director of operations, said "the war-fighting capability for a manned, armed, reconnaissance helicopter is crucial to supporting our ground combat commanders and remains a critical requirement for the Army. This decision does not, in any way, diminish the imperative for this capability. Our operational tempo, attrition and losses of six aircraft per year underscore the need to fill this requirement as quickly as possible.

"To this end, we will rapidly pursue a re-validation of the particular characteristics needed for this capability so that we can restart the process of acquiring a manned, armed reconnaissance helicopter," Thurman said. "Concurrently, we will invest significant efforts into our existing Kiowa Warrior fleet that ensures our air crews and commanders continue to have the best capability possible to perform the mission."

# Family symposium seeks more delegates

*Grassroots conference set Oct. 28-29 at O' Club*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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This is your chance to tell Army leaders what you want changed at Redstone Arsenal.

Team Redstone's 20th Army Family Action Plan Conference is Oct. 28-29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Friday is the deadline to sign up as a delegate.

"It's the 25th year for the Department of Army AFAP process," Cathy Hays, quality of life program manager at Army Community Service, said.

Delegates will discuss quality of life issues from throughout the community.

"It's a grassroots process where different demographic groups from the installation – and that would be active duty Soldiers, family members, retirees and Department of Army civilians – come together for this two-day conference and brainstorm quality of life



**Cathy Hays**

issues for local and Armywide," Hays said.

"It basically allows the constituents to tell the Army what's working and what's not working and how they would like to see the Army improve both locally and Department of Army-wide," she said.

So, why should people participate in this process? "It's your opportunity to make a difference," Hays replied.

The issues that come out of this conference are looked at by Army leadership at the local level and at the Department of Army.

Leia Knapp, wife of Capt. Jason Knapp of 832nd Ordnance Battalion, has lived on post about a year and will be a first-year delegate.

"I feel that it's important that people that live on Redstone are involved with their community," Knapp said.

To volunteer as a delegate, call Hays at 876-5397, submit a printed application form or register online at the Morale Welfare and Recreation website at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com). Issues can also be submitted online at the same site.

# Garrison seeks customer service feedback

Make your voice heard in the Army Customer Service Assessment 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](http://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)

# Red ribbons reflect support for drug-free nation

*Annual observance under way this week*

By RUBY TURNER  
For the Rocket

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. This year Red Ribbon Week is celebrated by the Department of Defense Oct. 22-24.

This is the 23rd year since wearing red ribbons began to be associated with the fight against drugs. The practice started in 1985 as a means of honoring DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who lost his life in the line of duty.

Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug pre-

vention and education and a personal commitment to live drug-free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of drug free America.

Today, Red Ribbon Week is nationally recognized and celebrated, helping to preserve Camarena's memory and further the cause for which he gave his life. The Red Ribbon Campaign also became a symbol of support for the DEA's efforts to reduce demand for drugs through prevention and education programs.

By wearing a red ribbon during the week, Americans demonstrate their ardent opposition to drugs. They pay homage not only to Camarena, but to all men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in support of our nation's struggle against drug trafficking and abuse.

*Editor's note: Ruby Turner is alcohol and drug control officer in the Human Resources Directorate, Garrison.*

# 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](http://www.redstonemwr.com) to complete the registration online and complete this Quality of Life Survey. (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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

4. YOUR MARITAL STATUS?  
 Single  Married  Widow/Widower

5. YOUR FAMILY TYPE?  
 Dual-Military  Sole-parent  Traditional  Other

6. YOUR CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION?  
 Delegate  Admin support  
 Facilitator  Issue Support  
 Recorder

7. HAVE YOU EVER PARTICIPATED IN AN AFAP CONFERENCE? WHERE / WHEN?  
 Installation level; what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 MACOM level; what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 DA Level; what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Never participated at any level

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](mailto:cathy.hays@conus.army.mil) or visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com) to register and submit a Quality of Life Survey.

# Soldiers coach, cheer for special kind of athlete

*Redstone sends 200 of its best to support Special Olympics*

By **KARI HAWKINS**  
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Michael Richardson loves to make new friends.

He talks to anyone who listens. He likes to give big hugs and he likes to hold hands. He is always smiling.

Yet, Michael was a little worried about his performance in the 100-meter walk during the Madison County Special Olympics at Milton Frank Stadium on Oct. 14. He was afraid he would fall, that he wouldn't finish the race, that he could break his back.

Not to worry – Michael had two good friends on his side who knew all about encouragement and motivation, who knew how to make all those worries go away, who would be there for him until the very end of the race.

Michael had the U.S. Army's Pvt. Matthew Schultz and Pvt. Kory Roberts with him all the way down the track. They cheered Michael on, they encouraged him when he wanted to stop, they made sure he stayed focused on the goal. And, just for reinforcement, Pfc. Shawn Anders joined Michael's team of friends toward the end of the race to help him push to the finish line.

"See, you didn't break your back. You finished the race," Schultz told Michael as the Soldiers congratulated their special Olympian.

"Did I win?" Michael asked.

"Yes! You'll get a ribbon. A ribbon tells everyone you are a winner," Schultz answered.

Michael's ribbon was one of two second place ribbons he won at the Special Olympics. The other ribbon he won in the softball throw.

"You are a winner!" Schultz told him. "You did a good job! Two red ribbons! I don't even have two ribbons. You did so good today."

Words of encouragement, hugs, cheers and smiles were all part of the day as about 200 Soldiers from the 832nd Ordnance Battalion joined high school students from across Madison County to serve as chaperones, coaches and cheerleaders during the 41st annual Madison County Special Olympics Track and Field Events. With their help, more than 370 special Olympians ran, jumped, threw, walked and dashed to glory on the winner's podium in more than a dozen events.

"This is a great day for these Soldiers. We're overjoyed to be part of this tradition," said Col. Tom Keegan, commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, which includes the Soldiers of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

"I was talking to a couple Soldiers waiting for the buses (bringing the special Olympians to the stadium) and they were really looking forward to this. We are in the business of service. We provide a service to the nation. A lot of times that means



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**LENDING HAND**— Pvt. Matthew Schultz takes his charge, Special Olympics athlete Michael Richardson, by the hand to guide him off the track after his race. Michael was able to complete the 100-meter walk thanks to the encouragement of Schultz, Pvt. Kory Roberts and Pfc. Shawn Anders, all of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion. About 200 Soldiers of the 832nd chaperoned, cheered and coached athletes at the 41st annual Madison County Special Olympics Track and Field Events at Milton Frank Stadium on Oct. 14.

serving in time of war. But it also means service to our local community."

Keegan's son, John, a junior at Columbia High School, was one of the high school students volunteering at the Special Olympics through Columbia's JROTC program.

"It's good for him as a 17-year-old to get out and experience something like this. It's good for him and his school to be involved in serving the community," Keegan said.

Everywhere around the stadium field, Soldiers were helping and supporting athletes. Over at the female softball throw, Pvt.

David Hawkins and Pvt. Rhiannon Apache were celebrating the first place finish of their charge, athlete Denise Framarin.

"She really did a good job," Hawkins said. "She can really sling that ball. She's my hero."

"My brother-in-law taught me how to throw the ball," Denise said.

Pvt. Mario Curry and Pvt. Kyvias Moore cheered on Jeremy Shubert in the 50-meter dash while Pvt. Juan Chacon and Pfc. Elvis Guevara waited with James Grimmett for his try at the 25-meter



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**CHEERS FOR WINNER**— Pvt. David Hawkins and Pvt. Rhiannon Apache celebrate with Special Olympics athlete Denise Framarin, who won the female softball throw. "She's my hero," Hawkins said.

# Recruiting brigade moves into penthouse with new digs

## Headquarters building dedicated in ceremony

By KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY  
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The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Army 2nd Recruiting Brigade's new facility marked more than just the official opening for that facility. It also marked completion for the first of Redstone's BRAC-related construction projects.

"Today sets a milestone. This is our first BRAC building to be completed," Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli said. "If you think back to when they broke ground here and seeing this magnificent building today, it's truly a testament to the hard work and dedication of a lot of people."

The facility, building 3435 on Snooper Road, gives the brigade 25,000 square feet of working space. While it may

appear simple from the outside, inside it is a spacious and tasteful structure befitting the brigade that provides a substantial portion of the Army's new recruits.

"The 2nd Brigade team really makes it happen day in and day out on a consistent basis. It's a little more than a fifth (of the Army's recruits)," Brig. Gen. Joseph Anderson, Army Recruiting Command deputy commander, said.

Supervised by the Mobile District Corps of Engineers, the construction was completed by Engineering Design Technologies Inc. of Atlanta. Total contact cost was \$7.2 million.

"The contractor, Engineering Design Technologies, and the Corps of Engineers ensured delivery of a quality facility, on time and ready for immediate occupancy," Col. Rodney Symons, 2nd Recruiting Brigade commander, said.

Their new home is a far cry

from the place they left in Georgia, Symons said.

"I'm sure you're all familiar with the show 'The Beverly Hillbillies.' I believe we have struck it rich moving to Redstone Arsenal. In this case BRAC took the place of oil in starting the process of moving the brigade to Redstone," Symons said. "We left Fort Gillem after 30 years of continuous operations, and a long and distinguished history of putting America's sons and daughters in the United States Army. The good news for us is that we left a condemned building in Fort Gillem and we are truly moving into the penthouse in this new 2nd Recruiting Brigade headquarters."

Besides the joy to be found in their new building, Symons said they are pleased to have found a new home in the Redstone community.

"We look forward to being a part of the Redstone team," he said.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**GRAND OPENING**— Cutting the ribbon Oct. 14 are, from left, Engineering Design Technologies CEO Fred Fatemi, Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli, Army Recruiting Command deputy commander Brig. Gen. Joseph Anderson, AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, 2nd Recruiting Brigade commander Col. Rodney Symons and Mobile District Corps of Engineers' Col. Byron Jorns.

## ■ Soldiers make difference at Special Olympics

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wheelchair dash. Spc. Heather Pierce and Pvt. Jennifer Hobson spent the day with athlete Kay Sampson, who competed in the softball throw and the 50-yard dash.

"I helped out with Special Olympics when I was 10 or 11 in my hometown of Columbus, Ohio," Pierce said. "My grandparents had adopted a boy with Down's syndrome, so I went with him and helped him out. I'm glad to be here today to help with this Special Olympics."

Pvt. Jose Campos ran alongside the runners in the 200-meter dash, carrying the pink backpack of runner Dulche Vega, who came in second place.

"Did you hear the people cheering for you?" Campos asked Dulche.

Pfc. Chris Northcutt and Pvt. Samuel Adams were trying to keep athlete James Lowery interested in his performance in the standing long jump.

For his part, James was more interested in collecting pieces of artificial turf than jumping in the competition. But when it came his time to jump, Northcutt and Adams got James to the starting line and encouraged him to give it his best. James finished in fourth place, getting a "high five" from his Army chaperones.

"Yeah, I like these guys. I'm having fun," James said, giving Northcutt and Adams a hug.

Another standing long jump contestant, athlete Bobby Myrick, excelled at the competition. His chaperone, Staff Sgt. Brian Lettenmaier, cheered and clapped as Bobby took his place atop the winner's podium.

"It's really been quite the reward coming out here and helping the kids out," Lettenmaier said. Back over at the walking track, it's hard to tell

who the winners are — Michael or his cheering team of Schultz, Roberts and Anders.

"Days like this make it all worth it," Schultz said.

"I like helping the community," Anders added. "I would do it as a civilian. Why not do it as a Soldier? It's great to help out and be part of something like this that can really make a difference."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**GIANT LEAP**— Special Olympics athlete James Lowery takes a leap in the standing long jump competition as volunteer judge Phillip Franklin, kneeling at left, and his Army chaperones Pfc. Chris Northcutt, left in background, and Pvt. Samuel Adams, right in background, look on.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Fly by

A helicopter soars over Martin Road on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 15.

# Helping *hands*

## Army retiree serves up hope along with food, supplies

*Travels to devastated communities as a Red Cross services volunteer*

By KARI HAWKINS

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Joe Sims has a habit of turning up in communities when things are at their worst.

And with each visit, it is his hope that when he returns home he has left behind a community that has made it through the darkest days of its crisis and has shifted its focus to a better future.

Sims is an American Red Cross Disaster Services volunteer, working out of the organization's regional office in Huntsville. This retired Soldier and Vietnam veteran now spends several weeks a year traveling to areas ravaged by natural disasters, where he helps the Red Cross provide shelter, food and supplies to disaster victims.

In his volunteer work, Sims has traveled to provide Red Cross aid after hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Wilma and, most recently, Ike.

And although devastation is often the backdrop for his work, Sims said with each Red Cross assignment he is energized by the spirit of the American people.

"After a hurricane or any disaster of any magnitude, people are sort of in a state of shock. When you lose everything, it takes awhile to get over it," he said.

"Even though people are definitely in need of food, supplies and a place to stay, they are still hopeful. There's a feeling that 'We've gone through it and we've been beaten down, but we're going to come back, we're going to recover.' The human spirit is amazing. No matter what happens, people still have hope and are willing to talk about their future."

Sims' first experience with providing assistance after a disaster came with Hurricane Dennis in July 2005, when he arrived just before the hurricane to help set up a shelter 30 miles north of Pensacola. That was a warm-up for his work setting up a shelter in Meridian, Miss., in anticipation of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. In October 2005, he helped with relief efforts in relation to Hurricane Wilma in southern and central Florida. In



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**CROSS BEARER**— With his military years behind him, retired Lt. Col. Joe Sims is now standing up for the American Red Cross. He works as a Disaster Services volunteer through the Madison-Marshall County Chapter of the Red Cross. His work has involved him in the relief efforts of several hurricanes, including most recently Hurricane Ike.

August of this year, he helped set up shelters in North Alabama for the victims of Hurricane Gustav.

In September, as Hurricane Ike prepared to make landfall in Galveston, Texas, Sims made his preparations for a three-week assignment to support the hurricane's victims. Hurricane Ike hit Galveston on Sept. 12 and 13. Sims left Huntsville on Sept. 15, traveling to Dallas-Ft. Worth and then to a bulk distribution point in Kuntz, Texas, where he was assigned to a feeding site in Liberty, Texas.

"I was busy delivering food to communities," he said. "We set up drive-through feeding points where we would provide a hot meal, ready-to-eat meals, water and other supplies."

"I delivered bulk distribution supplies — cleaning supplies, personal hygiene supplies, water, diapers and other things people need to get by on a daily basis — to communities south and east of Houston. I also made runs to Galveston Island to deliver supplies."

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# Volunteer

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During Hurricane Ike relief efforts, Sims and a group of about 50 Red Cross volunteers spent 12 hours or more each day coordinating and providing supplies to victims, and extending friendship and comfort to victims. In parking lots throughout the devastated communities of the Galveston and Houston areas, they set up food and supply lines during those initial days after the hurricane.

At the kitchen/feeding site at the First Baptist Church in Liberty, about 10,000 meals were prepared and served each day. The site had a walk-up serving line, a drive-through serving line and a

program that shipped out meals to the surrounding communities. Besides hot meals, the site also supplied water and ice. Red Cross sites also provided other needed supplies.

“People would drive through in their cars and we would give them what they needed,” Sims said. “There were hundreds and hundreds of cars until we would run out of supplies and there would be more cars.

“When we got down to food and supplies for 30 families, we would count 30 cars down the line and then have to cut off the rest. We would tell them we were sorry, but our supplies had run out and they needed to come back later. We were trucking in the supplies, so when you are out you are out. We had several trucks going to parking lots on Galveston Island every day. But there were always more cars and people in line than we had sup-



Courtesy photo

**PROVIDING MEALS— Local Red Cross volunteer Joe Sims, in front second from right, enjoys meeting other Red Cross volunteers from across the nation through his work in providing hot meals and supplies to victims of hurricanes. This picture was taken at the kitchen/feeding site at the First Baptist Church in Liberty, Texas, following Hurricane Ike where about 10,000 meals were prepared and served each day.**

plies.”

Sims witnessed both the devastation of Galveston Island and the beginnings of its recovery. Most of the houses still standing had 2 to 6 feet of water in them. Even in those first few days after the hurricane, families were already stacking their salvageable household items outside their homes and stripping walls up to the water line.

“The worst area we saw was the peninsula east of Galveston known as the Crystal Beach community,” Sims said. “The houses there are normally built on stilts and are close to the water. The houses were gone or had suffered major damage.

“As we went more inward, we saw a lot of wind damage. Trees were down and power was out everywhere. It was devastating.”

Since he’s returned from Hurricane Ike relief efforts, Sims said the need for shel-

ter and food operations has diminished. Red Cross e-mails are now calling for client caseworkers, nurses and mental health professionals who can work more one-on-one with victims as they try to get their lives back to normal.

Sims’ military training has prepared him for the work of a Red Cross volunteer. A native of Trussville, Sims served 22 years in the Army, retiring in 1988 as a lieutenant colonel. His career in Air Defense Artillery included service with the 1st Infantry Division in Quan Loi, Vietnam, during the Tet Offensive in 1968-69 and later an assignment at Redstone Arsenal in the Patriot Project Office. He and his wife enjoyed Huntsville so much that they returned upon his retirement. After a 17-year civilian career as a defense contractor, Sims retired again in 2005 and became a Red Cross volunteer.

“I think the primary reason I wanted to do this was my desire to help other people. That’s an important value to me. I need to give back,” Sims said.

“In retirement, you have more time and this is something I always wanted to do. While I was in the Army, I saw the wonderful work the Red Cross does for the military. It’s a great organization that has helped a lot of people. And I think being in the military uniquely qualifies you to be a Red Cross volunteer. The military teaches you skills that can be used in the Red Cross.”

Things like leadership, organization and logistics skills as well as knowing how to work with lots of different people and how to contribute in a confusing environment makes former military personnel especially qualified to work in disaster assistance areas.

Besides responding to regional, state and national disasters with Disaster Services, Sims has also worked on a Red Cross Disaster Action Team, providing support to families who are victims of house fires.

“In Disaster Services, our job is to pro-

vide mass care – sheltering, feeding and bulk distribution supplies for hundreds of victims,” Sims said. “We open shelters to provide a safe place for people to stay. We feed them and provide for their needs following a disaster.”

They also provide victims with emotional support.

“When you work in a shelter, people are coming from neighborhoods where they’ve lost everything they had,” Sims said. “They want to talk about it and they want someone to listen and provide emotional support. You hear one sad story after another, and you have to be careful that you don’t become depressed hearing all these sad stories and seeing people crying.”

Yet there are also stories that are encouraging and there is sense of making a difference as a Red Cross disaster volunteer.

“We had an elderly man during Hurricane Katrina who was evacuated from New Orleans to our shelter,” Sims recalled. “He had all his money and valuables in a local bank in New Orleans that was under water. He wanted to know if he had any money.”

Red Cross volunteers managed to contact banking officials, who verified that the elderly man’s money was safe.

“Everybody walks up with a different problem for you to solve,” Sims said. “It’s a real challenge, but it’s rewarding.

“If you really have a desire to help people in need and it’s a driving force in your life, then the Red Cross is for you. If you like working in a hands-on environment and you want to work one-on-one with victims of disasters, then this is for you. It’s not an easy job, but it’s one well worth doing.”

*Editor’s note: The Madison-Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross is always seeking volunteers. To volunteer, call the Red Cross Volunteer Services Department at 536-0084, ext. 210.*

# Chapter paves way for robotics education

More than \$35K in grants awarded to area schools

The Huntsville based Pathfinder Chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International has presented educational grants totaling \$35,620 to 29 area classrooms, plus two robotics competitions: the Alabama Council for Technology in Education and the Alabama First Lego League Championship.

The grants were presented by the chapter education chairman Joe Fitzgerald in a ceremony Oct.14 at the Westin Hotel at Bridge Street, in the courtyard. The grants ranged from \$500 to \$2,500 and will be used to support robotics technology instruction by the schools.

This marks the 18th consecutive year that the Pathfinder Chapter has provided educational grants to the local community. Each year, schools throughout North Alabama and South Central Tennessee are invited to submit requests for funding support by the association. Winners include schools from Madison,



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**PATH TO SUCCESS—** Recipients of educational grants from the Pathfinder Chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International gather Oct. 14.

Morgan, Marshall and Limestone counties in Alabama, and Lincoln County, Tenn.

Schools use the funds to purchase robot kits, computers and other items to support robotics education and to compete in robotics competitions. Several local high schools have compet-

ed in the FIRST competitions over the last several years and have said that they could not afford to compete without the Pathfinder Chapter's financial support.

The ACTE grant will help to pay for their annual Technology Fair held each spring at the Von

Braun Center. At the fair, more than 700 Northwest Alabama students in public and private grades 3 to 12 demonstrate how they are learning and using computer technology in school. The Pathfinder Chapter's support for ACTE has been instrumental in keeping the competition alive

and growing for several years. This is the type of community involvement that members of the Pathfinder Chapter want to encourage and sustain through its education grant award program.

The Alabama First Lego League Championship grant will help to pay the expenses of conducting this inaugural competition at the Von Braun Center in 2009. It will involve schools from across the region in robotics competition. The Pathfinder Chapter's support to this First Lego League Championship will be instrumental bringing this competition to Huntsville. This competition is important to ensure students are stimulated and motivated toward robotics and technology education.

Fitzgerald pointed out that, in addition to providing monetary support, many members of the association have volunteered to serve as mentors to various robotics clubs in the local area and thus aid the teachers in providing assistance and guidance to the students as they prepare for local and regional robotics competitions. (*Pathfinder Chapter release*)

# Logistics modernization program marches toward start

*Expert users gather for update meeting*

By DAN O'BOYLE  
*For the Rocket*

One wag once observed that an expert is "a darn fool, a long way from home."

Neither fools, nor far from home, 60 Logistics Management Program expert users gathered last week in the Rocket Auditorium to get the latest lowdown from Cathy Dickens, LMP lead integrator. "We are embarking on a huge change," Dickens said. "LMP is the cornerstone of the Single Army Logistics Enterprise designed to provide the Army with end-to-end visibility. Having a system designed to track every aspect of our business and linked to our organic and industry partners will significantly improve our ability to support Soldiers. Obviously, the implementation date is the beginning and we will still have a long way to go and a lot of work to be accomplished after go-live (in March 2009) to realize the full benefits of the system.

"Our senior leaders are committed to identifying the challenges and the opportunities that LMP represents," she said. "Identifying functionality gaps and establishing quality data are critical as we go forward. We will be operating in a global environment where every instance of data impacts the enterprise."

Toward that end, data accuracy and integrity is critical.

"LMP is the engine and data the fuel,"

Dickens said, quoting AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister. "In the old days we would manually manipulate hard-copy contracts using white out. Obviously, we can't do that in 2008, with input data populating multiple areas."

Under LMP, every scintilla of data appears across the enterprise – across the globe.

**"What we are doing is fundamental groundbreaking. And that means transforming our business processes."**

— Cathy Dickens  
*LMP lead integrator*

"We will no longer be able to manipulate systems the way we do today," Dickens said. "We are driving to have the right stock at the right time at the right place. With data integrity, LMP will allow us to capture Soldier demands better; it will allow us to know exactly what we have in our depots on a day-to-day basis, and what we will need tomorrow which leads to an enhanced forecasting capability.

"What we are doing is fundamental groundbreaking," she said. "And that means transforming our business processes."

Breaking that ground and transforming the business is where expert users come in.

"You are responsible for identifying and developing the business process changes required to operate in the new environment," Dickens said. "You have

demonstrated – through your efforts in the transformation discovery laboratories and the business design workshops – that you are receptive to change. You are making the decisions; you are leading the way. This is a significant commitment from you personally and from your leadership in shaping the future. We know that everyone is busy supporting the war and it is difficult to put one more thing on your plate, but this is an investment we have to make.

"You have a huge responsibility and we are asking a lot of each one of you. Not only do you have to understand the system and impacts to the business, you have to send the right signals. A can-do attitude in accepting and shaping this change will go a long way in preparing the rest of the

work force. Even with all of our preparation activities, we're going to have surprises. You know that, I know that. And we are going to have to be prepared to deal with those surprises."

The responsibility for expert users and demand on their time will only increase over the next 6 to 12 months. In addition to the work they continue to perform in redesigning the business processes, they will be involved in training the end users. Expert users will be the first line of defense in the LMP War Room, which will operate 24/7 the first few weeks after "go-live" March 9, 2009.



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

## *PEO team effort*

**Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space, shares the 2008 Army Acquisition Logistics and Technology Continuous Process Improvement Award with the Hellfire Missile System Reset Project Team. The award was presented to PEOMS at the annual ALT Corps Awards Ceremony Oct. 5 in Crystal City Marriot, Va. From left are Dellarocco, Rachele Lapperre, John Murphy, Barry Beavers, Bethany Marbut, Carson Wakefield and Elia Flores.**



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## *Technology talk*

**Danny Newman of Wright Line LLC talks about his company's products during the Technology Expo held Friday at Bob Jones Auditorium. Visiting his table are Missile Defense Agency workers Darryl Dearmon, left, and Chris Jernigan. Wright Line, based in Worcester, Mass., sells data center enclosures and technical office furniture. More than 25 exhibitors participated in the expo, hosted by the Logistics Support Activity.**

## Command honors mentoring program participants



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**AWARD CEREMONY—** Participants in the AMCOM “People Empowering People” Mentoring Program gather for a group photo.

### Developing people among priorities

By **SKIP VAUGHN**

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AMCOM leaders were thanked for volunteering to serve as mentors. And their proteges were thanked for signing up for the program.

This was an awards ceremony for the seventh cycle of the Aviation and Missile Command’s “People Empowering People” Mentoring Program.

“This is a very, very important part of what we do at AMCOM,” Ronnie Chronister, deputy to the commander, said during the Oct. 14 event.

Throughout the command – from Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment activity to the Security Assistance Management Directorate and so on – people are

working to equip the war fighter, said Chronister.

“Next to providing parts for our Soldiers, supporting our Soldiers, developing people is the most important thing we do out here,” he said.

He presented certificates and coins to the 12 mentors and 12 proteges in the latest mentoring cycle, which began in April and ended in October.

Jeff Burgess, a contracting officer in the Acquisition Center, was among the proteges. A government worker about five and a half years, Burgess had as his mentor Tim Grey, director of G-1 (Human Resources).

“I think it’s a good opportunity for anyone who’s pointing to enhance their knowledge of the overall command and the particular organizations within the command,” Burgess said.

Carolyn Nation, a secretary in the Integrated Materiel Management Center, said she enjoyed being

the protege of Daniel Fory of TMDE. “He did encourage me to put in for positions and so that’s what I did,” she said.

The proteges included Cathy Mayhall of SAMD, Samanatha Smith of IMMC, Jeff Burgess of Acquisition Center, Carolyn Nation of IMMC, Carla Turner of Acquisition Center, Tiffany Johnson of IMMC, Cindy Perfetti of SAMD, Shirley Keel of SAMD, Billy Gravitt of Acquisition Center, Peter Degenaar of Competition Management Office, Gloria Collins of SAMD and Jeffrey Fox of IMMC.

The mentors included Claudia Rhen of G-3, Norman Nagle of IMMC, Tim Grey of G-1, Daniel Fory of TMDE, Kenneth Dulaney of Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Debra Foley of Command Group, Jackie Timme of G-1, David Roden of IMMC, Bobby Coney of EEO, Col. Tom Newman of Command Group, Glenda Waters of G-3 and Rick Turner of TMDE.

# Animals receive annual blessing at chapel

Cats, dogs and horses accompany owners

By DAVE MACEDONIA  
For the Rocket

Bicentennial Chapel celebrated its annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, Oct. 4. The Blessing of the Animals has been celebrated at the chapel for more than 20 years. Last year, more than 50 chapel patrons were in attendance when Father Frank Muscolino blessed eight cats, 39 dogs and four horses. This year, Chaplain (Maj.) Ray Kopec was in charge of the blessing of the medals of St. Francis and a picture was given to each animal owner. The weather was great

and the turnout included five cats, 30 dogs and two horses. Susan Carr helped with the setup, photography and the distribution of food for the animals.

Oct. 4 is recognized by the Catholic Church as the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Founder of the Franciscans, and Patron Saint of Animals, St. Francis lived in Italy from 1181 to 1226. Francis came from a wealthy Italian family. After a traumatic war experience, Francis began giving food and money to any beggar he encountered. This displeased his father greatly. Francis visited hospitals and ministered to the sick, giving away money freely. His father disinherited Francis. Francis then

gathered a group of men of like mind. They agreed to take a vow of poverty and preach penance. Francis referred to all creatures as brothers, and legend has it that he preached to the animals.

In his honor a life-affirming ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals is celebrated at many Christian churches.

"The Blessing of the Animals reminds us of the sacredness of all life, and provides an opportunity to celebrate the animals who share our lives," Debra K. Brazzel of Duke University said.

Following individual blessings, each animal was treated to packaged animal food while their owners were treated to cake and punch.



Photo by Dave Macedonia

**DOGGONE FUN—** Ashlyn Smith and her dog Trixie enjoy the festivities at the Blessing of the Animals.

## Food portions addressed at children's center

### Portions

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but most children under 5 do not eat tomatoes. Since they had gone to the kitchen and got a fish patty for me, instead of eating it we cut it into smaller pieces and gave those that wanted seconds a piece. I pushed it off that it was the first day and it would get better. I made it a point to talk to the teachers and then dropped in again a week later. On this visit there was an issue again with the lack of food. There was enough for every child to get one serving and a little bit of each item to give a handful seconds. But if you have a child that eats slow, they are less likely to get any seconds because by the time they finish their first helping there is nothing left.

This issue has been addressed at the monthly Parent Advisory Council meetings, it has been addressed with the CDC manager as well as others in the CYS chain. It was addressed again at the September PAC meeting and again us parents are being told the portion sizes are within the guidelines of the USDA recommended serving size. At the PAC meeting we have been told that the rooms can ask for additional food, but

according to my daughter's teacher they cannot ask for seconds if it is a meat/protein item — only on the vegetables and fruit. But I have also been told by parents with children in other rooms that when they do call down to the kitchen for seconds there isn't anything left.

I am tired of getting this lip service and instead would like to see that these children aren't starving every day. The serving size they get is 2 ounces; and to help the teachers estimate this, 2 ounce serving spoons are now used for the kids to get the right portions. For instance today they had red beans and rice, pineapples and carrots; there was enough for every child to get 2 ounces of the red beans but the leftovers were only enough to give two children seconds. For the pineapples with only taking four pieces they were able to allow each child to have seconds; and for the carrots there was enough for three children to have seconds. I was also upset to learn that when they have biscuits it is half a biscuit and not a whole one. If it is a meat/fish patty it is half a patty and not a whole one. Again if they have a full class there is very little left for seconds using the USDA portion sizes; if the USDA portion sizes were not used then there wouldn't be enough for everyone. Now

when I go for lunch I do not eat until all the other kids have eaten and so usually I do not eat, which for me isn't a big deal.

Another disturbing issue is when my child was in the toddler room the ratio per group was 1 to 6 and now that she is in the preschool room where it is 1 to 10 the food portions are the same; they still get one bowl of a vegetable and one bowl of a fruit, except now the fruit bowls are smaller and the vegetable bowl isn't as full. I would like for this issue to be re-evaluated and solved quickly. We read about it all the time in the paper about school age children and how important it is for them to have a full stomach because when they do not get enough to eat they are unable to concentrate as much and are more likely to act up. I know we are privileged to have the CDC on post and that they provide food is also a great service but that is why most of us have chosen to use on-post daycare. The staff here is wonderful, the teachers are very caring and adore the children but I am concerned that no one seems to think there is an issue with the food portions aside from the parents and some teachers.

### Name withheld by request

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Child, Youth and School Services is a federally oper-*

*ated child care system. As a result the Department of Army has dictated that all CYSS programs are required via public law and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to ensure that all children participating in USDA reimbursement programs are fed in accordance with mandated guidelines; hence, prescribed 'proportions.'*

*"Yes, it is common knowledge that the Redstone CYSS Child Development Center and School Age Center have been known to serve children more than what is prescribed. However good our intentions, DA has reiterated their position on this issue and our programs must get in step with every other Army installation in the U.S.*

*"CYSS will have an official nutritionist in October and one of her primary tasks will be providing nutrition education classes to staff, parents and children. We believe nutrition education, as well as awareness of obesity issues in America, are topics that parents and staff can both benefit from. We hope education will not only inform but help all parties to see the big picture and the issues facing the forthcoming generations.*

*"Thank you for your comments and please note, where verbiage is 'unclear' we (CYSS) will continue to err; within reason, on the part of the children in our programs."*

# Veterans take flight down memory lane

Honor Flight transports group to WW II memorial in D.C.

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"Dear Honor Flight:  
"We can never thank you and the many volunteers enough for the wonderful job that you did with the Honor Flight this past weekend (Oct. 11). My father was so thrilled with all aspects of the trip. I have never seen him grin so much as he did when he came down the aisle of the airport upon their return. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were there to greet him. It was a history lesson for them all and an inspiring tribute to all veterans.

"This trip for him became even more important as when he went to the VA for his three-month checkup on Monday of this past week (Oct. 6), his report was not a good one. His PSA levels were over 200 and the doctor wanted to admit him then and start an IV therapy for his pancreatic cancer. He told her very quickly that he could not stay as he had an important trip to make. And that he did. He leaves from Nashville tomorrow morning (Oct. 13) and goes straight to the VA in Little Rock to begin his first round of chemotherapy. But my dad goes with great memories thanks to all at Honor Flight Huntsville.

"The entire Doyle Johnson family thanks you." — Elaine Johnson Purdy

World War II veteran Doyle Johnson, grandfather to Maj. Mark Bird stationed at Redstone Arsenal, wouldn't have made a trip to the WW II memorial in Washington, D.C., without Honor Flight Tennessee Valley.

"This is an outstanding program. We have tried to get my father to D.C. many times over, but he would not go. When he saw a news clip on this program he said he would go with that group," said his daughter, Elaine Johnson Purdy, in an e-mail to Honor Flight organizer Joe Fitzgerald. "I am so grateful for your reply and hope there is a spot for dad this fall."

Johnson deployed Oct. 11 on a chartered aircraft from Huntsville International Airport to see his memorial along with 126 other World War II veterans. His daughter's thank you letter is among several received from grateful veterans and their families since the first Honor Flight trip in April 2007.

"This was our last flight of 2008, so it was very special to all the volunteers," Fitzgerald said. "It was just a great day. The weather was beautiful. Every veteran had an absolutely wonderful time."

The fourth and final flight of 2008 brought the total veterans participating in Honor Flight to 629, with 500 of those veterans making the trip on one of this year's four flights. Yet there is still a waiting list of 350 WW II veterans who are scheduled to participate in Honor Flight in 2009.



Bryan Bacon/The Huntsville Times

**EARLY MORNING DEPLOYMENT—** The day starts early for World War II veterans and their guardians participating in Honor Flight Tennessee Valley as they get ready to board their flight to see the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.. A total of 127 veterans made the Oct. 11 flight, bringing the number of veterans participating in Honor Flight to 629. There are still about 350 World War II veterans on a waiting list for future Honor Flights.

"Four flights in one year made it very challenging and difficult," Fitzgerald said. "But we did it and we're proud of it. Our goal is to get every World War II veteran to their memorial so they can see it."

To reach that goal, Honor Flight relies on hundreds of volunteers to manage travel arrangements, train guardians to chaperone the veterans, plan and participate in ceremonies both before and during the trip, provide health care services during the trip, coordinate the veterans schedule for each trip and many other activities. Community groups such as the Patriot Guard, 19th Alabama and Veterans Memorial Museum along with the Redstone Arsenal Color Guard, Redstone Garrison, the NCO Academy and various Soldiers and Marines assist with the Honor Flight deployments as well as civilians both in Huntsville and Washington, D.C. On the Oct. 11 trip, retired Gen. Ronald Griffith, former vice chief of staff of the Army, was among 80 L-3 Communications Co. employees in Washington, D.C., who provided additional guardians.

One major area volunteers are working constantly is fund-raising. It takes at least \$100,000 to make each Honor Flight trip possible.

A concert with Huntsville Community Chorus, a fall golf tournament and a cruise in January are all helping raise funds for Honor Flight, Fitzgerald said.

"We're looking for any opportunity we can to raise funds so that Honor Flight can continue. We even have a volunteer who is going to travel the world on a motorcycle and visit all the World War II sites. He is going to travel 22,000 miles on a motorcycle to raise money for Honor Flight," he said.

Although Honor Flight is offered in other cities throughout the nation, Honor Flight Tennessee Valley has custom fit its program to provide the kind of trip its organizers feel every WW II veteran deserves.

"We insist on at least one guardian for every WW II veteran, we make sure to have medical care and wheelchairs for all our veterans, we visit five memorials and we make the trip up and back in one day," Fitzgerald said. "We have a strict timeline and yet we make it easy on our veterans. It is a large, complex event, but it is achievable thanks to our dedicated volunteers."

Besides the WW II memorial, veterans also visit Arlington National Cemetery and its Women's Military Memorial and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Marine Corps Memorial and the Korean War Memorial.

"It was tremendous. We were treated like royalty everywhere we went. It was really, really great. I enjoyed every minute of it," said WW II Army veteran Richard McCollum.

Yet, McCollum didn't sign up for Honor Flight during its initial organization in early 2007. He actually didn't fill out his application until August of this year.

"I thought about it for a while. I thought 'Well, should I go or should I not go. I'll let somebody else go.' Then two or three people at church and some other friends told me I better go on this trip. So, I finally signed up," McCollum said.

McCollum doubts he would have made it to his memorial without Honor Flight.

"I maybe could have done this on my own if I had possibly saved up a little bit of money," he said. "But it wouldn't have been the same trip."

McCollum, 86, was a paratrooper with

the 101st Airborne, serving in Normandy, Holland and at the Battle of the Bulge where he went on missions to capture small towns, escape routes and bridges.

"I was not a hero," McCollum said.

Yet he felt like a hero on Oct. 11.

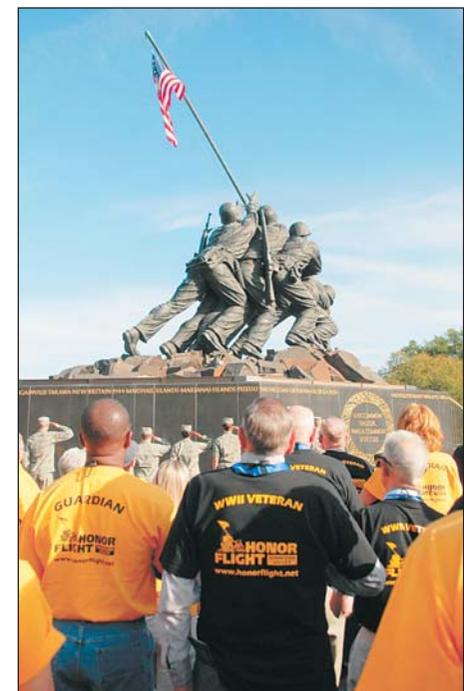
"I loved everything about it," he said. "When we got back, we were weary from the long day. But we had a bunch of people meet us at the airport. They were clapping and saying things like 'Job well done' and 'Good job.' That was really nice."

That "Welcome Home" was something that many WW II veterans didn't get to experience when they returned from war.

"My parents didn't even know when I was coming home. There just wasn't the kind of communication back then that we have now," said WW II veteran Lloyd Marks. "I was proud of my service. It was really nice to be recognized as a hero when we went on Honor Flight. It was a great honor."

The 84-year-old Marks, who fought as a Soldier in the South Pacific, began working on Redstone Arsenal in 1951 and went on to have a long career at Marshall Space Flight Center. He is still active, and water skis, snow skis and visits the NASA gym regularly. Yet a trip to Washington, D.C. would have been difficult without Honor Flight.

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Bryan Bacon/The Huntsville Times

**DAY OF MEMORIALS—** World War II veterans participating in the Oct. 11 Honor Flight Tennessee Valley enjoy a ceremony at the Marine Corps (Iwo Jima) Memorial. It was one of five memorials that the veterans visited on their one-day trip to Washington, D.C. The bulk of their time in the nation's capitol was spent viewing the World War II Memorial.

# Celebrating Hispanic heritage through words and music

## Speakers describe personal triumphs

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Two personal stories were told in different ways during Team Redstone's Hispanic American Heritage Program on Oct. 14 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Nancy Archuleta used her words. Nestor Torres used his music.

Archuleta described how she was a young mother in an abusive relationship who returned to school, got her high school diploma, went on to college and became a successful businesswoman. She was founder



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SIDE OF PARADISE—** Latin Grammy winner Nestor Torres performs Oct. 14 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

and president of MEVATEC Corporation, which was acquired by BAE Systems in 2003 for \$82 million.

"You can make a difference," Archuleta, a native of Las Cruces,



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE—** Nancy Archuleta, founder of MEVATEC Corporation, speaks during the Hispanic American Heritage Program.

N.M., said. "And you should look around you and ask yourself how can I make a difference?"

Torres, a Latin Grammy Award

winning flutist and motivational speaker, inspired the audience through his songs.

"This is my weapon," Torres said while raising his flute. "And I aim at the heart and I aim at people's humanity."

Born in Puerto Rico, Torres took up the flute at age 12 and later went to New York where he studied jazz and classical music. In 1981 he moved to Miami where he continued to develop his unique sound. In 2001 he won a Latin Grammy for his CD "This Side of Paradise."

"The value that we have as a nation can only be carried out by each and every one of us individually," Torres said.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, delivered opening remarks and presented awards to

both keynote speakers.

"This is about individual freedoms," Myles said. "This is about pursuit of happiness."

The theme for this year's Hispanic American Heritage training awareness program was, "Getting Involved: Our Families, Our Community, Our Nation."

In support of Hispanic American Heritage Month, Team Redstone sponsored an essay writing contest and a static display contest. The essay winners were: first place, Sgt. 1st Class Alexander Bryant of 59th Ordnance Brigade; second, K.C. Bertling of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; and third, Dorman Chasteen of PEO Missiles and Space. The display winners were: first place, PEO Missiles and Space; second, NCO Academy; and third, HHC 59th.

## ■ Honor Flight carries vets on memorable trip to Washington

### Flight

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"I liked the way they had everything organized real well," Marks said. "They really looked after us and made sure we didn't get lost. We were put one-on-one with a guide who stayed with us all day. That made it easier for us to enjoy visiting the memorials."

Honor Flight is important, Fitzgerald said, because of the length of time that has passed between WW II and the building of the memorial honoring its veterans.

"It took 60 years to build this memorial. By the time the memorial was built, many veterans were already passed away," he said.

"For those veterans who want to go to

the memorial, many are just not able physically to make the trip on their own. They were in their 70s and 80s when the memorial was built. Now they are in their 80s and 90s. When you get up in that age, it is difficult to travel. A program like Honor Flight makes it possible for veterans to see their memorial no matter what kind of physical shape they are in."

Since the first Honor Flight, the program has grown from the Saturday trip to Washington, D.C., to include Friday evening and Sunday afternoon ceremonies at Signature Aviation to honor deceased WW II veterans and their families. During the Friday, Oct. 10 ceremony, Honor Flight accepted 20 flags of deceased WW II veterans.

"Some of these veterans left us long ago, never knowing that a memorial

would be built in their honor. Some have passed away recently with plans to see the memorial," Fitzgerald said.

"All of these veterans shared a common fate in that they were not physically able to see their national WW II memorial, the memorial built to honor their service to this great nation."

The Friday ceremony was conducted in front of a North American B-25 "Mitchell" Bomber, a premier medium bomber of WW II. The B-25 was used to bomb Tokyo and other targets throughout Japan. It is a symbol of the U.S. military might and heroism displayed during WW II.

"After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, America declared war on Japan. The Japanese leadership assured their people that U.S. bombs would never fall on the central islands of Japan," Fitzgerald told those who congregated for the Friday

ceremony.

"With U.S. forces in shambles and very little to fight with in the Pacific Theater, a plan was devised to launch 16 land-based B-25 Bombers off of the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Hornet. The plan worked and on the 18th of April 1942, Col. Doolittle's B-25s bombed Tokyo and targets throughout Japan. It was a great boost of morale to the people and troops of America at a time when it was badly needed."

The flags flew with the Honor Flight group to Washington, D.C., and were presented in a ceremony at the WW II memorial. They were then returned to families during the Sunday afternoon ceremony.

For more information on Honor Flight Tennessee Valley or to make a donation, check out its website at <http://www.honorflight.net>.

# Scouts serve community and children

## Boys and girls programs at work and play on post

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The Redstone community includes more than organizations and military units. Some of Redstone's most important members are also the smallest. Redstone is home to both a Girl Scout troop and Cub Scout Pack.

"We are a part of the community," Laurie Taylor, Girl Scout Troop 465 leader, said. "This is our home."

Military families are considered the backbone of the Army. The sacrifices they make for the good of their servicemember and country are high. When military life dictates frequent moves, children especially benefit from continuity in their everyday life. Scouting affords such an opportunity, according to Joel Cotton, cubmaster for Pack 451.

"We have the same handbook. We use the same standards. What they achieve here will transfer to any pack," Cotton said. "We help them with the forms they need to transfer. We can help them locate a new pack."

Pack 451 is comprised of 28 boys from first to fifth grades. Cotton estimates 90 percent are military children. They are separated into four dens by grade. The Tiger Den is just for first-graders; Wolf Den is for second-graders; and the Bear Den serves third-graders. WEBELOS, an acronym for "We'll be loyal Scouts," combines fourth- and fifth- grades.

The pack is associated with J. E. Williams Elementary School, where its pack meetings are held monthly. Each den meets weekly at the school, with the exception of the Wolf Den. It meets weekly on post at Redstone Lanes Bowling Center.

The pack was formed in fall 2005. Initially it had only five members. The cubmaster of Pack 234, located on Redstone Arsenal, reached out to the fledgling pack, inviting it to attend meetings with them in Redstone's Scout Hut. When Pack 234 lost their location, the two groups combined, Cotton said.



Courtesy photo

**CLOSE TIES—** Den leader James Cadwell teaches members of Cub Scout Pack 451 how to tie knots during the 2007 Fall Family Campout at the Rustic Lodge.

"During the summer of 2006, situations on Redstone Arsenal forced Pack 234 to lose their resources," he said. "We were contacted by Pack 234 leadership and asked if the packs could merge. We gladly accepted the offer and seven Scouts from Pack 234 transferred to Pack 451."

Making the most of their Arsenal connection, Cub Scouts from Pack 451 use the activities and facilities at Redstone. The biggest of those is the Fall Family Campout, held each year at the Rustic Lodge.

"The entire family is invited to come out," Cotton said. "Moms, dads and siblings can participate in the activities. They just can't earn awards. That's just for Scouts."

Cub Scouts is designed to feed into Boy Scouts as the children grow. Because Boy Scouts begins in sixth-grade, Cotton said it can be difficult to get kids interested in Scouting. Participating at a younger age, such as Cub Scouts, makes it more likely a boy will stick with Scouting. Low numbers in previous years have put the Boy Scout troop on inactive status. Cotton hopes the swelling ranks of Cub Scouts will get them up and running again.

"Our goal is to get the troop back going," he said. "Scouts are for boys from first-grade to 18 years old. We want to serve them all."

Scouting is a service based activity. The Boy Scouts are preparing for a fall

food drive and they plan to spend time serving in a local mission. Through working to better their community, they hope to teach character and compassion.

"We're developing good citizens and young leaders," Cotton said. "We're teaching them how to work together."

It is a sentiment echoed in their female counterparts, the Girl Scouts. Girl Scout Troop 465 also emphasizes service to the community. Because they are comprised of military children, Taylor said, Redstone Arsenal is their community.

"I think it's most important to have Girl Scouts at the Arsenal because when we want to do a service project, such as the mural we painted last year, we are helping the post community," she said.

The troop consists of five girls in two age groups. Brownies are Girl Scouts ages 6 to 8. Juniors are for girls 8 to 11. It is typically a small group, but last year things didn't look promising for the troop. After their leader at the time, and the majority of the troop, moved they were left with two girls. Taylor and co-leader Erica Wilson were determined to carry on. They ended up with seven girls for the 2007 year. Although the current girls are all military children, Taylor said it is not a requirement to join.

"All our girls are from military families of active duty personnel — Marine Corps and Army," she said. "We had a civilian

girl two years ago. Every girl is welcome as long as they have access to the Arsenal."

## Tenants of Redstone 19th in a series

Troop 465 meets weekly on post in building 3466 at the corner of Snooper Road and Hercules. Being close to home makes Scouting more convenient for everyone, Taylor said.

"We don't use a lot of time and gas to get them back and forth to meetings," she said. "We can even bike to meetings, and have before."

This year the troop hopes to add a lot of fun activities to its service projects. In addition to the fun they have at their regular meetings, Taylor said they hope to take it on the road as well.

"Our goal is to go on a lot of field trips this year. Our next one is to Tate Farms, then to Monte Sano for a 'Camporee' with the Service Unit," she said. "We plan to go to the Huntsville museum and the Helen Keller birthplace in November."

The girls are preparing for cookie season, which will begin near the first of the year. They are also seeking a troop sponsor.

For more information on either troop, call Cotton at 337-2935 or Taylor at 722-8167. For general Scouting information, visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) or [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org)



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**ART PROJECT—** Girls from Troop 465 make cards to send to deployed servicemembers during one of their meetings.

# ATF move brings one-stop explosives training

By JUDYTH LeDOUX

ATF Explosives Training Branch

A primary focus of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' National Center for Explosives Training and Research is to provide explosives training for ATF's special agent certified explosives specialists, industry operations

investigators and bomb technicians, as well as law enforcement and other first responders from throughout the federal, state, local and international explosives communities.

ATF's explosives mission includes responsibility for administering and enforcing federal controls on explosives commerce, and investigating bombings, explosives thefts and other explosives incidents. ATF's Explosives Training Branch is responsible for developing and delivering training programs to address explosives missions related to post-blast investigations, explosives disposal, clandestine homemade explosives laboratories, processing and reporting, documentation and explosives industry storage and manufacturer site inspections.

Currently located at Fort AP Hill near Fredericksburg, Va., ATF's NCETR has served as ATF's primary explosives training facility for the past several years. At NCETR, ATF provides post-blast and other advanced training to its own special agents and investigators as well as to military personnel and to large numbers of other federal, state, local and international

explosives specialists. ATF also conducts research and testing, including research on the forensic characteristics of explosives residues.

The passage of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 moved ATF from the Department of the Treasury into the Department of Justice, added "Explosives" to ATF's name and established an explosives training and research facility for the purpose of training federal, state and local law enforcement officers to investigate bombings and explosions, to properly handle, utilize and dispose of explosive materials and devices and to conduct explosives research. In fiscal years 2006 and 2008, Congress appropriated funds to construct a facility for NCETR at Redstone Arsenal. This facility is expected to be completed and fully operational sometime in fiscal year 2010.

Moving the primary venue for ATF's advanced explosives training courses to Redstone will enhance efforts to create a "one-DOJ" explosives training environment. The Hazardous Devices School, led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is well established at Redstone, providing

federal, state and local bomb technicians with the training that is required to be certified as bomb technicians. With ATF-led courses such as Advanced Explosives Destruction Techniques and Post-Blast Investigation Techniques available at a permanent NCETR facility in the same location as HDS, and with the associated ability of ATF and the FBI to synchronize their training schedules, a bomb technician could easily transition directly from FBI training into ATF training without leaving the DOJ explosives training "campus."

Training that will continue to serve as a cornerstone of NCETR will include Advanced Explosives Destruction Techniques; Special Agent Certified Explosives Specialist Re-Certification; Special Agent Explosives Specialist Certification; Advanced Explosives Training for Industry Operations Investigators; Post-Blast Investigation Techniques; Homemade Explosives Identification Process Disposal; and Improvised Explosive Device Electronics Exploitation and Documentation.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Trashy thief

Paul Quintel of AMCOM G-3 portrays a thief rummaging through employees' trash during a skit for Security Awareness Week training Oct. 16 at Bob Jones Auditorium. "There's so much information in here it's incredible what I can find," he said. The moral of this skit included a recommendation to shred personal information when discarding it.

# Gators strike late to chomp Charlie Company

Headquarters & Alpha beats  
defending champ Wolfpack

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Headquarters & Alpha's Adam Goodwin had a plan when he went in at quarterback in

the closing minutes of the flag football season opener against Charlie Company.

Goodwin, who started the game at receiver and cornerback, became the quarterback at the start of his team's final drive with two minutes left. In the huddle, he had a message for wide receiver Stephen Morgan.

"I just told Morgan to just go deep, I'm going to throw it up to you so make a play,"

Goodwin said. "I just dropped back and put it up there and let him make a play."

Morgan ran toward the end zone, jumped between two defenders and came down with the ball for a touchdown.

The 30-yard pass reception proved to be the difference as the Gators beat defending champion Charlie 26-19 on Oct. 15 at the field off Patton Road.

Said Morgan, "I was telling the quarterback to throw it deep. Deep was open all day. My thoughts were I'm just going to run past (the defender), I'm going to keep going and look back for the pass. And it was right there."

Charlie had time for a final drive starting at its 37. But the Wolfpack's hopes ended on the Headquarters & Alpha 7 with a dropped pass in the end zone as time expired.

"We played tight, we stayed focused, we stayed motivated and we played as a team," Gators player/coach Draper Hollier said. "We got it done."

On the winning drive, "We tried to take time off the clock. We did a good job on that," Hollier said. "We just played tight, got a couple of good plays at the end and just made it happen."

The Gators opened the scoring on Hollier's 1-yard run at 7:06 in the first half for a 6-0 lead. Charlie responded with quarterback Devon Mitchell's 30-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Roxbury at 4:12 to tie the score 6-all.

Headquarters & Alpha starting quarter-

back Darrell Thomas threw a touchdown pass to Kenster Shannon at 2:14. The play covered 50 yards and the Gators led 12-6 at halftime.

The Gators went up 19-6 at 14:54 in the second half on Thomas' 15-yard pass to Tank Kopecky plus his pass to Keith Bennett for the extra point.

The Wolfpack used a trick play to close the gap at 12:06. From the Charlie 30, Mitchell tossed a lateral to running back Johnnie Akins on the right side. Akins passed to Mitchell who streaked down the left side to the end zone. Mitchell then ran for the extra point to pull within 19-13.

Mitchell's 61-yard touchdown run with 5:16 left tied the score 19-all. Headquarters and Alpha took the ensuing kickoff on its 39 and drove to the Charlie end zone in four plays, helped by two penalties which accounted for 20 yards. Goodwin completed 2-of-3 passes for 32 yards on the drive. He passed to Hollier for the extra point.

"It feels good," Goodwin said. "It gives us that confidence."

Wolfpack quarterback Mitchell completed 7-of-13 passes for 134 yards, but he was intercepted twice. Morgan made one of the interceptions at safety; and Steffan Reynolds got the other pick.

"We put up a good fight," Charlie player/coach Akins said. "We could've done a lot more on offense. And 'D' (the defense) did what they could, they held on as long as they could."

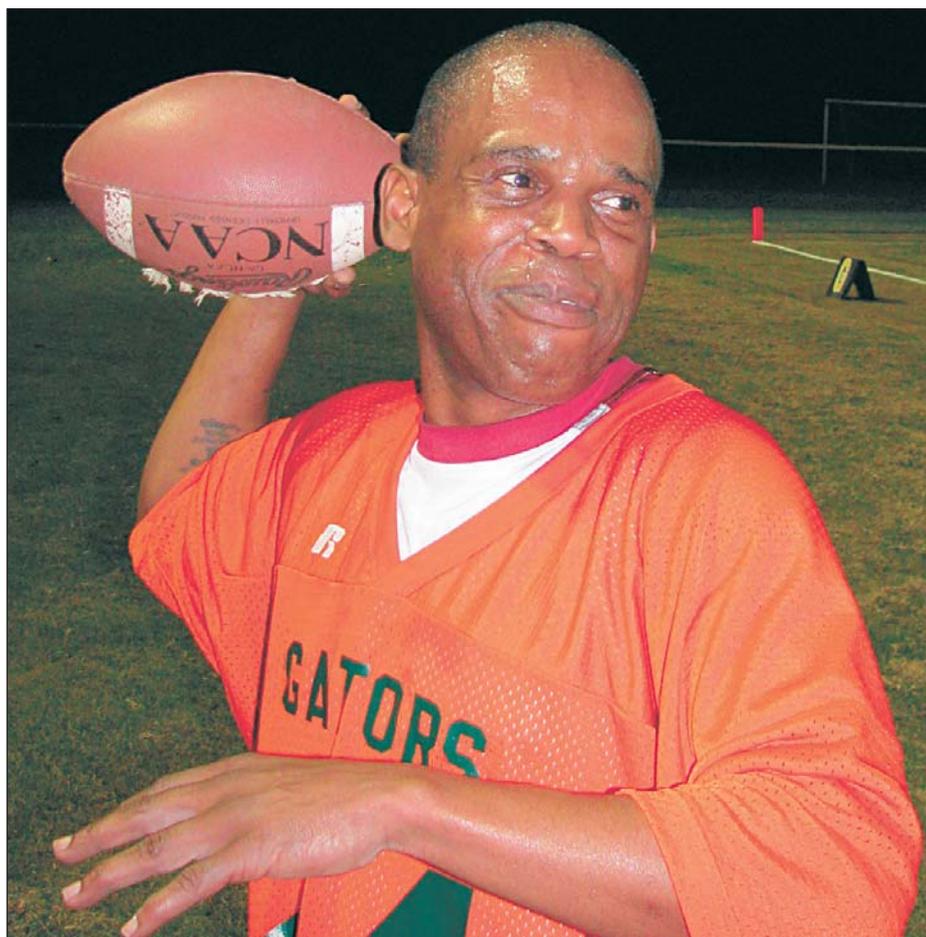


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**GO DEEP**— Darrell Thomas started at quarterback for Headquarters & Alpha in the season opener against Charlie.

## Flag football standings entering this week

	Won	Loss
Headquarters & Alpha	2	0
326th Chemical Company	2	0
Civilian Welfare Fund	1	0
Marines	1	0
NCO Academy	0	1
HHC 59th	0	1
Bravo Company	0	2
Charlie Company	0	2

**Oct. 15:** Headquarters & Alpha def. Charlie 26-19; 326th Chemical def. HHC 59th 14-0; and CWF def. Bravo 32-12.

**Oct. 16:** Marines def. NCO Academy 24-0; Headquarters & Alpha def. Bravo 15-14 in overtime by penetration; and 326th Chemical def. Charlie 28-0.

# Alabama A&M finds magic against rival

*Bulldogs favored to beat Bama State*

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Skip's Picks were 250-90 for 74 percent after eight weeks of college football. Here are this week's predictions:

- Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State — **A&M**
- Auburn at West Virginia — **WV**
- Alabama at Tennessee — **Bama**
- Georgia at LSU — **Georgia**
- Mississippi at Arkansas — **Ole Miss**
- New Mexico at Air Force — **AFA**
- Boise State at San Jose State — **Boise**
- Boston College at North Carolina — **UNC**
- Illinois at Wisconsin — **Wis.**
- Minnesota at Purdue — **Minn.**
- Northwestern at Indiana — **Northwestern**
- Texas Tech at Kansas — **Kan.**
- Wake Forest at Miami (Fla.) — **Miami**
- Baylor at Nebraska — **Nebraska**
- Kentucky at Florida — **UF**
- Oklahoma at Kansas State — **Okla.**
- Louisiana Tech at Army — **Tech**
- UNLV at Brigham Young — **BYU**
- Duke at Vanderbilt — **Vandy**
- Fresno State at Utah State — **Fresno**
- Rice at Tulane — **Rice**
- Michigan State at Michigan — **State**
- North Carolina State at Maryland — **Md.**
- Oklahoma State at Texas — **Texas**



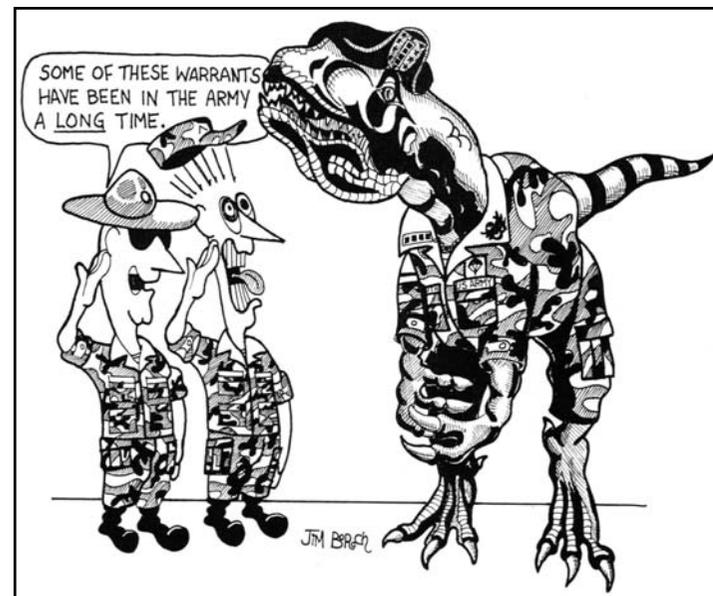
- Rutgers at Pittsburgh — **Pitt**
- Southern Methodist at Navy — **Navy**
- UCLA at California — **Cal**
- Virginia at Georgia Tech — **Tech**
- Virginia Tech at Florida State — **FSU**
- Wyoming at TCU — **TCU**
- Colorado at Missouri — **Missouri**
- Middle Tennessee at Miss. State — **MSU**
- Texas A&M at Iowa State — **Iowa State**
- Notre Dame at Washington — **ND**
- Penn State at Ohio State — **Penn State**
- Southern Mississippi at Memphis — **SM**
- Southern California at Arizona — **USC**
- Oregon at Arizona State — **Oregon**
- South Florida at Louisville — **Louisville**
- Nevada at Hawaii — **Hawaii**
- UCF at Tulsa — **Tulsa**



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## Young champion

Donnell "DJ" Lynch, 13, an eighth-grader at the Academy for Academics and Arts, competed in the Senior and Junior Club Championships held Oct. 11-12 at the Links golf course and won the boys 13-17 age group. He shot 81 and 79 for a total of 160. His parents are Army retiree Ricky Lynch, who works at ITT-CAS Inc., and Tracy Lynch of the Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Center.



# Announcements



## Sports & Recreation

### 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.

### Bowling benefit

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

### Fall classic tourney

The Huntsville Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will hold its first Fall Classic Golf Tournament on Friday 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 golf scramble. The price includes green fees, cart rental, range balls, lunch and drinks. For information call Jeff Edwards 890-2739.

### Honor Flight classic

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

### Hockey bus trip

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



Sandy Boyd/Fire inspector

## Fiery friend

Sparky the fire dog draws a crowd at the Child Development Center during the Redstone fire department's annual visit Oct. 10 for Fire Prevention Week. Janice Booker, a program assistant at the Child Development Center, and her husband, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Marvin Booker Sr. of MacDill AFB, Fla., donated about 150 stuffed animals to the preschool classes. The preschool classes in turn gave the stuffed animals to the fire department for distribution to children affected by house fires.

### Armed forces night

The Madison Academy and Columbia High football teams will tee it up Oct. 30 for what is being dubbed "the battle of Indian Creek." The two schools are combining their efforts that night to honor the men and women actively serving in the military. "We owe it to our armed forces to do something special to show our gratitude," said Rod Matthews, president of the Madison Academy Touchdown Club. "Anyone with a military ID will be given free admission." Fans are being asked to bring care package items for deployed servicemembers. Drop boxes will be set up at the gates for this National Junior Honor Society project. The Mustang Band and the Columbia JROTC will unite to raise the colors during the pregame ceremony and a fireworks show is planned for after the game. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30 at Madison Academy. Entrances to the campus are located on Slaughter Road and Old Madison Pike.

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## Duathlon benefit

Heel and Crank Duathlon will be held Oct. 26 at 7:45 a.m. at Bridge Street Town Centre. This is a 3-mile run/10-mile bike/2-mile run duathlon held in memory of Darin Kruse. All proceeds from the event will go to ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) patients in Alabama. There will be numerous door prizes, tech fabric T-shirts and barbecue for all competitors. For more information, visit the website [www.teamrockettri.org](http://www.teamrockettri.org).

## 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](mailto:dickfranklin@knology.net).



## 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.

## Evaluation association

The Rocket City Chapter of International Test and Evaluation Association will hold a luncheon meeting Oct. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the University of Alabama-Huntsville's Shelby Center, room 301. Educators will speak on "Testing & Evaluation: Educating the Future." One Continuous Learning Point can be awarded for attendance. RSVP with chapter secretary James Knoch 876-2550.

## Admin professionals

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Geospatial conferences

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

## Youth leadership

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars is holding its annual Youth Leadership Conference from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. This event is for high school sophomores and juniors, and select seniors who are returning as cadre. Students are selected for attendance through their school or home school association. The focus of the program is on leadership, patriotism/citizenship and free enterprise complemented by interaction with experienced professionals in government and industry. This program is on the National

Association of Secondary School Principals' National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for this school year. Students interested in attending should contact their high school guidance counselors or principals/administrators.

## Helicopter conference

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

## AFAP conference

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

## Resource managers

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

## Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer User Group will meet Nov. 8 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. The meeting starts at 9:15 a.m. with presentations/open discussions on Windows-Internet topics of general interest. At 10:15, Howard Blood, past president and program director of the Huntsville Genealogical Computing Soci-

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ety, will discuss "Computers and Genealogy." Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 714-5898.

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

## Fleet Reserve

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

## Space society

HAL5 will have its monthly meeting Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library, 915 Monroe St. Dan Irwin, NASA researcher, will speak on "SERVIR — Space Technology Improving Life on Earth. A 21st Century System for Improved Environmental Decision Making in Mesoamerica." A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 506-3833.

## Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will have a luncheon Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. For reservations call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339 by Thursday.

## Garden club

The Redstone Garden Club will meet Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Jerry Redus will present a program

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### System symposium

A symposium will be held on Nov. 3 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the building 5250 auditorium (room A115) to provide information on how MEARS (Multi-user ECP Automated Review System) could be utilized to save program time, money and effort in support of war fighters. There will be some hands-on demonstrations provided. Ronnie Chronister, AMCOM deputy to the commander, will be the keynote speaker. The symposium is sponsored by the MEARS Program Office in conjunction with Leader Investment for Tomorrow Class 6, Project Team 1.

### Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. "The Disintegration Of a Confederate State, Three Governors and Alabama's Wartime Home Front, 1861-1865" will be presented by Jeffrey Purser. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for \$7.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.

### Toastmasters

Anyone interested in improving their public speaking ability is invited to attend the Lunar Nooners Toastmasters Club 9783, which meets Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the building 4610 cafeteria. For more information, call Paul Pickett 544-6078.

### University women

American Association of University Women will hold its monthly meeting Nov. 1 at the Knight Center, Alabama A&M University campus building 63, 7500 Meridian St. Meet and greet starts at 9:30 a.m., brunch at 10 (\$15) and the program at 10:30. For more information, e-mail Lois at herb.guendel@knology.net.

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators. The unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the areas of database management, programming, networking and/or telecommunications. A minimum of a secret clearance is required, and you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SSBI background investigation for upgrade to top secret soon after unit entry. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class Scott Ambrose 655-9436 or Chief Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

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

### Surplus sales

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

### Computer classes

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

### Motorcycle safety

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

### VA benefits

Veterans Administration representative Andrew Carver will visit Redstone Arsenal on Wednesday of every week from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide anyone with assistance and information about veterans benefits and VA processes. Please give him a call and schedule an appointment at (334) 430-8860; or you can reach him at 842-2718 Wednesday only. Office location is building 3493, Retirement Services Division, Military Personnel Office. Family members, retirees and active duty are welcome to solicit information regarding VA benefits.

### Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School. If you are a college graduate with a four-year

degree or higher from an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an Army officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the active Army and the Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Cyrus Russ 539-6511.

### Pilots wanted

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

### Cadet program

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

### Veteran education

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

### Military service awards

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

### Driver's license office

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



Photo by Pete Santorelli

## Birthday visit

Keith Darrow, deputy commander of the Aviation Technical Test Center, helped make dreams take flight for youngsters Jackson Frederick, center, and Freddy Bundy when he showed them around Redstone Airfield for Jackson's fifth birthday Oct. 15. The boys learned about Army Aviation and got a close look at T-34 fixed wing aircraft, Apache, Chinook and Black Hawk helicopters. By the end of the morning, the boys left proclaiming that they would become Army pilots when they grow up.

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## Veterans office

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

## Acquisition work force

The fall 2008 Army Acquisition Tuition Assistance Program announcement is open through today. ATAP is a robust tuition assistance program open to all eligible Acquisition, Logistics and Technology work force members who have met their position certification requirements, and are interested in pursuing their 12-24

business-hour requirement (at any level), associate degree, or bachelor's degree. Master's degree funding is also available to those GS-11 (or broadband equivalent) AL&T work force members who meet their position certification requirements (at least Level II) and are interested in pursuing graduate study in a business, scientific or technical specialty. For more information on ATAP, visit the ATAP section on the USAASC web site.

## Army training

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

It encourages and supports attendance at Army professional development schools. For information call 1st Sgt. Larry King (205) 987-8443 ext. 4410, Capt. John Walker (205) 444-5208 or Lt. Col. Anthony Escott (205) 444-5163.

## Library book talk

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

## Customer services

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

with an ICE comment card at the service provider's location. You can access the Interactive Customer Evaluation site at <http://ice.disa.mil> or [www.redstone.army.mil](http://www.redstone.army.mil) and leave a comment. You can reach customer service officer Steve McFadden at 876-3294, e-mail [steven.ray.mcfadden@us.army.mil](mailto:steven.ray.mcfadden@us.army.mil) or the ICE administrator Wendy Norris at [wendy.norris1@us.army.mil](mailto:wendy.norris1@us.army.mil).

## Interactive feedback

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

## Yard sale vendors

The 203rd MP Battalion Family Readiness Group seeks vendors for its first Indoor Craft and Yard Sale on Nov. 15 at the Athens Armory, 1402 Armory St. in Athens. Thirty spaces, sized 10-by-20, are available to vendors and are expected to go quickly. You can reserve your space for \$25. The family readiness group will

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provide one table per space and do 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.

### 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.

### Mr. Man pageant

The “Mr. Man Premiere” is Feb. 13 at the Westin (Bridge 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.

### Acquisition professor job

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

### 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 profession-

alism 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](mailto:nora.morris@us.army.mil) and phone 313-6975.

### Candlelight vigil

A candlelight vigil for domestic violence awareness will be held Thursday 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.

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Courtesy photo

## Memphis memorial

Maj. Myung-Chul Lee, left, from Korea and Master Sgt. Saad Alshahrani from Saudi Arabia stand at the Memorial Wall at the Fire Museum of Memphis. This wall stands as a tribute to the firefighters who died in the line of duty. The International Military Student Office took three students to Memphis on Oct. 11-13 to learn more about America. They visited Graceland, Memphis Rock and Soul Museum, Memphis Zoo and Aquarium, the National Civil Rights Museum and Beale Street.

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## 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 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 today with Janett Beasley 837-5282, ext. 1524 or e-mail [janett.beasley@sparta.com](mailto:janett.beasley@sparta.com).

## 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](mailto:alyson.mortier@us.army.mil).

## AUSA welcome home

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army invites you to be a part of the celebration of AUSA's recognition as Best Chapter Overall for 2008, an unprecedented five years in row in the large chapter category. The chapter will also recognize Redstone's Ten-Miler teams that took first and third place at the annual Army Ten-Miler race Oct. 5 in Washington, D.C. The celebration is hosted by the Heritage Club in downtown Huntsville on Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend this event.

## AIDS quilt

The AIDS Action Coalition, in partnership with Redstone Federal Credit Union and Huntsville Hospital, will bring the AIDS quilt to Huntsville on Oct. 24-26. The event will be free and open to the public. Fifty panels of the AIDS quilt, each measuring 12-by-12 feet, will be on display at the Jaycees Community Building on Johnson Road, with 20 of those panels representing individuals who were from or have family still living in North Alabama. The

display will be open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. This display of the quilt will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the AIDS Action Coalition, an organization which provides medical care and emergency support services to individuals living with HIV in North Alabama.

## Homeless veterans

The second annual Operation Stand Down Huntsville will be this weekend at Joe Davis Stadium beginning at 7 a.m. Friday and going through noon Sunday. Operation Stand Down is a national community-based intervention movement organized to assist the estimated 20,000 homeless veterans by providing them with resources, social services, health care and other services to help address their individual problems and rebuild their lives. The program was brought to Huntsville in 2007. The weekend event gives homeless veterans a safe and clean place to stay off the streets, clean clothes and a haircut, warm meals, medical and dental care, legal assistance, information on employment opportunities, housing options, food stamps and disability benefits, entertainment and camaraderie with other veterans. Operation Stand Down Huntsville is in need of volunteers, and donations of men's clothing, non-perishable food and financial assistance. For more information, call Sandra Childress 714-1974 or Darrell Delaine 656-1976. Monetary donations can be made at any Wachovia Bank, c/o Operation Stand Down. Information about the event can also be found at <http://www.operation-standdownhuntsville.com>.

## Veterans Day gala

Bob Jones High School hold a Veterans Day Gala on Nov. 7. The morning will start with a breakfast from 8-8:30 a.m. followed by a presentation in the auditorium. If anyone is interested in attending or participating, call Brett Chapman 651-2650. "We are also interested in anyone who would be willing to speak and answer questions in History classes following the presentation," a prepared release said.

## Veterans Day weekend

The 2008 Veterans Day Parade is fast approaching. This year's theme is "Courage, Sacrifice, and Duty. " You can watch the parade live on WAFF 48 on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. The broadcast will repeat that evening at 3 a.m. and again on Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Jim Myles will be the grand marshals at the parade. Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Kevin Campbell will be the reviewing officers. For more information, call Dave Carney 217-6311.

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SCBK08084181	Health Insurance Tech (OA)	28-Oct-08	MEDDAC	GS-0503	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X								X			
SCBK08084181D	Health Insurance Tech (OA)	28-Oct-08	MEDDAC	GS-0503	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08975510	Lead General Engr	29-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08034660	Lead Aerospace Engr	29-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08034660D	Lead Aerospace Engr	29-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08029627	Supv Secretary of the General Staff	29-Oct-08	AMCOM	YC-0301	3	3	91,729 - 148,740	X											
SCBK08074138	Mgmt Asst (OA)	29-Oct-08	SMDC	GS-0344	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X								X	X		
SCBK08072725	IT Spec (Network)	29-Oct-08	AMCOM, TMDE, Bus Mgmt Dir	GS-2210	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X										
SCBK08080031	Budget Analyst	29-Oct-08	SMDC	GS-0560	9	11/12	45,458 - 85,701	X											
SCBK08072803	Engrng Tech	29-Oct-08	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-0802	9	11	37,164 - 71,500	X	X										
SCBK08084549	Prgm Integrator	29-Oct-08	PEO AVN	NH-0301	3	3	65,921 - 101,913						X			X	X		
SCBK08047659	Procurement Analyst	29-Oct-08	PEO AVN	NH-1102	3	3	65,921 - 101,913							X			X	X	
SCBK08075150	Supv Prgm Analyst	29-Oct-08	IMMC	YC-0343	2	2	65,277 - 126,442	X											
SCBK08971457	Lead General Engr	30-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X							X	X		
SCBK08030980	Lead General Engr	30-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08073008	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Oct-08	Lead AMC Integ Supp Ofc	GS-0346	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X			X					X	X		
SCBK08079577	Safety & Occup Health Spec	30-Oct-08	SMDC	GS-0018	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X							X	X		
SCBK08660260	Military Construction Analyst	1-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-0301	1	2	29,709 - 71,500	X											
SCBK08046684	Lead Aerospace Engr	3-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08046684D	Lead Aerospace Engr	3-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08064322	Lead General Engr	10-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08771100	Civil Engr, Env Engr, Geologist, Architect, Chem Engr, Elect Engr, Mech Engr, Landscape Architect, General Engr	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810,0819, 1350,0808, 0893,0850, 0830,0807, 0801	2	2	45,458 - 101,913				X	X				X	X		
SCBK08082769	General Engr	13-Nov-08	PEO AVN	NH-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X							X	X		
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	18-Nov-08	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	19-Nov-08	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	19-Nov-08	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08037557	Logistics Mgmt Spec	2-Dec-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	68,625 - 89,217				X					X			
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X	X	X						X			
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476							X					
SCBK08692089OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997												
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X				X			X			
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997				X					X			
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X							X	X		
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X							X	X		
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X							X	X		
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X							X	X		
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV</b>																			
SCBK08945241D	Program Supp Asst	22-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DK-0303	3	3	37,164 - 53,504	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08995813D	General Engr	22-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08033672D	Safety Engr	23-Oct-08	AMCOM, Safety Ofc	GS-0803	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08026502D	Lead Materials Engr	27-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08066392D	Engrng Tech	27-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DE-0802	3	3	50,060 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08064747D	Electronics Engr	27-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08084181D	Health Insurance Tech (OA)	28-Oct-08	MEDDAC	GS-0503	5	5	30,001 - 38,997	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08975510	Lead General Engr	29-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SCBK08034660D	Lead Aerospace Engr	29-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08074138	Mgmt Asst (OA)	29-Oct-08	SMDC	GS-0344	8	8	41,157 - 53,504	X								X	X		
SCBK08971457	Lead General Engr	30-Oct-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 -												