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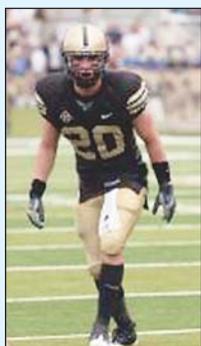
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Memorable meal for our troops

Redstone leaders serve
Thanksgiving feast

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Pfc. Miguel Rodriguez waited in line at the dining facility Nov. 26 with the other members of Bravo Company. They probably won't forget this meal.

The Soldiers and Marines on post were served their Thanksgiving feast by Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and other leaders. It's a holiday tradition.

"I think it's a great experience for the Soldiers and especially for the youngest ones," said Rodriguez, 36, from Puerto Rico. "I think it's an experience they'll probably remember for their entire time in the military. I think they'll probably remember."

Rodriguez joined the Army in June. This is his third month at Redstone.

"It's my first time out of Puerto Rico," he said.

The 1,375 diners that day included 853 Soldiers from the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, more than 250 military retirees, 65 Marines, 48 members of the NCO Academy, family members and other guests.

The menu had 292 pounds (350 servings) of steamship, 600 pounds (1,575 servings) of roast turkey, 250 servings of cordon bleu, 126 pounds (300 servings) of spiral ham, 44 pounds of whole turkey, 72 pounds of shrimp, 288 pounds of yams, candy, fruit, eggnog, fruit cake, cocktail sauce, pastries and 12 cans of cranberry sauce.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DINING TRADITION— Redstone Arsenal and AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, his wife Alice and deputy commander Ronnie Chronister help serve the Thanksgiving meal Nov. 26 at the dining facility.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

ON LINE— Pvt. Travis Williams lines up for a shot at the free pool tables during the sixth annual Salute to the Military on Nov. 23 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center.

Recreation center for salute

Soldiers and Marines
enjoy evening of fun

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Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation workers don't just use words to express their gratitude to Soldiers and Marines.

They render a salute with a special evening each year.

The Diane Campbell Recreation Center was host for the sixth annual Salute to the Military on Nov. 23. This free event for the troops served up food, entertainment and prizes.

"Their service means everything to us," Brian Marbrey, Diane Campbell Recreation Center assistant manager, said. "This is a way to put that into action with something they can see and feel."

Each room of the center held its own entertainment. The ever-popular video game tourna-

ment returned this year. Besides the games and consoles provided by the center, Soldiers were welcome to bring their own games. Every genre of gaming made an appearance, from Halo and Call of Duty down to Guitar Hero and Spore.

In the main room, the pool tables maintained a steady supply of would-be pool sharks throughout the evening. After letting everyone warm up with open play, the action got serious as the formal tournament began. When the lank ball hit the pocket, Pvt. Jeremy Murray took home the 22-inch flat panel television to the Marine Detachment.

The night held a few new options for servicemembers in attendance. The center has recently added a digital jukebox. Free Internet access was available. Attendees were also able to call home free of charge. Rooms were set aside for the musically inclined to play whatever struck their fancy. Every room big enough for a few comfortable chairs and a television played the newest DVD releases all evening.

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An open lane random survey

Why should people move to Huntsville?

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Kathy Gardner

Headquarters AMC Forward

"I've been here four years – I'm new to government service. There's so much to do travel-wise. You have easy access to so many interesting

places like white water rafting outside Chattanooga, and the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee."

Beverly Jones-Durr

Headquarters AMC Forward

"Alabama's my home; I went to school here. And if for no other reason, the traffic here is wonderful. Coming from the Washington, D.C. area, that's the No. 1 reason. And cost of living. We've got everything."



Willie Hunt

Headquarters AMC Forward

"The cost of living is cheaper. Coming from Virginia, the traffic here. There is no traffic, compared to where we just came from."

Joe Woods

Headquarters AMC Forward

"It's an ideal place to raise a family. It's very family friendly. It has some of the amenities that a larger city has, but yet it has the ability to enjoy the slower pace of life. I'm originally from Tuscaloosa."



Quote of the week

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.
— John F. Kennedy

Letters to the Editor

Army observes Warrior Care Month

In the month of November, Americans traditionally reflect on the service of our nation's veterans — past and present — and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of their courage and sacrifice. Fittingly, the Department of Defense has designated November as "Warrior Care Month," taking stock of the advances we have made in treating our servicemen and women and, equally importantly, reaffirming to our troops our county's commitment to care for our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their families.

Over the past seven years, the United States Army has transformed the way we care for our men and women in uniform. From Soldiers highly trained in self-aid, buddy-aid and combat life-saving techniques, to our combat medics on the battlefield, to our forward-based surgical teams and combat support hospitals, to our medical evacuation personnel and on to our superb regional medical centers overseas and in the United States, the Army's medical care system provides world-class care for our warriors. Today, nearly 90 percent of Soldiers injured in battle survive, compared to the 70 percent who survived during World War II. There is no better evidence of our Army's commitment to taking care of our own. It's clear, our Army care effort doesn't start when a Soldier arrives at one of our outstanding hospitals — it begins well before they get to the hospital.

The Army supports its wounded warriors and their families through the entire recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration process to ensure all their needs are fully met. Our 36 installation-based and nine community-based Warrior Transition Units provide individualized care for Soldiers and their families. These efforts ensure Soldiers can heal and successfully transition — back into the Army or into civilian life — according to the best interests of the individual and their family. For our most seriously injured warriors and their families, the Army Wounded Warrior Program offers dedicated and ongoing support, providing them a place to turn for help as their needs change over time. In addition, we are working daily to improve coordination between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs so our Soldiers and families receive the full range of benefits they so clearly deserve.

This progress has come with the help of volunteers across America. So many have opened up their hearts and offered their time and volunteer efforts on behalf of our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their families. They deserve our gratitude for their extraordinary work.

Warrior Care Month is a time for us to tell this story, the full story of Army care, throughout our Army family. It is a story that touches every Soldier, every family, and every community. Aside from the war and the defense of our nation, providing the highest quality care and support to our Soldiers and their families remains the Army's number one priority. No Soldier or family should ever feel alone in their recovery.

We know there is more to be done. Meeting our obligation to wounded warriors and their families will take the sustained efforts of not only the Army, but the nation as a whole. Working together, the Army and our partners will ensure our warrior care programs are worthy of the sacrifices made by our Soldiers and families in service to our great nation.

Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and Secretary of the Army Pete Geren

Petition to rename wellness center

Several months ago, my wife and I signed a petition requesting that the Wellness Center (previously the Civilian Wellness Center) be renamed in honor of Col. Steven Scott. Could you tell us what action, if any, has been taken on this petition?

John T. Bowles
retired civilian

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for your inquiry in regards to the request to memorialize building 4460 (Wellness Center) in honor of Col. Steven Scott. The official package to request to memorialize building 4460 has been completed and submitted for approval. Once the request is officially approved, the Directorate of Public Works, Master Planning Division, will coordinate the method in which to memorialize the building with you (the requestor) and the occupants of the building (Morale, Welfare and Recreation)."

Former TMDE director dies

Bob DuBois, a former executive director of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, died Nov. 8. He was 65.

DuBois, who resided in Huntsville, retired in 2005 after more than 34 years of government service as an executive director of TMDE.

Survivors include his children, Austin and Michelle, both of Huntsville; parents, Ken and Rae of Tooele, Utah; brother, Brent and wife Joaquina of Richmond, Ky.; and sister-in-law, Cathy of Mesquite, Nev. (From published reports)

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Altoona, Pa.

What do you like about your job?

The challenge of getting everybody used to maintaining

accountability of ammunition and explosives in the R&D arena.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Watch football. Roll Tide, and Steelers and Eagles. But the Steelers are my team.

What are your goals?

I fulfilled one goal when I retired from the government (in 2006). And when I leave here, probably see the rest of the world that I haven't seen already.

What's your favorite type of music?
Country

Gate 1 construction begins in earnest

Delays anticipated starting Dec. 8

Expect delays at Gate 1 on Martin Road beginning Dec. 8 because of construction.

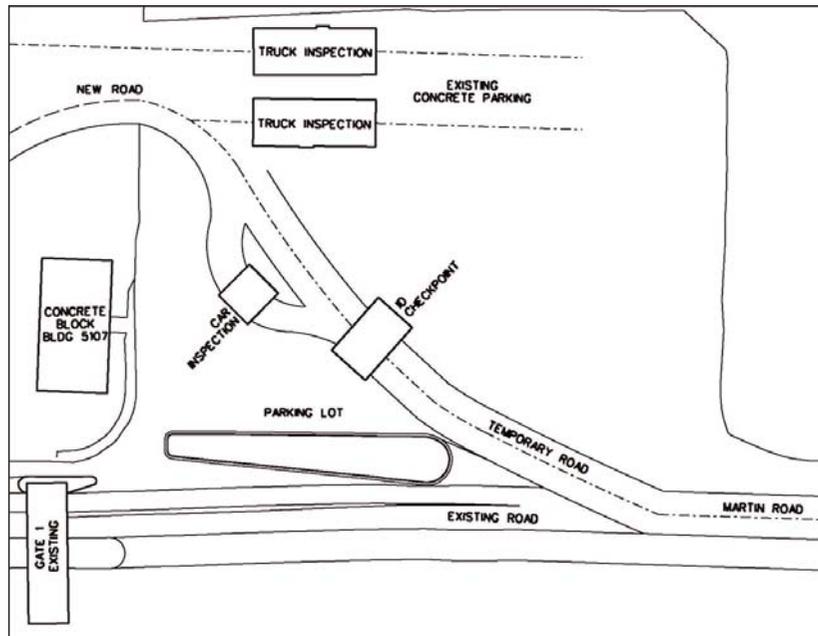
Starting Monday morning, traffic entering that gate will be rerouted through the parking lot on the north side and diverted onto the new truck-inspection road. This will continue for probably two months, according to project manager Rickey Ham-

mond of the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works. "They're going to rebuild Gate 1, the actual canopy and the guard building out in the middle of the road," he said.

"This is the third phase of the (construction) project. This is the third and final phase at Gate 1."

Drivers are advised to avoid the gate because there will be backups and delays.

Similar projects are planned at Gate 8, on Goss Road/Drake Avenue, in mid-February; and at Gate 10, on Patton Road/Jordan Lane, in mid-April.



Directorate of Public Works graphic
WORK SITE— This map shows how traffic will be diverted at Gate 1 beginning Dec. 8.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Nov. 20: A Post Exchange employee is suspected of wrongfully removing funds totaling \$1,185.74 from a store safe.



Investigation continues by CID.

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

Violation notices issued: 18 speeding, 1 no driver's license, 1 improper backing.

Ordnance school honors its instructors of year

Trio meets challenge with positive impact

By **SOFIA BLEDSOE**
For the Rocket

They teach and build confidence. They are mentors and friends. They are responsible for teaching their students to be masters of their military occupational specialties. They are the finest of all instructors on Redstone Arsenal.

They may not be famous, but they are the ones Soldiers will never forget.

Sgt. 1st Class Dynetha Childs, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark Hoskins, and Charles Mayo are the 2008 Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and the 59th Ordnance Brigade's Instructors of the Year. They were recognized at the award luncheon Nov. 21 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"You develop Soldiers that are the platforms for our Army and are the heartbeat of our command in TRADOC," said William Moore, deputy to the commanding general of the Combined Armed Support Command and guest speaker at the award luncheon. "You instill order, discipline and an Army set of values."

Citing a recent comment from Gen. William Wallace, commander for Training and Doctrine Command, Moore said that most Soldiers preferred to stay in a line unit or deploy in theater rather than become an instructor. "It is one of the toughest jobs in the Army," said Moore.

Childs, a native of Montgomery, is an instructor and



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

ONE OF MANY HONORS— From left, 59th Ordnance Brigade commander Col. Thomas Keegan prepares to present awards to Instructors of the Year Charles Mayo, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark Hoskins and Sgt. 1st Class Dynetha Childs.

writer from Headquarters & Headquarters Company 59th and began teaching as an Army reservist in 1999. She joined OMEMS as one of its instructors in 2003. She said she feels she offers students a different learning perspective by being a motivator.

"I'm here for the students," Childs said. Her favorite aspect in being an instructor is receiving e-mails from prior students who keep in touch and tell her about their accomplishments after taking her course. Childs was highly recommended as someone with "motivated teaching techniques demonstrated by the consistent performance of her students with grade averages above

90 percent." She is assigned to the 13th Battalion, 4th Brigade, and 80th Division at Redstone.

Hoskins, an OMEMS instructor for two years, said receiving the award was a humbling experience. "There are so many good instructors here that you conform to everybody else. There is a high set of standards," he said. Lauded for his tactical and operational knowledge of missile systems, Hoskins said one of the most difficult aspects about the job is the consistent mental challenge of staying in control and knowing more than your students. "You can never lose your presence or else you can never gain your respect," he said.

Although he plans to retire next year, being an OMEMS instructor has been one of the most enjoyable and best learning experiences in his life. Hoskins, a three-time combat veteran, is assigned to the Warrant Officer Training Department on Redstone.

Mayo, who retired from the Army in 1999, has been an instructor at OMEMS for the past decade. His training since retirement includes Learning Developer/Subject Matter Expert for Developed Distributed Learning Interactive Multimedia Instruction, TRADOC Training Developer Middle Manager's Course, and the Test Construc-

tion Course. Mayo has also been nominated for the TRADOC Civilian of the Year Award. He works in the Munitions Training Department, Conventional Ammunition Division as an instructor and writer.

Some 15 to 20 percent of a Soldier's career is spent in formal instruction. Instructors directly influence 1 out of 4 Soldiers every day, and "they don't do it for the money," Moore said. "You can be proud when commanders in the field praise the Soldiers they are getting. Commanders say that the Soldiers are ready on day one and are extremely happy with the training they received from their instructors."

To future successors, Hoskins offers a networking advice. "I would network a little better with other organizations on post," Hoskins said. Being proactive and learning more about the resources available on post is invaluable to teaching students the right stuff and things that are current and relevant as they transition to their respective units. "For warrant officers it's all about who you know," Hoskins said. "It's stuff I have in the continuity book."

Col. Thomas Keegan, 59th Ordnance Brigade commander, said the most invaluable thing that instructors do is teach students to be able to operate independently in their individual skill sets. But what struck Keegan the most was the comment instructors gave him about teaching.

"The comment I got was that the most important thing that anyone can do is to care about the Soldiers," he said. "You just can't get any better than that."

UAH expands systems engineering research

The University of Alabama-Huntsville is launching a search for faculty and researchers in supply chain management, systems engineering, and modeling and simulation as part of an effort to expand the university's capabilities in this discipline.

UAH provost Vistasp Karbhari has announced that "Focused Hires in Life-Cycle Optimization," a proposal submitted jointly by the Department of Management and Marketing, the Department of Industrial and Systems engineering, the Center for Modeling, Simulation and Analysis, and the Office for Freight, Logistics and Transportation, has been chosen as the first group hire.

"The proposal builds on strengths in two colleges and two centers, across disciplinary bounds, and clearly positions UAHuntsville for leadership in this area," Karbhari said. "The departments involved have shown large growth in student population in the areas addressed in the proposal and have demonstrated the immense potential for further growth. It is expected the hires will enable substantial immediate growth in the undergraduate populations of both colleges as well as significant growth in the graduate population."

Faculty and researchers involved in the proposal have strong sponsored research and established scholarly reputations in fields related to the proposal. The university recently opened a new materials life cycle testing center and the Laboratory for Integrated Enterprise Research, both of which deal with issues relating to life-cycle optimization. It also is a founding collaborator in the new National

Security Agency-Department of Defense-sponsored Systems Engineering Research Center based at the Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey.

"The customer base served by this proposal includes immediate applications in the defense and aerospace industries, and extends to broader research and applications in government and private industry," Karbhari said. "The area of focus will enhance existing partnerships and build new relations with NASA, Redstone Arsenal, corporate partners and other academic institutions, placing UAHuntsville in a position to further its leadership in the focus area."

The university's Focused Group-Faculty Hire program was announced in September as a tool for improving the quality of research and teaching to a level of preeminence, attracting and retaining students, and encouraging interdisciplinary research and collaboration. The university received 11 "extremely well thought out proposals that clearly showed the tremendous strengths of faculty and researchers at UAHuntsville, and the significant level of synergy that exists between departments, centers and colleges," Karbhari said.

"I was pleased to see substantial leveraging of resources to enable this set of hires to be a success," he said. "An existing partnership between the College of Business Administration and the U.S. Army enables us to jump start the hiring process ... The overall group is augmented by two vacant positions in the College of Engineering and an eminent scholar position which will also provide start-up funds." (UAH release)

■ Annual salute to military draws more than 600

Salute

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"The marketing department has really stepped up to plan this," Marbrey said.

The star of the night, however, was the array of goodies offered on the buffet. Set up inside the rec center ballroom, the buffet wrapped around three sides of the room. The Officers and Civilians Club catered a majority of the full Thanksgiving meal. Local businesses provided specialty items, including Lawlers' Barbecue, Atlanta Bread Company, Hooters and Firehouse Subs. The dessert selection, so large it was divided between two rooms, included cakes from local bakeries and Purity ice cream.

"We brought enough food to feed an army," O' Club chef Ben Howard quipped.

Prizes were awarded for the various tournaments and door prizes were distributed. They ranged from gift certificates from national retailers to electronic items. Included on the list were television/DVD player combinations, game consoles and MP3 players.

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli took up post by the door, shaking the hand of every attendee as he asked them about home and

their training. This was his first time at such an event, and he had a great time.

"Any time you're around Soldiers and doing something for Soldiers it just gives you an inner sense of healing — that you're doing something great," Pastorelli said. "The Soldiers deserve this. They've made sacrifices and they will probably make sacrifices in the future. I think it's important that we're here to support them. It's a way to show our appreciation."

The event has always been well attended. This year it drew more than 600 troops, up from last year's 500.

"Since I just got here yesterday, I probably won't get to go home for Thanksgiving. It's just too far," Pvt. Jose Peralta, a New York native, said. "My wife is pregnant. The baby is due next week. I'm really missing her. This helps. There's lots of food and things to do here."

Many of the attendees are at Redstone for advanced individual training. Even though most are here for a short time, Marbrey said FMWR hopes to make a lasting impression.

"We're giving them all we have while they're here," he said. "We want them to have good memories of Redstone. We want them to know how much they mean to us."

Gardener grows scenes of home for visitors



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

PATRIOTIC PURSUIT— Redstone Garden Club member Pat Hamilton takes care of the red, white and blue garden outside Army Community Service.

Volunteer gives her time near library and ACS

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Much like a corsage on a prom dress, a flower garden can dress up a building and make it look extra special. Redstone Garden Club member Pat Hamilton gives her own time and resources to put those finishing floral touches on the post library and Army Community Service.

“I really have a passion for gardening,” she said. “This is a place where I can come and exercise a great deal of free will in how I do it and where I do it. It’s also my way of giving back to the community.”

Hamilton has worked as a volunteer on the library site for about four years, although personal commitments kept her from spending as much time as she wanted on the projects in the early days.

“It was kind of hit and miss when I started getting things in,” she said.

Now, she spends several hours a week digging happily in the dirt on post. She uses plants from her own garden, the gar-

dens of other club members and some donated flowers and shrubs. Those she buys come out of her own pocket.

“I haunt every place in town that sells plants and pick them up at sale prices,” she said.

The ACS garden got a complete overhaul this spring. A fellow garden club member designed the new plan for it. Hamilton admittedly doesn’t always stick exactly to the plan. Sometimes specific plants called for are not readily available. However, she tries to stay true to the spirit of the design.

“I have tried to follow it, if not entirely for every plant, in the spirit of how she laid it out,” she said. “They wanted a red, white and blue garden. So, we have limited it to red, white and blue flowering or blue-leaved plants that have the patriotic feel to them.”

She credits the Community Based Warrior Transition Unit and 1st Sgt. Pamela Horan with getting the ball rolling at the site, removing the overgrown bushes and clearing the garden area for new plantings.

“They wanted to do a community service project,” she said. “They came and partnered with ACS to take out all of the stuff that was growing there before. They

pulled all of it out and practically sifted the soil to get all of the debris that was down in there out. They helped a lot with the planting and mulching. They were just wonderful.”

The library garden is a little more free form, she said. Hamilton mixes hardy tropical plants that people may not be used to seeing with traditional favorites. The plant selections are designed to attract visitors, both human and not.

“One of the goals I have in doing both gardens is to be a visible gardener. I want people to stop and ask what I’m doing and why. I feel like I have an opportunity to educate as well as engage in my own passion,” Hamilton said. “I want to draw a lot of action into the garden in terms of bees, butterflies and dragonflies, too. It’s planted with a lot of things to draw them in.”

The overall idea is to evoke a feeling of hominess. Hamilton wants library patrons, particularly Soldiers, to see things they recognize from their own yards and gardens. She hopes that recognition makes them feel comfortable far from home.

“I wanted a place where the Soldiers can sit and look out and say ‘That reminds

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Living will document conveys wishes at death

By Capt. LAURA MATEJIK
Legal Assistance chief

At appointments, doctors often ask patients whether they have made a living will or an advance healthcare directive. Documents such as an advance healthcare directive are important tools to convey your wishes with respect to end of life decisions. In the state of Alabama, if you are 19 or older, you have the right to make decisions regarding your medical care. An advance directive is one way to do this. An advance directive specifies your prefer-

ences regarding end-of-life decisions if you are unable to make medical decisions for yourself.

You should have a medical directive for the state in which you will likely be hospitalized, or where you receive most of your medical care. These forms are state specific as each state has different laws regarding medical directives. In Alabama, an Advance Directive for Health Care may include various documents. A living will states what treatment you do or do not want if you cannot speak for yourself. You may nominate a healthcare proxy, a per-

son who speaks on your behalf in the event that you are unable to make medical decisions for yourself. You may also sign a durable power of attorney for healthcare. In Alabama, you can choose any of these advance directives. Typically, these forms are found at hospitals, hospices and nursing homes. Standard forms are available on the Alabama Hospital Association website. You may complete these documents yourself, but you should contact an attorney if you have questions or don't understand the options available to you.

If you already have a completed medical directive, you should make sure your doctor and/or hospital has a copy of your

advance directive. You should also talk to your family about these decisions so that they know and understand your choices. If you have any questions or want these documents drafted, you can consult with an attorney.

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■ Garden club member volunteers to beautify post

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me of home.' That has actually happened, too," Hamilton said. "I wanted it to be a place of peace and comfort for them."

Even during the winter, Hamilton is hard at work. In the cold months, she is up to more than people might think. She is already preparing for spring.

"This is the best time of year to be planting," she said. "As soon as I start bringing in trees, shrubs and bulbs, I will be pretty busy through January depending on how cold it gets."

To help combat the nemesis of all gardeners, weeds, Hamilton uses old newspaper to cover the ground under two layers of

mulch. She also uses a pellet product to help keep weed seeds that find their way into the garden from sprouting. No matter what she does though, she quips that the most determined weeds will always find a way.

"I try to garden smart," she said. "The biggest challenge is that we don't have grass at either of these locations. It's all crab grass. Those seed heads seed thousands and thousands of crab grass seeds. This year I'm making a concerted effort to come in and (treat) the entire area. It may end up all being bare dirt."

Hamilton said many people contribute their time to Redstone.

"I'm only one of many volunteers who give their time on post, especially the retirees," she said. "It's our way to give something back to the military."

President visits Fort Campbell, 101st

Bush thanks troops for service in war

By JOE PARRINO
Army News Service

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Thousands of necks craned as Air Force One swooped down from a blue sky to deliver President George W. Bush to a Nov. 25 rally in honor of Fort Campbell troops and their families.

Hangar 9 at Campbell Army Airfield was packed to capacity. Soldiers from

three brigade combat teams, both combat aviation battalions, special forces and the 101st sustainment brigade heard the president thank them for their distinguished service in the war on terror.

"We are blessed to have defenders of such character and courage," Bush said.

The president also shared his gratitude to the many military family members in the crowd. Spouses clung to Soldiers' arms and children sat on shoulders, still showing the emotions of recent reunions. During the last two months, approximately 10,000 Soldiers have redeployed from Iraq to Fort Campbell.

Launch system on target in flight tests

The Non-Line of Sight Launch System Project Office, along with the Net-Fires Limited Liability Company, had two successful Guided Test Vehicle Precision Attack Munition missile flight tests at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The GTV-1 flight test — the first guided test — demonstrated the ability of the Container Launch Unit to launch a PAM. The missile flew 5.5 miles to intercept a stationary T-72 tank target using the Semi-Active Laser capability of the dual mode infrared/SAL seeker.

The GTV-2 PAM, launched from the Container Launch Unit, flew 11.8 miles to intercept a stationary T-72 target using the Semi-Active Laser Anointed mode of the dual mode infrared/SAL seeker. This mode uses

SAL and IR sensors cooperatively to impact the target's lethal area, marking a first for an Army system.

The two flights also demonstrated the capability of the PAM Single Channel Radio System, which is Joint Tactical Radio System compatible. The radio joined a three-node ground network after launch, transmitted in-flight status reports and sent seeker terminal video images to the ground stations, a first for an Army missile and the NLOS-LS program.

"Initial review of the video and telemetry data shows that all primary system objectives were met," project manager Col. Doug Dever said. "This successful execution provides data to support the NLOS-LS flight qualification test series."

Legal office takes renovation leap

Staff Judge Advocate celebrates open house

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Nov. 24 was a big day for members of the Staff Judge Advocate Office.

They held an open house for their newly renovated office in the basement of building 111. The renovation, which took seven weeks, was funded by the Garrison.

"We're really proud of the changes we have done in here with all the new renovations," Maj. Kathy Kelly, deputy staff judge advocate, said. She added her appreciation to Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

Computer equipment, books and furniture were removed. "As you can see, we now have a huge football field in here," Kelly quipped.

"You've got to have a place where your customers feel it's sort of like home," Pas-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GRAND OPENING— Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli joins deputy staff judge advocate Maj. Kathy Kelly in cutting the ribbon for the newly renovated Staff Judge Advocate Office at building 111.

torelli said. "From where we were to where we are today it's just leaps and bounds."

Training established for corrosion monitors

Guardsmen arrive for 3-day class

The Corrosion Prevention and Control Center of Excellence provided the first training for corrosion monitors Nov. 18-20.

Corrosion monitors are those folks tapped to organize and exe-

cute the corrosion prevention program at Army aviation units. The requirement for these individuals has been a requirement of the Aeronautical Equipment Maintenance Manual for years now. The TM also requires that they be fully trained. Ironically, the next paragraph states that there is no training available.

That is the gap that the CPC CoE is filling.

The course included training in basic corrosion theory, the requirements of the Army's Corrosion Prevention Program and practical demonstrations by vendors of newly available tools and materials. Attendees at the course represented Army National Guard units from Hawaii to Maryland. Also present was Guy Wills from the National Guard Bureau's Aviation and Safety Division.

"The class was highly informative and provided the attendees with the essential tools, resources and references necessary to set up an effective Corrosion Prevention and Control Program once they return to their units and facilities," Wills said. "I feel the CPC CoE set a very high standard with this much needed class and that future attendees will benefit greatly."

The three-day class was the first of six classes slated for fiscal 2009.

The instructors were Nate Turnbow, Tom "Buck" Rogers, Tommy "Slingblade" Beutjer and Lee Potter. Students included Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Creel, Staff Sgt. Christopher Chambers, Sgt. Jorge Reyez, Sgt. Gregory Morales, Sgt. 1st Class Jay Higa, Master Sgt.

Roland Abregano, Sgt. Jeffrey Skinner, William Hollingsworth, Sgt. Daniel Osgood, Spc. Mark West, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joshua Perrott, Sgt. Eric Stith, Sgt. Tony Eller and Sgt. Shane Hobbs. (Corrosion Prevention and Control Center of Excellence release)



Courtesy photo

CLASS ACT— Members of the first class for corrosion monitors gather for a group picture.

Civil Air Patrol cadets win events

Civil Air Patrol cadets from the Redstone Composite Squadron participated in the 2008 Alabama Wing Iron Man Competition held Nov. 22 at Auburn University. The competition consisted of five events: the PT Test, Uniform Inspection, Drill Competition, Emergency Services competition consisting of compass course and the Direction Finding (DF) course, and an Iron Man Run. Redstone won first place in the Uniform Inspection event and the Iron Man Run event.

The Iron Man Run, a 3.5-mile team run, is considered the defining event of the competition. The team members endured the run and maintained the presence of mind to successfully complete the tests given at each of the nine stations. Tests included exams on AE knowledge, tests of ES skills, practical exercises to

include building a rocket and building a device to drop an egg off a parking garage without breaking, and PT test (pushups). All team members ran the course while holding a rope to ensure that no one was faster than the slowest member.

Redstone sent two teams to the event. Redstone Team 1, which won the Uniform Inspection event, included Cadet Jonathan Allen (team leader), Cadet Victoria Beck, Cadet Catherine Guthrie, Cadet Andrew Hall, Cadet John Jimenez and Cadet Michael Lemley. Redstone Team 2, which won the Iron Man Run event, included Cadet John Schumacher (team leader), Cadet Holly Guthrie, Cadet Cody Haselbring, Cadet Mark Jimenez, Cadet Zachary Polk and Senior Member Joseph Prinzing. (Civil Air Patrol release)



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Autumn palette

The fall season paints a colorful landscape at Sparkman Center building 5300, headquarters for the Aviation and Missile Command.

Lee High JROTC makes strong comeback

Achieves highest rating from state six years after serving probation

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It's not surprising that retired Col. Micheal Coleman and retired Sgt. 1st Class Dwight Speight are bragging these days on the cadets in their Army JROTC program at Lee High School.

The 50 cadets, most of them new members of a program led by a team of seven cadet officers, became members of the first high school Army JROTC program in the state to be inspected in the 2008-09 school year by the U.S. Army Cadet Command, 6th Brigade, Eastern Region.

Being ready for such a thorough inspection so early in the school year is an achievement in itself. But that's not quite the reason why Coleman and Speight are praising their cadets.

Their achievement is more impressive for a reason that's closer to the heart of this JROTC program — this is the first time in more than 20 years that the Lee High School Army JROTC has received Honor Unit with Distinction, the highest rating possible for a JROTC program.

"That's the best. That's the criteria everyone is shooting for. We were able to achieve this because of our cadets. They are involved and sharp. They wanted this. They just forced their will on this," said the school's senior Army JROTC instructor Coleman, as he met with cadets in his classroom where the program's motto — "Excellence is a requirement, not an option" — is emblazoned on one wall.

Six years ago, the Army JROTC program at Lee High School was on probation due to low enrollment. Three years later, when the program was inspected again, it had reached Honor Unit status, falling just short of Honor Unit with Distinction.

And that's why the Honor Unit with Distinction rating became the goal of the Lee High cadet leadership team.

"In my freshman year, we were just coming out of probation. We did get Honor Unit, but I remember how disappointed everyone was not to get Honor Unit with Distinction. So this achievement gives me a sense of satisfaction," said battalion commander Cadet Lt. Col. Cody Olivier. "I made a promise to Col. Coleman that during my senior year we would get Honor Unit with Distinction."

Cadet 2nd Lt. Phyllis Brandon knew the Lee Army JROTC program did, indeed, stand for excellence. In her view, the inspection came down to making sure the cadets knew how to present themselves to the inspector.

"We are about details and excellence. I knew we had something special," she said.

The achievement has sent a wave of accomplishment through the program's



Photo by Kari Hawkins

MARCHING WITH PRIDE— Members of the Lee High School Army JROTC program march with renewed pride in the Veterans Day Parade as the state's first Honor Unit with Distinction for the 2008-09 school year. It is the first time in more than 20 years that the program achieved the highest Army JROTC inspection rating possible. Just six years ago, the program was on probation.

cadet corps and has even earned praises from Lee Army JROTC alumni who know what it takes to earn Honor Unit with Distinction. Cadet Command Sgt. Major Justin Pohly's older brother, Jacob, who is now studying mechanical engineering on a ROTC scholarship at Georgia Tech, was part of the Lee Army JROTC when it just missed the Honor Unit with Distinction rating in 2005-06.

"He got us on the path," Pohly said.

JROTC inspections occur every three years and are normally scheduled for the spring semester. Last year, as the 2008-09 inspection was nearing, Coleman and Speight gave their JROTC cadets a challenge.

"I told them all we needed were five committed students and we could make Honor Unit with Distinction," Coleman said. "We had the instructor commitment and we knew the standards of excellence. We had student accountability, and school and community involvement. What we needed were motivated cadets who would lead the effort."

"It was about giving them ownership of the program," Speight added. "With ownership, they have pride in their program and in themselves. They take responsibility. It's our job to task the cadets and then they do the rest. This is a result of a steady effort we've been building on every year. Each group has left the program better."

Olivier, Brandon, Pohly and other members of the cadet leadership team — Cadet Maj. Jared Williams, Cadet 1st Lt. Taneisha Petty, Cadet 2nd Lt. Ashley Vann and Cadet 2nd Lt. Kadejha Louis — decided among themselves that 2008-09 would be the defining year for the school's Army JROTC program. They began setting goals. Working against them would be the loss of several upperclassmen who graduated in spring 2008. They knew the new school year would bring a cadre of new cadets that



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GIVING TO COMMUNITY— Members of the Lee High School Army JROTC cadet leadership team take a count of cans turned in by students in support of the Heart of the Valley Can-A-Thon. From left, are Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Justin Pohly, Cadet Pvt. Demetrius Payton, Cadet Lt. Col. Cody Olivier (battalion commander), Cadet 2nd Lt. Phyllis Brandon and Cadet 2nd Lt. Kadejha Louis.

would need to be brought up to speed quickly on JROTC training and military formation to be ready for the Oct. 23 inspection.

"This whole first semester has been intense. We've top loaded the first semester," Coleman said. "We decided we were going all the way and to their credit our cadets stepped up to the plate."

During the inspection, the cadets were judged on their cadet-led command staff briefings, personal appearance of the cadet corps, color guard, full formation with drill and ceremonies, and demonstrations of basic knowledge of JROTC subjects.

"Everybody had to do their part, even if it was a small role," Coleman said. "The quality of our cadets is getting better every year. They do positive, productive things for themselves, for this program and for this school."

As part of its inspection day, the cadet program invited community leaders and its JROTC volunteers to participate in the inspection. Teachers, school board members and administration personnel all were part of the day.

"We had the support of not only Lee High School but also the community," Coleman said.

The Lee High Army JROTC program success is reflected in the success its cadets have in the classroom. Cadet 2nd Lt. Kadejha Louis, who has a 3.8 grade point average, said JROTC has given her confidence.

"I like being in a leadership position," she said. "I like knowing that I can do anything that I put my mind to."

The Honor Unit with Distinction rating is certainly something that all the Lee Army JROTC cadets can put on their resume. But, Olivier, a senior, sees it as much more than that.

"It wasn't about making myself look better. It was about us. It was about setting a goal and achieving it. It was about showing the excellence of our program," he said. "And, with this being the last inspection we will have in this building (in three years Lee will be relocated to a new school building), it was extra special. I wanted to help leave this program better."

In a way, Cadet Pvt. Demetrius Payton is an example of how far the Lee High Army JROTC program has come. Payton, a sophomore, was a sergeant earlier in the school year before a series of problems culminating with an incident that nearly led to a fight at school caused him a major setback.

"Payton lost all his rank in the principal's office," Coleman said. "He was taken off the color guard. He came to a football game in his uniform, but he couldn't participate. I watched Payton. I thought he would quit. But he didn't quit. I can see the character in Payton."

"I felt I wouldn't get nothing out of quitting. I just want to learn more about JROTC," Payton said.

Coleman said he has a presentation he will make to Payton in the near future. Like the Lee Army JROTC program, Payton has had a setback and a comeback. He hasn't let the loss in rank discourage him from achieving his goal to be the best cadet he can be.

"These cadets should be able to see how they've grown during their four years here with us," Speight said. "What they learn here in this JROTC program are things they can incorporate in their future. It's about not quitting. It's about establishing goals and achieving through hard work and determination. They know there will be trials and tribulations, but they also know you can't quit and you can still be the best you can be."

"We are showing these cadets that they can break the chain that leads to failure. They can start a new chain of their own, a strong chain that leads to success."

Retired chaplain urges return to nation's values

Vietnam veteran speaks on God, family and country

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On the eve of the nation's Thanksgiving celebration, a decorated Vietnam chaplain said it is time for Americans to get back to the basic principles of God, family and country that are the foundation of the United States.

"We must restore the integrity and deep faith that we've lost," said Dr. Robert Crick, a retired Army chaplain who was awarded the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars with Valor and several other medals for his combat service in Vietnam and who now serves as the director of the International Chaplains Commission in Cleveland, Tenn.

Speaking to a gathering of Soldiers and civilians at the Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast at the Officers and Civilians Club, Crick said the nation must not allow the faith of its forefathers to be lost to the younger generation.

"Who's praying for this generation?" he asked.

When a nation is praying for its leaders and its young people "truth will prevail, goodness will be lifted up and thanksgiving onto God himself will be more important than anything else we do or say ... Go back to the essentials of your faith. Stand up and be counted, and your kids and grandkids will be the recipients of your courage and conviction," Crick said.

The breakfast opened with spiritual

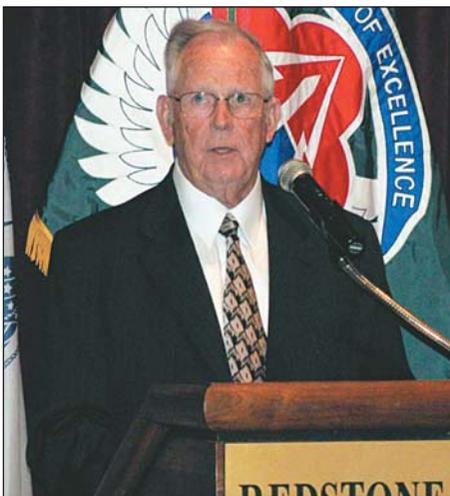


Photo by Kari Hawkins

PRAYING FOR NATION— Decorated Vietnam chaplain Dr. Robert Crick addresses Soldiers and civilians attending the Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast on Nov. 26 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

music sung by guitarist Lance Gilbreath and the national anthem sung by Dwayne Jones. Retired Navy Capt. Joe Baldauf read Deuteronomy 8:6-9 and Hebrews 13:15-16, both passages reiterated in Thanksgiving remarks made by Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and Crick.

Although times are tough, the economy is bad, friends are hurting and people are suffering from medical conditions, Myles said Americans should "stop and thank the Lord for blessings."

He said everyone should take a

moment on Thanksgiving to think about where they were seven years ago when a terrorist attack took the lives of thousands of Americans on U.S. soil, and about how that attack today still affects the lives of all Americans, particularly Soldiers.

"There are so many family members who have said goodbye to their Soldier three times since 2001 ... Think about what it would mean to your life if that occurred. Thanksgiving is a wonderful opportunity to think about those who are making some significant sacrifice for all of us," Myles said.

In his speech, Crick picked up on Myles' comments by saying Americans living in today's complex world should come together in prayer.

"There's not a single core value among any of us. We are people of multiple values," he said. "At a football game on Saturday afternoon or in church on Sunday morning, we wear a different uniform of values.

"Prayer brings us back to the very core value of what life's all about. The simple reality is you are a child of God."

Prayer gives people the power and strength to face challenges, he said. As a young chaplain leaving for Vietnam, Crick remembers saying goodbye to his 5-year-old son, who said "Dad, we're praying for you."

That powerful image remains with Crick as a source of strength, even though his son is now grown and the Crick family now includes grandchildren. Today he prays America will return to a simpler time when prayer was a part of everyday living.

"Our world is in deep trouble," he said.

"We need leaders with deep moral conviction and with a personal relationship with God. If this world ever needed men and women of conviction, we need them today."

Crick recalled serving with the 82nd Airborne when it transported hundreds of tanks to Europe in 1961 as the Berlin Wall went up.

"I lived through that long, difficult, painful Cold War," he said. "And, then, in 1989, the Berlin Wall came down. I watched what military power and might couldn't do. Brick by brick, stone by stone, that wall came down with prayer."

Christianity thrives today in Eastern Europe because of those people of faith who continued to worship in the "underground church" during their days behind the "iron curtain" of Communism.

Crick retold the Old Testament story of Nehemiah and the persecution of the Israelites. He also told the Vietnam story of Hill 875 at the Battle of Dak To and Army Chaplain Charles Watters, who rescued wounded Soldiers in the face of enemy fire and who died while tending to the wounded. He was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

Today, "God wants to put us back on the potter's wheel ... He wants us to return to Him with courage and conviction," Crick said. "There's a type of thanksgiving courage that I hope this country comes back to. There's nothing more relevant today than to have a man of God with that kind of courage and conviction."

Win or lose

Army football player captures magazine's scholastic honor

Senior defensive back makes Academic All-America team

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Lowell Garthwaite became the first Army football player in eight years to earn national Academic All-America honors Nov. 26 when the senior defensive back was named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine Football Academic All-America University Division Second Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Garthwaite, who returned to Army's grid squad this spring after studying in Jordan during fall 2007, has started all 11 games this season for the Black Knights at strong safety. Army (3-8) will end its season Saturday against Navy (7-4) in Philadelphia, Pa.

Garthwaite ranks third among team leaders with 64 tackles, heading Army's defensive backs in that category. He also owns three pass deflections, two forced fumbles and has been credited with 37 primary stops. The Concord, Calif., native posted a career-high nine tackles during Army's road victory over Tulane on Oct. 4, two weeks after establishing a career best with eight hits versus Akron.

A Dean's List member during each of his semesters at West Point, Garthwaite boasts a 3.62 cumulative grade point average while majoring in Arabic. He is the seventh Army football player to garner first- or second-team national honors since 1970 and the 15th Black Knight named an Academic All-America since the program's inception in 1952. In all, those 15 players have copped 17 national citations. Prior to Garthwaite's selection, Brandon Perdue had been the most recent Army player similarly honored when he was named to the national Academic All-America first team squad in 2001.

Perdue became the fourth Black Knight since 1970 to claim first team Academic All-America honors that year. Prior to Perdue's citing, Shaun Castillo (West Point '00) earned second-team recognition in 1999 and Eric Oliver (West Point '95) was a first-team choice in 1994.

With the selection of Garthwaite to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America District 1 team, 18 Army players have now gained district academic honors since 1989. In all, Black Knight players have garnered 25 district citations during that span.

To be nominated for the Academic All-America team, a student-athlete must be at



Lowell Garthwaite

least a sophomore starter or significant reserve on his team with a 3.3 cumulative grade point average. The District 1 team includes all NCAA Division I schools within the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. District honorees later become eligible for selection to the national Academic All-America team.

The Black Knights have featured at least one representative on the Academic All-America District 1 club in 16 of the last 20 years.

Army's cadet-athletes have experienced unprecedented academic success this fall with a school-record five Black Knights garnering ESPN The Magazine All-America honors in a total of just three sports. Senior Sarah Goss and junior Elizabeth Betterbed received first-team accolades in women's soccer in November, while seniors Briana Stremick and Rachel Breinling were named to the first and third teams, respectively, in volleyball last week. Prior to this season, West Point has never featured more than three Academic All-Americans in any given academic year. The Black Knights will be looking to build upon their record-setting number across the winter and spring athletic seasons. (*Army Athletic Communications release*)

Navy topples Army in service showdown

*Midshipmen favored
in annual classic*

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Skip's Picks were 426-163 for 72 per-
cent after 14 weeks of college football.

Here are this week's predictions:

Navy vs. Army – **Navy**

Alabama vs. Florida – **Bama**

Oklahoma vs. Missouri – **Oklahoma**

Boston College vs. Virginia Tech – **BC**

Southern Cal at UCLA – **USC**

East Carolina at Tulsa – **Tulsa**



Soldier honors World War I veteran grandfather

His burial flag flown in tribute

By Spc. RYAN STROUD
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As dusk approached the Arsenal's skyline, a bugle blasted "Retreat" over the hills and the American flag came down the flagpole. As the flag descended, a group of Soldiers met it, caring for the flag as they always do.

But this retreat was different. Outside the 59th Ordnance Brigade headquarters, a small group of onlookers gathered to pay respect to another Soldier, one who had proudly served his nation 90 years prior. The flag which flew that day was his flag. It was with him the day he was buried and had remained cased since that day.

But for this one day, Nov. 18, his flag flew with pride.

Capt. Bernita Briggs, a member of 59th, found some interesting papers revealing her grandfather's discharge date. Her grandfather, William Dennis Lavergne Sr., who died in 1976 at age 84, left the military Nov. 18, 1918 after serving in World War I. Briggs decided to pay tribute to her late grandfather by asking to fly his burial flag on the anniversary of his discharge.

"His flag had never been flown before and has remained cased since his burial," Briggs said. "I came across some papers which stated my grandfather's discharge dates and I realized the date was coming up and that it was 90 years ago he was discharged. So, I asked if it could be flown to commemorate his service.

"Now that I have his burial flag (which was handed down to me from my mother) and am serving under that same flag, I feel a connection that I draw strength from to face everyday challenges," she said. "(My grandfather) served during World War I and as an African-American I'm sure he faced challenges especially during that era. To know he proudly served his country gives me honor, strength and pride to serve today under that same flag, just as he did.

"Family means a lot to me and to know that my grandfather went before me, as far as serving in the military, he helped to lay the foundation of my military career," Briggs added. "So to get to honor my grandfather and my family like this, 90 years after he was discharged from the Army, is humbling to me as a Soldier and



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

FAMILY LEGACY— Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle, command sergeant major for the 59th Ordnance Brigade, hands a tearful Capt. Bernita Briggs, also of 59th, her grandfather's cased flag. The flag, which belonged to the late William Dennis Lavergne Sr., Briggs' grandfather, flew Nov. 18, some 90 years after Lavergne was discharged from the military.

his granddaughter."

As her grandfather's flag was being cased, Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle, command sergeant major for 59th, took the flag back to a tearful Briggs and her 14-year-old daughter, Lanie.

"This day was a big part of our family history and to have my daughter there to be a part of the retreat ceremony was emotional," Briggs said. "She was born well after my grandfather had passed but now she gets to learn how important her great-grandfather was as a Soldier in the military."

Battle handed the flag back to Briggs and whispered a message to her. He said, "The history and struggles of family men during that time is unimaginable, sometimes forgotten. But I know it's men like your grandfather that laid the foundation for men like me to get where I am today. I am honored that you asked me and so glad that I was able to show, in a small way, my thanks to him and so many others."

Briggs said the whole day her grandfather's flag flew was special.

"When the flag went up that morning, I called my mom to tell her what was happening," Briggs said. "She said that if my grandfather was here to see that, he

would be so honored and proud. "And from where my desk sits, I have a clear view to the brigade's flagpole," she continued.

"Often, the wind's not blowing and the flag rest on the pole, but (Nov. 18) the wind was blowing and the flag flew proudly the entire day. It was very emotional and quite humbling for me to know that flag is a part of my



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

FLAG DETAIL— A group of Soldiers case the flag of William Dennis Lavergne Sr., grandfather of Capt. Bernita Briggs, after the flag flew Nov. 18, some 90 years after Lavergne was discharged from the military.

family and is gracefully blowing in the wind."

As the onlookers began to depart, Briggs gathered the Soldiers who cased the flag.

"My message to the Soldiers who were on flag detail was 'thank you,'" she said. "Flying the American flag is something that we do as part of our military heritage and for them to take such great care and render such respect to this flag really meant so much to me. I truly appreciate their service on this special occasion. They touched the very treads of my Lavergne family's military history.

"This whole experience was amazing for me," she said. "Growing up, he never really

talked about his time in the military. Now that I'm serving, I have so many things I would like to ask him. My grandfather was a very proud man and it would be interesting to see him as a Soldier. (If he was here,) I would tell him thank you for contributing to my life. He has instilled in me such great honor and respect and I have grown to appreciate him and his service."

Through her tears, Briggs said, "To see the flag come down off the pole brings back memories of his passing but I can case the flag now knowing it had proudly flown during my time in service almost a century after his. It's a feeling of accomplishment, his accomplishment."



Photo by Pvt. Jesus Aranda/25th ID

Thanksgiving in Iraq

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Willie Taylor, right, of 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, dines Nov. 27 at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Iraq's North Dining Facility with members of his unit, Sgt. 1st Class Darrin Fox, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Alexander, center. The 25th Infantry Division will assume authority over northern Iraq from the 1st Armored Division in early December.

Army's ordnance clearance mission in Iraq ends

New mission emerges at central location

By DEBRA VALINE

Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has accomplished its mission of mobile ordnance cleanup in Iraq, and will now move refocused operations to a stationary location near Baghdad.

In a change of mission ceremony Nov. 21 in Iraq, the Coalition Munitions Clearance Program ended, and refocused efforts to destroy unusable munitions became the Coalition Munitions Disposal Program.

Under the CMC Program, managed by the Army Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, mobile teams traveled the country destroying caches of enemy ammunition.

"The ammunition sites that were a concern have all been cleared and the ammunition depot has been turned over to the Iraqi army for their own control and operation," said Bill Sargent, Huntsville Center's CMC and CMD program manager.

The new CMD mission will involve a centralized collection point for the disposal of U.S. unserviceable ammunition and ammunition items recovered by the field units during their operations, Sargent said. The site will also destroy any caches of munitions found and brought to the site.



Photo by Wayne Fulghum

Col. Rock Donahue, left, director, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, C7, talks about the Corps' role in the success of the Coalition Munitions Clearance mission which ended Nov. 21. Col. Larry McCallister, right, commander, Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, later accepted the cased flag for the CMC program from Donahue.

"Over the past five years, and through the successful partnership with U.S. Army Central and the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, this \$1.5 billion program destroyed more than 346,000 short tons of explosive remnants of war at 51

clearance sites, denying the enemy from using these hazardous materials for improvised explosive devices that would have caused untold loss of life and property," said Col. Rock Donahue, director, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, Engineers (C7).

At the height of the program, 18 mobile teams were operating in Iraq to support the CMC mission, and local national labor and subcontractors were hired at each of the 51 clearance sites.

"The toll on these honorable men and women performing this inherently dangerous mission was high: 43 expatriates and an untold number of local nationals lost their lives denying the enemy ammunition, ordnance and cache sites," Donahue said.

"I think this is a very important change for the Army," Sargent said. "It shows that we're winding down ... it shows the progress going on in the country." Following the invasion of Iraq in March 2003, it was quickly realized that there was a need to dispose of an estimated 600,000 tons of captured enemy ammunition. In July 2003, Huntsville Center's Ordnance and Explosives Directorate was tasked with the Captured Enemy Ammunition disposal mission. CEA provided assistance in the controlling and disposing of massive stockpiles of munitions in Iraq.

The mission evolved into the CMC Program and Depot Operations Program in February 2006. The CMC Program was tasked with the subsurface clearance of previously destroyed ammunition sites in Iraq while the Depot Operations Program was tasked with standing up and operating two ammunition depots for the newly formed Iraqi army.

LOGSA nominated for Defense Logistics Award

By ROBERT SALINAS

Logistics Support Activity

The Defense Logistics 2008 Awards have been announced; and LOGSA's ARFORGEN Tools and LOGSA commander Col. James Rentz are nominated for awards in the competition.

LOGSA's ARFORGEN (Army Force Generation) Process Tools is one of the four finalists in the category for Best Logistics Strategy: A Specific Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard Or Defense Agency Project in the Best Logistics Category.

The ARFORGEN process is used to manage the force and ensure the ability to effec-

tively support demands for Army forces. ARFORGEN sequences activities for all active Army, Army Reserve, and National Guard units to include things like Reset, Modular conversion, Modernization, Manning adjustments, Soldier and leader training and educations programs, Unit training, Employment, and Stationing decisions.

"The difference these ARFOGEN tools are making across the Army is impossible to measure," Rentz said. "All of Team LOGSA's hard work and effort (at) developing these tools and sustaining the other great LOGSA tools and products that are being used every day by Army Soldiers and leaders has put LOGSA on the map across our Army."

Rentz was nominated for an individual award in the category Beyond the Call of Duty: Logistician of the Year.

Other awards being presented at this year's Defense Logistics competition include the following categories: Contractor-Military Collaboration of the Year, Technology Implementation of the Year, and Military-Military Collaboration of the Year: Rewarding the Joint Effort.

The Defense Logistics conference was created to ensure war fighters and first responders have the right materials, in the right place and at the right time.

Winners are to be announced at an award ceremony today in Arlington, Va.

Logistics center continues support with new leader

Edwards once a customer, now executive director

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The customer always comes first in the mission of the Integrated Materiel Management Center.

But exactly who is that customer? First and foremost, it's the Soldier on the battlefield who relies on the missile and aviation systems managed by the Aviation and Missile Command.

Second, it's the program executive officers, project managers and industry contractors who develop, acquire, field and sustain worldwide logistics support to ensure the readiness of the Army's weapon systems.

And it's in that second tier of customers that IMMC has found its new executive director.

"As an aerospace engineer at Redstone Arsenal for 25 years, I've been a customer of IMMC for a very long time. IMMC has been critical to my mission here," said Eric Edwards, who took over at the organization's executive director earlier this fall.

"I'm not a career logistician. But, having been a customer, I bring leadership and a strategic vision of where we can go



Photo by Kari Hawkins

IN OFFICE— Eric Edwards, the new executive director of AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center, is dedicated to leading an organization known for its outstanding logistics support of the missile and aviation systems managed by AMCOM and used by Soldiers in theater.

in this organization. I'm proud to be a member of a great command team."

Edwards takes over a position held previously by one of his mentors – Ronnie Chronister, who is now deputy to the commanding general. Edwards' other mentors are Tom Ingram, who served at the readi-

ness director for IMMC and temporarily as IMMC director before retirement, and Dr. Richard Amos, who retired from civil service as deputy to the commanding general.

"I've seen how they lead, how they interact with people, and that has had an influence on me," Edwards said. "There's a legacy here in terms of mentorship and leadership that I take very personally."

The IMMC command team works directly for the Aviation and Missile Command and its commander, Maj. Gen. Jim Myles. The team includes Edwards and deputy executive director Bill Andrews along with Teddy Stokes, associate director of aviation and assistant program executive officer for aviation logistics; Barry Beavers, associate director of missiles and space and assistant program executive officer for missiles and space logistics; Rick Irvin, associate director of program management support; Col. Jacquelyn Russell, director of the Maintenance Directorate; Arto Whitman, director of the Materiel and Supply Chain Management Directorate; Chris Oleyte, director of the Readiness Directorate; and Jim Wasson, chief of the Business Management Office.

The team – along with IMMC's 1,600 employees – works with one mission in mind: to provide logistics support around the world to users of the Army's missile systems and aviation systems. Logistics includes field operations, requirements, training, maintenance, supply operations,

distribution, system readiness and other aspects of weapon systems life cycle management.

"When it comes to logistics support for aircraft and weapon systems, our organization and our employees are at the tip of the spear," Edwards said. "We provide support to the program managers and the program executive officers as well as the war fighter to ensure that helicopters stay in the air and missile systems keep operating."

Edwards and his staff review reports daily related to helicopters operating in theater.

"We have 711 aircraft in Iraq and Afghanistan," Edwards said. "Those helicopters include the Apache, Chinook, Black Hawk and Kiowa Warrior. Every morning, we look to see how many aircraft are down due to parts and those parts are our responsibility.

"Today, there are 11 helicopters down. We find out what the status is on the parts, are they moving, how long until they are installed. Eleven might sound like a small number. But that's still 11 helicopters that are not available to the combat commander for their mission."

That close, bird's-eye view of helicopters also extends to missile systems.

"At the end of the day, we want people to know that if they have an aircraft down or a weapon system not working, that the

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Cyberspace security represents ongoing mission

Thumb-drives restricted from defense computers

By ROBERT D. BROWN

Garrison Directorate of Information Management

We live in a net-centric world. New information technologies arrive at lightning speed, allowing us to share information across town, across the country, or around the world faster than ever before. In protection of America's war fighter, Redstone Arsenal's Information Assurance program is a never-ending mission. Just as the technology used in cyber-warfare is transparent, the protection employed must also be stealthy and primarily unseen by the people it is protecting.

The Army is beginning to operationalize IA through the use of Information Assurance policies, methodologies and technologies and to identify strategic implications of vulnerabilities to the combatant commander and supporting agencies.

What does this mean to the Redstone user of technology? The answer is that IA awareness, risk management and security considered decisions must become integrated into the decision cycle of IT organizations and the commanders they support. It means that every Redstone person who uses a desktop or laptop, telephone, cellular device, blackberry, etc., is responsible to understand the

proper use of these technology enablers and how to protect the information being transmitted. It means that the focus is not on the technology but on the people, policies and user training of technology.

Just as the Army properly trains a Soldier on the safe and proper use of his weapon, the Army is now committed to training its users on the safe and proper use of communication technology.

For example: Bad things happen if a Soldier is given a M4 carbine without instructions and training; bad things also happen if an Army computer user is given a thumb-drive device without instructions and training. This has been evidenced across DoD the past weeks as thumb-drives have been restricted from use.

Technology is not the culprit; it is the user of the technology. And the Army is operationalizing IA to allow use of technology and security of the information transmitted to support and protect the Soldier.

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli is leading this IA operationalization by instituting a monthly IA Alert across the Garrison.

His initial e-mail follows:

"Dear Team,

"I wanted to discuss a very important subject that requires everyone's attention. The topic is Information Assurance (IA) awareness.

"Information Assurance is everyone's job and it's critical that you know:

IA is the process of ensuring that only authorized users have access to information at the authorized time.

IA includes protecting all computers, network(s), and information, hard or soft copy.

The impacts: Lost information or information in the wrong hands could jeopardize operations or worse yet, cost our Soldiers/civilians their lives. A major network outage at Redstone would cost the government over \$2,000,000 per day to fix.

"As you are aware, DoD recently implemented some changes to how we operate that many may not appreciate, but the bottom line is that they were critical to us sustaining operations! Many thanks to our DOIM employees and others for their hard work the last 10 days.

"Again, please do your part to keep our systems and information safe so that we can support and protect the war fighter. Thank you," Pastorelli wrote in closing.

You can actively participate in this new strategy to operationalize information assurance by ensuring that you have completed your annual IA Awareness training at the 7th Signal Command's Fort Gordon, Ga., website at <https://ia.gordon.army.mil/dodiaa/default.asp>.

Unused annual leave adds to retirement

The following question and answer originally appeared in the *NARFE Magazine* and are reprinted with permission from the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association.

Question: I plan to retire on Jan. 2, 2009. I will finish with 320 hours of annual leave and have been told that a portion of my annual leave will include my annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 2009. Is this correct?

Answer: An employee will receive a lump-sum payment for any unused annual leave when he or she separates from federal service or enters on active duty in the armed forces and elects to receive a lump-sum payment. Generally, a lump-sum payment will equal the pay the employee would have received had he or she remained employed until expiration of the period covered by the annual leave.

Types of pay included in a lump-sum payment are as follows: Rate of basic pay; Locality pay or other similar geographic adjustment; Within-grade increase (if waiting period met on date of separation); Across-the-board annual adjustments; Administratively uncontrollable overtime pay; availability pay, and standby duty pay Night differential (for FWS employees only); Regularly scheduled overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act for employees on uncommon tours of duty; Supervisory differentials; Non-foreign area cost-of-living allowances and post differentials Foreign area post allowances. For more information, visit <http://www.opm.gov/oca/leave/HTML/lumpsum.htm>.

Director wants to be accessible to all of IMMC

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part is moving. We are at a high up tempo. It's an operational tempo that is non-stop in support of the war fighter," Edwards said.

During a war, every aviation and missile system is crucial to the war effort. While IMMC employees are at up tempo levels in support of the war fighter, they are also closely associated with the success of weapon systems.

For example, IMMC employees had to respond quickly when a Black Hawk was damaged in a crash in Iraq. Employees from Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, were sent to repair the helicopter and manage the problem through its maintenance test flight before putting it back into service.

"That Black Hawk was then used by Gen. (David) Petraeus (current commander of the U.S. Central Command, but previously commander of the Multi-National Force-Iraq) for a VIP flight. It was rewarding to see and monitor that situation," Edwards said.

IMMC has relationships with several Redstone Arsenal organizations that are vital to the success of aviation and missile systems.

Its employees work with such organizations as the Army's Research Development and Engineering Command to manage weapon systems logistics.

"There is a teaming relationship between IMMC and other organizations that is vital to success," Edwards said.

Edwards' diverse engineering career at Redstone Arsenal began in 1983 when he was an engineering trainee with the Missile Intelligence Agency (now Missile and Space Intelligence Center) as part of the University of Alabama's Co-Operative Education Program.

"It was a way to help pay for school," he said. "But, then when I graduated, they offered me a job analyzing Soviet surface-to-air missiles and anti-satellite weapons. I didn't have any other plans, so I accepted.

"In 1991, I transitioned to the former Missile Command working in the Special Programs Integration Office. Then, in 1993, I went to work in the Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office where I worked various jobs, including payload engineer, technical representative and senior systems engineer for the Hunter UAV systems. After about a year there, I realized I loved project

office management."

In 1997, he joined the NATO Medium Extended Air Defense Systems Management Agency and later moved to the Utility Helicopters Project Office. In 2002, Edwards was selected as the deputy product manager for the Air Warrior Product Office, later moved to the Comanche Project Office and then the Army Reconnaissance Helicopter Program, where he served until he became product manager for the UH-60A/L Black Hawk helicopters in 2004. In 2007, he was selected as the project manager for the Lower Tier Project Office.

Now, in his leadership position with IMMC, Edwards said he will be able to use his management skills to make a difference in an organization whose mission is broad and far reaching.

"In all the jobs I've done, it's been great supporting Soldiers. But all those positions have been one system specific," he said. "This organization touches all the systems I worked on. IMMC increases the scope for providing for and supporting the Soldier who is deployed. It's great to be part of an organization that makes a difference every day."

Edwards also enjoys working closely with Maj. Gen. Myles.

"He truly cares about Sol-

diers," Edwards said. "Any organization takes on the personality of its commander, and with Gen. Myles that personality means supporting Soldiers wherever they are and in any way we can. I'm glad to be part of that."

Besides overseeing the day-to-day activities of IMMC, Edwards is also involved in recruiting for his organization. Although IMMC is currently at 1,600 employees, with most of those located at Redstone Arsenal, the organization is authorized for up to 1,750.

"Most of our employees have business degrees. Some come in with technical experience. Some are prior military," said Bill Andrews, IMMC's deputy executive director. "We are broadening where we search and recruit. We target colleges that have specific logistics programs or supply chain programs. These are usually found within business schools. We like to balance our employees between those with business degrees and those who are technical folks that have real-life experience working on weapon systems."

IMMC is working to prepare itself for the possible loss of employees due to retirements within an aging work force and due to job opportunities with the relocating of the Missile Defense Agency, Army Materiel

Command, Space and Missile Defense Command, Security Assistance Command and other government agencies to Redstone Arsenal.

"A lot of our employees will potentially get opportunities for advancement with these organizations," Edwards said. "We want to get out ahead of positions moving to Redstone Arsenal. IMMC won't lose or gain mission due to base realignment and closure (BRAC), but all personnel will have greater opportunities."

To keep and attract employees, Edwards said his organization "must make sure they have the training they need, the mentoring they want and plenty of leadership opportunities."

Edwards is dedicated to providing leadership that is accessible and approachable by all IMMC employees. Within a week of his promotion, he hosted an All Hands meeting.

"It was my first attempt to touch as many employees as I can, to get in front of as many employees as I can," he said. "It's important to me to get out and meet the employees. In an organization this large, it will be hard to meet all the employees. But I don't want to be remote or removed from the employees who make IMMC the great organization that it is."

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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.

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/10955767> for 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.

Engineer society

Newly-elected Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle is guest speaker for ASME's meeting today at 11:30 a.m. at the Bevill Center on the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. "As is traditional, our December meeting will be held jointly with the local ASCE, ASPE and SAME groups," a prepared release said. "This year ASME is in charge of the program." For reservations call James Denson 883-2531. The cost of the luncheon is \$20. The meeting is open to the public. One professional development hour will be awarded attendees.

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.

Space society

HAL5 (National Space Society chapter) will hold its monthly meeting Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. NASA physicist and author Les Johnson will speak about his co-authored and newly released "Solar Sails A Novel Approach to Interplanetary Travel." A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 506-3833.

Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will hold its monthly luncheon Dec. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. Reservations are due by Dec. 11. Call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339. HCWC is an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries.



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

ARMYCOM. 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

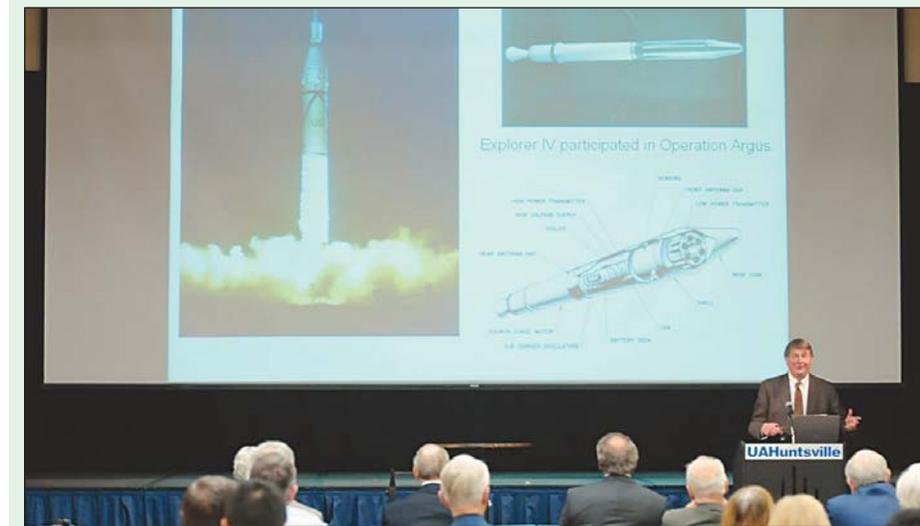
To permanently register a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal, the DoD requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. There are two programs offered free of charge to Army personnel and on a space available

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

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Courtesy photo

Space symposium

Former UAH researcher Bob Naumann talks about the Explorer IV launch vehicle during a symposium Nov. 18 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. The event honored Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger, a world-renowned space scientist and an original member of the Wernher von Braun rocket team, who died earlier this year at his Huntsville home.

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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 post-secondary 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 Maj. Cyrus Russ 539-6511 or 539-6512.

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 Maj. Cyrus Russ 539-6511 or 539-6512.

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 518-3972.

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

Interactive feedback

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

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.

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" 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://artsandcrafts.fmwrcc.army.mil>.

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.

Angel tree

CYSS will have an Angel Tree displayed in the mall area of the Post Exchange

through Friday. "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 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. Friday. For more information, call 876-5437.

DRMO news

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office will be closed 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 closure for normal business hours.

Tour of homes

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club presents the "I'll Be Home for Christmas" Tour of Homes 2008 on Sunday 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

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accompanied by an adult. Child care arrangements must be made for children under 10. Nursing infants are welcome. The paid reservation deadline is today. The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

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 Thursday 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.

Holiday gala

The 100 Black Men holiday gala is Dec. 27 at the Von Braun Center North Hall. Reception starts at 7 p.m. and the dinner at 8. Cost is \$50 per person, \$400 per table. For more information, call 536-8050.



Photo by Dan O'Boyle

Weapon show

Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space, hands the microphone to Lt. Col. Eric Simonson, of Close Combat Weapon Systems, to orient visiting Alabama state legislators Nov. 22 at Test Area 1. The visitors saw a Javelin missile successfully impact a T-62 tank hull in a 1,640-foot, top-attack engagement.

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Crafts show

The Northeast Alabama Craftsmen's 36th annual Christmas show is Dec. 5-7 in the Von Braun Center South Hall. Hours to this free event are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. All profits are donated to local charities.

Garrison holiday ball

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli and his wife, Anna, extend an invitation to the Garrison work force and their guests to attend the 2008 Garrison Holiday Ball. The event will be held Friday with the social and receiving line beginning at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The cost is \$35. For more information, call Sarah Brazzel 313-0546.

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief offers "free" money for education. The 2009-10 Army Emergency Relief Scholarship Program instructions and applications are available on the AER website, www.aerhq.org. Assistance is available for spouses and children of active duty and retired Soldiers. All applications and supporting documents must be sent to AER headquarters and postmarked no later than March 1, 2009. For more information, call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Ballet military night

Community Ballet Association will honor military and their families with an invitational Nutcracker performance Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Accompanied by the Tuscaloosa



Courtesy photo

Paper cutters

Katie Moskel and Emily Vollers were part of a four-member Precision Fires team, within the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, who eliminated 120 boxes of files through a Lean Six Sigma effort.

Symphony Orchestra, this holiday classic features all new choreography and dancers from Huntsville Ballet Company and Huntsville Ballet School. Admission for active military, National Guard, Reserve, retired and families is by military ID at the door. For more information, call 539-0961 or 539-3379.

Ballet on ice

Skaters from the Huntsville Skating School and Training Academy are performing the Nutcracker on ice in celebration of the 2008 holiday season. Set to the traditional music of Tchaikovsky, the performance includes featured Huntsville

area skaters "dancing" as the characters of this holiday favorite on ice. Performances are 7 p.m. Dec. 12-13 and 2 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Benton Wilcoxon Ice Complex on Leeman Ferry Road. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$8 for senior citizens and children under 12. For tickets call 883-3774.

General officer retires

A retirement ceremony for Brig. Gen. Richard McCabe, former commanding general, White Sands Missile Range, N.M., will be held Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. The ceremony will be hosted by Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

Officer association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its winter party, "Christmas, an International Event," Dec. 12 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7. There will be music for after dinner dancing, door prizes and games. Dress is coat and tie or typical dress from another country. All active, retired and former officers; their spouses and widows, are invited. Reservations are required by Dec. 5. For more information, call Carrie Hightower 882-3992.

Christmas bazaar

New Shiloh Church Ministries will have a

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Christmas Bazaar on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5101 Mastin Lake Road. For vendor booth rental and more information, call Vickie Owens 461-0045 or 656-7707.

Mail for wounded

If you'd like to mail holiday cards to wounded Soldiers at Walter Reed, the American Red Cross is accepting mail at: Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456. All cards must be postmarked by Dec. 10. Cards should not be directly mailed or delivered to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, according to guidance from Army officials at Walter Reed. For more information, visit www.wrarmc.amedd.army.mil or www.redcross.org/holidaymail. Walter Reed is not accepting mail addressed to "A Recovering American Soldier."

Fleet reserve party

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its annual Christmas luncheon in Decatur at Ryan's (formerly Fire Mountain) on the Beltline on Dec. 13 at noon. For more information, call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Jim Sutton at 650-5748.

Marketing seminar

The Small Business Development Center at the University of Alabama-Huntsville is offering a free marketing class for entrepreneurs.

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“Marketing 101: A Practical Approach for Growing Your Business” will be offered Dec. 15 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the SBDC Training Room, BAB Room 126H, on the UAH campus. Registration is required. Call 824-6880 or e-mail jeff.smith@uah.edu.

Fox holiday hours

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2 for the holidays. The health center is closed on Thursday afternoons, weekends and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. The health center does not have an emergency room or emergency medical services. Dial 911 in the event of an emergency.

Santa Run

The annual Sergeants Major Association Santa’s Run will be held Dec. 13 at 9 a.m. The Santa Run is a tradition for the association to go out in the Redstone Arsenal housing area with Santa Claus and pass out candy to the children. The kids get a chance to sit with Santa and tell him what they would like for Christmas. The association will cover all the housing areas, trailer and mobile home parks on post. “When you hear the sirens you will know that Santa is in the neighborhood,” a prepared release said.

Vehicle registration

Vehicle Registration, building 3423 on Gray Road, and the Visitor Center, building 4122 at Gate 9, will both be closed for the following holidays: Dec. 25-26 for Christmas and Jan. 1-2 for New Year’s. “The staff at the Directorate of Emergency Services would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season,” a prepared release said.

IAAP scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$1,000 annual scholarship awards to a local high school and college student majoring in a business field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate

or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is March 31. For more information and/or a scholarship application, call Jackie Kenner 876-8131. An application can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/iaaprsa/home.htm>.

Tuba Christmas

Rocket City Tuba Christmas is Sunday at 3 p.m. at Huntsville Museum of Art, 300 Church St. All tuba, euphonium, and baritone players are invited to join in the fun. Registration is 12:30 p.m. and rehearsal starts at 1. The coordinator, Philip Moore, can be reached at 544-7736. For more information about Tuba Christmas, visit the national Tuba Christmas website www.tubachristmas.com.

Blood drives

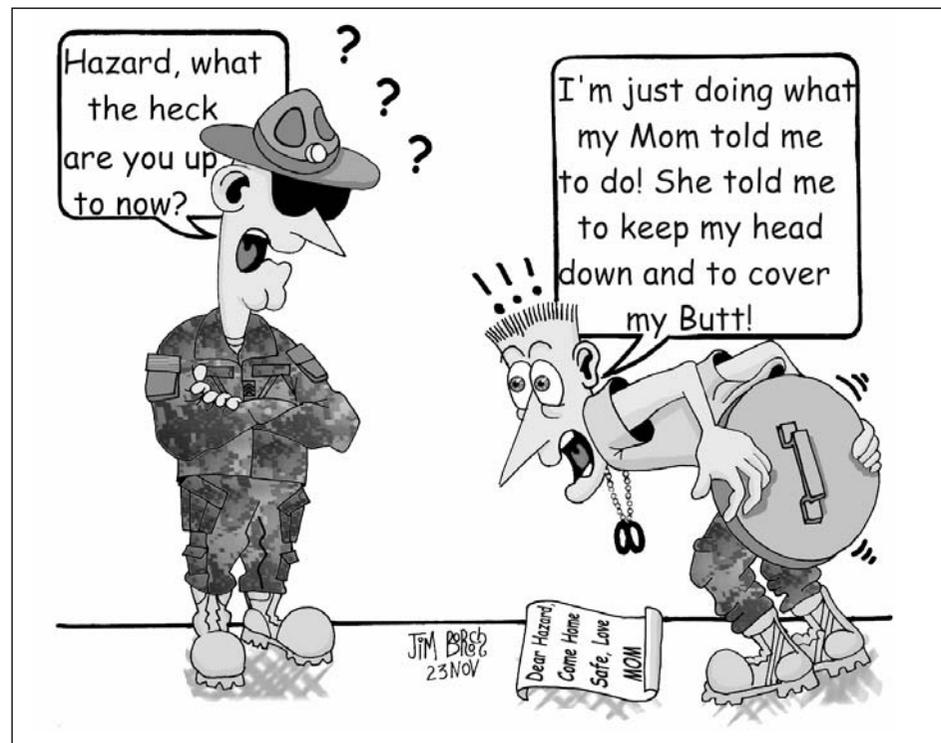
Red Cross blood drives this month include the following: Dec. 4 from 7 a.m. to noon at Sparkman Center building 5308/5309 and Ground Based Midcourse Defense, 5000 Bradford Drive; Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Post Exchange, 7-noon at Corps of Engineers, 4820 University Square, and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive; Dec. 12 from 7-noon at building 5681 and Missile and Space Intelligence Center building 4545; Dec. 18 from 7-noon at Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center building 5400, Software Engineering Directorate building 6263 and SMDC building 5220; and Dec. 19 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4487.

Performing arts

Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center presents “Holiday on Broadway” Dec. 5-7. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$32.50 adults, \$29.50 for senior/student and \$27.50 for military and groups of 10-plus. For tickets call 534-6455 or visit www.merrimackhall.com.

Student apprentices

The Department of Defense initiated the



Science and Engineering Apprentice Program in 1980, under the direction of the Executive Office of the President, to involve academically talented high school and college students in hands-on research activities and student-mentor relationships during the summer. This program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering courses and careers. A major benefit of the program is pairing the students with university and professional engineering mentors. The high school and college programs are designed for students who are United States citizens, with a Social Security card, and at least 15 years old by the beginning of the program June 1, 2009. The apprentice program is divided into periods of 8, 10 and 12 weeks. Both programs are fast-paced and require disciplined professional work habits. Junior and senior scientists and engineers gain additional experience by serving as mentors for first time students, and providing guidance through interactive research processes. The points of contact for application information are senior

counselors at all public, private and parochial high schools and college placement services. Possible career placement areas at Redstone Arsenal include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The deadline for submission of applications is Jan. 30. If students are unsuccessful in receiving application information from high school senior counselors or college placement service, contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Tina BoClair, located in building 5308, phone 313-4834. Review application information at <http://www.gwseap.net> or <http://www.usaeop.com>.

Latin party

Saborlatino invites you to “The Christmas Latin Party” Dec. 13 from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave. The semiformal event will include a buffet. Cover charge is \$25 for couples, \$15 per person. DJ Ed will be “mixing to the best Latin music in Huntsville,” a prepared release said. Everyone is invited. To reserve tables, call hostess Yvonne 783-5756.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS		POSITION TITLE	CLOSING		ORGANIZATION		PAY PLAN		GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE		WHO CAN APPLY?						
AS OF 26 NOV 08			DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK08084451	Aerospace Engr		AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657					X	X						
SCBK08100806	Lead General Engr		AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08083315	Data Spec (GS-9 Equiv)		AMRDEC	DE-0301	2	3	45,458 - 85,701					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08083315D	Data Spec (GS-9 Equiv)		AMRDEC	DE-0301	2	3	45,458 - 85,701					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08116977	Supv Mgmt Analyst		ACO SUPP CTR	YC-0343	2	2	65,278 - 126,442					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08128489	Physical Therapy Asst		MEDDAC	GS-0636	5	5	30,001 - 38,997					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK080101617	Supv Product Mng'r (Deputy)		ACO SUPP CTR	YA-0301	3	3	87,978 - 148,740					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08073311	Human Resources Asst (Info Sys)		CHRA, CPOC	GS-0203	7	7	37,164 - 48,308					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNFAFBK08887	Visual Info Spec (Graphics)		Resource Mgmt Div	NF-1084	3	3	22,400 - 35,000					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08127080	Quality Assurance Spec (Metrology)		AMCOM, Quality Assurance Ofc	GS-1910	11	12	54,999 - 85,701					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08113694	Oper Research Analyst		ACO SUPP CTR	GS-1515	12	13	65,921 - 101,913					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK08154395	Procurement Analyst		PEO AVN	NH-1102	3	3	65,921 - 101,913					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08140668	Lead Mgmt & Planning Analyst		IMMC	GS-0301	13	13	78,390 - 101,913					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08138933	Public Affairs Spec		AMCOM, PAO/G5(PA)	GS-1035	9	9	45,458 - 59,100					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08134249	Civil Engr		Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0810	11	12	54,999 - 85,701					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08118657	Logistics Mgmt Spec		IMMC	GS-2003	11	11	54,999 - 71,500					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK08126004	Oper Research Analyst		AMCOM, G3 (Opers)	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK08145725D	Supv Physical Scientist		SMDC	YF-1301	3	3	108,964 - 141,657					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 for 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																			