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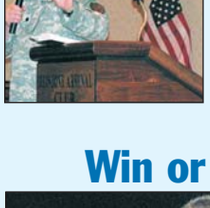

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Surveillance system shipped to Iraq

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In 2003 Raytheon officials approached then Maj. Gen. John Urias with an idea to boost surveillance for troops in Iraq.

Urias, who was both the program executive officer for air, space and missile defense and the deputy commander for the Space and Missile Defense Command, liked the concept and forwarded it up the chain to then Army vice chief of staff Gen. Jack Keane. The idea of persistent surveillance capability appealed to Keane, too.

"His rationale was, 'If it saves one life, it's worth it,'" Urias recalled.

The Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment tower was born.

On Thursday, the Army and Raytheon celebrated the 300th RAID tower to be delivered to theater. The surveillance system helps protect troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's come full circle," Urias said of his experience with the system. Since getting the program started as a Soldier, he now serves as Raytheon's vice president for force application programs. The retired major general has been with Raytheon for almost 17 months.

"I'm amazed and so impressed with the dedication of the entire team," Urias said.

Flights through the Air Force deliver the equipment directly to the troops in theater. The 100th flight started Nov. 4 and arrived the evening of Nov. 5 in Iraq. The 300th tower was flown to Iraq on Sunday, Nov. 9.

There are 80-foot towers and 107-foot towers. The Marines Corps' G-BOSS (Ground-Based Operational Surveillance System) version has two cameras, a radar, and a radio link to a remote ground station. The BETSS-C (Base Expeditionary Targeting and Surveillance Systems-Combined) version has one camera.

Lt. Col. Jay Gautreaux is the Army's product director for RAID. He was among the speakers at Thursday's celebration held at Raytheon's plant on James Record Road in Huntsville.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

OVERVIEW— Lt. Col. Jay Gautreaux, the product director for Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment, and his deputy Bobby Ellis participate in Thursday's celebration at Raytheon for the 300th RAID tower deployed in the war.

An open lane random survey

If your life was a movie, what would yours be and who would play your role?

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Sharon Olshefski
Retiree spouse
"I love 'It's a Wonderful Life.' I would be the wife (of the lead character). Sharon Stone (would play my role) because I want to look like her!"

Kay Stoffel
Retiree widow
"'Gone With the Wind.' I like that movie; I have the DVD. I really like Jane Wyman (to play my role)."

John Cook
Assistant activity manager at the Links
"'Indiana Jones' with Harrison Ford. It's adventurous and exciting."

Spc. Gil Ortiz
Bravo Company
"There is a movie called 'Elsa and Fred.' I would be Fred. They are old people but they are trying to live the rest of their lives in a way they can enjoy all the things we have in life. Some things we take for granted. So, that's why I picked this movie, because I'm trying to have a life where I take care and I can see the small details. Maybe Andy Garcia would play my part."

Concerned about environment

With all the emphasis on saving the Earth's resources and how important it is to use renewable resources and to recycle, I have several questions regarding how Redstone Arsenal is participating. I know last year that all the MWR cafeterias on Redstone stopped using regular plates, cups and utensils to conserve water. My concern is with switching to the use of Styrofoam plates, containers and cups along with plastic plates and utensils, how much added garbage is impacting our environment, and would it be better, more environmentally friendly to be using the regular plates, etc. I cannot see the logic in it being better to use disposable items (other than to save money), although I know our culture has moved us that way. I would hate to see what would happen if everyone in the world used only paper plates and cups and utensils. I would think we would quickly run out of space to bury our garbage. And if we are going to use disposable plates, I would like to see products that can be recycled and more environmentally friendly.

My other issue is why is it that we only have recycling containers for cans and white paper and not plastic or newspaper within the Sparkman Center? I am not familiar with any other buildings. I cannot imagine how much waste is produced on Redstone during a normal business day but I can assume that it is a lot. And if employees were given the opportunity to recycle, at least their plastics, it would have a huge impact on the environment.

I am not originally from here and I can remember 20 years ago being mandated to recycle in New York state. I have

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Motorist seeks accident witness

On Friday, Oct. 24, around 10:20 a.m., I was stopped at a red light headed west on Martin Road at the intersection of Martin and Zierdt. I was stopped behind a gray or silver Ford F150. When the light turned green, I followed the gray truck in my green Ford F150 through the intersection and was struck by a southbound truck.

If you witnessed this accident, please call 313-1681. I want to take this opportunity to thank the young man who checked on me at the scene and phoned the police.

Frank Houck
AMRDEC

Gas pump hoses come up short

To improve customer service at the on-post service station, I would like to recommend to AAFES and Garrison leadership that they consider a Rapid Improvement Event by lengthening the fuel nozzle hoses to accommodate servicing fuel tank receptacles on either driver or passenger side locations. Currently, the majority of the customers are lining up for the right lanes. The problem is using the left lane requires pulling the hose around your car in hope that the nozzle can reach the driver-side fuel receptacle. If the pump hoses were lengthened, then the pumps could easily service cars with driver, passenger or center gas tank receptacles from either the left or right lanes and still follow the current one-way traffic pattern. This small change should improve customer satisfaction, reducing queue time and increase the number of vehicles through the fuel lanes.

Bill Breffeilh

Editor's note: The Post Exchange provided the following response. "Thank you for your letter in reference to the length of the fuel hoses at the Redstone Arsenal Shoppette. This recommendation was submitted some time ago and we changed from the original 9-foot hoses to 10-and-a-half-foot hoses in February '07. With these longer hoses in place it is possible to dispense fuel in a full size SUV from either side. The only exception is pumps five and six where the kiosk prohibits a full-size vehicle to park close enough to obtain fuel from either side."

Near misses on hill

Passing bicycles on Neal Road and other roads with solid yellow lines, I was under the impression that roads that had yellow lines down the middle meant that there was no passing and it included motorized vehicles passing bicycles.

There have been several near misses when oncoming traffic has veered over to the lane I was in to go around a bicycle or two while I was going over the little hill and curve on Neal Road. I have seen cars in front of me have to get out of the lane almost into the grass because of cars passing on the hill. It was not dark yet; however, this happens in daylight and full dark. Sometimes there is a single bicycle and sometimes a large group.

Name withheld by request

Quote of the week

'If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our fathers is still alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer.'

— *President-elect Barack Obama*

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Commentary: Native Americans have walked the talk

November celebrates Indian History Month

By Sgt. 1st. Class NELSON BALLEW Jr.
2nd Recruiting Brigade equal opportunity adviser

During November we celebrate National American Indian History Month and the many contributions that various Native American tribes have made and continue to make to the culture and history of the United States. For the 200-plus years of our country's existence, American Indians have both influenced and interwoven their culture into the tapestry that is America. During this time period they invested in America using agriculture, athletics and languages.

On Dec. 26, 1620 the Mayflower landed at what is now Plymouth, Mass. The passengers who rode to the "New World" were unprepared for the harsh New England winter. The cost to those individuals, we now know as the Pilgrims, was that half who had made the voyage from England perished that first winter. In the spring Wampanoag Indians; the original inhabitants to the area, showed the new colonists how to farm Indian corn. This crop would become a staple for not only the Pilgrims but for the American nation as it grew and spread across the land. In sharing this resource the Wampanoag Indians demonstrated they were willing to bridge cultural differences to benefit all people.

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Gate 1 construction should start soon

Construction planned at Martin Road's Gate 1 will impact traffic flow, according to the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works.

Work has already begun on the first phase, which will build a truck inspection lane. This on-ramp will enable trucks to merge onto Martin Road after they've been inspected, instead of stopping traffic.

The next phase of construction should start before 2009, possibly as soon as Nov. 24.

"We're going to tear down the canopy and the concrete where the guards stand on and the building," DPW engineer Rickey Hammond said. "And we're going to put in new (concrete) islands, a new building and guard booths."

This will include construction of two guard booths, a building and an active pop-up barrier.

The third phase will construct about eight parking spaces for semi-trucks. The projects should be finished by early spring.

"During the construction period of both (the latter) projects, there's going to be some traffic delays," Hammond said. "We'll forewarn you a couple of weeks in advance to avoid these gates when construction starts if possible. Right now they're working off to the side."

Work is also under way on new guard booths and islands at Gates 7 and 8.

Getting to know you

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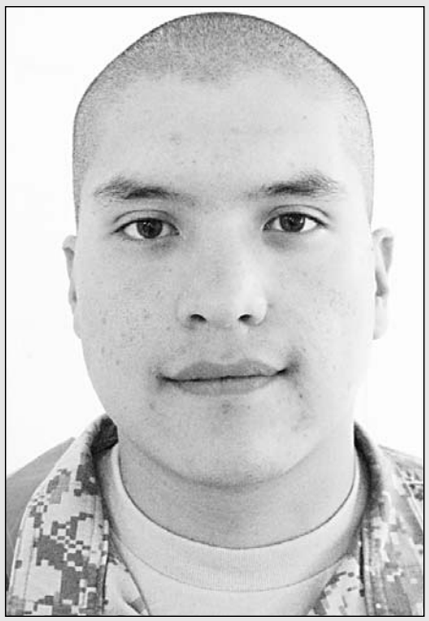

Name: Pvt. Rogelio Zarate

Job: 94M (Radar Repair), Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion

Where do you call home?
Redwood City, Calif.

What do you like about your job?
I get to learn a lot about electronics and how things actually work. I really like fixing stuff, but this is a new experience for me. So, I kind of like it. Learning circuits and things like that.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to draw. I like to play videogames in the Rec Center. Mostly draw.

What are your goals?
My goals are to continue in the military, finish my five years. And once I get out, go back to school and finish up fine arts classes. And probably open up my own shop – maybe auto shop or tattoo shop, something like that.

What's your favorite type of music?
I would say hip-hop.

■ Army, Raytheon celebrate surveillance system milestone

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Gautreaux said the system is making a difference as far as saving lives of war fighters and preventing insurgent activity.

"I appreciate from the bottom of my heart what you do on a daily basis because it doesn't happen on its own," he said.

He thanked these men and women who work behind the scenes. Then he asked if any of the attendees had a question for him.

Raytheon worker Terry Smith stood and expressed her own appreciation for her co-workers as the mother of a Marine in harm's way. Her son, Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher Roy, is deployed as a door gunner on a Huey helicopter.

"I want to thank everyone for what you're doing," Smith said. "We need this (surveillance system). And thank you very much. Thank you all."

■ Reader suggests more recycling

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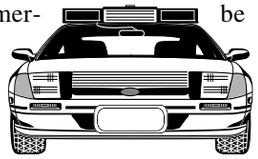
lived in Europe where they recycle just about everything because they do not have the space for excessive waste. I think it is time for us to be proactive about how we are going to treat the environment and start to make it a better place for our children and their children.

I know these questions may have been asked in the past but we need to have them answered again and given a path forward. Now is the time to set things up before BRAC takes effect and we have even more people working on the Arsenal creating more trash.

Deanna Desarro

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "In accordance with Executive Order 13101, 'Greening the Government through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition,' the Redstone Arsenal Garrison recycles all recyclable items that our budget will enable us to recycle. There is little or no profit margin in any of our recycling programs; therefore, we must be selective as to which items are cost effective when collected as a recyclable. Currently, the Garrison Environmental Management Division conducts programs for the recycling of white paper, shredded paper, cardboard, toner cartridges, scrap metals, used cell phones, wood chips, used oil, and some batteries. When labor for handling these items is applied, the costs of most of these programs are at or slightly below the break-even level. Our operating budget will not support significant losses, even for mandated recycling. The largest recycling program on Redstone Arsenal is not managed by the Garrison. It involves the City of Huntsville's waste to steam plant, which receives household garbage and other refuse from the Arsenal and the city. In 1985, Redstone Arsenal entered into a partnership with the City of Huntsville whereupon the Army transferred 20 acres on the eastern boundary of the installation to accommodate construction of the plant. Steam generated by the plant is purchased by Redstone Arsenal to operate on-post heating and cooling units. As an environmental bonus, the incineration process greatly reduces the requirement for landfill space and glass and metals are recovered as recyclables. For approximately one year, we have been collecting and selling aluminum cans and newspapers on a trial basis to determine if recycling these items is feasible. Our records show that revenue from sale of these items places us near the break-even point; therefore, we plan to expand our collections in the near future."

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences



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

Oct. 31: An individual was found to be driving with a suspended license at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Oct. 31: An individual was found to be driving with a suspended license when she was stopped for speeding. She also had a warrant for failure to appear. She was arrested by Redstone Police and released to Athens Police.

Nov. 1: An individual was found to be driving while under the influence of alcohol after stopping at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and detained in the detention cell until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

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

Violation notices issued: 18 speeding, 1 driving under the influence of alcohol, 4 parking in violation of ordinance, 1 following too close, 1 expired driver's license, 1 expired registration, 2 suspended license.

Looking *back*

Old cigar, NASA hard hat among keepsakes

Photo by Kari Hawkins

SHARING LEGACY— Two generations of the Phillips family are now working on Redstone Arsenal. Tom Phillips, left, continues a 51-year legacy of engineering accomplishments that includes working with Dr. Wernher von Braun in the early years of rocketry technology and the space program and currently with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, while his son, Brent Phillips, works as a contracting officer for the Space and Missile Defense Command. Behind them is a booster rocket system that was used in the Saturn I program and that now stands sentinel outside Marshall Space Flight Center's headquarters.

Engineer's years of work on post began with draft

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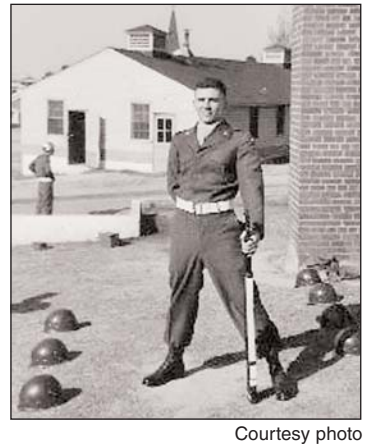
A 1960 "Hav-A-Tampa" cigar, a New Testament Bible, a few old government badges and a well-worn NASA hard hat are reminders to Tom Phillips of how far he has come in his Army civilian career since the early days of the German rocket team at Redstone Arsenal.

This engineer, now 75 years young, is still very much part of the military/civilian community of Redstone Arsenal, working as a technical monitor/team leader for the Small Business Innovation Research Program managed through the Weapons Sciences Directorate of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.



Courtesy photo

SOLDIER IN ROCKET DEVELOPMENT—Although he was drafted into the Army in 1956 upon college graduation, Tom Phillips enjoyed his assignment with the nation's rocket development program at Redstone Arsenal. His assignment also included service on the Arsenal's honor guard.

But 51 years ago, as a young Soldier and industrial engineer, Phillips wasn't sure he would like an assignment that took him to a place he didn't even know was on the map. Through a library search, Phillips discovered that Huntsville was a city of 15,000, was known for its cotton textile mills, and shoe and Martin Stove manufacturing, and was the new home of Dr. Wernher von Braun and his missile team.

It was his last discovery – von Braun's relocation to Huntsville — that gave Phillips something to look forward to as he made plans in 1956 to join the 3rd Army Ordnance Corps, where he was assigned to the Scientific and Professional Troops on Redstone Arsenal.

"Since I was an industrial engineer, I had an idea that I'd be working on missiles here," Phillips said.

"If it wasn't the Army and Redstone Arsenal, then it probably would have been going back to the Reynolds Tobacco plant where my father was head of engineering and working there as an industrial engineer. The draft mainly wrecked that plan. But working with missiles for the Army sounded like a challenge and a lot of fun to me."

And that's exactly what happened. His first assignment was with the Corporal missile system and continued with every rocket system up through the Saturn I program and beyond. Fast forward through 51 years of an engineer's career and it's still the challenges and opportunities of military technologies that keeps Phillips working at Redstone.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

MEMORIES OF SPACE RACE— Brent Phillips is the keeper of several mementos from his father's early days as a Soldier and an engineer on Redstone Arsenal. Included in his mementos are a "Hav-A-Tampa" cigar given to him by Dr. Wernher von Braun on the occasion of his son's birth, a well-worn NASA hard hat, a New Testament Bible and some old Arsenal badges.

"Like so many military personnel that pay a visit to Huntsville, it becomes their home, and family and friends are developed here in Alabama," Phillips said. "I still find it hard to believe that I've been here 51 years and still enjoy my work supporting the troops."

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Over *there*

Friendship outlasts life-threatening wound

Sgt. Lewis saved battle buddy's life

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

IRAQ VETERANS— Redstone Arsenal employee and National Guard Sgt. Curtis Lewis, right, saved the life of his Guard "battle buddy" Sgt. Hubble Hainline when the two were attacked by sniper fire on the rooftop of a police station in Iraq. Lewis relied on training he had as a medic to assist Hainline when a bullet shot through his neck and nicked his carotid artery. Now home from their deployment, the two Soldiers continue a friendship they began while in Iraq.

National Guard Sgt. Curtis Lewis was on his hands and knees, trying to retrieve medical supplies strewn over the landing zone area. He had just saved his friend – battle buddy Sgt. Hubble Hainline – from a life threatening bullet wound to the neck and had watched as a Medavac helicopter lifted off to take Hainline to a combat support hospital at Camp Speicher, their home base.

As he kneeled to his work on the sandy ground in Khadasia, Iraq, Lewis tried to keep his mind off his worries that Hainline wasn't going to make it.

"I remember looking up as the helicopter went off and thinking 'That may be my last time to see Hubble.' I didn't know if the treatment I had given him was enough to save his life. I didn't know if I had done enough," Lewis said.

But thanks to his training as a combat medic and the accessibility of life-saving medical supplies, Lewis had done enough to save his friend. Today, Hainline is working at the National Guard armory in Athens, nearing completion of more than a year of surgeries and medical treatment and planning to soon take a medical retirement from the Army. Lewis has recently been hired as an observer/controller at Redstone Arsenal's Warrior Training Exercise facility.

"Serving in Iraq has given me a lot of experience that can be used to help train other Soldiers," Lewis said. "My knowledge and experience will help in their training."

And as the two Soldiers continue to serve their country in the National Guard and further develop their "civilian" friendship as hunting buddies, they know each has a lot to be thankful for this Veterans Day week.

"I was a medic before I was an MP in the National Guard. I thank God that I had that training," Lewis said. "I was a little rusty on the terminology and stuff. But when it came to the main things (for Hainline), I knew what to do."

The two National Guard Soldiers, both from Athens, had met as members of the Guard's 128th Military Police Company. They went on to cement their friendship in the desert of Iraq, where they served together every day from their deployment in October 2006 until they were attacked atop a police station roof on June 5, 2007.

"We weren't just friends," Lewis said. "We were in each other's battle space every day. It was always him and me. We were battle buddies. We always covered each other wherever we went."

The two went on countless missions together involving police transition training. The Soldiers of the 128th were responsible for teaching Iraqi police the basics of everyday police work, including paperwork, the upkeep of police stations and providing security around the station.

On the day of their attack, Lewis and Hainline were members of a police transition team working with Iraqi police at their station in Khadasia.

"When we got there, they (Iraqi police) were supposed to have their own security set up," Lewis said. "But we wanted to make sure we were secure so we went to the roof of the two-story building to set up a good security position to over look the area."

Lewis had just placed a sandbag along the rooftop wall when he heard a shot. As he began to scan the area for the sniper, he heard a second shot.

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Courtesy photo

Apache milestone

Representatives from the Apache program office and Lockheed Martin marked the delivery of the 500th Arrowhead system to the Army at a celebration in October at the Ocala and Orlando, Fla., production facilities. From left are Lt. Col. John Vannoy, Apache Sensors product manager; Jack McClafferty, Arrowhead program director; Tom Simmons, vice president of fire control; Lt. Col. Timothy Strange, commander of the Defense Contract Management Agency, Lockheed Martin-Orlando; Bob Gunning, vice president of Apache programs; and Col. Shane Openshaw, Apache project manager.

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"I crouched back down and that's when I heard a faint cry," he said. "It sounded like someone had been shot."

Hainline had been walking toward Lewis' position on the roof when a bullet ricocheted off his gun, and entered his neck and exited out the back of his neck. The bullet nicked Hainline's carotid artery. Lewis found Hainline lying face down.

"This all happened within a couple of seconds. It seemed like a lifetime," Lewis said. "I crawled over to him and rolled him over and saw all the blood. I couldn't see exactly where the shot was. All I could see was blood."

Lewis opened Hainline's armored vest and saw the neck wound.

"He'd already lost a lot of blood. My first instinct was to grab as tight as I could onto his neck and put as much pressure as I could on it," Lewis said. "At the same time, I was yelling 'I've got a man down.'"

Spc. James "Bill" Johnson ran to get Lewis' medic bag and alert other Soldiers in the police station about the sniper attack.

"I reached into Hubble's first aid kit (that every Soldier wears as part of their combat uniform) and got out the HemCon hemostatic bandage. The bandage has coagulation on one side that is supposed to stop the bleeding. There was blood everywhere. I pulled my hand up from the wound and slapped the bandage on it. But I had it on the wrong side, so I had to take it up and flip it over," Lewis said. "Once I got it on right, it stopped the bleeding."

Lewis was in fear for his friend's life. Hainline was unresponsive on the rooftop and had lost a lot of blood from a severe wound. Lewis knew Hainline had to get to a CASH as soon as possible. Within minutes, he had his medic bag. Lewis grabbed some gauze from the bag and wrapped it around Hainline's neck to secure the HemCon.

"I didn't want it to fall off when we moved him," Lewis said. "We tried to put Hubble on a spine board to move him down the stairwell. But it didn't work well, so we had to carry him by hand. We had to take him down an outside stairwell. We were afraid we would be attacked in that vulnerable position. So, we had Soldiers laying down cover fire to distract the enemy and to force the enemy to keep their head down."

Once they got Hainline to Lewis' truck, Lewis put an IV in his arm to provide fluids that would help stabilize his condition. The Soldiers then drove to a nearby empty lot where a landing zone was set up. A Medavac helicopter, which happened to be in the area, picked Hainline up to fly him to the CASH and emergency surgery.

"There were medical supplies spilled all over the place," Lewis said of the landing zone after the helicopter left. "I didn't know what to do. I was so exhausted. I got on my hands and knees, and tried to clean up. But then a captain came and got me and said they were going to escort us back to Camp Speicher. And I wanted to get back so that I could find out what Hubble's status was."

At Camp Speicher, Lewis and the other Soldiers in his unit were taken to the Tactical Operations Center, where a chaplain told them Hainline was doing well in surgery.

"That was just a big relief. My eyes teared up. They told me 'What you did saved his life.' But then I got 'mad' at him," Lewis said with a smile, "because I had to do a bunch of paperwork, and my pants and my gloves were ruined. The only thing I was able to save were my boots because I was able to clean them."

It wasn't long, though, before Lewis got to see Hainline, who was later transported to a hospital in Germany and then to Walter Reed Hospital. Lewis went on to complete 270 combat patrols in Iraq before returning in September 2007.

"As long as I was out on a mission, I didn't have to think about what had happened to Hubble and I didn't have to think about all the other things we had been through over there," Lewis said. "My main mission was to make sure our guys got home safe. We did what we had to do on our missions to get home safe."

The Iraqis who attacked Lewis and Hainline on the rooftop were captured.

Lewis' brother, Spc. Bob Lewis, was also serving with the 128th in Iraq during the deployment. He was also injured by an IED blast and has suffered from minor traumatic brain injuries due to taking a shot to his helmet.

Life is back to normal for the Lewis and Hainline families. Lewis and his wife Leah will soon welcome a newborn son, who is due Dec. 5. And Hainline is enjoying the time he is spending these days with his wife and two young sons.

The two friends can joke gently now about the ordeal they survived together. Their friendship is very dear to them.

"I got a lot of medals and our families are real proud of us. But this is my medal," Lewis says, pointing to Hainline. "This is my medal standing right here beside me."

Liaison the face of Tobyhanna for aviation community

By JACQUELINE BOUCHER
Tobyhanna release

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Tobyhanna's new liaison to the Aviation and Missile Command assumed his office in Huntsville about a month ago.

Travis Curtis markets depot capabilities to current and potential customers in the aviation community and manages customer relations ensuring everyone gets everything "as advertised." As a life cycle management command, AMCOM provides integrated engineering, logistics and contracting support to more than 90 major systems.

Curtis replaced Leo Kieczkajlo who retired.

"I intend to make sure everyone in the AMCOM community knows all about Tobyhanna," Curtis said. "There are fantastic opportunities at the depot to help the war fighter." As liaison he will support trade shows, plan visits and brief members of the aviation community.

Most of AMCOM's 8,000 civilians and 175 Soldiers work on aviation and missile systems and the supporting equipment required to operate them. The command is responsible for those systems throughout their life cycle.

Tobyhanna supports aviation systems such as survivability radios and the AN/ALQ-144 Infrared Countermeasures. Missile systems supported include close combat weapon systems, integrated sight units, and ground missile defense.

The job description indicated the liaison should be skilled, knowledgeable, talented and confident. Paul Toth knew Curtis would be a perfect match for the position.

"I had worked with Curtis on several occasions in the past, and knew he'd be perfect for the job," said Toth, who is chief of the Product Support Division, Production Management Directorate.

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TRADE TALK— Travis Curtis, right, talks to a customer at a trade show. As the new AMCOM liaison, he markets depot capabilities to current and potential customers in the aviation community and manages customer relations.

Curtis has a diverse background including a 22-year career in the Army. By the time Curtis retired as a chief warrant officer 3, he had worked in short-range air defense, radar, fire control and communications electronics.

He joined the Tobyhanna work force in 2005 when he accepted a position as an Army Airborne Command and Control Systems field service representative. Since then he's held positions as the A2C2S lead and FSR sustainment support coordinator, regional support manager for the Eastern Region and liaison for the Command Post Systems and Integration Tactical Operation Centers Army National Guard program, experiences that provided opportunities to work with the A2C2S, TOCs and Air Defense and Airspace Management Cell systems.

"Travis has a good aviation background, knows the commodity and knows the Army — he's the real deal," Toth said. "I know he'll excel in this position."

Recently an item manager needed help getting an item posted to their account so they could ship it to support an ongoing mission in Southwest Asia. Once Curtis verified that Tobyhanna had completed fabrication, he worked with the Defense Logistics Agency here to ensure the item was posted to meet the customer's suspense.

Chapel view

'We are called to support the commander in chief'

Chaplain addresses prayer breakfast on morning after historic election

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In this time of change for the U.S., post Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Benson counsels all citizens – particularly Redstone Arsenal Soldiers and civilians – to put their differences aside and pull together to serve their nation and its new president.

Speaking to a small gathering at the Garrison's first quarterly prayer breakfast at the Officers and Civilians Club on Nov. 5, the morning after the presidential election, Benson said all Christians are called to "serve their country and their commander in chief."

"You're all called by the Lord to serve this country. Do so. But also take it to Him in prayer," Benson said.

"We have an enormous challenge in front of us. We are called to support the commander in chief in his mission for our country. Back it, support it, make it work. We are a wonderful, wonderful country. We really are the land of freedom."

Benson said there is no other nation on Earth where a descendent of a once enslaved people can rise in freedom to achieve its highest office.

The nation's people now should pray that President-elect Barack Obama is able to "turn our country around, that we finish this war (Global War on Terrorism) and that we build our country," he said.

Throughout his 23 years as a military chaplain, Benson has tried to live his life and serve as a Soldier according to the words of Matthew, Chapter 28: 19-20, which tells how Jesus Christ commanded his 11 disciples to spread the gospel.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen," reads the King James Bible version of the passage in Matthew.

"This verse is quoted often, especially for those in the clergy," Benson said. "The verses center around our calling."

Benson said his early years as an Army chaplain working under two commanders — first Col. Jeffrey L. Ellis, a Southern Baptist from Louisiana, and second Col. Michael J. Flynn, a Catholic from Massachusetts — influenced his entire military career.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

KEEP THE FAITH— Redstone Arsenal Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Benson said Soldiers are called by God to serve their country and commander in chief to the best of their ability. Benson was the guest speaker of the first Garrison quarterly prayer breakfast hosted by Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli on Nov. 5 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"The primary role of a military chaplain is to advise the commander," Benson said. "We are charged with telling him the absolute truth with an element of respect.

"Our primary role as chaplains is to take the word of God and spread the word of God in the best way we know how."

The best way, he said, even if that means cleaning dishes or scrubbing out bathrooms.

Benson has often taken inspiration from the origins of the military's Chaplain Corps.

"Our origins are in the U.S. Constitution, in the first amendment of the Bill of Rights where it says you have the right to exercise your faith as you believe," he said.

After the Civil War, a full-time chaplain corps was established to provide chaplains to Army outposts in the West where there were no towns or church congregations.

"The church had to be brought to the Soldiers because they had the right to exercise their faith," Benson said.

But over the years, military chaplains have taken on numerous roles outside their religious responsibilities in support of Soldiers and the units they've served. Besides preaching, serving the sacraments, counseling, teaching Bible studies, conducting weddings and funerals, and baptizing chaplains have also worked in mess halls, served as unit historians, organized Morale Welfare and Recreation activities, scored rifle practice shootings and served in many other capacities to support Soldiers.

"In their day, chaplains were called on to do and fill needs seen by the chaplain and the commander," Benson said. "Over the years, the chaplain corps has grown and prospered, and we have discovered our role."

The quarterly prayer breakfast was organized by Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli. In years past, the Garrison has sponsored a National Prayer Breakfast. Pastorelli hopes to add to that program by hosting quarterly events.

Although the turnout at the first quarterly prayer breakfast was somewhat disappointing, Pastorelli thanked the 35 Soldiers and civilians in attendance.

"Spirituality of some type is important in everyone's life," he said. "We want to use the quarterly prayer breakfast as a way to bring great folks together. This is an opportunity for us to get to know each other."

Calling Nov. 4 an "historic day for our nation," Pastorelli agreed with Benson that a Soldier's duty is to his country and commander in chief, regardless of whether or not he agrees with the election results.

"I'm a Soldier. I take orders from the commander in chief and I will serve the commander in chief to the best of my ability," he said.

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Weapon anniversary

Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space, marks the 20th anniversary of the first Avenger delivery to the Army. "The critical Avenger homeland defense mission continues," he said. "We need Avenger as the only air defense system capable of defending our maneuver forces." In background is Tony Jones, local Boeing vice president.

Thanksgiving meal moves to Wednesday, Nov. 26

Dining facility changes schedule to accommodate traveling troops

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The traditional Thanksgiving meal in the dining facility will be served a day earlier this year.

Wednesday, Nov. 26 is the date for the dining facility's holiday feast for active duty and retired military and their families. This will enable the troops to go home for Thanksgiving, Nov. 27.

"The reason for the change, from talking with the command, they want to allow the Soldiers to eat early so they can leave and be home with their family members," installation food adviser Anthony Jones, of the Garrison's Directorate of Logistics, said. "I think it's a great change for the Soldiers. Instead of being on the highway away from home, they can be at home with their family members."

Said post Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates, "The focus is on the Soldier."

Lt. Col. Keith Jackson, commander of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, expressed the significance of this traditional feast for the Soldiers.

"It's a chance for us to really take a pause from our busy schedules and give thanks for what we have as a nation and as individuals," Jackson said. "We'll have a chance to dine together as units and have our leaders serve our Soldiers as well as enjoy the meal. We see this as a team-building event."

That Wednesday the breakfast meal for the troops is 7-8 a.m. Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for all single Soldiers from the units, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for Soldiers with family members, and from 1:30-2:30 p.m. for military retirees. The retired sponsor can bring one guest besides their spouse. Family members of deployed personnel are also authorized to attend.

The dinner meal that day for the active duty military is from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Family members of Soldiers E-4 and below pay a discount rate of $5.40. The standard rate of $6.35 applies to all military personnel on BAS (separate ration), their family members and retirees.

Dennis Hardin, assistant project manager for contractor K&K Food Service, said he likes moving the holiday feast to Wednesday. About 1,000 people are expected.

"It's a great opportunity," Hardin said. "It gives us a chance to give some of our employees (Thanksgiving) off with their families, also."

In 33 years at Redstone, Hardin said, "I might have had one (Thanksgiving) off."

The dining facility will be open Nov. 27 but just on its weekend hours: 7:30-10 a.m. for breakfast, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch and 3:30-5:30 p.m. for dinner.

"We're going to have just normal operation (Nov. 27) because we will have already served Thanksgiving meal that Wednesday," Jones said. "We'll be operating on just normal operation that day, except we will be on a weekend schedule."

The menu for Wednesday, Nov. 26 includes shrimp cocktail, steamship round of beef, baked ham, chicken cordon bleu, roast turkey, giblet gravy, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, seasoned corn, assorted breads, assorted pastries, beverages, and a full salad bar.

Route clearance vehicles updated

Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., has contracted with VSE Corporation, Alexandria, Va., to modernize the Route Clearance Vehicles in Kuwait.

VSE was selected as the prime contractor to improve the U.S. military's defense against roadside mines and Improvised Explosive Devices. IEDs are the number one source of casualties for U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the RCVs are one of several tools that the war fighter is using to offset this threat. The effort will be managed by a Letterkenny Army Depot team and the facility will be operated by VSE Corporation.

"Route Clearance Vehicles are the work horses in assisting route clearance teams to detect and neutralize potentially deadly IEDs, protecting war fighters from Explosively Formed Penetrator and other explosive hazards encountered on vital supply routes in Iraq and Afghanistan. Ensuring their readiness is critical to the war effort," depot commander Col. Steven Shapiro said. *(Letterkenny release)*

ATF breaks ground for explosives training site

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives held its National Center for Explosives Training and Research facility 'groundbooming' Thursday, fully living up to the term.

ATF's facility will be a state-of-the-art facility, fully integrating its explosives-training, research, and information-sharing activities. This additional range and classroom space will enable ATF to meet increasing demands from federal, state, local and international partners for its advanced post-blast and other explosives-training classes.

The explosives ranges, laboratories, and office space will provide additional space where members of the interagency explosives research community can collaborate and conduct testing.

The ceremony was officiated by ATF acting director Michael J. Sullivan, U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby and deputy attorney general Mark Filip.

"This event proves that Team Redstone is committed to making a positive difference in our nation's defense of freedom," Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles said. "As we look to the future, the strength of the nation depends on our united efforts to remain vigilant and committed to be ready for the world's ever-changing environment. Everything we do improves the quality of our training and vigilance secures our future."

ATF maintains technical expertise, knowledge, experience and forensic capabilities related to explosives properties, mixtures and devices. The Department of Justice established NCETR as a division within ATF's Office of Training and Professional Development after Congress passed the 2002 Homeland Security Act, to train federal, state, local and international law enforcement personnel and to conduct cutting-edge explosives related research.

The planned facility will provide explosives training for ATF personnel as well as for law enforcement and other first responders from the explosives community. It will be used to promote and conduct research to improve the ability of ATF and its partners to investigate bombings, prevent diversion of explosives from legal commerce to the black market, and to ensure the safe, secure storage of explosives.

This facility will consist of three explosives ranges, eight classrooms, laboratories, a conference facility and office space for ATF personnel and its partners from the law enforcement and explosives communities. The facility is scheduled to be completed by 2010.

Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

HIGH MILEAGE – A car is detonated by explosive charges during a ground-breaking ceremony at ATF's new River Range site on the south end of the Arsenal.

UAH helping Army with education strategy

The University of Alabama-Huntsville has been enlisted to help the Army Materiel Command modernize its logistics operations.

Researchers in UAH's Center for the Management of Science and Technology will develop the educational strategy for a flanking maneuver around old habits, ancient procedures and a plethora of free-standing legacy systems developed independently by a variety of depots, offices and commands.

The objective in this maneuver is a single modern, unified enterprise planning and management system for all of the Army's acquisition, supply chain and logistics operations all the way from raw materials to units in the field.

For the next nine months UAH researchers will gather data on which of AMC's present and future employees need additional training or education, what lessons they need so they can function efficiently within the Army's new logistics enterprise system, and where those training and education services might be provided at a reasonable cost.

The project is supported by CMOST's first contract with AMC, which is moving to Redstone Arsenal from Fort Belvoir, Va.

"I think this has huge potential benefit for AMC," Dr. J.P. Ballenger, the CMOST director, said. "SAP-based enterprise logistics is a whole new way of thinking, 180 degrees out of what (the Army has) done before.

"We will be studying AMC's lessons learned in implementing the Army Logistics Modernization Program," Ballenger said. "We're trying to define the problem and determine which people are being trained, what they're being taught and what they need to be taught. We will try to find the best and most cost effective path the Army can take while standardizing this process across AMC and its commands."

Dr. J.P. Ballenger

An important piece of the education strategy will be identifying existing classes, curriculum or training programs that might be "leveraged" by the Army. One of the dozen CMOST and UAH Continuing Education faculty and staff involved in the project is scouring the U.S. looking for educational resources. These might include on-site or distance learning classes at several colleges and universities, including UAH, the Army's Defense Acquisition University or the Army Logistics Management College.

AMC has also asked UAH to determine the resources and requirements needed to establish an AMC Business Process Management Center of Excellence, which would serve as a training, counseling and problem-solving resource for the Army. *(UAH release)*

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New manager

Gregory Kee has taken over as the general manager for NATO Medium Extended Air Defense System Management Agency at the agency headquarters in Research Park. He comes to North Alabama following service as the deputy chief of staff, G-5 strategy and concepts, Army Materiel Command, succeeding Dr. Steve Messervy, who has taken a Space and Missile Defense Command position. In addition, he also served as the deputy G-3 for future operations at AMC.

Aircraft survivability equipment saving lives in war

By BRANDON POLLACHEK
For the Rocket

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J. — Army aviation is predicated on close air support, short-range transportation, surveillance and search and rescue. The term "defense" plays little part in aviation doctrine with the exception of defending ground forces. However, it's the defensive systems located within fixed and rotary winged aircraft that allow its crews to accomplish their primary mission while operating in a combat zone.

In boxing even the most explosive puncher has to be leery of a cunning fighter who can attack with just the right amount of finesse to render them unconscious. This is the same theory behind the threats that Army aviators are faced with in the ongoing Global War on Terror. With Man Portable Air Defense Systems serving as a prime threat to U.S. aircraft, it is vital that the aviation community is provided with technology that will keep them one-step ahead of a cunning enemy.

Since the inception of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, Aircraft Survivability Equipment systems have moved into the forefront for senior leaders in terms of added emphasis for upgraded systems and new technologies.

"The focus on ASE was increased based on enemy tactics, techniques and procedures," Col. Kennedy Jenkins, program director for ASE, based at Redstone Arsenal, said.

Following the loss of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter to an enemy missile in November 2003, then acting secretary of the Army R.L. Brownlee called for a plan "to equip all our helicopters in Iraq and Afghanistan with the most effective systems we have in development or procurement." In response to this challenge, Common Missile Warning System/Improved Countermeasure Dispenser production was immediately accelerated.

"The enemy's use of certain types of threats and capabilities necessitated the CMWS be added to the ASE suite that was then on aircraft," Jenkins said. "The Common Missile Warning System defeats MANPADS; as it warns the crew that a missile has been launched at their aircraft. Because of its effectiveness, CMWS has given pilots an increased sense of security knowing they aren't going to get shot out of the sky by a MANPADS missile."

Photo by J.D. Williams

STAYING ALIVE— A Soldier performs an engine run-up in preparation for a UH-60 air transport mission. Aircraft survivability equipment (APR-39 and CMWS) is on and operational as visible in the instrument panel.

This added system not only allows for additional security but also offers the pilot the benefit of being autonomous. Aircrews do not have to divert attention from their primary mission in order to counter a MANPADS threat.

Improving on the CMWS system is a key reason a fifth sensor was recently added. The additional sensor gives Army pilots more flexibility in their mission profiles. Today more than 500 aircraft are deployed in Southwest Asia with fully operational CMWS/ICMD systems that have flown more than 551,000 hours in the combat theater. Since CMWS' initial deployment, the system has consistently freed pilots up from distractions caused by threats they encounter flying through potentially hostile territories.

"We have many reports of pilots having been saved by their CMWS after a missile is fired at them. CMWS detects the missile, deploys flares, and pulls the missile away from the aircraft," Jenkins said.

The benefits of the system for aircrews that have utilized it in combat are evident.

"CMWS does reduce the immediate reaction workload of responding to a missile threat. This also enables the crew to react faster to destroying the threat on the ground," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Pat Shores, aviation branch tactical operations officer, Directorate of Training and Doctrine, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence.

"I think the bad guys are finding out the hard way that shooting a missile at Army aircraft is a lose-lose situation for them. They have an extremely low probability of a hit, and due to the CMWS and similar systems, they also have a high probability being detected and destroyed after the shot," added the UH-60 pilot who flew with 4th Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Echoing the thoughts of Shores, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jim Massey, Tactics Development, TACOPS Branch, Tactics Div. DOTD, USAACE, a AH-64 pilot who flew with 1st Calvary Division, during OIF added, "CMWS provides risk mitigation for the threat systems it was designed to defeat allowing aircrews to focus more intently on the mission at hand rather than solely on threat avoidance."

On the top of the current agenda for the PD ASE, which is a part of the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, is the Army Acquisition Category 1 program, Advanced Threat Infrared Countermeasures.

The ATIRCM will function with the CMWS to provide aviation assets the ability to focus on their mission while the system protects the aircraft. Mission effectiveness will be enhanced due to the combination of alert and defeat functions of the system which necessitate little to no deviation or needed action by pilots.

ATIRCM consists of a laser that will direct energy on a missile and force it to break away from an aircraft.

"They are an integrated system and it has always been the intent to field those two together," Jenkins said. "The CMWS is the eyes of the system and the ATIRCM is the sword, or active countermeasure of the system."

PD ASE is also offering added security to pilots through the rejuvenation of legacy systems. The APR-39 radar warning receiver has been on board aircraft since the early 1990s. "For what it was capable of during the time it was fielded it was the most modern radio frequency warner in the inventory," Jenkins said. "This upgrade will take into account variables like the types of threat present and where you are flying, so that you will be able to make changes to the system accordingly."

Part of the PD ASE future plans include addressing size, weight, and power issues, which naturally arise any time a new piece of equipment is added to Army aircraft. PD ASE is moving toward an integrated ASE suite that will be able to defeat all threats regardless of airframe or mission. The integrated ASE system will "fuse the functions of all onboard sensors and provide the input to a 'brain' or ASE controller – based on the type of threat the appropriate ASE system is then activated," Jenkins said.

Current ASE systems are federated and have their own dedicated display and warning. The intended purpose of the integrated ASE is that there will be just one system for the users to operate. The pilot flying an aircraft will hear the same voice or only has to look at one display to get all ASE information.

"Protecting the people that protect the nation" is the purpose that ASE serves, according to Jenkins. As the future integrated ASE becomes reality for Army aviation it will continue to focus on war fighters' survivability while allowing them to concentrate on their primary mission. Smaller, lighter, interdependent systems will increase load levels and allow the focus to remain on the Soldiers.

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UPLIFT students help lift those in need

Leader development the focus of program

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Photo by Roger Kitchen Jr.

FINISHED PRODUCT— UPLIFT students showing their work include, from left, Megan Smith, Erika Curry, Tatiana Whitman and Whitney Hedges.

Fifteen students from AMCOM's newly created UPLIFT leadership development training program visited the Salvation Army on Oct. 28 to volunteer their time by assembling angels for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.

The purpose of the volunteer project was to demonstrate, in a practical way, the Army Value of Selfless Service, putting the welfare of the nation, the Army and your subordinates before your own.

"I really enjoyed going to the Salvation Army because I know we helped someone in the community," UPLIFT student Megan Smith said. "Our time there definitely shows selfless service. Think about how the kids will feel when they get their presents."

The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program provides new clothing or toys for children of needy families.

The UPLIFT program, a component of the AMCOM Leader Development Life Cycle, is designed to teach personal leadership to individuals through use of the Army values and how those values can be applied in the civilian work force. In addition, the individual learns to be a contributor in his or her surroundings and to look for ways he or she can positively influence any situation.

"No matter what level of service an employee is in, leadership is how you do things not the position you occupy," Tim Grey, AMCOM human resources director, said.

UPLIFT is open to individuals at the GS-1 to GS-11 levels. The program provides 38 continuous learning points and requires a commitment of seven 4-hour sessions and one 8-hour session. Future classes are scheduled for Jan. 20 through March 5, April 14 through May 28, and July 21 through Sept. 3. Those interested can register through TIP. For more information, call Jackie Timme at 876-6061.

Recreation night salutes active duty military

Annual holiday outing features food and fun

Courtesy photo

FULL HOUSE— Servicemembers fill the Diane Campbell Recreation Center during a past year's Salute to the Military.

If you're active duty military, you're invited to an annual holiday outing at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center.

Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, with help from local businesses and civic organizations, will hold a "Salute to the Military" on Nov. 23 from 4-8:30 p.m. at the recreation center, building 3711 on Patton Road.

"This event is our community's way of showing these 800-plus active duty Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Seamen that we support and appreciate their sacrifice and bravery," a prepared release said. "The majority of these active duty are in school here on Redstone and will PCS (move) to a unit in another state and deploy to Iraq within a year, so we want to show them the best time we can while they are here.

"There will be a Thanksgiving style buffet, movies, door prizes, billiards tournament, free Internet; and Verizon wireless is providing a phone bank for the active duty to call home for free. The military really enjoy themselves at this event and we love being able to show them how much this community supports and appreciates them."

If you are interested in contributing to this or any other Morale Welfare and Recreation event, call the MWR Marketing Department at 876-5232.

Again, this Salute to the Military is open to active duty only.

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Preflight

From left, Civil Air Patrol pilot 1st Lt. Jim Hensley gives a preflight briefing to cadet airmen basic Austin Troup, Timothy Parish and Dannielle Bailey. CAP cadets from the Redstone and Muscle Shoals Composite Squadrons participated in the cadet orientation flight program Oct. 25. The program is designed to introduce youth under 18 to general aviation through hands-on orientation flights in single engine aircraft and gliders. It provides the cadets five powered flights and five glider flights.

Brigade's instructor of the year to be announced

Luncheon Nov. 21 much anticipated

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"I am looking forward to the luncheon; I'm dying to find out who won amongst us," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark Hoskins, deputy chief of the Warrant Officer Training Division, 59th Ordnance Brigade, about the upcoming 59th Ordnance Brigade Instructor of the Year luncheon Nov. 21.

"There was about three or four of us from here (from Redstone) who entered the competition and another from Fort Gordon, Ga.," he said. "Everyone who entered is definitely well deserving of the award, so it will be interesting to see who won."

The Instructor of the Year luncheon, at the Officers and Civilians Club, will showcase 59th's best instructors and highlight their achievements while training Soldiers.

Each instructor who entered the competition had a list of requirements to fill during the judging period.

"We had to put together a packet with a bio about us and teach in a classroom, mentoring young officers to make sure they are going in the right direction," Hoskins said. "I've sat in on a few (of the other competitors') classes and they're great instructors, so the competition is going to be very tight."

The classroom judging was tough, said Hoskins, but the rewards will be worth it.

"At first, this competition might look like just another Army program, like going to the promotion board, but I honestly believe this competition really does hone your skills at being an instructor," he said. "It gets you to focus on how well you do in class and what you need to focus on to better yourself. Overall, this competition is a very good thing for us and, really, everyone who has the opportunity to do so should enter the competition."

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark Hoskins

Tickets for the Instructor of the Year luncheon are on sale. For ticket information, call 955-0127. All members of the Redstone community are invited.

"I look forward to seeing all the instructors at the luncheon, to see the motivation they bring," Hoskins said laughing. "These guys here are proud to be instructors. Through the military, you're trained to lead and here you actually get the recognition many Soldiers deserve for doing a great job."

Renowned journalist talks to Toastmasters

Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

TOPIC OF INTEREST— Charles Wiley discusses the modern media with members of the Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club.

Charles Wiley visits to share view with club

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Members of the Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 had a rare opportunity Oct. 29. They got an insider's view of today's media from expert Charles Wiley. Wiley spent several hours with them talking about the news media and world politics.

Wiley has the distinction of having covered 11 wars from the front lines, including Vietnam, Kosovo and Afghanistan. He has covered stories in 100 countries for various networks, magazines and radio stations. His articles have appeared in *New York Times, U.S. News & World Report, Newsweek* and *Time*. He has also been a regular on C-Span and CNN Crossfire.

He arrived to the club meeting fresh from an interview with local newsman Don Phelps, broadcast through area schools closed-circuit television programming. Speaking to students has long been a passion of his, he said. Over the years, he has spoken to kids in all 50 states and on five continents. He has also lived and taught at several universities around the world, including Jinan University in Guangzhou, China and Moscow State University in Russia.

In addition to the civilian educational institutions, Wiley also addresses military audiences frequently, including the Naval War College, the Defense Intelligence Agency School, and the Spanish Army War School. He has also served as a speaker for the White House Public Outreach Group and as the keynote speaker for a two-day homeland defense and terrorism conference in Washington, D.C.

He spoke about taking news reports with a grain of salt. Allowing that modern journalists rarely report information that they know to be incorrect, he explained the ease with which a factual story can still be an incomplete picture.

"It's too easy in this day and age to check facts. You can't lie. But you don't have to lie to change the story," he said. "The facts that I leave out can be just as important as the ones I put in. They can change the whole picture, but you never saw them so you don't know."

Wiley challenged club members to search for the news instead of allowing journalists to dictate to them what was worthy of their notice. He also urged them to get their news from many outlets, including those geographically closest to the source.

"The Internet is a wonderful thing. You can pull up lists of every English language newspaper in the world," he said. "If you want to know what's going on somewhere, say Turkey, then read the English paper there in Turkey. You'll be amazed by the things that don't ever make the news here."

After he concluded his prepared remarks, Wiley opened the table for discussion. Club members were able to question and comment on his remarks, the media in general and on specific events transpiring around the globe.

"There are a lot of things happening that we, as Americans, should be concerned about," Wiley said. "Many of them are never mentioned by the news media or we only get a portion of the story."

Not afraid to give his frank opinion, he worries about the effect of 24-hour news networks on the media. He said that the need to fill all hours with content has changed what is covered and how.

"So much of it is fluff," he said. "They over saturate us with stories that don't need that kind of coverage."

Wiley is no stranger to military life and concerns. In addition to his civilian coverage of military conflicts, he is a World War II veteran. He enlisted with the Navy at the age of 17 after spending a year touring bases as part of a USO show. He received a U.S. Navy service star for his time in Okinawa, Japan.

Photo by Lois Contreras

Aviation summit

The sixth Luther G. Jones Aviation Summit kicks off Oct. 22 at Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, with a ribbon cutting. From left are Jeff Pino, president of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation; Col. Joe Dunaway, depot commander; Jim O'Neill, vice president/general manager for integrated logistics at Boeing Company; and Greg Gass, government program executive, General Electric. The three original equipment manufacturer representatives, along with other representatives from the three CCAD OEM partnerships, as well as representatives from Honeywell Aerospace and other private industry and military commands were in attendance. This year's participation for the three-day event broke records with 70 exhibitors and more than 700 attendees.

■ Month to celebrate Native American heritage

Indian

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On May 28, 1887 the person described as the greatest athlete of the 20th century was born. James Francis "Jim" Thorpe embodied that description. A Pottawatomie Indian, Thorpe successfully played both professional baseball and football. During the 1912 Olympics in Antwerp, Belgium he competed in both the decathlon and pentathlon. He set records that stood for decades. The King Gustav V presented Jim Thorpe with both his medals and proclaimed him "the greatest athlete in the world."

Long before frequency hopping radios and COMSEC capabilities, the U.S. military needed a way that they could communicate on the battlefield without concern of enemy compromise. Members of the Navajo and Comanche tribes were asked to design and implement codes that the U.S. could use on the battlefield. Movies like "Code Talkers" show the success that resulted from their actions in both the European and Pacific theaters. Upon returning home they received no more fanfare than any other American serviceman. They were told that their service was "secret" and that they could not share their experiences with fellow tribe members. They sat in silence until 1968 until what they accomplished had been declassified. They finally could talk about their contributions. Finally, in 2001, President George H.W. Bush awarded 21 of the "Code Talkers" at the White House for their contributions to the service to the United States.

So regardless of the circumstance or the need of citizens of these United States, people of American Indian ancestry always have and continue to step forward. Albert Smith, one of the "Code Talkers" related late in his life: "The code word for America was, Our Mother. Our Mother stood for freedom, our religion, our ways of life, and that was why we went in."

The theme for this year's observance is "Living in Many Worlds." That is something that is demonstrated daily by the true native sons and daughters of this land. They have given us farmers that produced a unique crop that allowed this fledgling society to continue to grow to what it is today. They have given us athletes such as the great Jim Thorpe who demonstrated the potential of what an American could be with his raw physical ability. Countless tribes over the 200-plus years of our existence have given us young men and now young women who are willing to serve in this great nation's military. The most recognizable of these warriors have been the "Code Talkers," thanks to Hollywood. The achievements of the others that have answered the same call are no less honorable. So during November we celebrate the achievements of American Indians: I would submit to you that looking at the merit of their contributions, a single month is not enough.

Healing environment for wounded warriors

Transition units give care to return Soldiers to duty

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If you're a wounded Soldier, Redstone Arsenal is a great place to mend.

Far from the battlefield and away from large units of Soldiers preparing for deployment, Redstone has established itself – through its Fox Army Health Center Warrior Transition Unit and Community Based Warrior Transition Unit – as an ideal healing environment for Soldiers with physical and psychological injuries or illnesses.

"Their job when they get here is to get better," said Dr. (Maj.) Mike Madkins, who oversees the medical care for the Fox WTU Soldiers.

"We ask them a lot of questions about things that could impact their healing. Hopefully, we will create an environment for them where they will heal and focus on their mission to return to their unit. Everything we're doing is focused toward their healing."

Currently, Fox manages the care and healing of 14 wounded Soldiers by an experienced team of medical personnel, led by commander Maj. Elizabeth Vinson and including Madkins, Staff Sgt. Curtis Carson and case manager Deborah Holden. At the Community Based WTU, which cares for wounded National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, a staff of squad leaders and case managers work with more than 100 healing Soldiers who live at home in Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee while getting the medical treatment they need.

November has been designated by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates as "Warrior Care Month," focusing the attention of the Defense Department on the caring of wounded, ill and injured warriors.

Soldiers who do not require hospital treatment, but who need further outpatient medical treatment and care are sent to WTUs located close to their hometown or their original duty station where their medical care can be managed while they continue their service in some capacity. At their assigned WTU, Soldiers have a primary care provider, a nurse case manager and a squad leader to ensure their needs are identified and addressed. This triad of support provides the treatment plan, the coordination and the supervision to allow each wounded warrior to heal and prepare to resume a healthy, productive life. Since their inception in summer 2007, the WTU return-to-duty rate is more than 64 percent, the equivalent of two brigade combat teams a year, according to the Army Medical Department.

The Army has 36 WTUs throughout the nation. According to data provided to the Associated Press, 5,000 patients were admitted to WTUs and the nine Community Based WTUs in June 2007. That number increased to 12,500 in June 2008. But under a new stricter screening process the number decreased to 11,400 in October. It was announced in early November that Army leaders are now reviewing WTUs for possible merger or closure, including the WTU at Fox and the WTU at Fort Rucker, to create more efficiencies within the WTU system.

Vinson, the WTU commander at Fox, said it is normal for the Army to review WTUs and their processes now that the units have been stood up for more than a year. She is confident the Army will make the right decision regarding the Fox WTU, and suggested there could be a merger between the Fox WTU and the larger Community Based WTU on Redstone Arsenal.

As in other WTUs throughout the nation, three health care professionals — Madkins, Carson and Holden — offer each Fox WTU Soldier a "triad of care," where they work together to address issues that can affect a Soldier's healing process.

When Soldiers come to the Fox WTU, they must be seen within 24 hours by Madkins so that the treatment of their primary health problem is begun almost immediately. The WTU will also work to treat secondary health problems during their assignment to Fox.

"As their primary care manager, these Soldiers come to me initially for an evaluation that determines their illness or injury, and then we come up with a plan of care to treat them," Madkins said.

"Even though they have a primary health issue, as a family practitioner, I look at the whole patient and coordinate the appropriate care and treatment. Because we are a smaller facility, we network out a lot of specialty care."

For example, a Soldier who comes to the WTU with a shoulder injury will, first, receive treatment to heal their shoulder. But if that Soldier is suffering from such secondary issues like high blood pressure, high cholesterol or psychological issues, then Madkins will also manage care to overcome these health issues.

Even so, injured or ill Soldiers, who must need a minimum of 60 days of medical care before being assigned to a WTU, are returned to their unit or receive a medical discharge from the Army based solely on their primary health issue.

"They are released when we feel they have met their optimal care based on the primary reason they are here," Madkins said. "Their primary issue dictates how long they stay with us."

While Madkins works with case manager Holden to make sure Soldiers receive the medical care they need, squad leader Carson focuses on the Soldier's overall ability to serve their country.

"They are still Soldiers when they get here," he said. "So, I take care of the Soldiering aspect of this assignment, the Army stuff.

"I make sure they get to appointments. I make sure they don't have other issues – such as personal or financial – that could cause problems in their healing process. I make sure they have a good environment for healing. And I make sure they report for duty and that they maintain their accountability as a Soldier."

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SUCCESS STORIES— National Guard Maj. W.D. Foster, in a wheelchair, and Spc. Thomas Morgan are both nearing the end of treatment with the Warrior Transition Unit at Fox Army Health Center. Foster, who suffered a spinal cord stroke while taking a physical training test with his Guard unit, is paralyzed from the waist down. He has received full care at the WTU that has equipped him with the ability to care for himself once he receives a medical discharge. Morgan, who was injured in a vehicle accident while serving in Germany, has nearly completed his medical treatments through the WTU.

Community based transition unit delivers outpatient care

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The Community Based Warrior Transition Unit, which cares for National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who become injured or ill while on active duty, has been housed on Redstone Arsenal since late 2006.

It is similar to an Army WTU in that it manages the outpatient care and healing of injured or ill Soldiers who no longer require hospital care. But it is different in that it allows National Guard and Reserve Soldiers to live at home and work at their local armories while receiving the medical care they need to return to their unit.

Making this situation possible are the platoon sergeants and case managers who oversee the Soldiers' care while they are assigned to the CBWTU.

"We remotely manage their medical care," said National Guard Maj. Betsy Trimble, a case manager at the CBWTU at Redstone Arsenal.

"We do site visits and doctor's visits to make sure care is progressing. We take the time to thank the doctors who are taking care of our Soldiers. More often than not the doctors are prior military and this is a way for them to give back."

While Trimble coordinates the medical care for up to 20 Soldiers, National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Delois Williams supervises the Soldiers' military service while assigned to the CBWTU. As the platoon sergeant, Williams works with Trimble and another case manager to oversee the needs and requirements of up to 40 Soldiers.

"We're supposed to get them back to the fighting force. That is the goal of the entire military," Trimble said. "If not, then we want to make sure they are released back to civilian life with dignity and the ability to care for themselves."

Trimble and Williams are also involved with annual town hall meetings in each of the CBWTU's four states to assist its Soldiers with obtaining information about Army, state and community services and resources. A town hall meeting for all Soldiers of the Redstone Arsenal CBWTU is scheduled with Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles on Nov. 17.

WTU Soldiers grateful for road to recovery

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Despite his paralysis, Maj. W.D. Foster of the Alabama National Guard said he has a lot to be thankful for as he sits behind the wheel of his new handicapped-accessible van.

Foster, who was paralyzed from the waist down in November 2007 after suffering a spinal cord stroke while participating in a physical training test with his National Guard unit, has received full support from the Army and its Warrior Transition Unit at Fox Army Health Center during his recovery and rehabilitation efforts.

While the prospects of ever standing up out of his wheelchair are slim, Foster said the Army has provided him with the tools to live the best life possible with his illness.

"I got this vehicle three weeks ago," he said, showing off all the fancy hand levers around the steering wheel. "So, I'm driving."

He has made a lot of progress while being assigned to the WTU.

"I'm not doing physical therapy anymore," Foster said. "But I want to get in the gym as soon as possible so that I can get my body back as strong as possible."

Foster will soon be discharged from Fox's WTU and will take a military retirement. He plans to return to a desk job with the Birmingham Police Department, which will lead to a forced retirement in a few months due to his injury. But he does have the option to work for the police department as a civilian.

He plans to build a new home for himself and his wife – all handicapped accessible. And he is thinking about going back to college for a degree that could eventually land him a job with Veterans Affairs.

"With the help I've gotten from the WTU, I can take care of myself," he said. "I can get in and out of this wheelchair. I can dress myself. And now I can drive again."

During his treatment, Foster saw doctors in Birmingham, but traveled to the WTU at Fox about once a month to meet with the WTU staff, discuss and apply for VA disability benefits and get prescriptions filled.

"The WTU has been a blessing. There's a lot of benefits and military programs I had never heard of until I came here," he said. "The military even has a program that will specially adapt my house or that will provide some money toward a new handicapped-accessible house."

Both National Guard Spc. Jessica Newey, who has been under the care of the Community Based WTU at Redstone Arsenal for injuries she sustained in Iraq, and Spc. Thomas Morgan, who was injured in a vehicle accident while serving in Germany, understand Foster's gratitude.

After several surgeries and the resolution of medical issues, Newey is looking forward to passing the medical evaluation board so she can return to her National Guard unit. With most of her short-term memory problems and post traumatic stress disorder issues now resolved, Newey also is planning on transferring from Calhoun Community College to Alabama A&M University to study agri-science.

"It's been a steady road," she said. "But I hope to go before the medical evaluation board in three to six months. I might have to change my MOS (military occupational specialty), but I do want to stay with the National Guard. It is something that I love to do."

Morgan, who has been with the Fox WTU while dealing with orthopedic and internal problems since his vehicle accident, is trying to reach optimum care. He wants to be fit for duty and completely healthy when he comes to the end of his Army service. And the WTU has helped him with that.

"I've never seen anything they couldn't do," he said. "They've helped me with my medical issues. But they've also helped me with custody issues regarding my son, and they've helped me with child care issues and other things. I've been able to work on my education online while I've been here. The WTU has made my care and treatment a top priority."

■ Health center provides environment for warrior healing

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Even though the WTU's Soldiers are suffering from an illness or injury, most are still able to contribute to the Army between their medical appointments and treatments. These Soldiers are assigned duties at various organizations on the Arsenal. They are also encouraged to improve themselves in other ways – such as taking college courses – while they are away from their active duty station.

Madkins, Carson and Holden often discuss the ongoing care of their Soldiers. They are sensitive to the frustrations and worries that can go along with the healing process.

"There are lots of issues involved in healing. Soldiers can get frustrated with the whole process and we have to help them through that," Madkins said. "We hope these Soldiers will be well enough to return to their units, but some will not and they will have to take a military retirement. Others are trying to get healed because they are planning to leave the Army as soon as their time is up. Regardless of the situation, we are trying to help them make a smooth transition out of the healing process."

Holden, who coordinates medical appointments and oversees a Soldier's medical case, is the "keeper of the gate" who acts as an advocate for the Soldier and their care.

"My responsibility to them is to be knowledgeable and give them the kind of information so they can be informed and make better decisions," she said. "We are not here to harm or hinder, but to help them achieve their long-term goal. Our responsibility is to ensure they get the care they need."

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WORKING TOGETHER— National Guard Spc. Jessica Newey, center, receives support from Community Based Warrior Transition Unit representatives Sgt. 1st Class Delois Williams, left, and Maj. Betsy Trimble. Williams is Newey's platoon sergeant and Trimble is her case manager. Newey has been undergoing medical treatment for injuries she sustained while serving in Iraq with the Alabama National Guard's 128th Military Police Company. She hopes to return to her National Guard unit once her medical treatment is complete.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

TEAM EFFORT— The Fox Army Health Center's Warrior Transition Unit involves a triad of care that is managed by, from left, Staff Sgt. Curtis Carson, who is the unit's squad leader; nurse case manager Deborah Holden and Dr. (Maj.) Michael Madkins. The WTU uses a holistic approach toward the care of each injured or ill Soldier with the goal being to return them in top health condition to their Army unit.

Though the triad of care meets every Tuesday to formally discuss and document patient care, Holden, Madkins and Carson are in contact daily regarding patient issues and concerns.

"We care for the patient holistically," Holden said. "We discuss how personal issues will affect the plan of care. We need to be vigilant in what we do to care for the patient and we need to be in agreement with the plan of care so the Soldier does not become frustrated or lose confidence in the system. We are all united in the plan of care."

Once they are at optimal health, Soldiers are returned to their military unit.

"When they are returned to health, I will work with them on the steps they need to take to be ready to return to their unit," Carson said. "We will work on things like physical training to get them ready to be on active duty. We are not going to send a Soldier back to their unit incomplete. We want to make sure they are ready."

There are times, however, when a medical condition or an inconclusive level of recovery requires that the Soldier's profile be reviewed by a Medical Evaluation Board at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to determine if the Soldier can be returned to active duty or if they must be medically discharged.

"Sometimes the Soldier will need to be reclassified to another type of job to stay in the Army or they are deemed unfit to return to active duty," Madkins said.

"If they are deemed unfit, they can request a Continuation on Active Duty where their expertise will be considered and the Army will find a place where they can contribute despite their injury. With a smaller Army, injured Soldiers who want to stay active are more likely to be found an assignment that will be beneficial to the Soldier and the Army."

Great American Smokeout slated Nov. 20

Smokers encouraged to kick habit that day

Every year smokers/tobacco users across the nation take part in the American Cancer's Society Great American Smokeout by smoking less or quitting for the day on the third Thursday of November. It is also a day of reflection for those of us who have quit and stayed quit and have reaped the healthy rewards.

The idea for the Great American Smokeout grew out of a 1974 event. Lynn R. Smith, editor of a newspaper in Minnesota, spearheaded the state's first D-Day, or Don't Smoke Day. The idea may have been inspired by Arthur P. Mullaney of Randolph, Mass., who three years earlier had asked people to give up cigarettes for a day and donate the money saved on cigarettes to a high school scholarship fund. The idea caught on; and on Nov. 18, 1976, the California Division of the American Cancer Society successfully prompted nearly 1 million smokers to quit for the day. That California event marked the first Smokeout, and the society took it nationwide in 1977.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. responsible for 20 percent of all deaths. Tobacco kills more Americans yearly than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, car accidents, fire and AIDS combined. Smoking is the chief avoidable cause of death in this society.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management supports and encourages agency authorized programs aimed at health promotion and disease prevention, including smoking cessation programs. In 2003, OPM initiated "HealthierFeds" as part of the broader Presidential initiative, "HealthierUS." One of the chief aims of the initiative is to encourage federal employees to make healthier lifestyle choices, including the cessation of tobacco use. Evidence indicates, according to the CDC, that tobacco cessation may also contribute to improved organizational performance and productivity.

A decision in 1989 by the comptroller general held that because smoking is a major contributing cause of illnesses such as cancer, coronary disease and emphysema, agency smoking cessation programs are preventive in nature and authorized under 5 USC 7901(c)(4). Under 7901, federal agencies are authorized to establish health programs within available appropriations to promote and maintain physical and mental fitness of employees.

When you put down that tobacco product on Nov. 20, your heart rate will drop within 20 minutes and within 12 hours the carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal. Nicotine's half life is two hours. Unless replenished, the amount of nicotine remaining in your bloodstream will be cut by one-half every two hours. Within 72 hours all nicotine and 90 percent of the chemical metabolites will be out of your system. There are more than 4,600 — with 60 proven to be carcinogenic — ingredients in a cigarette other than tobacco.

So just for the day put down your cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snus, pipe or cigars.

It is estimated that 70 percent of tobacco users wish to quit. Prior to Nov. 20, put down all of the cons of using and make a list of reasons (pros) to be tobacco free. Seek out a co-worker or a natural helper, friend or loved one for personal encouragement and to be with you during the day. Change your smoking connections for the day. Bring your gym bag or walking shoes and a pedometer. Fill the four MWR gyms or Redstone fitness trails. Synergize your work team by helping any smoker/smokers/tobacco users make it successfully through the day.

Fox Army Health Center has pledge cards that can be transmitted to your organization. Fox will also be doing a Cold Turkey Trot and Adopt-a-Smoker program that day. Fox will also have a "Don't be a sucker" Trading Station where tobacco users can trade in their lethal products for suckers, chewing gum and bubble blowing bottles that you can now take with you on your former smoke breaks, instead. For organizations wishing to model this concept, call Preventive Medicine at 955-8888, ext. 1443. Valerie Francis and Rick Stock are available to come to your organization that day for short presentations.

Research shows that your chances of success more than double if you talk to a trained smoking cessation facilitator/coach, involve yourself in a group smoking cessation program and utilize a nicotine replacement product and or medication.

Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion at Fox will assist anyone or group seeking assistance at any time. You will learn via interactive participation. For free class sessions (five) occurring every six weeks call Stock, health promotion educator, at 955-8888, ext. 1443, or call program coordinator Francis (ext. 1431) or Jackie Rice (ext.) 1026. *(Fox Army Health Center release)*

Here's fire prevention advice for the heating season

With colder weather approaching and heating costs continuing to skyrocket, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers and the National Fire Protection Association have joined together to offer some simple ways to save energy and keep you and your family safe and warm.

Saving energy isn't just about saving money for homeowners. Saving energy is beneficial on a global scale. The world is facing dwindling energy reserves, and the more we save, the better our future will be.

Here are some things you can do:

Heating systems

Set thermostats at 68°F when the house is occupied during the day and then turn it down at night or when you're not home (60°F is recommended). There are programmable thermostats that you can buy from local hardware and lumber stores that can do this automatically and easily. They are inexpensive, reliable and easy to install. This would not be recommended for "heat pump" systems if it would cause auxiliary heating to come on.

Make sure supply and return vents, radiators and baseboard heating units are not obstructed by furniture, appliances or other objects and that air can flow freely to and from them. This will maximize the efficiency of your system and help distribute warm air throughout the room.

Clean or change furnace filters in forced hot air systems once a month or more often as needed.

Have your heating system maintained and serviced according to manufacturer's instructions (usually once a year). Dirty filters, coils and fans reduce airflow throughout the system, which decreases performance and can damage your system. Scheduling your service in the early fall when technicians are not as busy will probably save you money as well.

Check heating ducts for air leaks from joints and holes. Check with your local hardware store for the proper listed mastic or tape to use for the particular job.

Insulate your hot water tank with an insulating jacket according to manufacturer recommendations. Some newer tanks already are insulated, so check product literature to determine if insulation is needed. Insulate the first 6 feet of the hot water pipes connected to the water heater.

You can turn down the thermostat in rooms that have all of the following: are unoccupied and can be closed off (closed doors) from the rest of the house and have their own heating zone.

However, do not do this if it adversely affects the rest of your system or could lead to freezing water pipes.

Windows and doors

Install caulking, weather stripping or use spray-in foams around exterior windows and doors or those between heated and unheated spaces (garages, basements, crawl spaces, attics).

Read instructions for spray foams carefully. Expanding foams can exert enough pressure to cause doors and windows to jam or stick.

During the heating season, keep draperies and shades open during the day on your southern facing walls to allow sunlight to enter. Keep them closed at night to reduce heat loss and the chill or "draft" you may feel from cold windows.

Exhaust fans

Did you know that your kitchen or bath fan can pull out a houseful of heated air in just one hour?

Turn off all fans as soon as they have done the job. Consider installing a timer switch instead of a manual switch to limit the unnecessary operation of an exhaust fan.

Fire safety tips

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires each year. Many of these fires can be prevented. Here are some things you can do:

When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory, and be sure to have fixed space heaters installed by a qualified technician, according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes. Or make sure a qualified technician checks to see that the unit has been properly installed.

Keep or maintain a 36-inch (1-meter) clearance between all heating equipment and anything that can burn.

Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave the room or go to bed.

Have any gas-fueled heating device installed with proper attention to ventilation. If unvented gas space heaters are used in bedrooms or bathrooms, make sure they are small and well-mounted. NFPA codes prohibit use of liquefied petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies.

Do not use your oven to heat your home.

Have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys, chimney connectors and all other solid-fueled heating equipment inspected annually by a professional, and cleaned as often as inspections suggest. Use only wood that is properly seasoned to reduce creosote buildup.

If your power is out, avoid using candles. Use flashlights.

Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container.

Test smoke alarms monthly and install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

There is help available if you need fuel assistance. Contact the National Energy Assistance Referral project toll-free at 866 674-6327 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. ASHRAE is the world's foremost technical society in the fields of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration.

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Win or lose

Bravo defense, Civilian offense look strong

Teams warm up for postseason

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The Bravo Company defense was repeatedly tested by the Marines on the flag football field Nov. 3.

Time after time, the Marines drove deep into Bravo territory. The Marines controlled the ball and the clock. They had nine first downs while Bravo had two. They had 120 total yards to Bravo's 47.

But the Bulldogs kept turning them away.

Bravo rode its defense to a 7-6 win over the Marines to finish the regular season. The Bulldogs enter the postseason tournament at 4-3 while the Marines go in at 3-4. The tournament is scheduled Nov. 6-19.

"Defense played great all night. Made the stops," Bravo player/coach John Sweeden said. "We had the one big play that got us on top, and the defense held the lead for us. Ended the (regular season) with a winning record, that was good."

Bravo's big play on offense was quarterback Sweeden's 42-yard touchdown pass to Matt Negrete with 4:35 left in the game. His one-point conversion pass to Dustin Barger ended the scoring.

After a scoreless first half, the Marines took a 6-0 lead with 11:50 left when wideout Kaiheem Emery caught a 16-yard pass from Sean Newsom. The conversion pass failed.

The Bravo defense stopped the Marines twice in Bulldogs' territory. In the final minute of the first half, the Marines drove to the Bravo 10 when Elb Moore intercepted a Newsom pass. In the game's closing seconds, the Marines drove to the Bravo 15. But a bad snap from center backed the Marines to the 28. On the next play, Newsom's pass bounced off the receiver's hands and out of the end zone as time expired.

"Penalties and dropped balls killed us," said Newsom, Marines player/coach. "And they're a good team."

The Marines had seven penalties for 50 yards. Bravo was whistled four times for 25 yards. Newsom completed 8-of-20 passes for 99 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Sweeden went 2-for-6 for 45 yards and one touchdown.

Bravo took the game's opening kickoff and started at the 40 when the kick went out of bounds. But the Marines' Wendell Harden sacked Sweeden for a 10-yard loss on the first play from scrimmage. The Marines forced a punt and drove from their 38 to Bravo's 10 in seven plays. But the Bulldogs stopped the threat with Moore's interception just before halftime.

"We want to regroup (for the playoffs) and see what players we're going to have out there," Sweeden said. "And just get back at it, try to win some games."

Civilian Welfare Fund 46, Headquarters & Alpha 28: Derrick Cook caught four passes for four touchdowns and 123 yards as the CWF tuned up for the postseason. He added a 35-yard interception return for another TD.

The league's first civilian team finished the regular season in first place at 6-1. Headquarters & Alpha went to 4-3.

Quarterback William Kelly connected with Cook from 13, 27, 65 and 18 yards. He also threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to David Benjamin. Kelly had a two-point conversion run and threw two-point passes to Charles Acker, Gabe Lockwood, Cook and Scott Mitchell.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

GETTING READY— Marines quarterback Sean Newsom prepares for the Nov. 3 game against Bravo Company, but the Marines came up short 7-6.

"Our offense played very well," CWF player/coach Brad Harris said. "Derrick Cook had a splendid game for us. This is a good game to get ready for the playoffs. This game will give us momentum going into the playoffs."

Headquarters & Alpha quarterback Darrell Thomas threw touchdown passes to Keith Bennett (3 and 1 yards), Terek Myers (25 yards) and Stefan Reynolds (50 yards). He had two-point conversions on a pass to Reynolds and a run.

"We had a lot of players hurt," Gators player/coach Draper Hollier said. "So we were absent some men. We played with what we had.

"We've got to get ready (for the playoffs). Stay focused, stay motivated and win ballgames."

Photo by Skip Vaughn

Fore worthy cause

Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles participates in the Combined Federal Campaign golf tournament, sponsored by the AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate, on Nov. 3 at the Links. "It's Monday and we're playing golf!" Myles quipped during the opening ceremony.

Flag football season final standings

	Won	Loss
Civilian Welfare Fund	6	1
326th Chemical Company	5	2
HHC 59th	5	2
Headquarters & Alpha	4	3
Bravo Company	4	3
Marines	3	4
Charlie Company	1	6
NCO Academy	0	7

Nov. 3: Bravo def. Marines 7-6; and Civilian Welfare Fund def. Headquarters & Alpha 46-28.
Nov. 4: HHC 59th def. Charlie 30-20; and 326th Chemical def. NCO Academy 20-8.
End of regular season. The postseason tournament is scheduled Nov. 6-19.

Headquarters & Alpha turns out for troop sports

Gators earn Commander's Cup with good participation in year

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Headquarters & Alpha commander Capt. Maurice Miles never has to worry about having enough Soldiers show up for unit-level sports.

Level of participation is among the reasons the Gators excel on the playing field.

Headquarters & Alpha won the Commander's Cup sports trophy for fiscal 2008 by compiling the most points in seasonal sports. Units compete in flag football, basketball, volleyball, softball, golf and a 5K run.

"Soldiers just automatically volunteered," Miles said. "It's just something the Soldiers wanted to do. They weren't forced to do it."

He accepted the Commander's Cup from Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli during a ceremony Nov. 5 at Pagano Gym. Miles participated in volleyball.

"It's always about team play," said Pvt. Albert Simpson, who plays flag football for the Gators. "And practice. Plus, it gets us out of PT (physical training)."

"That's always a plus for those guys to get out of PT," Miles confirmed.

Miles lets the Headquarters & Alpha players practice in the morning while physical training is under way, usually about twice a week. They normally practice in the morning and again in the afternoon.

Headquarters & Alpha finished first with 331.7 points, followed closely by Bravo with 328.6 and the Marines with 320.7.

"Competition's good," Pastorelli said. "We all want to win, but that's not always the reason we participate."

The other participating units included NCO Academy (233.6), HHC 59th (206.7), Charlie (154.7), 326th Chemical (133), National Guard (101.8), AMCOM (46.9), 375th Engineers (28.1) and MEDDAC (0).

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GATORS RULE— Some members of Headquarters & Alpha include, from left, Sgt. Carlos Reyes, Sgt. Steven Wentzell, commander Capt. Maurice Miles, Pvt. Albert Simpson, Pfc. Michael Diehl and 1st Sgt. Anthony Keyes.

Georgia compounds Auburn's headaches

Bulldogs get nod over host Tigers

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Skip's Picks were 343-128 for 73 percent after 11 weeks of college football. Here are this week's predictions:

Georgia at Auburn — **Georgia**
Mississippi State at Alabama — **Bama**
Alabama A&M at Jackson State — **A&M**
Virginia Tech at Miami (Fla.) — **Miami**
Cincinnati at Louisville — **Louisville**
Duke at Clemson — **Clemson**
Indiana at Penn State — **Penn State**
Notre Dame at Navy — **ND**
Northwestern at Michigan — **N'western**
Ohio State at Illinois — **OSU**
Purdue at Iowa — **Purdue**
Rutgers at South Florida — **SF**
Texas at Kansas — **Texas**
Georgia Southern at Furman — **GS**
Louisiana-Monroe at Mississippi — **Ole Miss**
New Mexico at Colorado State — **CS**
East Carolina at Southern Mississippi — **EC**
UAB at Tulane — **Tulane**
Brigham Young at Air Force — **BYU**
California at Oregon State — **Cal**
Minnesota at Wisconsin — **Minn.**
North Carolina at Maryland — **UNC**
Wake Forest at North Carolina State — **Wake**
Boise State at Idaho — **Boise**
New Mexico State at Fresno State — **Fresno**
Washington State at Arizona State — **ASU**
Missouri at Iowa State — **Missouri**
Connecticut at Syracuse — **UC**
Southern California at Stanford — **USC**
Boston College at Florida State — **FSU**
Oklahoma State at Colorado — **OSU**
Tulsa at Houston — **Tulsa**
Troy at LSU — **LSU**
Utah at San Diego State — **Utah**
Vanderbilt at Kentucky — **Vandy**
Southern Methodist at Texas-El Paso — **UTEP**
UCLA at Washington — **UCLA**
Arizona at Oregon — **Oregon**
Nebraska at Kansas State — **Nebraska**
South Carolina at Florida — **Florida**
Texas A&M at Baylor — **Baylor**

Army shares ideas for improved housing

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Managers and staff members from the Army's Residential Communities Initiative, including personnel from 10 private-sector partners and Army RCI asset managers, held the annual Asset Management Training Workshop to discuss Soldier-family housing issues, share lessons learned, and strengthen partnerships.

"In creating this 'Army Home' concept for Soldiers and their families, we have to ensure that we have a clear understanding of housing goals," said Ivan Bolden, chief of public private initiatives at the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Department of Army.

"Without clear communication and understanding between the Army and the investor-partners it's impossible for either of us to genuinely agree on design, construction or business decisions that will impact our communities' needs," he said.

To date, the RCI program has built 12,000 new homes and renovated 16,000 on 45 installations throughout the United States. There are currently 10 private-sector partners and many others have applied for partnerships and building designs for family housing, single-Soldier housing and privatization of Army lodging accommodations.

"We are working on the greatest quality of life housing improvement initiative in the history of the U.S. Army, and we're doing this because our men and women in uniform deserve homes that meet the needs of today's warriors," Bolden said.

Improving Soldier and family housing is one of the Army Family Covenant initiatives designed to ensure Soldiers and their families are provided a quality of life commensurate with their service and sacrifice. *(Installation Management Command release)*

■ Longtime Redstone engineer looks back at career

Keepsakes

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Phillips' time as an enlisted Soldier at Redstone Arsenal set the footprint for his years of work with the Army.

"It was really a fine place to be because I was getting to work as an engineer while I was serving my country," he said of his military assignment.

There were also personal benefits to being at Redstone Arsenal – Phillips was close to his parent's home in Clemmons, N.C., and Huntsville is where he met his first wife, who he married at the old post chapel.

During those early years of missile research and development, there were three basic government organizations on Redstone Arsenal — the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, the Army Rocket Guided Missile Agency and the Ordnance Missile Command. Phillips was assigned as a quality assurance mechanical engineer for the guided missile agency, troubleshooting failures with the Corporal missile system.

"My two years of service were very enjoyable. I was really getting to do some engineering. When they first start out, a lot of engineers don't get to do that kind of work," Phillips said. "It was the early days of the space race and we worked numerous hours."

After his Army stint, Phillips joined Brown Engineering (now Teledyne Brown), where he worked for 14 years on the Arsenal in missile research programs. While working in the Army's Propulsion Directorate, the organization shifted to the newly formed Marshall Space Flight Center and Phillips became a NASA contract test engineer assigned to the F1 engineer group, which included boosters that were eventually used to put man on the moon.

"In the early '60s, I was privileged to work for part of the German team members in the test division, and that's how I ended up with the infamous 'Hav-A-Tampa' cigar, passed out to me when von Braun's son, Peter Constantine, was born," Phillips said.

"Von Braun would sometimes visit the block house during the static firing of the Saturn I booster because it was kind of his baby. When Peter was born in 1960, von Braun passed out cigars in the block house."

Phillips stuck the cigar in a mantle clock, unsmoked and in its original wrapping, where it stayed for many years until he gave it to his son, Brent Phillips, who is a contracting officer with the Space and Missile Defense Command.

"He reminds me that it's just a plain old cigar that doesn't even have 'It's A Boy!' on the wrapper," Phillips said. "I jokingly remind him that it's hard to locate 48-year-old tobacco these days."

During test firings, Phillips – who described himself as a "typical adventurous 20-something-old engineer without good sense" – often looked outside the bunker where he and other engineers were protected from a possible explosion just so he could see the engines firing. Although he was involved with the successful test firings of the F1 boosters, the technology used to launch the Saturn I into space was always a source of worry for him.

"It used to really concern me during launch whether it was going to work," he said. "So many things could go wrong. There were so many parts. It always made me nervous. I was very concerned. I did a lot of praying."

Yet, all the trouble and worry was worth it when NASA went on to have a successful Saturn I program.

"We got more than a bunch of rocks out of the moon," Phillips said. "It pushed technologies, it accelerated our standard of living."

Phillips' career with Brown ended when the government Safeguard Missile Defense program was canceled due to a treaty with Russia in the early 1970s. He left the missile research support business, going to work in the stock market and local real estate market.

"That was good until the late '70s when the interest rate hit 18 percent and no one wanted to borrow money at that rate and the housing market sales dropped drastically," Phillips said.

In 1980, a call from a longtime friend and former boss, the now late Bill Blades, brought Phillips back to the Arsenal, where he was offered a civilian government job as an industrial engineer in Quantitative Analysis. After working to save the government "tons of money" as a member of "should cost" teams and after a stint on the production group for MLRS, Phillips was offered a job with DARPA.

"Since the early 1990s, I have been intrigued with the various research projects that DARPA sponsors, everything from the Stealth Aircraft technology, the Predator Unmanned Aircraft, Counter IED technology and the now famous DARPA-sponsored million dollar desert Robotic Vehicles challenge," he said.

"As a technical monitor/team leader for DARPA's SBIR research contracts, it has been with a great deal of pleasure that some of this research has grown into items that have been saving the lives of our military personnel."

One item — the Phraselator device that automatically translates Arabic words into English when spoken into the handheld machine — was utilized by Special Forces Soldiers when they entered Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"My contractor responsible for the Phraselator received a note and pictures of one Soldier, thanking us for the device, saying that they were able to communicate with teenagers and other civilians, getting enemy locations plus learning the location of weapons and explosives that were being stored in an elementary school close by," Phillips said. "It was a great honor when my contractor was selected the most outstanding SBIR contractor for their achievements by DARPA."

Phillips is proud of the "futuristic combat applications" he has been involved with at DARPA under the direction of his boss, David Lawson, and in connection with many Arsenal organizations. He oversees the work of about nine DARPA engineers working with small businesses on about 400 research contracts.

"It's different from rocketry, but it's still cutting edge. Just knowing that some of the research we are doing is to keep our troops safer with cutting edge technology is enough to keep me coming to work on a daily basis," he said.

"I must say that Bill Pittman (an AMRDEC engineer recently featured in a *Rocket* article) is to be admired for still contributing at the age of 87, and it is my own self-imposed challenge to match his diligence and stay on the job, as are hundreds of other senior type personnel still working in the Huntsville area on various research and development projects, either with the government or with private industry."

Besides work, Phillips stays busy with his "Brady Bunch" family, including second wife Cherie and seven grown children, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Once a frequent performer at officer and NCO clubs on the Arsenal, Phillips continues to play his saxophone at Whitesburg Baptist Church.

When talking to young people about careers in engineering, he tells them the same things he once told his son.

"You've got to buckle down and you've got to work for that degree. It will pay off eventually," he said. "You've got to have a plan of attack and a goal to work toward. In engineering, there were many, many nights in college when I had to study hard to achieve my goal. Now, I'm reaping the rewards. I'm having a good time. I have fun at my job."

Photo by Skip Vaughn

Time flu by

David Skidmore of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space gets his flu shot Thursday afternoon from nurse Mary Bouldin at Fox Army Health Center. He had to wait in line for his turn.

Exercise walking keeps health on track

By RICK STOCK
Health promotion educator

Medicine is defined as the restoration and maintenance of health and the prevention, cure and alleviation of disease. Exercise is a form of medicine since it can decrease the risk of and also control certain diseases such as hypertension, obesity, osteoporosis, coronary heart disease and Type II diabetes.

Dr. Bernadine Healy wrote in US News & World Report that researchers have discovered that more than 140 exercise-related genes are awakened and stimulated by physical activity. "We're Born to Walk" is the title of the article by Healy and I would add to her title, "with a pedometer."

Leonardo da Vinci is credited with designing the first pedometer in the 15th century; and Thomas Jefferson is credited with bringing it to the United States from France in the 1700s. Pedometers are an inexpensive, low-tech device that can give you immediate formative feedback on your activity level by counting steps walked or distance traveled. Recognizing the need for physical activity and exercise, in 2002 the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports pushed for the routine use of the pedometer in attaining the recommended goal of walking 10,000 steps a day.

The average person's stride length is approximately 2.5 feet (30 inches). That means it takes just over 2,000 steps to walk one mile; and 10,000 steps is close to five miles. A sedentary person may only average 1,000-3,000 steps per day. A reasonable goal for most people is to increase average daily steps each week by 500 per day until you can average 10,000 steps per day. A half-hour brisk walk counts for about 3,000-4,000 steps, for most adults the threshold that starts signaling those health promoting genes to start pumping.

As a form of exercise, walking is as good as jogging and easier on the joints and immune system when compared to some rigorous exercise routines. The fundamental health benefits of exercise walking are many. A brisk walk can burn up to 100 calories per mile or 300 calories per hour. Metabolically, it helps control weight, blood sugar, and cholesterol levels. Physical exercise significantly reduces the risk of developing diabetes for those at risk.

See your health care provider and get a prescription for good health — walking, because "We're Born to Walk With a Pedometer."

Preventive Medicine at Fox Army Health Center through their Health Promotion Department is available to assist Soldiers, family members and civilian employees in striving for wellness.

Editor's note: Rick Stock, health promotion educator, can connect you with some of the active groups on post including the Wanderfreund, Nordic Walking group or the Adult Kickball league. Call him at 955-8888, ext. 1443 for more information.

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Sports & Recreation

Hunter orientation
MWR and Outdoor Recreation will hold the Hunter Safety Orientation for all those that want to hunt on Redstone on Nov. 25 at 4:30 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. For more information, call 876-4868 or 876-6854.

Pancake breakfast
The Columbia High School baseball team invites the Redstone community to its Pancake Breakfast on Nov. 22 from 7-9:30 a.m. at the Applebee's in Madison, at the corner of Old Madison Pike and Hughes Road. The meal will be pancakes and sausage with coffee, milk, or orange juice to drink. Tickets are being sold in advance for $5 per person or at the door. Call Jay Gautreaux 313-8341 for more information and to purchase a ticket.

Benefit walk
You can help fight childhood cancer "One Step at a Time." Participate in "GIVE THANKS, One Step at a Time," a walk to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, on Nov. 22 at Madison Square Mall. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and the walk begins at 8. For more information and to preregister, visit www.givethankswalk.org.

Conferences & Meetings

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

Bible studies
Protestant Women of the Chapel holds Bible study classes every Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Childwatch is available at the Child Development Center on a first-come, first-served basis for the 9:30 study. PWOC also provides adult supervision for home-schooled children at the chapel for the 9:30 study. "The lunchtime Bible study meets from 11:30-12:30 so take an hour off from your busy workday to release, refresh and regroup while learning of the healing power of God's word," a prepared release said. For more information, call Laura Keegan 489-7686 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404. The contact for the lunchtime group is Mattie L. Jones 828-9890 or 508-7744.

Computer users
The Huntsville PC User Group's Windows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet at 9:15 a.m. Dec. 13 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. At 10:45, Ron Schmitz, former HPCUG president and leader of the Hardware SIG, will present his annual review of the latest Intel motherboard and chip developments. The discussion will cover the features and performances of the various Intel chips and chipsets as measured by popular benchmark programs. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 534-4324.

Genealogical society
Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Main Branch, auditorium. Pat Kyser will speak on "Family Data Organization." For information call 883-5650.

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.

Aviation maintainers
The Aviation and Missile Command is hosting the 2008 Maintenance Test Pilot/Maintenance Examiner Conference on Dec. 2-4 at Bob Jones Auditorium. The conference provides a forum for aviation maintainers to discuss tactical and strategic maintenance issues affecting aviation readiness and to determine solutions to best support current and future aviation operations. The conference is open to military, Army civilians and contractors. Personnel and companies representing foreign nations are excluded from attending and exhibiting at the conference. Attendees and potential exhibitors are welcome to register at the following website: https://www2.redstonemwr.com/conferences/MPME/welcome.html. Please monitor AKO at https://www.us.army.mil/suite/kc/10955767for current information and e-mail MPME Conference questions or concerns to redstone.mpme08@us.army.mil.

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.

Garden club
The Redstone Garden Club will meet Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Jerry Redus will present a program on Vermiculture. For more information, call Sharron Eubanks 828-9560 or Diane Breffielh 864-8121.

Garrison town hall
Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli will conduct a Town Hall meeting for all Garrison employees Nov. 17 at 8 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. Bus transportation will be available at buildings 4488 and 1500. One run will be made from each location at 7:30 and a return run will be made at approx 9:30.

Civil War round table
Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday 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.

Autism support group
Making Connections, an autism spectrum disorder support group, will meet Saturday from 3-4:30 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, corner of Whitesburg and Airport roads. For more information, call Julie 998-6129.

Women's connection
Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will hold its monthly luncheon Nov. 18 from 11:30 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.

Missile systems conference
DIA/MSIC and the AOC announce the Iranian Surface to Air Missile Systems Conference on Nov. 18-20 at the MSIC Auditorium on Redstone Arsenal. "This conference is a must for all military and industry members who operate, plan or program in electronic warfare or operations within the full electronic spectrum, and/or defensive airborne systems," a prepared release said. To register go directly to the AOC website https://www.myaoc.org.

Stuhlinger symposium
Ernst Stuhlinger, a world-renowned space scientist, will be recognized for his unique contributions to aerospace scientific and technological advancements with a symposium at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Stuhlinger, an original member of the Wernher von Braun rocket team, died May 25 at his home in Huntsville. This program, organized and sponsored by the Louis Salmon Library at UAH, will be held Nov. 18 at the University Center. A fee for the symposium is $100 and includes attendance to the symposium, refreshment breaks, lunch and banquet. Go to UAH's Continuing Education website to register or get more information at http://www.coned.uah.edu and click on the Stuhlinger Symposium button. Or you can register by telephone during business hours by calling 824-6010 or 448-4031.

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For more information, e-mail David Christensen at dabchris@aol.com, or Charles Lundquist at lundquc@uah.edu.

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

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

Motorcycle safety

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

Reserve unit

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

VA benefits

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

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.

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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.

Veterans office

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

Army training

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

Customer services

Do you have a comment or opinion about the services provided at Redstone Arsenal? Team Redstone and all DoD installations want your feedback about the services you are receiving at your home station. This is a new approach to customer service with the resources, enthusiasm and manpower to ensure your voice is heard and understood. Each installation is now assigned a full-time customer service officer, whose sole responsibility is to ensure customers have multiple avenues to offer feedback on all services that are provided by the Installation Management Command. The process for your individual feedback is through the Interactive Customer Evaluation System which is automated through the Internet or filled out with an ICE comment card at the service provider's location. You can access the Interactive Customer Evaluation site at http://ice.disa.mil or www.redstone.army.mil and leave a comment. You ca reach customer service officer Steve McFadden at 876-3294, e-mail steven.ray.mcfadden@us.army.mil or the ICE administrator Wendy Norris at wendy.norris1@us.army.mil.

Interactive feedback

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

Photo by Skip Vaughn

Field trip

Fourth-graders from Huntsville schools participated last week in an Earthscope field trip at the Path to Nature. Earthscope instructor Kim Huskey instructs, from left, Hampton Cove Elementary students Allie Robertson, Justin Clark and Hayden Kwasigroh on Native American weaponry Thursday. "This section is learning about weapons used by Native Americans, and we are learning about blow darts and blow guns," she said.

Yard sale vendors

The 203rd MP Battalion Family Readiness Group seeks vendors for its first Indoor Craft and Yard Sale on Saturday at the Athens Armory, 1402 Armory St. in Athens. Thirty spaces, sized 10-by-20, are available to vendors and are expected to go quickly. You can reserve your space for $25. The family readiness group will provide one table per space and do all the advertising. This event is indoors – which means rain or shine. Call Laurie 679-7282, Shelley 230-9307, Amanda 457-6697 or Ruth 883-4364.

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.

Thrift Shop grants

The Redstone Thrift Shop Welfare Committee announces its annual grant program. It will be accepting applications for 2009 starting on Jan. 1. The deadline for applications is Feb. 28. Requests will be reviewed and awarded in April. For an application, organizations wishing to solicit funds should call Jennifer Kennedy 682-6981 or e-mail jkhunter_1999@hotmail.com.

Logistics awards

The 2008 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award luncheon/ceremony

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is Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Officials will present two awards — the Management/Executive Award to GS-13s and above (NSPS or military equivalents) and the Professional/Technical Award to GS-13s and below (NSPS or military equivalents). These awards are presented annually to recognize Team Redstone individuals who have provided outstanding service in the field of logistics support, made notable contributions to the efficiency and quality of logistical support, and demonstrated excellence and professionalism in his or her assigned duties. The following Team Redstone individuals have been nominated: 2008 Management/Executive Award nominees — Patricia Durham, Barry Beavers, Michael Boyajian, Ronald B. Smith and Michael Ragoza; 2008 Professional/Technical Award nominees — Debra Brenner, Peter Ewing, Cynthia Fugate, Jane Gold, Ronnie Golden, Annette Hunt, John Kleyer, Wayne Stoops and Lynn Watts. Tickets cost $17; and today is the final day to purchase them. For tickets call Bessie Byrd 955-3460, Bettye Carter 313-1482, Linda Cosgray 313-4004, Tom Murphy 313-6186, Ingrid Qualls 313-1466, Marveline Readus 313-1588, Brenda Sisk 313-1613, Debbie White 313-4165 and Diane White 955-0135. The event coordinator is Thomas Murphy 313-6186.

Theater show

Renaissance Theatre would like to offer all military personnel a discount on shows at its Main Stage and Alpha Stage. It's offering a $2 discount on matinee shows (shows scheduled between noon and 4 p.m.) with a military ID. The theater will present "Miracle on 34th Street" Nov. 28-29 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 30 at 2:30 p.m., Dec. 4-6 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 7 at 2:30 p.m. and Dec. 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $14. Renaissance Theatre, 1214 Meridian St., can be reached at 536-3117.

Digital photo contest

The 2008 All Army "Digital Photography Contest" invites you to enter your favorite digital images to compete against the best photographers in the Army. The entry deadline is Dec. 7. Categories include people, place, object, military life, experimental and "theme" category – Military Friends. The divisions are active duty and civilians. The classes include color and monochrome. For more information contact the Arts & Crafts Center, building 3615 on Vincent Road, phone 876-7951. The contest website is https://artscrafts.fmwrc.army.mil.

Education open house

In celebration of the 2008 American Education Week, Nov. 17-21, the Education Center is sponsoring an open house Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 3222 on Snooper Road.

Commissary scholarships

The 2009 Scholarships for Military Children Program opened Nov. 3 for military family members who are in high school or college. Scholarship applications are available in commissaries worldwide and online through a link at https://www.commissaries.com and directly at http://www.militaryscholar.org.

Christmas bears

Operation Christmas Bear is scheduled Dec. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Cahaba Shine Temple in Huntsville. Children of all active duty, Guard and Reserve families in North Alabama are eligible to participate in this free Christmas party. The party will include a visit with Santa Claus, a moon bounce, face painting, crafts and many other activities. To register, call Army Community Service, 876-5397. This annual event is sponsored by the North Alabama Veterans & Fraternal Organizations Coalition. Those who would like to volunteer at this event, should call Valerie Coffey 313-0453 or e-mail valerie.coffey@us.army.mil.

Native American month

Native American Heritage Month will be celebrated Nov. 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the Richard C. Shelby Auditorium, building 4544 on Fowler Road. Featured is motivational speaker D.J. Vanas, an Odawa Indian. The theme is "Living in Different Worlds." For more information or special accommodations, call Sharon Lee 313-7556. The Team Redstone Event is Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind NASA building 4203. There will be storytelling, mystical dances, authentic regalia, Indian artifacts and a traditional food sampling.

Warrant officer scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Warrant Officer Association offers the RSAWOA Annual Scholarship Program. RSAWOA will award a minimum of one $1,000 scholarship. Application packets are due by April 1. Applications will be accepted from the children (natural and adopted), dependent stepchildren under age 21 (seniors in high school or currently enrolled college freshmen), and spouses of members of the active duty, National Guard, Reserve, and retired military and DoD civilians/contractors in the Tennessee Valley. Completed application packets should be mailed to: RSAWOA Scholarship Program, c/o Richard Storie, 102 Trevor Circle, Toney, AL 35773-9651.

Teen education

Child, Youth and School Services and the Family Advocacy Program are offering a free class for teens Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148, on Preventing Teen Dating Violence. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey of Army Community Service 876-5397.

Angel tree

CYSS will have an Angel Tree displayed in the mall area of the Post Exchange through Dec. 5. "Please come by and select an angel off the tree. This program helps deserving children have the best Christmas possible," a prepared release said. The entire Redstone community can access the tree in the mall area; you don't need to have a military ID card to get to the tree. The angels will have the child's

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age, clothing size, shoe size and the name of their favorite toy listed. All gifts should be wrapped with the angels attached to the outside of the gifts. Please turn in the presents to the PX or to the Youth Center, building 3148, by 12:30 p.m. Dec 5. For more information, call 876-5437.

DRMO news

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office will be closed Nov. 28 and Dec. 26 during the holiday season. "We will be observing the holidays and the day after," a prepared release said. The DRMO will reopen the following Monday after closures for normal business hours.

Blood drives

Red Cross blood drives for the rest of this month include the following: Nov. 13, from 7 a.m. to noon at buildings 4488 and 5400; Nov. 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency (106 Wynn Drive) and 7-noon at Corps of Engineers; and Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316.

Tour of homes

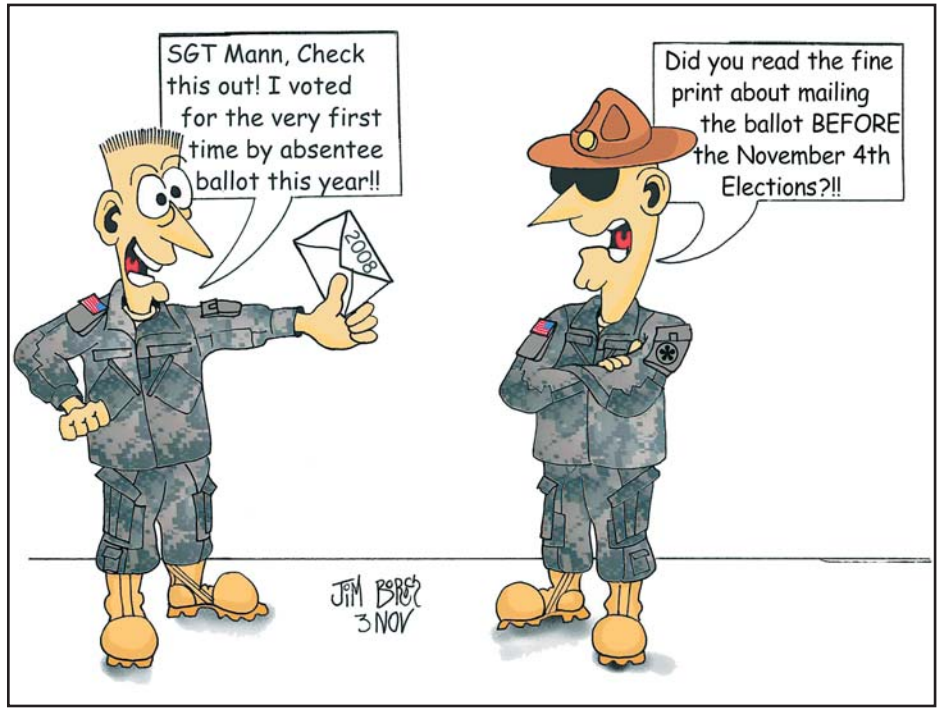
The Officer and Civilian Women's Club presents the "I'll Be Home for Christmas" Tour of Homes 2008 on Dec. 7 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Registration is from 1-1:30 p.m. The tour is 1:30-3:30, followed by a dessert reception 3:30-4:30. Tickets are $10, paid RSVP only — mail checks to Karen Stanish, made out to RSA OCWC, 442 Simpson, Huntsville, AL 35808. Tickets are available to all military families and their guests. Children 10-plus years old are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Child care arrangements must be made for children under 10. Nursing infants are welcome. The paid reservation deadline is Dec. 3. The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

Common access cards

Redstone is in the midst of the three-year cycle for the renewal of the Common Access Cards. There is high traffic in the ID Card section. Waiting times are long on most days. It is recommended that as soon as you receive notice that your CAC will expire in 60 days, you go the link provided (www.redstone.army.mil) and schedule an appointment. The issuance of a CAC takes approximately 20-30 minutes from the time you sit at the issue station. "In order for you to get your CAC renewed or issued initially, please make an appointment on the scheduler," a prepared release said. "Our intent is to process customers as close as possible to their appointment time; however, it is not always possible in all cases. Personnel without appointments may not receive service on the date of your arrival unless deemed an emergency by Military Personnel Office management. The Military Personnel Office processes various other customers' cards at the same time— i.e., dependent, retiree, MWR, etc. — therefore, it asks that you show patience. … Stolen identification cards must be reported to the Military Police Office, building 3623, Gray Road, prior to coming to the ID Card Section, Military Personnel Office to obtain a new card. Bring the form from the police office to the ID Card section to get your card reissued. … Personnel with lost ID cards must report to the Military Personnel Office and fill out a lost card report. Reissue of your card is done as soon as possible given the number of customers at the ID card section. … CAC card issue hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.



Library story time

There's a special book place just for children at the FMWR Post Library, and every Wednesday at 10 a.m. interactive stories are read to young children. After story time the children may stay to play in the children's room where Ling Ling the panda sits at the little red table. Children of any age may come – the story time is especially designed for babies and then on up through kindergarten. This is a casual drop-in small group experience, and the books are chosen to match the children present. The aim is to help children fall in love with books and libraries at a very young age. The library is building 3323 on Redeye Road. For more information, call the library 876-4741.

Employment briefing

A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct a Federal Employment Briefing on Dec. 4 from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. The information provided will help participants understand the federal application process. Topics will include recruitment sources, Resumix procedures, candidate evaluation and the referral process. This session is open to all military ID cardholders. Call ACS at 876-5397 to reserve a seat.

Community grants

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club, which distributes money to non-profit groups each year, is now accepting applications for grants. To receive a copy of the application form, e-mail Demy Robley, OCWC community assistance chair, at puaaloha@bellsouth.net. Forms are also available in the OCWC Southern Exposure Newsletter. All requests must conform to the OCWC Community Assistance Request Form. Deadline for submission is Feb. 28. Requests postmarked or received after the deadline will not be considered. For more information, call Robley 882-6064. OCWC is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

Road closure

Honest John Road between Zeus Road and Patton Road will be closed for improvements starting today. The road is anticipated to reopen by Dec. 12. For questions, call the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works 842-3289.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF 06 NOV 08	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION LOCATION	PAY PLAN & SERIES	GRADE LEVEL	POT GRD	PAY RANGE (FROM - TO)	WHO CAN APPLY? A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK08075332	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Nov-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X										
SCBK08072481	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Nov-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X										
SCBK08062421	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Nov-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X						X			X	
SCBK08777100	Civil Engr,Env Engr,Geologist,Architect, Chem Engr,Elect Engr, Mech Engr, Landscape Architect, General Engr	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810,0819, 1350,0808, 0893,0850, 0830,0807, 0801	2	2	45,458 - 101,913			X	X		X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK08777100D	Civil Engr,Env Engr,Geologist,Architect, Chem Engr,Elect Engr, Mech Engr, Landscape Architect, General Engr	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810,0819, 1350,0808, 0893,0850, 0830,0807, 0801	2	2	45,458 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08082769	General Engr	13-Nov-08	PEO AVN	NH-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657			X		X			X	X		X	
SCBK08117193	Secretary (OA)	14-Nov-08	PEO AVN	NK-0318	3	3	41,157 - 65,080						X		X	X			
SCBK08116863	Computer Engr	14-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	65,921 - 101,913		X		X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK08079404	General Engr	17-Nov-08	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	92,633 - 120,421			X		X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK08079404D	General Engr	17-Nov-08	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08939459	General Engr	17-Nov-08	TSMO	GG-0801	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08996030	Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-Nov-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	82,961 - 107,854		X						X	X		X	
SCBK08063035	Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-Nov-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X						X			X	
SCBK08120417	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-Nov-08	ACQ SUPP CTR	YA-0346	3	3	87,978 - 148, 740			X	X	X		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		X	
SCBK08996053	Logistics Mgmt Spec	18-Nov-08	IMMC	GS-0346	14	14	92,633 - 120,421					X			X	X		X	
SCBK08123468	Supply Sys Analyst	18-Nov-08	IMMC	GS-2003	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X										
SCBK08125552	Contract Spec	18-Nov-08	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913			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	
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	
SCBK08079417	General Engr	19-Nov-08	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	92,633 - 120,421			X		X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK08079417D	General Engr	19-Nov-08	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08050837	Supv Contract Mgmt Spec	19-Nov-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YC-1102	2	2	57,146 - 110,691					X							
SCBK08097395	Budget Analyst	19-Nov-08	PEO STRI	NH-0560	3	3	65,921 - 101,913					X			X			X	
SCBK08040659	Logistics Mgmt Spec	19-Nov-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X						X			X	
SCBK08079361	Engrng Tech	19-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DE-0802	3	3	50,060 - 85,701		X		X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK08079361D	Engrng Tech	19-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DE-0802	3	3	50,060 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08983546	Electrical Engr	20-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0850	3	3	87,977 - 148,740			X		X				X		X	
SCBK08983546D	Electrical Engr	20-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0850	3	3	87,977 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08041894	Public Affairs Spec	20-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1035	1	2	37,164 - 48,308		X										
SCBK08047876	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	20-Nov-08	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	65,278 - 126,442		X										
SCBK08002376	Inventory Mgmt Spec	20-Nov-08	IMMC	GS-2010	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X	X					X	X		X	
SCBK08995391	Secretary (OA)	20-Nov-08	PEO	GS-0318	9	9	45,458 - 59,100		X										
SCBK08995413	Prgm Analyst	20-Nov-08	PEO	GS-0343	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X										
SCBK008995403	Contract Spec	20-Nov-08	ACQ SUPP CTR	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X										
SCBK08087674	Instructional Sys Spec	20-Nov-08	USACE	GS-1750	9	11	45,458 - 71,500					X			X			X	
SCBK08121003	Logistics Mgmt Spec	20-Nov-08	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X										
SCBK08069233	Logistics Mgmt Spec	20-Nov-08	LOGSA	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X		X	X				X		X	
SCBK08975247	Writer (Printed Media)	20-Nov-08	LOGSA	GS-1082	12	12	64,921 - 85,701		X		X	X			X			X	
SCBK08975247D	Writer (Printed Media)	20-Nov-08	LOGSA	GS-1082	12	12	64,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08917060R	Force Protection Spec	21-Nov-08	SMDC	GS-0301	11	11	54,999 - 71,500			X		X			X	X		X	
SCBK08120517	Prgm Suppp Spec	21-Nov-08	PEO AVN	NH-0301	2	2	45,458 - 71,500		X						X			X	
SCBK08098267	Health Sys Admin Asst	21-Nov-08	MEDDAC	GS-0303	7	7	37,164 - 48,308		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK08110225	Prgm Spec	21-Nov-08	USAOMEMS	GS-0301	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X	X					X	X			
SCBK08083461	Supv Human Capital Mgmt Spec	23-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YC-0301	2	2	78,390 - 110,691		X										
SCBK08086113	Lead Aerospace Engr	24-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		X										
SCBK08068333	Aerospace Engr	24-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		X										
SCBK08068313	Electronics Engr	24-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		X										
SCBK08995113D	Gen Engr;Civil Engr;Env Engr;Mech Engr;Elect Engr;Comp Engr;Industrial Engr	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0801; 0810; 0819; 0830; 0850; 0854; 0896	2	2	45,457 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08014076	Interior Design Spec	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1008	2	2	45,014 - 101,912					X			X	X		X	
SCBK08014076D	Interior Design Spec	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1008	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08995113	Gen Engr;Civil Engr;Env Engr;Mech Engr;Elect Engr;Comp Engr;Industrial Engr	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0801; 0810; 0819; 0830; 0850; 0854; 0896	2	2	45,457 - 101,912		X	X	X	X				X		X	
SCBK08037557	Logistics Mgmt Spec	2-Dec-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	68,625 - 89,217				X				X			X	
SCBK08084451	Aerospace Engr	3-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		X		X								
SCBK08100806	Lead General Engr	3-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 53,504		X	X	X				X			X	
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476						X						
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997						X						
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997			X					X			X	
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500		X	X					X			X	
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100		X	X					X			X	
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913			X	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		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		X	
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SCBK08777100D	Civil Engr	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810	2	2	45,458 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08777100D	Env Engr	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0819	2	2	45,458 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08777100D	Geologist	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-1350	2	2	45,458 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08777100D	Architect	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0808	2	2	45,458 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08777100D	Chem Engr	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0893	2	2	45,458 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08777100D	Elect Engr	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0850	2	2	45,458 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08777100D	Mech Engr	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD- 0830	2	2	45,458 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08777100D	Landscape Architect	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0807	2	2	45,458 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08777100D	General Engr	13-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0801	2	2	45,458 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08079404D	General Engr	17-Nov-08	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST08939459	General Engr	17-Nov-08	TSMO	GG-0801	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08079417D	General Engr	19-Nov-08	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08103685D	Aerospace Engr	19-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08079361D	Engrng Tech	19-Nov-08	AMRDEC	DE-0802	3	3	50,060 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08983546D	Electrical Engr	20-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0850	3	3	87,977 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08975247D	Writer (Printed Media)	20-Nov-08	LOGSA	GS-1082	12	12	64,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08014076D	Interior Design Spec	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1008	2	2	45,014 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08995113D	Civil Engr	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0810	2	2	45,457 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08995113D	Comp Engr	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD- 0854	2	2	45,457 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08995113D	Elect Engr	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD- 0850	2	2	45,457 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08995113D	Env Engr	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0819	2	2	45,457 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08995113D	Gen Engr	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0801	2	2	45,457 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08995113D	Industrial Engr	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0896	2	2	45,457 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08995113D	Mech Engr	26-Nov-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YD-0830	2	2	45,457 - 101,912	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

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

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

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at **www.redstonemwr.com** or you may telephone **876-7772**.

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