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# Aviation exec leaves on high point

*Bogosian retires  
after 35 years*

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It has been said that to be a leader, you have to serve. No one embodies that statement more than Paul Bogosian. After more than 35 years of federal service, Bogosian, the program executive officer for aviation, will retire.

"Paul has been the steadfast proponent for Army aviation acquisition," said Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, deputy program executive officer for aviation. Crosby will take the reins from Bogosian in a change of charter ceremony Friday.

Drafted out of graduate school in 1972, in the last draft call during the Vietnam War, Bogosian served for two years as a company administrative clerk. After his tour, he returned to the University of Georgia to take graduate and doctorate level studies in English Literature.

Bogosian describes his beginnings in government civil service as happenstance.

"For me I always had a natural aptitude for taking standardized tests as a student," he said. "A friend offered to buy me breakfast if I would go with him to take the Government PACE (Professional and Administrative Career Exam)."

From there the rest is history. Bogosian did so well on the test that several federal government organizations offered him a job. He left graduate school at Georgia to take a job as a Training and Doctrine Command intern at Fort Benning, Ga., choosing the job based on the location in the South.

"I started out in contracting as a GS-5 with no aspirations other than to be a GS-9," Bogosian said. It was there at the lowest level he learned an appreciation for the business of government.

He describes his beginnings as a tremendous opportunity because it was a small office where he was allowed the opportunity to learn. "Those typical 'little old ladies in tennis shoes' did a wonderful job of taking a pretty unseasoned, inexperienced kid out of graduate school and turning him into someone who could actually do a job."

He said it wasn't until after a series of opportunities that he began his aviation career in 1985 at Fort Eustis, Va., at the then Aviation Applied Technology Directorate. Reflecting back on his time there, Bogosian said the first thing he purchased was an Air



Photo by Kim Henry

**GIVING LIFT**— Paul Bogosian, program executive officer for aviation, stands in front of the iconic Army aviation mural that hangs in the PEO Aviation headquarters.

Ground Power Unit for the first fielding of an Apache battalion. It would be later in his career that he would speak at the rollout ceremony of the first Apache Longbow and in more recent years he has seen the rollout of the 501st Apache Longbow.

For Bogosian, that is one of the things he is most proud of in his 25 years of Army aviation service. "That's been the most gratifying part, that sense of continuity, of seeing things over time and then realizing the commitment that the people in this community bring to the Army and specifically Army aviation," he said. "It's that sense of obligation, continuing a level of performance and ensuring that Army aviators of any generation have the very best possible equipment and support in combat operations."

Bogosian went on to work in aviation at the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis in 1993 where he became a member of the Senior Executive Service and served as the executive director of the Acquisition Center. He recalls that it was on the eve of the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure Act announcement that the then PEO Aviation, Maj. Gen. 'T' Irby, asked him to be the deputy program executive. Shortly thereafter, Irby retired and Bogosian served as the acting PEO, leading the organization during its move from St. Louis to Huntsville.

"My wife and I are from this part of the country, so this was very much a homecoming for us," Bogosian, who grew up in Augusta, Ga., said.

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## An open lane random survey

What's your favorite time of the year and why?

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Stephany Newton  
contractor SAIC for Unmanned Air Vehicle Systems

**"I'm going to say Christmas because I enjoy being around my family and friends. And I love the cold weather.**

**And I love how it makes me feel. It feels good. And I love hot chocolate."**

Allen Coker  
contractor SAIC for Unmanned Air Vehicle Systems

**"I would say winter because it's the ending of fall season where there's championship football."**



Tracy Burgess  
Phoenix Service

**"Christmas, time to get together with your family and friends and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ."**

Corey Jordan  
Software Engineering Directorate, AMRDEC

**"My favorite time of the year is really the holidays because it's the time you can be around family and friends.**

**And it's all about giving. There are a lot of people out there who are less fortunate. That's a time I like to share my blessings and give my gifts to those who might be less fortunate. It's all about giving."**



## Quote of the week

**L**ife passes you by so fast. So enjoy your moment. Enjoy your time.

— Earvin "Magic" Johnson

## Letters to the Editor

### Request for extended gate hours

I respectfully request the Redstone Arsenal Garrison commander consider extending the Gate 3 (Redstone Road) hours from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (like Gate 7) on weekdays to allow additional time for the ever-growing Arsenal work force to exit in a more dispersed manner. On several occasions I have been delayed departing the office and found myself one of a long stream of cars heading south on Patton Road only to find the gate already closed. This indicates there are quite a few others who would use the gate later if it was available.

Keeping this gate open longer would also assist the City of Huntsville with their southbound traffic issues during rush hour on South Memorial Parkway around the overpass construction, allowing Arsenal traffic heading to Southeast Huntsville (including the new large developments just outside Gate 3) and across the river to bypass the congestion

and not add to it. If extended hours are justified for the convenience of residents of Madison, please consider the same for Southeast Huntsville residents. Recommend at least doing a several month-long trial to see if the usage would justify the cost.

#### Name withheld by request

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for your recommendation. A recent higher headquarters traffic study of Redstone Arsenal caused the reduction of contract guard personnel for gate operations. The current hours of operation reflect the best course of action for all gates given the available guard force. Extending the hours of Gate 3 is not possible due to manpower constraints. Garrison leadership will continue to monitor access control needs of Redstone Arsenal and as resources become available changes will be made."*

### Road closed for security

I had occasion to enter Redstone via Goss Road this morning. I noticed that the turn into the Burger King/PX/Commissary area is closed and has been covered with sod and a curb is in place where the entry/exit used to be. I occasionally have access to the Redstone Rocket and the reasoning may have been in an earlier article. Can you provide background on what is happening and why? Thanks.

Charles A. Thompson  
Marshall Space Flight Center

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The road closure was caused by Force Protection measures being implemented at Gate 8. There will be an active barrier similar to Gate 9 installed soon. Also, there will be a fence and guard rail installed up to the active barrier. Further notification will be issued when Gate 8 will be closed for the remaining work."*

### Redstone Rocket has holiday break

The Redstone Rocket will celebrate the holidays by taking a two-week break Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Our first publication next year is Jan. 7. We hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

### Soldiers radio network signs off after 21 years

After 21 years on the air, "Soldiers Radio Live" is saying goodbye. The idea for the station dates back to 1985. At the time, radio programming was being distributed on reel-to-reel tape to about 20 Army posts in the United States. The Army needed a way to reach out to its audience with current messages from senior leadership quickly and efficiently. The Soldiers Radio Satellite Network launched in October 1987, putting the voice of senior Army leaders on the radio instantaneously. "Soldiers Radio" Online was a natural evolution. The Internet took the Army one major step forward – a Soldier could be stationed anywhere in the world and listen to the Army's radio station. Now, 21 years later, Soldiers Radio goes off the air on Nov. 30th, so the Army can once again revolutionize the way it gets its message out to Soldiers with new media programming like blogs, podcasts and web shows. We hope you'll stay up to date on Army events through our news programs like "Soldiers Radio News" and "One on One" at army.mil. Thanks for being a loyal listener.

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Jeffrey Rowe

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**Where do you call home?**  
 Scottsbluff, Neb.

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

I enjoy getting a chance to develop new robotic technologies for the Army.



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

I enjoy reading stuff on physics. I've got a master's degree in physics, so theoretical physics is kind of a hobby. I also tutor kids in math and science.

**What are your goals?**

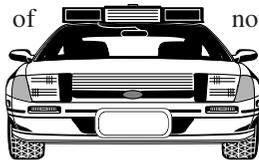
I guess to continue applying science and technology to areas that help our armed forces.

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

My daughter's got me into sort of independent artists and alternative rock kind of stuff.

## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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



notice and released.

**Nov. 28:** A subject was observed by Redstone Police attempting to make an illegal U-turn on Rideout Road. A traffic stop was conducted and it was revealed that she had a suspended driver's license. She was issued a violation notice and released.

**Nov. 29:** When a subject approached Gate 9, security personnel observed an open container containing an alcohol beverage in his vehicle. It was further revealed that he had a suspended driver's license. He was issued two violation notices and released.

**Nov. 30:** When a subject approached Gate 9 to obtain a visitor pass, it was revealed that he had a suspended driver's license. He was issued a violation

**Dec. 1:** A driver at Gate 1 had a suspended driver's license. After obtaining verbal consent to search, Redstone Police found a small amount of marijuana in his vehicle. He was issued two violation notices and released. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

**Dec. 3:** When a motorist approached Gate 9 and asked for directions, he was driving with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 16 speeding, 5 suspended driver's license, 1 possession of marijuana, 1 inattentive driving, 1 open container, 1 expired driver's license, 1 expired tag, 1 child improperly restrained.

# Holiday cheer from AMCOM command group

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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The post commander gives his holiday greetings to the entire Redstone Arsenal community.

"I wish all our AMCOM employees and all Team Redstone employees the best this holiday season, to both them and their families," Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and

Missile Command, said. "I hope they get to take some well deserved time off.

"Their support to our Soldiers has been world class. I'm sure I speak for all Soldiers when I say thank you for all you do for us."

The command group's Christmas tree was trimmed in patriotic colors in tribute to the troops. Tammy Smith had the concept; and the decorations were applied by Ruby Smith, Mary Williams and Pat Carter.



**LAST ORNAMENT**— Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, puts the final touches on the command group's patriotic Christmas tree.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

# View video of construction in progress

*Army Materiel Command site seen daily on time-lapse tape*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Time moves quickly on video, especially in fast forward. Trees disappear within seconds at a construction site. Shadows move across the video screen as morning becomes late afternoon.

Controlling the videotape on his computer screen is multimedia/video lead Bob Blankenship of the Garrison/Directorate of Information Management's Visual Information Group. He's showing a time-lapse video file of the construction site for the new Army Materiel Command headquarters building. A camera mounted on the roof of building 4505, across the street from the site on Martin Road, shoots the video every Monday through Friday.

The videotape can be viewed on the Garrison's internal website and also at AMC.

"The reason the camera was installed was to provide AMC personnel with the ability to monitor the construction progress of their new facility," Blankenship said. "The idea was initiated within the DOIM as a means of providing AMC with a way of watching the construction as it progresses."

The equipment for this two-year project was installed in August. Three groups within the Directorate of Information Management made this happen.

"It was a combined effort of the DOIM Visual Information Group, Wide Area Network Group and the Application Development Group," Blankenship said.

The camera shoots the video from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Workers can view the downloaded video daily.

"At the beginning of each day, we process the previous day's video file," Blankenship said. "And then we upload it



Courtesy photo

**INSTALL— Multimedia/video lead Bob Blankenship, left, and videographer Eddie Smith install a video camera on the roof of building 4505 which provides a clear view of the AMC headquarters construction site. The video signal is fed to a workstation in the visual information facility, building 3321, and software is used to create a time-lapse video file each day. The camera's tilt, pan and zoom features can be controlled from building 3321.**

to a server. AMC has access to that server; and then they pull the video up to AMC headquarters and put it on their website up there. After 9 a.m. (each morning), AMC knows they can pull it up to their headquarters."

The project will continue throughout the construction.

"This will also provide an historical record of the AMC headquarters construction progress," Blankenship said.

As a member of the visual information group about 11 years, he said, "It's the first time we have been involved in a project like this. Feedback from AMC has been positive on results of the project."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CONSTRUCTION SITE— The Army Materiel Command's headquarters building is being constructed on Martin Road and should be finished by January 2011.**

information manager, applauds this effort to enable Army Materiel Command workers to see their new home become reality.

"I think it's a great idea," Blanson said. "We're very happy that we can assist them in assuring they can actually witness the new construction of the building."

The Garrison website is [https://garrison.redstone.army.mil/index\\_AMCFram.e.asp](https://garrison.redstone.army.mil/index_AMCFram.e.asp).

AMC headquarters has already begun moving from Fort Belvoir, Va., under the 2005 base realignment and closure decisions. A design-build construction contract was awarded by the Mobile District Corps of Engineers to B.L. Harbert International of Birmingham. Total contract cost is more than \$105 million with another \$2 million in options to provide and install furnishings and security systems. This construction project represents 400,800 square feet. The two buildings, with a common lobby adjoining them, will house about 1,354 AMC people and 367 others from the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command. Project completion is expected January 2011.

After recording nine hours of video each day, the visual information team creates a time-lapse movie that takes 30 seconds to play. Video from the building's Sept. 17 groundbreaking shows the contractor removing a row of trees; the actual clearing took about 20 minutes but can be shown in seconds. Blankenship shows a visitor this tape and then fast forwards through a video of the demolition of building 4489, the visual information's old building which was torn down at the site in late August.

"It's a fun project," he said. "We play back a whole day in about 25 seconds."

Ronald Blanson, multimedia visual

# Missile defense flight test on target

The Missile Defense Agency announced Friday it has completed an important exercise and flight test involving a successful intercept by a ground-based interceptor missile designed to protect the United States against a limited long-range ballistic missile attack.

The flight test results will help to further refine the performance of numerous Ballistic Missile Defense System elements able to provide a defense against the type of long-range ballistic missile that could be used to attack the nation with a weapon of mass destruction.

For this exercise, a threat-representative target missile was launched from Kodiak, Alaska. This long-range ballistic target was tracked by several land- and sea-based radars, which sent targeting information to the interceptor missile. The Ground-Based Interceptor was launched from the Ronald W. Reagan Missile Defense Site,

located at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The interceptor's exoatmospheric kill vehicle was carried into the target's predicted trajectory in space, maneuvered to the target, performed discrimination, and intercepted the threat warhead.

This was the first time an operational crew located at the alternate fire control center at Ft. Greely, Alaska remotely launched the interceptor from Vandenberg AFB. In previous interceptor launches from Vandenberg, military crews at the fire control center at Schriever AFB, Colo., remotely launched the interceptor.

The target was successfully tracked by a transportable AN/TPY-2 radar located in Juneau, Alaska, a U.S. Navy Aegis BMD ship with SPY-1 radar, the Upgraded Early Warning Radar at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and the Sea-Based X-band radar. Each sensor sent information to the fire

control system, which integrated the data together to provide the most accurate target trajectory for the interceptor.

The interceptor's exoatmospheric kill vehicle is the component that collides directly with a target warhead in space to perform a "hit to kill" intercept using only the force of the collision to totally destroy the target warhead.

Initial indications are that all components performed as designed. Program officials will evaluate system performance based upon telemetry and other data obtained during the test.

This was the 37 successful hit-to-kill intercept of 47 attempts – against missiles of all ranges — since 2001 for the Ballistic Missile Defense System. Operational Ground-Based Interceptors are currently deployed at Ft. Greely and Vandenberg AFB, protecting the nation, its friends and allies against ballistic missile attack. *(MDA release)*

# Local woman pleads guilty to vehicular homicide

*Collision on Martin Road killed a NASA engineer*

Valorie Kiel Cox, 35, of Huntsville, pleaded guilty to murder Dec. 2 in connection with the traffic death of NASA engineer Darren Spurlock on Redstone Arsenal May 30.

Cox entered her plea before U.S. District Court Judge Lynwood Smith.

"Cox has agreed to a sentence of 30 years in federal prison. If the court accepts and imposes the agreed term, she may not withdraw her plea and will be sentenced on Jan. 15, 2009 at 10 a.m.," U. S. attorney Alice H. Martin said. "Our thoughts are still with the family of Mr. Spurlock who was an innocent victim of her reckless driving."

Cox, trying to elude Huntsville police officers, entered Redstone Arsenal, driving in excess of 90 mph when she ran the red light at Rideout and Martin Road killing Spurlock when her vehicle collided with his. At that time, Cox's driving privileges were suspended.

This case was investigated by officers of the Huntsville Police Department, special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division. Assistant U.S. attorney David Estes is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States. *(Department of Justice release)*

## Redstone Arsenal expands family readiness support

*Community-wide group includes civilian families*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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A new concept was introduced Thursday at the quarterly training for family readiness groups.

Redstone will begin an Arsenal community-wide Family Readiness Group because of its diverse population of deployed people – including civilians and contractors as well as Soldiers and Marines.

“We are going to be putting together an FRG based on the uniqueness of this post,” Kathleen Riester, mobilization/deployment and financial readiness program manager at Army Community Service, said.

She pointed out to family readiness group representatives from throughout Redstone that this community-wide effort won’t take away from their individual organizations. “We just want to bring you under the umbrella with all the other folks,” she told them.

In a traditional family readiness group,

the unit has a military commander, a military FRG liaison and a military spouse who leads the FRG.

“So what we’re going to do is we’re going to create a Redstone Arsenal Community FRG which could include a civilian and a contractor,” Riester said. “That makes it non-traditional because we have a large population of civilians. In other words, we are going to design our Redstone Arsenal Community FRG to reflect the demographics of this post. This is forward thinking, out of the box.”

An advisory council, with senior adviser Alice Myles, is to meet in January. The advisory council is still being organized. Interested persons are welcome to call Riester at 876-5397.

“This concept came from her experience,” said Myles, wife of Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles. “She just saw the need.”

Maj. Gen. Myles expressed his support for family readiness during his remarks at Thursday’s meeting, held at Army Community Service.

“Thank you for helping us get started on this journey,” he said.

The next FRG quarterly training meeting is scheduled March 5.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**COMMAND INTEREST**— Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles addresses the family readiness group quarterly training meeting held Thursday at Army Community Service.

# Mullen, Pakistani officials discuss Mumbai terror attacks

By DONNA MILES

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff met with senior Pakistani officials in Islamabad on Dec. 3 to thank them for their willingness to work with Indian authorities in a joint investigation into the recent terror attacks in Mumbai, India.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen also pressed the Pakistanis to explore “any and all possible ties” between the attacks and groups based in Pakistan, according to a statement released by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.

Mullen traveled to Pakistan on Dec. 2, while Secretary of State Condoleezza

Rice traveled to New Delhi to help de-escalate tensions and promote cooperation in investigating the attacks that left nearly 200 people dead. The attacks began in India’s financial capital Nov. 26 and ended with Indian security forces regaining control Nov. 29.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates confirmed Mullen’s and Rice’s visits during a Pentagon news conference Dec. 2.

“It clearly was the action of an extremist group that apparently was targeting Americans and Britons, ... but the truth is, most of the people who were killed were Indian,” he said. “And so it’s important that we find out who did it and try and prevent it from ever happening again.”

## Steadfast proponent for Army aviation retiring

### Executive

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Upon the establishment of the PEO in Huntsville in 1997, Bogosian returned to the deputy’s position and served thereafter under Maj. Gen. Jim Snider and Maj. Gen. Joe Bergantz.

Bergantz, who works in the area as the president and general manager of Mantech-SES, credits Bogosian’s contracting background for saving the government and taxpayers’ money through the use of multi-year contracts. “I learned a lot about contracting from him,” Bergantz said. “He was a wealth of information on how we should structure acquisition and contracting strategy.”

In 2004, Bogosian became the PEO Aviation where he has led the organization through the cancellation of the Comanche and the reinvestment of those dollars into new aviation platforms including the UH-60M Black Hawk, CH-47F Chinook, Apache Block III and the new Light Utility Helicopter, SkyWarrior Unmanned Aircraft System and Joint Cargo Aircraft.

“I left Paul in the midst of the Comanche cancellation,” Bergantz said. “He was able to successfully convert those dollars into very relevant aviation platforms for theater.”

With almost 2.7 million combat hours flown in Iraq and Afghanistan, Crosby feels Bogosian’s role has been vital to Army aviation. “His legacy as PEO will be the success of Army aviation in the support of the global war on terrorism,” Crosby said.

Throughout the greater part of his civil service, Bogosian said it has been the dedicated aviation work force that’s made his job worthwhile, citing the fact that he has worked with Vietnam-era aviators and now their children, who have also been aviators. “The most meaningful part has

been my association with the Army aviation community for the number of years that I have,” he said.

In reflection, when asked why retire, Bogosian said that being the PEO has been the ultimate culmination of his career and he wanted to go out on that high point. “I can’t imagine any other job,” he said. “It’s my time to move on so others have the opportunity to step in and bring their gifts to Army aviation.”

He hopes that throughout his career, others have seen him as someone who created opportunities for others to contribute their strengths. “My disappointments have not been in things I didn’t favor personally, but in the instances when I may not have given others the opportunities to grow and flourish for the betterment of Army aviation.”

Crosby said it is Bogosian’s decentralized executive style that is allowing others to do their job and has set him apart as leader and mentor. “He’s so eloquent, he’s so personable, he’s so dedicated to our branch and to our Army,” Crosby said. “But above all of that he’s just a great family man.”

Bogosian and his wife, Celeste, have two children, Paul and Elizabeth. Bogosian, an avid reader and golfer in his “little spare time,” plans to stay in Huntsville. As for working after retirement, Bogosian said he hopes to do something in support of Army aviation. “I’m too young not to,” he said.

Describing his success as a tremendous amount of good future and good timing, he said it is difficult to explain how someone starts out where he did and becomes what he has become.

“In the end, you have to define what you believe are your measures of personal success and what will ultimately gratify you as a professional,” he said, “and undertake those opportunities that are given you to demonstrate that level of commitment and capability.”

# Dipping into the challenging world of watercolors

## Art students learning points of technique

By KARI HAWKINS

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With pencil and paint brush in hand, students in Margaret Chapman's watercolor class at the June M. Hughes Arts & Crafts Center quietly bend over their work, focusing on how to create their interpretation of the shapes and shadows of their subject matter.

In one area of the class, students are drawing and painting a grouping of three angels with trumpets. In another area, some students are working on recreating a wooden toy truck in watercolors while another group focuses on drawing a still life of fruit, cheese and a wine bottle.

It's exacting work, requiring a lot of concentration to transfer the shapes, shadows and colors from the mind's eye of the artist

onto their paper.

But the challenge is worth it. "It's relaxing to try to draw something and then to paint it with watercolors," said student Carl Oliver, a retired civil servant. "I was told that watercolors were one of the hardest mediums to paint in. But the colors are beautiful."

"I love everything about watercolors," said student Julie Valentin, whose husband is retired military and who has taken several art classes over the years at the Arts & Crafts Center. "I visit a store and see a beautiful watercolor painting, and I want to do my own. Playing around with watercolors is very relaxing for me."

Even for their beauty, most artists understand why watercolors can be difficult. Watercolor painting is unique from oil or acrylic painting because the water used in the painting can change the absorbency and shape of the paper when it is wet, and

the outlines and appearance of the paint when it is dry. Watercolor artists must be able to anticipate and plan for the changes water can cause in their work.

Watercolor paints also do not hide mistakes and the paper used in watercolor painting is delicate. Watercolor paints can't be painted over or scraped off, as with oil or acrylic paints on canvas. Successful watercolor artists minimize mistakes by making a precise outline drawing of their subject before painting, and then using small brushes, painting small areas and allowing paint to dry before proceeding to other adjacent areas.

"Watercolors are not forgiving," said Chapman, a fine arts instructor at the Arts & Crafts Center.

"An opaque medium like oils or acrylics allows you to paint over mistakes or make changes.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**HELPING STUDENTS—** Fine arts instructor Margaret Chapman, standing in background, answers questions about a watercolor piece of three angels that student Lindy Kewatt is working on in the watercolor class now being taught at the June M. Hughes Arts & Crafts Center. Also working on their interpretations of the three angels are Trish Mullins, in the foreground, and Aleta Graham, at right.

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With watercolor, once it's down on the paper it's there. It's a wonderful thing if you let the paint do its own thing. But if you have an idea that you want to create, then it's you against the watercolor."

And, yet, artists love the challenge of watercolors because, Chapman said, the end result can be quite exceptional.

"Watercolors are translucent. They create beautiful color. And the paper you work with is wonderful," she said. "As you face the still life you are trying to create and consider how to go about it, you are really immersed in your situation."

The watercolor class offered this year at the Arts & Crafts Center (building 3615 on Gray Road) by Family and Morale, Recreation and Welfare has been popular with students as have been a number of other art classes, including basic drawing, stained glass, photography, and matting and framing.

The students in Chapman's watercolor class are experienced in the realm of art. They were required to either take the center's basic drawing class or submit a portfolio of work before advancing to the watercolor class. Many have taken art classes at the center for several years.

"They are good artists to start with and they love what they are doing. Drawing is nothing new to this group," Chapman said. "But transferring of the knowledge of modeling basic shapes and values in watercolors is something they are all learning about."

The eight-week class has taught students how to use watercolors with curved surfaces and flat surfaces, and how to create basic shapes, tones and values in a painting. They've learned the five techniques of watercolor painting — wet-on-wet, wet-on-dry, graded wash, flat wash and dry brush.

"They've learned to use one color of wash on basic shapes," she said. "They've learned the wet-on-wet technique, which is a traditional watercolor technique we used to create shadows on cubes and cherries (subject matter in the early lessons of the class). We experimented with flat surfaces and curved surfaces, and we mixed

tones to get them just right. Now we're ready to learn the color wheel."

Chapman has taught the students about basic color theory, showing them how to use the primary colors of red, yellow and blue to mix all the colors of the color wheel. She's also taught them how to mix shades by using opposites on the color wheel, and how to use warm and cool colors for shadows.

"Color mixing is one of the biggest problems for students, and that is a challenge that you learn by doing," Chapman said. "We talk color a lot."

The lessons on color can be used for more than watercolor painting.

"I have really learned a lot about mixing colors. This has really been good for me and what I've learned about color can be used in any medium," said Lindy Kewatt, a retired sergeant who now works as a contractor for the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Working with watercolors is a lesson in patience for student Aleta Graham.

"You start with a little paint and build up. But while you are doing that you can't build up too fast because the paper gets wet," she said. "That's hard for me because I want to get it done."

While they may be a challenge to work with on paper, watercolors also give artists a sense of mobility, an opportunity to work easily out in the field not offered by messy and smelly oils and acrylics.

"A watercolor doesn't require smelly turpentine. It's just water and a little paint," Chapman said. "So, it's easy to take with you wherever you go."

For student Renee West, an AMCOM contractor, watercolors were an appealing choice over the problems associated with oils and acrylics.

"I started out with watercolors because I'm allergic to some of the oils and acrylics, and the chemical smells," she said.

Chapman has studied art since she was a child. She is an art major graduate from Auburn University, and has taught art at the high school level. She joined the staff of the Arts & Crafts Center in June, and has taught a series of basic drawing classes and is now expanding into charcoal, and oil and acrylic classes.

"Art is just something that I love, and being with people and helping them with

their art is something I enjoy," she said, adding that she will be offering several art classes next year.

*Editor's note: Art students interested in taking an art class at the Arts & Crafts Center can contact Laura Metzger, laura.c.metzger@us.army.mil or 876-7951. New evening classes in basic draw-*

*ing, sketching and painting, watercolor painting and landscape painting will be offered in early 2009. The Arts & Crafts Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Do-It-Yourself sessions are offered on Wednesdays from 2 to 6:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**STEP BY STEP— Bryan Robles begins applying watercolor paints to the still life he is painting in Margaret Chapman's watercolor class offered by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at the Arts & Crafts Center. Students can now sign up for art classes beginning in January.**

# Special delivery to Iraqi Air Force, courtesy of Redstone

## Training helicopters depart post airfield

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

Team Redstone workers gathered Dec. 1 to celebrate the delivery of five Bell Jet Ranger training helicopters to the Iraqi Air Force.

"When you're not worried about who gets the credit, you can do phenomenal things," Dr. Tom Pieplow, director of AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate, said. "This is a stellar example of the partnering among U.S. government entities, contractors and foreign governments."

"When anybody has a need, they come here," AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles said. "And when they come here, we pile on quickly and get things done; it's called teamwork. That spirit of teamwork has been perfected here and taken to a higher level.

"This is about giving the Iraqis a way to defend their own country so our Soldiers and civilians can get back. And the AMRDEC's PIF (Prototype Integration Facility) is doing just that. In this case we're helping a country develop their own internal training capability. Iraq will now be able to train their own forces, and that will allow us to have our Soldiers come home to be with their families."

"This is an example of how the citizens of Huntsville, Madison and Madison County have come together to help our Soldiers, our country and our friend and allies," Myles said. "This is a microcosm of what goes on at the Arsenal every day: Team Redstone coming together with a mission and a purpose to take care of Soldiers in the matter of a

few months."

Myles explained that the five commercial Bell Jet Rangers came from points across the country and were equipped by the Prototype Integration Facility with the avionics and communication and navigation systems needed by the Iraqi Air Force.

"You all have hit a home run. Hooah!" Myles said. "Enjoy this split second and thanks, but we have more challenges to face in the future."

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, Madison Mayor Paul Finley and Madison County Commission Chairman Mike Gillespie attended the ceremony, which acknowledged the accomplishment of a unique mission on a tight, compressed schedule.

"This is one of the greatest days that I've had, particularly from a community standpoint," Gillespie said. "We're all in this together, because we're all in the same community. This Arsenal does not just belong to this community; it belongs to the world.

"And you all are making us and the world safer. Thank you for everything that you do."



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**WHEELS UP—** Benita Martin-Dwight, chief of the Intensive Management Office at AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate, gives the final OK before the C-17 ramp closes. The five Bell Jet Ranger training helicopters, destined for the Iraqi Air Force, were loaded onto the C-17 at Redstone Airfield.

## Colonel notes absence of tensions as Iraqi elections near

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WASHINGTON – Coalition forces officials in Iraq's Babil and Karbala provinces have not seen tensions rise among political groups vying for power as elections approach next month, a senior U.S. military officer posted in Iraq said Dec. 1.

"What I'm seeing right now is a very positive situation in both provinces, and anticipation of those elections," Col. Tom James, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division's 4th Brigade Combat Team, said from Iraq during a video news conference with Pentagon reporters. "I have not seen any clear activity or any jockeying in some form of extremist-type activity related to the elections at this point."

Iraq's provincial elections scheduled Jan. 31 are the first in a series of elections scheduled for the legislature throughout the year. The election season's security plans in the area were established and will be maintained by local army and police forces, with coalition forces in reserve, James said.

"The Iraqi security forces established a great plan in securing the registration sites in preparation for the voting and in the elections that are upcoming," he said. "That was an extremely successful security mission for them. So we're seeing that as working, and a very positive thing."

U.S. officials in central Iraq are confident in the Iraqi forces' ability to secure the elections, as the region has expressed a great deal of anticipation, Howard Van Vranken, leader of the

embedded provincial reconstruction team there, told reporters.

"We expect that (the elections) will be conducted in a way that's perceived to be free and fair and transparent to the population," Van Vranken said. "Our contacts locally tell us that the perception of fairness is almost as important as the outcome and the results of the elections."

Although precautions are being taken throughout the country, forces in Babil and Karbala are encouraged by the resolve of the local populace to engage and be active in the political process, he said.

"I think it's going to be what I would call a vigorous campaign," he said. "It's an extremely encouraging sign that (the Iraqis) recognize the credibility of the elections and understand the importance of engaging in it."

# Madison cheer brigade adopts military families

*Needy local residents receiving assistance*

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It has become an annual holiday tradition of giving for the City of Madison.

The Madison Holiday Cheer Brigade, coordinated by Madison City Hall administration and involving many volunteers, is once again collecting donations to make the holiday season a happy one for less fortunate local National Guard and Army Reserve families.

"This is a program started during the last administration in the mayor's office," said newly-elected Madison mayor Paul Finley. "Our previous mayor (Sandy Kirkindall) served in the military. The military are our neighbors. They are people we coach on athletic teams and you come into contact with on a day-to-day basis. Once you recognize that there is such a tie in every aspect of your everyday life and that all our residents are proud of the folks who serve in the military, then this is a no-brainer. When it comes to where we can make a difference, there is no question in my mind this was a program we wanted to keep."

Last year, the Madison Holiday Cheer Brigade collected more than \$10,000 in money and gifts for 11 military families from North Alabama. This year, the brigade hopes to raise even more to provide holiday gifts and funds for 12 families.

"We want to enhance and build on what we've done in the past," said Finley, who hopes to expand the cheer brigade's efforts beyond the holidays. "We understand in this community the value the military has. This community is different and unique because of our military. When military families are in need, we want to help. There are also other areas where we can step up and do things to help throughout the year. We want to do this really well again for these families during the holidays and then we will see where else we can help after the holidays."

Gifts and other expressions of gratitude will be collected at Madison City Hall, 100 Hughes Road, from now through Dec. 17. The cheer brigade will wrap the gifts and deliver them to families Dec. 19.

Although the City of Madison is spearheading this effort, donations can come from anyone living anywhere in the area or any business with local ties. Likewise, the military families being assisted are located throughout the area.

"Madison is just one component of North Alabama and we hope that all the area joins with us in doing this," Finley said. "We're not doing this for Madison. We're doing this for these military families. Every community has its own ability to help, and we hope North Alabama resi-

dents will reach out and be part of this effort with us."

Unfortunately, while the Madison Holiday Cheer Brigade is committed to assisting 12 National Guard and Reserve families, there are even more who are in need. Retired Reserve Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry, a volunteer with the North Alabama Veterans & Fraternal Organizations Coalition and the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, said he has pinpointed 28 local military families who are living in dire circumstances. With Madison taking 12 of those, that leaves 16 others who are still in need.

"We decided the 12 most needy families and that's who the Madison Holiday Cheer Brigade took," Perry said. "We are going to attempt to help all families. We don't want to leave any out in the cold. We definitely have some opportunities here to help."

Even though the economy is in a downturn, Perry was still surprised at the number of local military families that were earmarked as being in need.

"Normally, in the past, I've gotten the names of six to eight families. This year I was inundated," he said. "A lot of needy families right now are single parent families where mom is working and she's got daycare bills that are hard to pay. Anything we can do to help these families — everything from cash contributions to toys to canned goods — will go a long way."

To assist the additional 16 families, contact Perry at perry57@bellsouth.net or 658-2010.

Below is a listing of the 12 families adopted by the Madison Holiday Cheer Brigade. The families are designated as "Alpha, Bravo, etc." to protect their anonymity. Appropriate gifts, gift cards and cash are all appreciated. Contributions can be made to a particular family or families, or can be undesignated. Any check donations should be made payable to the City of Madison. The city will collect total cash donations for each family and issues one city check to them. For more information, call Kim Lindsey in the Madison mayor's office, 772-5603.

**Family Alpha** — Soldier returned from deployment to learn his job no longer existed. He has a 10-year-old daughter, 5-year-old son and a younger daughter. His wife takes care of their elderly sick parents. The Soldier is working odd jobs to keep his family in their home and to buy food.

**Family Bravo** — Soldier and his wife have a 3-month-old son. He is unemployed, but his wife does have a job. They barely have enough income to buy food for their family. Fellow Soldiers have made collections to help them. They are in need of tires for their car.

**Family Charlie** — Soldier is a dad of five children who works a job delivering

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

## *AER contribution*

Army Community Service chief Sue Paddock, left, receives a \$1,596 donation to Army Emergency Relief from the AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate. This represents proceeds from the directorate's golf tournament in October at the Links. Making the presentation are SAMD international program manager Marie O'Boyle and director Dr. Tom Pieplow. Not pictured are tournament hosts Brandy Goff, David Garner and Stephen Dirigo of the SAMD Attack Systems Division.

### ■ Madison group collecting money for needy families

## Families

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pizzas. He has a 15-year-old daughter, 6-year-old son who is autistic, 3-year-old son, 2-year old son and 4-month-old daughter.

**Family Delta** — This Soldier is a single mom with two young sons, ages 4 and 9. Daycare expenses take up a lot of her paycheck. She is struggling to make ends meet.

**Family Echo** — This single mom Soldier has a 2-year-old son and is expecting her second child. She also has just taken custody of her youngest brother, a 17-year-old. Her daycare expenses for the 2-year-old and additional expenditures for the 17-year-old are placing a strain on her budget. She often sacrifices so the boys will have basic needs. With money being tight, she wishes to provide a nice Christmas for her son and her brother.

**Family Foxtrot** — This single mom Soldier has a 7-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son. They recently moved into a new home. She is working but her income is just enough to cover the bills. She is struggling to make ends meet and needs assistance to help with Christmas presents for her children.

**Family Hotel** — This Soldier is the father of three and is the sole provider for his family. He is working two jobs and struggles to make ends meet. His wife is a stay-at-home mom, who cares for their 5-year-old daughter, 2-year-old son and 4-month-old daughter. He stresses over how he will be able to provide for his family at Christmas.

**Family Indigo** — This single mom Soldier has a 16-year-old son. Her son is doing well at school and excels at being an athlete. Due to a tight budget, she is often faced with not being able to provide adequate support for her son's needs. She wishes to give her son his first real Christmas in many years.

**Family Juliet** — This Soldier is a single mom with a 2-year-old child. She is struggling to make ends meet.

**Family Kilo** — This Soldier's wife is battling an illness. Expenses are mounting because of her illness. Money is tight.

**Family Lima** — This married female Soldier has an 8-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old daughter. Money is tight for Christmas gifts.

**Family Momma** — This single parent Soldier has a 16-month-old child. Daycare expenses make it difficult to save money for Christmas.

# FBI/Army school has tools for bomb safety

*Hazardous devices training offered in realistic venue*

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Redstone Arsenal is often referred to as its own community, a city within the larger Huntsville community. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has its own town within Redstone itself. Although no one lives there, the town is helping to save lives around the nation as part of the Hazardous Devices School.

While technically it might be referred to as a "mock town," it is hard to call the 300 acres that comprise the bomb villages anything other than real. Practically every location found in a town or city is painstakingly recreated, including toys in the yard of a house and ads in the windows of a convenience store. It's all part of preparing bomb technicians for the real world where real lives are at stake.

"It is a reproduction of every major type of building you would see in a metropolitan or suburban area," David Jernigan, FBI supervisory special agent and program administrator, said. "We try to make the training as realistic as you can get."

## *Tenants of Redstone Last in series*

The Hazardous Devices School is the location for civilian public safety, police, fire and federal officers to receive the training they need to become a certified bomb technician. It offers basic courses, recertification classes and advanced coursework. It is managed by the FBI, working in conjunction with Army instructors. The work force is made up of five FBI staff members and 50 Army instructors.

"Essentially we (the FBI) obtain the students from accredited bomb squads around the country. (We) secure the budget... Once they get off the bus, I turn them over to the Army. They teach the courses. At the end they give me a list of who has met the qualifications and then the FBI will certify them as a bomb technician to national standards," Jernigan said.

The school has evolved over the years as technology, explosives and terrorists



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**TRAINING HELP—** David Jernigan, FBI supervisory special agent and program administrator, inspects one of the robots that students learn to use at the Hazardous Devices School.

have advanced. The new state of the art facility opened its doors in 2004, 33 years after the first class graduated from the original Redstone location behind Toftoy Hall in 1971.

"We didn't really have the state of the art facilities at that location, so it limited what we could do as far as training and simulation," Jernigan said. "This facility is really a blessing. It's all brand new."

mementos from the departments and organizations who have trained within its walls. A special area also houses offerings from the foreign forces who have visited the school.

"We teach no international students here," Jernigan said. "Once or twice a year we will have international or military students who will monitor our course. But as far as hands-on, it is for state and local first responders."

While classroom instruction is vital, the real world experience offered by the school is nothing short of spectacular. In addition to the bomb villages where students can hone their skills in situations they are likely to encounter after graduation, they conduct their exercises with real equipment under the careful supervision of instructors and experts.

At the end of the day, safety is the focus. Students learn to disarm or destroy bombs in ways that minimize the risk to themselves and bystanders. Because bombs come in different shapes, sizes and types, the school houses a bomb shop where experts make 5,000 bombs a year. They try to replicate both common and unusual configurations. They use inert ingredients to make bombs that look and feel like the real thing. Bombs can be constructed within objects that range from briefcases to flashlights and fast food takeout containers.

"We don't try to make devices to stump students. These are actually devices that have been used," Jernigan said. "We try to teach a learning point about each device so that if they ever see it out there, they recognize it."

The basic course lasts for six weeks. Each class contains a maximum of 24 students. Twelve class sessions are offered annually. Every three years thereafter, graduates return for a weeklong recertification course. The number of recertification classes offered can vary each year from between 20 to 25.

Demand for training at Redstone is high. So much so that there is a waiting period from the time an applicant is accepted until they actually attend class.

"Right now we have about a 13 month backlog to come to class," Jernigan said. "Bomb ordnance training has been and always is in very high demand."

Not counting the buildings within the bomb villages, the school is comprised of three buildings just off Redstone Road. The primary building serves as classrooms, office space and as a continual memorial to all those who have come before. Each graduating class prepares a plaque with a photo and information about themselves. They line the halls of the facility, as do patches, coins and

# Fraternity provides holiday food baskets

Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc. in Huntsville held its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Basket Give-Away on Nov. 20 and 25.

The fraternity conducts various social action events in the local area throughout the year. This year Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter provided 30 local families with a complete Thanksgiving Day meal.

The Huntsville Salvation Army on 2114 Oakwood Ave. provided the names of 20 families; and the Huntsville Housing Authority-Johnson Towers at 216 Seminole Road furnished the names for 10 families. Donations for this year's event were supported by chapters of Omega Psi Phi from throughout Alabama. The Redstone Commissary donated the boxes for all of the baskets.



Courtesy photo

**GIVING GROUP**— Participating in the Thanksgiving Turkey Basket Give-Away, sponsored by Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc. in Huntsville, are from left Maj. James Edmonds, retired Lt. Col. Cary Hale, retired Lt. Col. Raymond Hayes, retired Maj. Anthony Lee, security guard Susan Tate, Maj. James McLinnaham, retired Lt. Col. Elton Akins and retired Lt. Col. Tony Hodge.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## *Goal surpassed*

Members of the AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate's Combined Federal Campaign committee share their results with SAMD director Dr. Tom Pieplow. The directorate raised \$22,000, doubling its \$11,000 goal for the campaign. This included \$2,213 collected from a golf tournament Nov. 3 at the Links. From left are committee members Joel Velez, Nora Morris, Marie O'Boyle, director Pieplow, financial chairman Liz Preston and Chuck Cramer. Not pictured are Gena Scofield, Michael Roach and Leslie Davis.

# She's racing toward military career

*Columbia High School's top runner makes Army her long distance goal*

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Samantha Quintero is not letting anything get in the way of reaching her goals. This ambitious Columbia High School JROTC senior cadet dismisses obstacles — “can’t do” excuses, physical limitations, test scores or a few extra miles along the course — as minor hindrances to overcome in her personal race to fulfill her dreams to attend college on a ROTC scholarship, serve in the Army as a nurse, and continue her aspirations on the cross country and track fields.

“When I set a goal, I like to achieve it,” she said. “I’m not just going to give up.”

Quintero, known by her friends as “Sam,” is a first lieutenant in Columbia’s JROTC program, a member of the JROTC raider and physical training teams, and a platoon leader of the second largest platoon in Columbia’s Eagle Battalion. She is also the first student from Columbia to qualify and compete in the state cross country finals, where she finished in the top third in a pack of 104 runners.

“Everyone thinks ‘Oh, that’s easy to compete as a runner.’ But it’s not necessarily. It takes time to train just like any sport,” Quintero said.

“You have to run every day. Even on days when your coach isn’t able to run with you, if he tells you to run anyway then it’s up to you to motivate yourself to run.”

During cross country season, Quintero served as the team’s co-captain and captain. She was often seen running around the grounds of Columbia High and along the greenway in Cummings Research Park with her coach — JROTC senior instructor and retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs — and the other four females and five males that made up the school’s cross country team.

“As a leader, you have to keep your team running. If our coach was gone, we had to motivate the other team members to run anyway,” Quintero said. “You can’t use excuses like the ‘Coach isn’t here’ or ‘It’s rainy outside’ to not run. You can’t let excuses get in the way of what you want.”

Yet, at the beginning of the season, Quintero, a competitive runner since seventh grade, didn’t know if she would be able to participate on Columbia’s first competitive cross country team.

“I was injured and I missed our first two meets,” she said, referring to a personal medical condition. “I lost a lot of training time.”

“She was down. She thought the season was over for her,” added Hobbs. “But I told her to start slow and increase back into it. I told her to be patient and take the time to heal and rely on your training.”

Quintero listened to her coach and she came back in time to help the cross country team compete in team events. Although all cross country members did compete



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**DEDICATED—** Columbia High School JROTC Cadet 1st Lt. Samantha Quintero is dedicated to her work as a senior JROTC cadet and as a runner for the school’s cross country and track teams. She recently placed in the top third of Class 4A cross country runners in the state, a first for Columbia High’s new program. Quintero, whose stepfather is Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Waddell of Fox Army Health Center and whose mother served as an Army combat nurse, hopes to attend college on an ROTC scholarship and serve in the Army as a nurse.

both individually and as a team at the Class 4A sectionals at the end of October, only Quintero qualified to go on to the state competition.

The sectionals were held at Scottsboro High School on a cold day. That day, Quintero managed a time of 22:32 for the 3.1-mile cross country course, coming in third place. At the 4A state race in Oakville on Nov. 8, she finished in 22:53, placing 33rd out of 104 runners.

“The state course was really muddy. There were a lot of sharp turns and that’s where it was muddy,” she said. “It was hard to keep your ground. You really had to work to make sure you didn’t slip and fall. I slipped a few times, but I didn’t fall.”

Before the state race, Quintero went through her usual routine, working through her nervousness, stretching, listening to last minute pointers from her coach and thinking about the race.

“You have to get your mind focused on what you have to do,” she said. “You have to think ‘This is my race, not anybody else’s.’ It’s 3.1 miles over various kinds of terrain, so you have to pace yourself. I had to do it my way and do what I had to do to finish strong. Just going out and doing the run and finishing it was good.”

Quintero accomplished a personal victory at the state meet that makes her Columbia’s first cross country state

participant. The feat is even more impressive not only because she overcame an injury to go on to state but because she was a first-time runner on local cross country courses. Last year, Columbia’s team was in a building year and only participated in one local race. In addition, Quintero didn’t know the local courses because she had only moved to North Alabama in 2007.

“Since this is our first year to really have a team, we weren’t that familiar with any of the courses we ran. We had the maps, but that’s not the same thing as the experience you get from actually running a course,” she said. “Others who had competed in these competitions in previous years were much more familiar with the courses than anyone on our team was.”

Quintero is the stepdaughter of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Waddell, who works at Fox Army Health Center. Her mother also served in the military as a combat nurse. Quintero has four younger siblings. She doesn’t remember when she wasn’t a runner.

“My whole life I’ve been running. I guess I have a love for running,” she said. “I’ve been competing since seventh grade. In 10th grade, I made it to districts in Pennsylvania (where her family lived before transferring to Redstone Arsenal).”

Even though the cross country season is over, Quintero still has a lot of running to look forward to. She will be a long distance runner on the Columbia track team and the JROTC raider team, and she has aspirations to continue her running career during college, with a personal goal of completing a marathon some day.

As Quintero prepares for her last semester in high school, she is thinking about the things she will have to overcome to realize her dream to attend college on an ROTC scholarship. She knows she will have to study hard to obtain a good score on the college ACT test and she wants to further her JROTC training at Columbia.

“There are some little things, too — like my fear of heights and my dislike of getting shots — that I will have to overcome. But that’s all possible through training,” she said.

Hobbs said Quintero is a perfect candidate for an ROTC scholarship program.

“She listens very well, and she respects authority and her peers. She is always trying to be a team leader,” Hobbs said of Quintero, one of his most decorated cadets. “She is a person of faith and she has the ability to do well in a military career.”

Hobbs remembers when he first met Quintero as a JROTC cadet last year. The quiet, introverted student is now one of the program’s most respected leaders.

“She’s learned that to be a leader you have to lead from the front. You have to walk the walk and talk the talk. You have to own up to mistakes and treat people with respect. You have to exercise your faith along with works,” Hobbs said.

“Since then, she’s learned about discipline and about looking at the big picture. She knows you have to put in the work to get the reward. We’ve given her a steady foundation on how to be a marathon runner in life.”

Quintero said serving in the military was her career aspiration even before joining the JROTC program at Columbia.

“Anything I have to do to serve in the Army will be worth it. I’ve always liked the active lifestyle of a Soldier and I’ve always wanted to wear the uniform,” she said. “The Army is a family that is always there for you. I like the way they motivate you and the way you have to be able to work on a team. Every day is a new challenge where you are doing something good for other people.”

# Garden club members honor fallen veterans

## Wreath-laying ceremony scheduled Saturday

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A Christmas wreath is a simple thing, a circle of greenery with a bow. It symbolizes the spirit of the season. For the Redstone Garden Club, it also means something more. With their Wreaths for Veterans project, they are using simple Christmas wreaths to honor those who have served this nation.

"Our mission is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and teach our children the value of freedom," project chairman Joy Parker said.

Wreaths for Veterans is part of the larger Wreaths Across America organization, which began 17 years ago at Arlington National Cemetery. It is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. This is the second year the garden club has participated. They placed more than 1,600 wreaths on servicemember graves at both Maple Hill and Valhalla cemeteries in Huntsville on Dec. 3 and 4.

"That is just the ones we have placed," Parker said. "That doesn't include the ones family members have picked up to place themselves and the ones we have left at (cemetery) offices for people."

The preparation began weeks ago. Many volunteers spent hours fluffing and tying bows on the 24-inch silk wreaths the project uses. Without those extra hands, handling the volume of work would be almost impossible, Parker said.

"We've had 150 to 200 volunteers total," she said. "We've had whole clubs giving their time to help."

By using silk greenery, the club is able to ensure the wreaths look perfect from the day they are placed until the return to collect them on Jan. 5. It also means they can reuse them the following year, cutting down costs and allowing them to expand to include more gravesites.

"We want this to get bigger every year," Parker said.

They decorate graves for veterans of all wars. With the age of some of the graves in the cemeteries they service, that means some go back to the early days of America.

"There are Soldiers from the War of 1812 and the Civil War," Parker said.

Although the club only travels to two cemeteries in the community at this time, they don't want others overlooked. They have been supplying wreaths to family members whose loved one is not within the club's current route, as supplies have allowed. Although a donation is not required, any contributions go to keeping the project going. Family members have

been appreciative of the club's effort.

"My dad served in World War I. He died eight years ago," Bruce Nelson, a family member, said. "This is a great thing to do. It means a lot."

On Saturday, the club will participate in a ceremony that will take place simultaneously at more than 300 cemeteries in the U.S., 24 foreign countries and on board Navy ships at sea. At 11 a.m., retirees from all branches will be laying fresh wreaths at the Veterans Memorial in the city section of Maple Hill Cemetery at the same moment other participants will be placing wreaths at their respective locations around the world. The wreaths for the ceremony will be specially hand delivered from Washington, D.C. for the ceremony. They will be decorated with American flags and military insignia.

"It will really be something," Parker said.

Various clubs and organizations will attend the ceremony, including an escort and display by local Patriot Rider motorcyclists. The public is also invited.

Costs for the wreaths are relatively low, Parker said. Local retailer Michael's has helped support the cause by allowing the club to buy wreaths and supplies in bulk at a discounted rate. Donations from club members, volunteers and family members have financed the endeavor. Their only real problem has been after the wreaths are collected, Parker said.

"We can't do any more without storage space," she said. "We've checked into it, but the cost would really take away from the project."

To make a donation or request more information, e-mail Parker at [joyaparker@bellsouth.net](mailto:joyaparker@bellsouth.net). For more information on the Wreaths Across America organization, visit [www.Wreaths-across-america.org](http://www.Wreaths-across-america.org).



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**JUST CAUSE—** Volunteers brave the rain and cold to place wreaths on veterans' graves at Valhalla Cemetery on Dec. 4.

# Sirens will herald Santa's visit to post

*Santa Run brings St. Nick to doorstep of every home*

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*Hey, kids, are you listening?  
Do you hear the sleigh bells ringing?  
You don't! Well, that's no surprise!  
Because it's police cars and fire trucks  
That will be escorting Santa Claus on  
this ride!*

Instead of the faint ringing of jingle bells, children on Redstone Arsenal will be awakened – if they are still asleep – by the sirens of police cars and fire trucks when Santa Claus comes for a visit to their neighborhood early in the morning on Saturday.

The annual Santa Run, hosted by the Sergeants Major Association with the help of Redstone Arsenal's police force and firefighters, will once again bring good Ol' St. Nick nearly to the doorstep of every home on Redstone Arsenal to visit with children of all ages.

With his reindeers spending their time eating and resting in preparation for their magical flight on Dec. 24, Santa Claus is relying on the help of the Vincent Drive Fire Station to provide him with transportation for his special visit with Redstone Arsenal children.

"It's part of our job every year to help Santa Claus when he visits the Arsenal," said Terry Hamm, a firefighter and coordinator of transportation for the Santa Run.

"We've been doing this for several years for the children on Redstone Arsenal."

Hamm and the other firefighters at the Vincent Drive station are now getting ready for Santa's visit. They will make sure their fire trucks and the pickup carrying Santa are "bright and shiny." They will also put holiday banners on the side of Santa's pickup.

Appearing, as if by magic, shortly after 9 a.m. Saturday, Santa will hop into the back of the pickup, make himself comfortable in a special Christmas chair and visit with children living in Arsenal neighborhoods, including Columbia Centre, Voyager Village, Apollo Landing, Freedom Landing, Pathfinder Pointe, Endeavor Village, New Endeavor Village, Saturn Pointe and Challenger Heights.

"We will travel through the neighborhoods real slow so the kids get a chance to run out and meet Santa," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain of the Sergeants Major Association.

"We will let them up in the truck with Santa. They can sit on Santa's lap by themselves, or they can sit with him with their brothers and sisters or their friends. We will have lots of elves with us to help the kids and to give them candy."

One of Santa's biggest elves – in actuality, retired Sgt. Maj. Doug Patrick — is one of many substitute elves who fill in for real elves who are busy at the North Pole making presents and getting ready for Christmas Eve. Patrick always looks forward to spending time with Santa and the children of Redstone Arsenal.

"There are several of us from the Sergeants Major Association who help Santa as his elves for the morning," Patrick said. "We all like giving back to our military children, especially those whose moms and dads are deployed. The smile on those children's faces when they sit on Santa's lap is just so wonderful. It's unbelievable. No words can describe it."

Over the years, Patrick has heard children ask Santa for lots of different toys – trucks, dolls, video games, action figures, tea sets and new bicycles, to name a few. But there is one gift request that always tugs at his heart.

"When a child asks Santa to bring their mommy or daddy back alive from a deployment that really crushes you," said Patrick, who is a Gulf War veteran and a Vietnam era veteran. "A lot of people in the U.S. don't understand the sacrifices our military is making. But these kids know what their moms and dads are doing for our country."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN—** Santa Claus, flanked last year by temporary elves from the Sergeants Major Association, will once again visit children living in Redstone Arsenal neighborhoods this Saturday during the annual Santa Run. The event will begin shortly after 9 a.m. and continue throughout the morning as police and fire escorts announce Santa's visit to each neighborhood with the help of sirens. With Santa last year are, foreground from left, retired sergeants major Gregory Knight and Doug Patrick.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Tree lighting

**The Westminster Christian Academy choir performs during the Redstone Arsenal Christmas tree lighting held Thursday in front of Bicentennial Chapel.**

The excitement for everyone involved with the Santa Run – even the firefighters – starts the moment they enter a neighborhood with sirens blaring and Santa waving from his seat in the fire truck. Though

their main job is to drive the fire trucks, firefighters also walk alongside the pickup to help bring children to see Santa Claus.

"Every year, it's a joy to see children run out of their houses in their pajamas and all smiles ready to see Santa," Hamm said. "We've had infants and toddlers that we help put up there with Santa. We even have a few teenagers who will hop up there. We try to make it fun for everyone."

There are some children, though, who are a little shy and hesitant about spending time with the jolly old man in the white beard and red jacket. But Patrick and other volunteers have ways to make them comfortable around Santa Claus.

"We joke with them. We make them smile and laugh," said Patrick, who is always a bundle of elfish excitement around children. "When Shrek was really popular, I would tell the kids I was Shrek's cousin."

"When they see how genuine we are and how much fun we are having, they usually join with us. With some kids, we can knock on their door, take them from their mom's or dad's arms, and carry them in a blanket to see Santa. Other kids run out of their house right up to the pickup all on their own. And then we have others we have to joke with to get them to warm up to Santa. Once we see their smiles, it makes us all feel good."

The Santa Run is known for being a loud, exciting time of Christmas cheer when Santa hollers "HoHoHo!" and encourages children to tell him their Christmas wishes, elves dance in the streets and give children candy, and parents have a chance to delight in their children's holiday joy. But on Christmas Eve, Santa Claus will make a much quieter visit to the homes of Arsenal children. On that night, children are expected to stay in their beds and wait for morning to see the surprise Santa has left them.

# Corpus Christi worker retires after 60 years

*Sheetmetal mechanic to be missed at depot*

By **LOIS CONTRERAS**  
*Corpus Christi public affairs officer*

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — At 17, he was drafted and served 30 months with the Navy as a metal smith working on Corsairs in the Asiatic Pacific. Upon his honorary discharge in 1946, Pedro “Pete” Perez returned home to Laredo, Texas, to finish his education. He earned an associate degree in education, but his love of aircraft repair work, the pay and benefits led to a job at then Laredo Air Force Base where he worked until the base closed in 1973.

Perez transferred to Corpus Christi Army Depot and began working as a Wage Grade 05 sheetmetal mechanic in Hangar 45. His skill and work ethics soon earned him a work leader position. Enjoying the hands-on repair work on helicopters and sharing his knowledge with young workers just starting out, he turned down offers of supervisory positions.

“I just love my work,” Perez



Photo by Lois Contreras

**JOB WELL DONE— Corpus Christi Army Depot commander Col. Joe Dunaway congratulates Pedro “Pete” Perez after his retirement ceremony Dec. 3. Perez retired after 35 years as a sheetmetal mechanic in Corpus Christi’s CH-47 Hangar 45 where he transferred after the Air Force base in Laredo closed down in 1973. Counting his Corpus Christi time plus 21 years with the Air Force and 30 months on active duty with the Navy during World War II, Perez accumulated 60 years of federal service.**

said to a reporter a couple of days before his retirement. “I get up early and I am here by 4 a.m. I leave around 3 p.m. after all the traffic clears out.”

Perez’s regular duty hours

were 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. He worked at this job that he loved at Corpus Christi, in the same place, for 35 years. During the course of his career, he and his wife of 49 years at the time of her death raised

eight children. One of his daughters, Veronica “Ronnie” Perez, works in the Corpus Christi Directorate of Production Management.

On Dec. 3, Perez stood before a crowded room (located in the “Pete Perez” Break Room in Hangar 45) to receive accolades, congratulations and expressions of gratitude from co-workers, retired co-workers, and friends. Perez, visibly emotional, stood with a humble expression as if wondering why all the fuss for him. Maybe it was for the 30 months he spent away from home, barely out of high school, proudly doing his duty for his country. Maybe it was for his success as a teacher — not of students in a classroom setting as he had envisioned — but as a steward of future sheetmetal mechanics who are now carrying on his work with the knowledge, skills and work ethic he instilled in them as they learned by his side. Or, it may have been for the 60 years of his life he gave in both military and civilian service to his country.

What advice does he have for the young men and women just starting their careers? “Take care

of the job and it will take care of you.”

Perez walked through the doors into Hangar 45 and started taking care of the job that took care of him 35 years ago. On Dec. 3 he walked in as an employee in the CH-47 structural branch of the Directorate of Aircraft Production’s Hangar 45 for the last time and walked out in his quiet, unassuming, yet proud manner as a beloved member of the Corpus Christi family who will be missed and never forgotten.

“You can always come back. You are always welcome here,” depot commander Col. Joe Dunaway said as he presented Perez his retirement certificate and pin.

Among the many awards Perez received at the ceremony were a letter of congratulations signed by President Bush, a special congressional certificate of recognition, a U.S. flag flown over the U.S. Capitol commissioned by Congressman Solomon Ortiz, a Commander’s Award for Civilian Service, a length of service certificate and pin for 60 years of service, and his retirement certificate and pin. The 60-year length of service pin had to be special ordered.

# Holiday basketball tournament begins

Event for troops draws eight teams

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There hasn't been a Redstone preseason basketball tournament since 2007, but that's changed now.

Earlier this year, some Soldiers asked sports and fitness director Gaylene Wilson about the possibility of a holiday tournament. She said yes.

And the 2008 Holiday Basketball Tournament was born.

"They did a preseason for basketball some years ago, but this will be a first Holiday Tournament that is for fun and not part of the regular season," Wilson said.

The tournament is Dec. 8-16 at Pagano Gym. The eight teams in this double-elimination event include HHC 59th, Charlie Company, Bravo Company, 375th Engineer Company, 326th Chemical Company, National Guard, Marines and NCO Academy.

"It's a good idea," 326th player/coach Greg Miller said. "Anytime you have more opportunity to have competition, camaraderie,

it's a good deal."

The 326th won the post championship in 2006 and 2007 before Headquarters & Alpha took the title in 2008. Headquarters & Alpha beat HHC 59th 47-46 in the postseason tournament final March 17.

"I'm expecting the same kind of team we had last year," Miller said. "We're a little bit smaller, but a lot quicker."

Among the Dragons are guard Frank Stafford, guard Jonathan Wilder and 6-foot-4 center Larry Tharps.

"We've got a good chance (of winning this tournament)," Miller said. "We have a very good team. And I've just really got to make sure we get everybody there every day and we're playing well."

The 2009 season is expected to begin in early January.

The holiday tournament's remaining schedule includes the following:

**Today** – winners bracket game at 6 p.m.; losers bracket game at 7.

**Thursday** – winners bracket game at 6 p.m.; losers bracket games at 7 and 8.

**Dec. 15** – losers bracket games at 6 and 7 p.m.

**Dec. 16** – championship at 6 p.m. and 7 (if necessary).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CRASHING BOARDS**— Headquarters & Alpha's Josh Poe, left, captures a defensive rebound in the second half of the Gators' 55-46 win over Charlie Company on March 12. Headquarters & Alpha went on to capture the 2008 post championship by beating HHC 59th in the final March 17. A holiday tournament is scheduled Dec. 8-16.

## Bowl predictions set for next week

Skip's Picks were 429-166 for 72 percent after 15 weeks of predicting college football outcomes.

Look for the bowl game forecasts in next week's *Rocket*.

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# Setting a goal against New Year's resolutions

*Take actual steps  
to change habits*

By RICK STOCK

*Health promotion educator*

Every year at the onset of the New Year it seems we have this mindset of tabula rasa, a need or opportunity to start from the beginning. As 2008 gets ready to pass and 2009 has taken its place, most of the resolutions we set last year and the year before have fizzled.

An explanation for this is that resolutions are usually an impulsive thought tied to emotion without a solid base to propel and motivate a person to success. Success has been defined as the "progressive realization of your worthwhile goals." Success therefore is based on rock solid goal setting, not flimsy resolution setting.

At the MWR gyms, the regulars prepare themselves for the phenomenon of resolution setting yearly during January. The gyms are more crowded with new faces that may have often set unrealistic resolutions to work out seven days a week for 90 minutes. As soon as the unrealistic expectations are not met, the person may retreat to their "comfort zone" and leave the exercise process on the back burner until next year. It is estimated that 95 percent of New Year's resolutions are broken by the end of January with 50 percent supposedly broken by the second week in January.

Once you are sure you want to change

physically, emotionally and mentally, a great time to visit the Morale Welfare and Recreation gyms is during the holidays so you get a head start in accomplishing your goals, and just not setting resolutions. You may contact one of their friendly staff or make an appointment with Rick Stock, health promotion educator at Fox Army Health Center.

Fox Preventive Medicine staff is proud of the last group of tobacco cessation attendees (17 winners) who quit prior to the holidays, not awaiting another year of New Year's resolutions.

Research reflects that it takes 21-39 days to change an old habit, depending how deeply it is entrenched in our lives. The same pattern is related to developing a new habit. The key ingredient of eliminating an old habit and developing a new habit is the process of spaced repetition. It must be accomplished during that time period without interruption, slip, lapse or relapse. The person must be abstinent from all nicotine, if quitting cigarettes is the goal, or attend the gym 2-3 times per week for 30 minutes for the 21-39 day habit changing process to take place. Most people, however, never get past the first or second week in making significant change in their lives.

Probably 90 percent or more of our daily behavior is based on old habit patterns. Changing routine for most of us is difficult and stressful. We have been following our routines (comfort zones — good or bad) for years, and to begin the change process is difficult.

Behavioral change is rarely a discrete, single event as a person moves gradually from being uninterested (precontemplation) to considering a change (contemplation) to deciding and preparing to make a change (preparation). Many failed New Year's resolutions occur when a person jumps into the action stage which is often in itself not enough and gloss over the three prior stages.

The Internet lists the top five most popular resolutions as: lose weight, stop smoking, improve relationships, make more money, and take up a new hobby. As you can see, resolutions lack the clarity of goals. Resolutions lack attainable goal setting specifics: objective/vision, how much weight; process, how many pounds per week; timeline/deadline, by what dates will I lose 25 percent, 100 percent of my desired goal; obstacles to be overcome; benefits to be gained; rewards for incremental success steps.

Tie these six goal setting specifics together with a written action plan and you are on your way to successful goal setting and lifestyle change and will soon be in the maintenance stage of the Stages of Change.

Preventive Medicine at Fox Army Health Center provides classes and forums to assist you in your change process — whether it's tobacco cessation including free medication; lowering cholesterol; weight management; increasing bone density; lowering stress levels; preventing and/or living with diabetes.

For more information call Rick Stock,

a certified tobacco treatment specialist by Mayo Clinic, at 955-8888 ext. 1443; or registered nurse Valerie Francis at 955-8888 ext. 1431.



Courtesy photo

## *Another winner*

Aviation Systems workers decorated this Christmas tree for the Gaylord Opryland Resort's "Hall of Trees," a holiday fund-raiser which continues through Dec. 20 in Nashville. Aviation Systems is the only military organization invited to participate in this annual event. This is the second year its workers decorated a tree for Army Emergency Relief. Last year their AER tree won the trophy for the most money received for their charity, according to Cathy Knipe, administrative assistant at Joint Cargo Aircraft Directorate. To vote online for this tree, visit the following website: [www.halloftrees.com](http://www.halloftrees.com).

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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 842-7910.

### 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. Saturday 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will hold its Christmas luncheon at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. The Columbia High School Choral Group will perform; and NARFE Chapter 443 officers for 2009 will be installed. For reservations call Eleanor Kay 881-8124.

### 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 Thursday. Call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339. HCWC is an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries.



## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators. The unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the areas of database management, programming, networking and/or telecommunications. A minimum of a secret clearance is required, and you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SSBI background investigation for upgrade to top secret soon after unit entry. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into

as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class Scott Ambrose 655-9436 or Chief Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

### Civilian deployment

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

### Surplus sales

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

### Computer classes

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

### Motorcycle safety

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

### Reserve unit

If you have several years invested in your military career, you do not want conflicts between Reserve duty and civilian life to



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

## OCWC cheer

Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles rallies the children to say "Merry Christmas" right before lighting the Christmas tree at the Officers and Civilians Club Dec. 3 during the annual Officer and Civilian Women's Club tree lighting. The Academy for Academics and Arts performed Christmas songs throughout the evening, and Santa paid a visit.

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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 postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an Army officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the active Army and the Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call 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 Reserve. 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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Robotics tour

At the remote controls of the Talon, left, and Packbot unmanned ground vehicles are Athens Middle School eighth-graders Clay Chisholm, left, and Garrett Ake. This is the school's first year for the eighth-grade robotics class, which is taught by Jennifer Kennedy. The class visited the Software Engineering Directorate on Dec. 2.

and understood. Each installation is now assigned a full-time customer service officer, whose sole responsibility is to ensure customers have multiple avenues to offer feedback on all services that are provided by the Installation Management Command. The process for your individual feedback is through the Interactive Customer Evaluation System which is automated through the Internet or filled out with an ICE comment card

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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$14. Renaissance Theatre, 1214 Meridian St., can be reached at 536-3117.

## 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 fresh-

men), 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Community grants

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club,



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

## JROTC visit

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli visits a JROTC class at Columbia High School on Dec. 4. He shared stories about his military experiences and roles and responsibilities as Garrison commander. He encouraged the cadets to pursue their dreams and take advantage of opportunities, no matter what career path they take. Only on its third year, Columbia's JROTC program is Alabama's largest growing program with approximately 150 cadets this year.

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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://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 Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Accompanied by the Tuscaloosa 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



Photo by Judy Wilson

## Meet the mayor

Huntsville's newly-elected Mayor Tommy Battle, left, greets Phil Loftis, president of the Society of American Military Engineers Huntsville Post. Battle spoke Dec. 3 to the joint engineering societies meeting.

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.

### 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 today. 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.wramc.amedd.army.mil](http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil) or [www.redcross.org/holidaymail](http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail). Walter Reed is not accepting mail addressed to "A Recovering American Soldier."

### 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.

### 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 Saturday 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. "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](mailto:jeff.smith@uah.edu).

### Fox holiday hours

Fox Army Health Center will close at noon Dec. 19 to allow staff to celebrate the holiday season. The 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. Fox Army 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 Saturday 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

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>.

### 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>.

### 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" Saturday 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



Courtesy photo

## Exceptional service

Former Redstone worker Doug Street receives the Department of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service in a ceremony Nov. 18 at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center. Making the presentation is MSIC director Pam McCue. The citation states Street distinguished himself in positions with the DoD intelligence community from October 1974 to December 2007 culminating as chief of the Defensive Systems Office. He was recently appointed as president of Fowler Trading Company, a subsidiary of Electronic Warfare Associates, based in Herndon, Va.

release said. Everyone is invited. To reserve tables, call hostess Yvonne 783-5756.

### Commissary holidays

Here's the Commissary's holiday schedule: open Dec. 22, close early (3 p.m.) Dec. 24, closed Dec. 25 and closed Jan. 1.

### Unity breakfast

The Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. announces the 24th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast on Jan. 19 at 8 a.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall. The speaker is Dr. Randal Pinkett, an entrepreneur, speaker, author, scholar and community servant. Pinkett is a former Rhodes Scholar and college athlete who holds five academic degrees from Rutgers, Oxford and MIT, and was the season four winner of the hit series "The Apprentice." Proceeds from the Unity Breakfast are used solely by the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation to aid students in their pursuit of academic excellence through the awarding of scholarships, mentoring, tutoring and the administration of leadership training. Individual tickets are \$25, or a reserved table (seats eight) can be purchased for \$250. For ticket information, call Timothy Richmond 859-3964 or Herman Thornton 852-8428.

### ASMC scholarships

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers is accepting applications for its 2009 scholarship program. Scholarship

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Photo by Dave Macedonia

## Feeding the troops

Members of Bicentennial Chapel honor Soldiers at the Thanksgiving Advanced Individual Training dinner Nov. 20 at the chapel. Parishioners brought side dishes and desserts to the event attended by more than 150 Soldiers.

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applications are due by Feb. 28. The ASMC Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to aid ASMC members or their immediate family in continuing their educational endeavors. Applicants must be a current ASMC member or a high school senior, undergraduate or those working on graduate programs (immediately related to an ASMC member). Applicants must have maintained a 3.0 gpa. Applications may be submitted to the following: Judy Smith, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, building 5300 (third floor), 313-2379; Michelle Cobb, building 5300, 876-8361; Jackie Shaw, building 5300, 876-8932; Debbie O'Neal, building 5400, 876-2671; Dee Kowallik, building 5681, 313-4020; Jessica Dunaway, building 5308, 313-0533; Connie Atchley, 101 Wynn Drive, 313-8254; Cody Swinford, building 5309, 876-3363; Susan Zimmerly, building 5300, 876-5133; Lisa Lowry, building 5400, 876-7086; Dana Wilbanks, building 5400, 876-4283; April East, building 5300, 876-8857; and Cheryl Richmond, G3, 955-0066.

## Auto skills center

The Auto Skills Center will hold an open

house Dec. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at building 3617 on Entac Circle. Free safety classes will be offered every hour. There will also be free vehicle winter safety inspections, facility tours, door prizes and refreshments. This will be an opportunity for servicemembers to satisfy their requirements to inspect their vehicles prior to the holidays. Written POV inspection reports will be provided to your unit upon request.

## New Year's Eve event

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host the 2009 New Year's Eve Celebration on Dec. 31 starting at 7 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a dinner, live music, dancing, party favors, continental breakfast and complimentary glass of champagne. Room packages are also available. For tickets and more information, call 830-2582.

## Art show

The Arts Council's new art@TAC Gallery will hold its second show/reception Dec. 18 from 4-6 p.m. at the Von Braun Center in downtown Huntsville. The exhibition continues through March. Admission is

free. For more information, call 519-2787.

## Blood sugar monitor

Due to popular demand, Fox Army Health Center has scheduled additional training sessions for users of the Precision Xtra blood sugar monitor. All Department of Defense military treatment facilities have replaced the Accu-Chek Comfort blood sugar monitor with the Precision Xtra Advanced Diabetes Management System. This advanced blood sugar meter is easy to use, requires less blood for testing and allows for alternate site sampling, in addition to the fingertips. The Precision Xtra monitor stores 450 test results, allowing patients to see the date, time, and day of the week and 7, 14 and 28 day averages. Results take just five seconds with this machine. The Wellness Center and Pharmacy staff at Fox Army Health Center will issue the new Precision Xtra monitors and provide a short training session to beneficiaries who have the Accu-Chek Comfort System today from 3-3:45 p.m. at the Fox Wellness Center. For more information call 955-8888, ext.1430.

## Nutrition class

Have you already resigned yourself to the usual holiday weight gain? Did you know, according to the New England Journal of Medicine, the average American gains about two pounds over the

holiday season? While that may not sound like much, it means an additional two pounds you have to "lose" come the New Year. Join Fox Army Health Center on Dec. 18 from noon-1 p.m. for a "Lunch and Learn." Speaking at this event will be registered dietitian Desiree Walker, the newest addition to Fox Army Health Center Wellness Center. She will speak about eating strategies for the holidays and discuss low fat baking tips. Call 955-8888, ext. 1430 to reserve your spot in this class. Seating is limited.

## MILPO hours

The Military Personnel Office is closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. It is open for business as usual all other days excluding holidays.

## Car show benefit

Vets with Vettes and Corvette Owners has teamed with Woody Anderson Ford to present a display of American Muscle Cars, past and present, inside Madison Square Mall in support of the 2008 Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign. The cars will be displayed from Friday through Sunday in the new Woody Anderson Ford showroom on the bottom floor of Madison Square Mall, near J.C. Penney's. For more information, call Bill Holtzclaw 651-5921 or visit [www.vetswithvettes.us](http://www.vetswithvettes.us).

# ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
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SCBK08139447	Prgm Analyst	10-Dec-08	ACQ SUPP CTR	GS-0343	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08085587	Inventory Mgmt Spec (Ammo)	10-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2010	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X										X				
SCBK08182773	Project Mgmt Spec	10-Dec-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-0301	2	2	45,014 - 101,912																
SCBK08126004	Opers Research Analyst	11-Dec-08	AMCOM, G3 (Opers)	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X										X	X				
SCBK08126004D	Opers Research Analyst	11-Dec-08	AMCOM, G3 (Opers)	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08125972	Opers Research Analyst	11-Dec-08	AMCOM, G3 (Opers)	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08102776	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	11-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X															
SCNAFBK0890	Maintenance Worker	11-Dec-08	Child, Youth & School Serv	NA-4749	7	7	10,72 - 10,72	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08125694	General Engr	12-Dec-08	PEO AVN	NH-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657											X	X				
SCBK08130884	Prgm Analyst	12-Dec-08	AMCOM, G3 (Opers)	GS-0343	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08152034OC	Contract Spec	12-Dec-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1102	2	2	45,014 - 101,912				X	X						X	X				
SCBK08112832	Lead Mech Engr	13-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X															
SCBK08117729	Supv Aerospace Engr	15-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X															
SCBK08117742	Supv Aerospace Engr	15-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X															
SCBK08161122	Procurement Analyst	15-Dec-08	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701			X							X	X	X				
SCBK08161280	Procurement Analyst	15-Dec-08	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08148891	Supv Mgmt Serv Spec	15-Dec-08	CHRA, Resource Mgmt Ofc	YC-0341	2	2	65,278 - 89,986							X									
SCBK08110751	Trng Instructor (Electronics)	15-Dec-08	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X								X	X	X				
SCBK08142531	IT Spec (APPSW)	16-Dec-08	AMCOM, CIO/G6(Info Mgmt)	GS-2210	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08131276	General Engr	16-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X						X	X	X				
SCBK08131276D	General Engr	16-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK07466024	Engrng Tech	16-Dec-08	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-0802	12	12	63,958 - 83,148	X	X														
SCBK08148298	Opers Research Analyst; General Engr	17-Dec-08	SMDC	GS-1515;0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913							X			X	X	X				
SCBK08148298D	Opers Research Analyst; General Engr	17-Dec-08	SMDC	GS-1515;0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08129345	Prgm Supp Asst	17-Dec-08	USACE Learning Ctr	GS-0303	7	7	37,164 - 48,308							X			X		X				
SCBK08050892	Instructional Sys Spec	17-Dec-08	USACE Learning Ctr	GS-1750	12	12	65,921 - 85,701							X			X		X				
SCBK08165648	Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-Dec-08	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X															
SCBK08054753	Contract Spec	18-Dec-08	AMCOM Contracting Ctr	GS-1102	11	11	54,999 - 71,500							X			X	X	X				
SCBK08164057	Budget Analyst	18-Dec-08	SMDC	GS-0560	7	11	37,164 - 48,308	X															
SCBK08161094	Supv Comp Analyst	18-Dec-08	AMCOM, Comp Mgmt Ofc	YC-0301	2	2	65,278 - 126,442	X															
SCBK08124214	Lead Aerospace Engr	19-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X		X	X	X					X	X	X				
SCBK08124214D	Lead Aerospace Engr	19-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08064841	Lead Gen Engr; Lead Mech Engr; Lead Elect Engr; Lead Comp Engr	20-Dec-08	USADTC	GS-0801; 0830;0850; 0854	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X															
SCBK08064841D	Lead Gen Engr; Lead Mech Engr; Lead Elect Engr; Lead Comp Engr	20-Dec-08	USADTC	GS-0801; 0830;0850; 0854	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08145725	Supv Opers Research Analyst; Supv Physical Scientist; Supv Gen Engr	24-Dec-08	SMDC	YF-1515; 1301; 0801	3	3	108,964 - 141,657							X			X	X	X				
SCBK08145725D	Supv Opers Research Analyst; Supv Physical Scientist; Supv Gen Engr	24-Dec-08	SMDC	YF-1515; 1301; 0801	3	3	108,964 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08171764	Supv Public Affairs Spec	24-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YC-1035	2	2	57,146 - 110,691							X									
SCBK08154458	General Engr	26-Dec-08	PEO AVN	NH-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657			X	X	X					X	X	X				
SCBK08064402	Lead General Engr	26-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X				
SCBK08692992OC	Fire Protection Inspector	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	8	8	41,157 - 63,504	X	X	X							X		X				
SCBK08692097OC	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476							X									
SCBK08692088OC1	Human Resources Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	30,001 - 38,997							X									
SCBK08692996OC	Firefighter (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Supp)	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X								X		X				
SCBK08691939OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	30,001 - 38,997			X							X		X				
SCBK08691953OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	33,442 - 43,476	X	X								X		X				
SCBK08692984OC	Lead Police Ofcr	31-Dec-08	GARRISON	GS-0083	7	7	37,164 - 48,308	X	X								X		X				
SCBK08781811OC	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	11	11	54,999 - 71,500	X	X								X		X				
SCBK08781800OC1	General Supp Spec	31-Dec-08	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2001	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X								X		X				
SCBK08152034OC	Contract Spec	31-Dec-08	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville, AL	YA-1102	2	2	45,014 - 101,912							X	X		X	X	X				
SCBK08073987	General Engr	5-Jan-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X		X	X						X		X				
SCBK08123736	Equip Spec (General)	20-Jan-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,701			X							X		X				
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
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SCBK08126004D	Opers Research Analyst	11-Dec-08	AMCOM, G3 (Opers)	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08131276D	General Engr	16-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	65,921 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08148298D	General Engr	17-Dec-08	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08148298D	Opers Research Analyst	17-Dec-08	SMDC	GS-1515	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08124214D	Lead Aerospace Engr	19-Dec-08	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08064841D	Lead Gen Engr; Lead Mech Engr; Lead Elect Engr; Lead Comp Engr	20-Dec-08	USADTC	GS-0801; 0830;0850; 0854	14	14	92,633 - 120,421	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08145725D	Supv Gen Engr	24-Dec-08	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	108,964 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08145725D	Supv Opers Research Analyst	24-Dec-08	SMDC	YF-1515	3	3	108,964 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08145725D	Supv Physical Scientist	24-Dec-08	SMDC	YF-1301	3	3	108,964 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
<b>WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)</b>																							
<b>A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.</b>																							
<b>B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).</b>																							
<b>C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).</b>																							
<b>D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)</b>																							
<b>E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)</b>																							
<b>F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)</b>																							
<b>H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)</b>																							
<b>I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)</b>																							
<b>R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)</b>																							
<b>T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)</b>																							
<b>V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).</b>																							
<b>U - All U.S. citizens</b>																							
<b>NOTE:</b> If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																							
<b>NOTE:</b> The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at <a href="http://www.redstonemwr.com">www.redstonemwr.com</a> or you may telephone 876-7772.																							
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