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Getting Army's message to children

AMCOM establishes education outreach

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AMCOM is reaching out to young people in the local community through a new effort called the Army Education Outreach Program.

Its four initiatives include Junior Achievement, the Speakers Bureau, Job Shadow Day, and a Summer Program. An education outreach kickoff meeting was held Jan. 14 at the Aviation and Missile Command.

"There's a couple of things (significant about this program)," Ronnie Chronister, deputy to the commanding general, said. "First of all, I don't think the community really understands everything we do here on this Arsenal, the importance of AMCOM to the community and nation. Secondly, it's getting kids interested in potential careers here."

The command recognizes the need to interest students before they reach college age, when



Photo by Skip Vaughn

KICKOFF CLASS— Monica Law, program manager for Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama, speaks during the Army Education Outreach Program kickoff Jan. 14 at building 5304 in the Sparkman Center.

they're in elementary, middle and high schools, according to Chronister.

Junior Achievement can help make that happen. Founded in 1919, Junior Achievement started as a collection of small after-school business clubs for students in Springfield, Mass. JA now reaches more than 8 million young people worldwide each year.

"Our purpose is to inspire students to succeed in a global economy," Monica Law, program manager for Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama, said. She gave an overview to 30 people gathered in a classroom at building 5304 for the kickoff.

Volunteers are sought from the AMCOM work force to

teach in local schools for about 45 minutes weekly for 5-8 weeks. They will present prepared curriculums, designed for their classroom audience – elementary, middle or high school – and share their experiences. Plans are to start in the first week in February, according to

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Deer strikes costly and dangerous for drivers



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

WATCH OUT— Many Redstone roadways, such as this section of Martin Road, travel through wooded areas that deer frequent.

Redstone police advise awareness, caution

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Deer are beautiful creatures, whether you see them as dinner or characters from a favorite movie. Seeing one in nature can take your breath away. Seeing one hit your car, and the bill for the damage it causes, can render you speechless as well.

"(They cause) an average of \$500-\$2,500 (in damages) depending on the location they hit and the type of vehicle," Capt. Roger Triplett, assistant operations officer at Directorate of Emergency Services, said.

With the natural resources and varied wildlife on Redstone, it is inevitable that animals will cross roadways and populated areas from time to time. Because of their proximity to woodlands, some

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An open lane random survey

What's your pet peeve?

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Tina Pixler
AMCOM Legal Office
"One of my biggest pet peeves is when people spend 20 minutes to get out of five minutes of work."

Joshua Cato
AMCOM Foreign Military Sales Contracting Office

"People referring to themselves in third person. It just grates on my nerves."



Kenedria Kennedy
Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space

"If I call somebody and they answer and right away they say 'Let me call you back.' I don't like that. They shouldn't answer if they couldn't talk."

John DiBiasi
AMCOM Contracting Center

"Parking availability: You can see numerous parking spaces still available within the parking lot (at the Sparkman Center) but these people are parking on the street. It seems like we've got more and more people parking on that curbside."



Quote of the week

'Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.'

— Ronald Reagan

Good luck and God bless

There have only been a few men in my life who have honestly made a huge impact on who I am today. The first is Jesus Christ, our lord and savior, who gave his life for all of us, his children. Another one is my father, Don Stroud, who made sure my brother and I would always know that we are loved. Unlike his stepfather who tortured my father in many ways, Don made sure we never knew what his childhood was really like. Through a strict upbringing, my father was hard on us but never let us leave a room without mentioning he loves us.

Another great man in my life is Tony Dungy, former coach of the Indianapolis Colts. Not only is Tony an amazing leader on the gridiron, he is an even more amazing Christian. The love he has for his family and his tireless work with the community is an enormous reflection of what a great man should be.

And this brings me to my next point. Last week I received the news that our brigade command sergeant major of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle, will be retiring in February. I had heard the rumors months before but hoped they were false. Now I know they are true and my heart applauds with joy and breaks at the same time.

I ventured into Redstone in the middle to late April of last year. As soon as I signed in from leave, I was told to go immediately see the sergeant major. At first I was extremely nervous. I only had boots on the ground for a few minutes and already I have to go see the highest enlisted man in our brigade.

As I met Command Sgt. Maj. Battle, he quickly shook my hand and personally welcomed me to the brigade. We chatted about a few things, exchanging small stories, when he noticed the 1st Cavalry patch on my right shoulder. Command Sgt. Maj. Battle asked me about my deployment and I just

about started to tear-up right there.

Before coming to Redstone, I was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Our deployment to Baqubah, Iraq, was from October 2006 to December 2007. There, we lost more than 100 Soldiers, some of them friends of mine. My job in public affairs was to cover every single memorial service for the fallen Soldiers, take photos for the families and write a story about the service.

Covering that many memorial services really took a toll on me as a person and I had only been home a few months before arriving at Redstone. I wasn't fully over what I had seen in battle and what I had to write for my comrades. Command Sgt. Maj. Battle saw this and quickly shut his office door.

We talked for a few more minutes and he shared more stories with me, letting me know he understood where I was coming from. Though my wife is prior service, she never deployed in her career. Sometimes it's hard for her to understand my emotions and feelings about Iraq. Command Sgt. Maj. Battle understood. He told me if I ever needed to talk I could come to him. This made me feel a mixture of things. One, here I am, a new Soldier to the unit and I'm tearing up in front of a sergeant major, and two, I couldn't believe a man I had just met and as high ranking was willing to share so much of himself to make sure I would be OK.

Though I have never gone back to speak to Command Sgt. Maj. Battle about any of my Iraq feelings, I know if I needed to, he would hear me out.

I learned a huge lesson that day: No matter who you are, no matter what rank, we all can help each other, our fellow Soldiers. Whether it's teaching a lesson or just lending an ear, we all can help. It is a lesson

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Game plan for true success in life

In my adventures throughout the armed forces — from meeting all kinds of peoples across the world, from many different religions — there appears to be a common game plan that measures true success. From the commander in action to the Soldier in the field, true success appears to be measured through these steps. Each step seems to be harder to do than the one before it. But if you have the courage to take each one, you too may become successful in whatever you want to do.

● **Believe in what you are doing.** Nothing is worth doing until we are in the spirit of doing it. Believing in what we are doing is just like a calling or a need that draws each one of us toward its own success.

● **Ask for guidance.** This is a tough one for a lot of people. No one, not even a commander, can do anything well without the guidance of someone else who has been there before. One of the first things we need to do is ask for directions before we even start heading out.

● **Be open to receiving guidance.** Asking for guidance and being open to receive the guidance are two entirely different things. Some may ask, but many are stubborn to advice if they don't receive back what they expected to hear. Being open means putting aside whatever we've heard or think we know before asking. This is when

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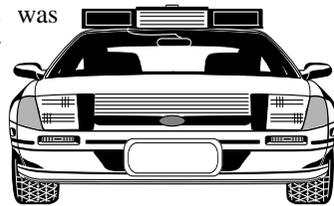
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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Jan. 9: A woman stopped at the visitors center to obtain a pass, but failed to have her driver's license. A check through NCIC revealed a warrant from Hartselle Police Department. She was arrested by Redstone Police and transferred to Hartselle Police.

Jan. 14: After a driver was stopped for speeding, a check of his registration revealed a warrant for his arrest from the Arab Police Department. He was arrested by Redstone Police, issued a violation notice for speeding then released to the Arab Police Department.



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

Violation notices issued: 13 speeding, 3 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 failure to yield, 2 no insurance.

PX uses high-tech shoplifting safeguards

With a dual enduring mission to provide quality merchandise and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support Morale Welfare and Recreation programs, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is enlisting the support of the latest in Loss Prevention technology to protect military families' exchange benefit at Redstone Arsenal.

Prior to reaching the checkout, products are monitored by an advanced Electronic Video Surveillance System that can coordinate the movement of up to 110 unblinking "eyes in the sky." In fact, this network of strategically positioned, microprocessor-driven, closed-circuit cameras are controlled by a central console that allows loss prevention associates to pan side-to-side, tilt up and down or even zoom in closely to examine activity.

"Every loss prevention method we use has the common goal of discouraging theft before it even happens," PX general manager Carl Carpenter said. "Of course camera systems not only deter criminal behavior, but also identify and document it. So,

even if the equipment's presence doesn't prevent the crime from happening, the resulting videos are almost always invaluable in the resulting prosecution."

In the event shoplifting is suspected, AAFES loss prevention associates turn the issue over to local law enforcement. In addition to possible disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act, which began March 1, 2002, allows AAFES to enact a flat, administrative cost (civil recovery) of \$200. There may be further fees, in addition to the Civil Recovery Program, depending on the condition of the stolen merchandise.

"AAFES associates are stewards of the dividend this store is charged with generating," Carpenter said. "Activities that diminish exchange shoppers' return on investment can, and do, negatively impact military families' quality of life. Fortunately, our team is leveraging the latest crime fighting tools available to further strengthen the exchange benefit Soldiers, and their families, have come to depend on." (AAFES release)

Workers share their Junior Achievement experiences

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Law. For more information, call 533-4661 or e-mail mlaw@janaonline.org.

Hollis Armstrong of TMDE Activity related his experience with Junior Achievement as a freshman at Austin High School in Decatur in 1980-81. "It was a fun experience," said Armstrong, 42, a member of the Fellows program for logisticians.

"I think Junior Achievement is a great way for children to be able to have a one-on-one relationship with businesspeople," he said. "Kids want to feel important and that makes them feel important, like the community cares."

Jimmy Townsend of the Integrated Materiel Management Center also experienced the program in high school. Townsend, Apache field team manager in the Readiness Directorate and a retired

chief warrant officer-5, was a 12th-grader in 1973 in Waterford, Mich. His class was taught by a representative from Pontiac Motors.

"Learning how to act appropriately in different situations in life, that's something I remember," Townsend said.

Sofia Bledsoe, a public affairs specialist in the AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs Office, gave an overview of the speakers' bureau. To sign up as a potential speaker at community events, call Sharee Miller at 842-0558.

Job Shadow Day will enable high-school students to be paired with AMCOM workers on-the-job for three hours. The day is tentatively scheduled April 16.

The 1-2 week Summer Program, more comprehensive than the half-day Job Shadow, is still in the planning stages, according to Debbie McLemore-Baugh, executive officer to the AMCOM deputy commander.

Getting to know you

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Job: Product manager for air traffic control systems, Aviation Systems Project Office

Where do you call home?
Sunnyvale, Calif.

What do you like about your job?

Probably the biggest thing is supporting the war fighter. And number two is working with the people within the organization.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spending time with my family (wife Caroline, 13-year-old daughter Amanda and 10-year-old son Michael). I like going mountain biking. Anything outdoors – mountain biking, camping, water skiing, running, swimming. I spend a lot of time with my kids doing sports, taking them to participate in sports. And also church activities.

What are your goals?

Ultimately the goals go back to supporting the war fighter. The goal is to take



care of the war fighter and to meet their needs. And supporting them from an ATC (Air Traffic Control) perspective to ensure they have all the tools required to do their job safely and, two, to bring them back home to their families.

What's your favorite type of music?

Rock and Christian music

Nation faces challenge of defending space

SMDC/ARSTRAT commander looks at global missile defense

By **KARI HAWKINS**

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Though stretched to its manpower limits, the Army is proving itself on the battlefield thanks to its Soldiers and the Army civilians and contractors who support them, a commanding general told an audience of more than 600 during Friday's annual membership luncheon of the Air, Space and Missile Defense Association at the Von Braun Center's North Hall.

But the future will bring new challenges and opportunities in terms of technology and resources that the Army must now work to address, particularly when it comes to space and global missile defense systems, said Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

"We are an out-of-balance Army, meaning that we consume all our resources in two theaters," Campbell said. "If we can keep to 15 brigades deployed that will give our Soldiers time at home between deployments."

Yet, despite the high cost of deployments on Soldiers and the Army they serve, Campbell said re-enlistment numbers, especially for Soldiers in theater, are "very high."

"What that tells us is our Soldiers rec-

ognize what they are doing is important, and our NCOs and officers who are leading are doing a good job day in and day out," he said. "And I want to thank you (defense civilians and contractors) because many of you are building the capability they use day in and day out."

In today's era of persistent conflict, Campbell said trends in population shifts, technological developments and resource limitations could make for a more challenging global environment.

By 2030, there will be 8.5 billion people on Earth, with 65 percent of those living in cities. The populations of India and China will be on the upswing while Europe and Russia will be on the decline.

"Our friends and allies may not be as willing to risk their treasure as population shrinks," Campbell said.

At the same time, technology will increase and resources will decrease.

"Technology will get cheaper. Higher end weapons will become more available," Campbell said. "By 2030, China could buy military capability equal or better than ours. There are a lot of interesting trends, I think, that could lead to some mischief and problems for us in the future."

There is also a belief that an enemy attack of U.S. communication systems would be more efficient than attacking the nation's military capability, he said.

Today's Soldiers at the most basic unit level are making the difference on the battlefield and influencing the nation's future in the international arena.

"Some of the decisions taken by young

men and women have implications well beyond the battlefield ... Our responsibility is to empower them. We need to give them access to information they need when they need it," Campbell said.

The Army will work to keep its Soldier units versatile, expeditious, agile, lethal and interoperable, and "space is certainly a critical element of that," he said.

"The space capability we have across this country underpins U.S. economic, technological and global leadership. But there will be a leveling of that environment. There will be an emergence of China and others as space powers. As we increase our reliance on space it has become a crucial environment with potential and liabilities."

The U.S. must look closely at making the right investment in space capabilities.

"The challenge in this area will be that space will not be a sanctuary. It is going to be contested," Campbell said. "We have to build satellites that have self protection. They have to be treated like combat platforms."

He said the new administration will "take a very hard look at" global missile defense and the integration of systems that can defend more than one region.

Today, in a world where China has 1,324 missiles aimed at Taiwan, people worry about military domination and proliferation of missile systems used against otherwise peaceful nations. As U.S. capabilities improve, adversaries will find other ways to threaten world peace.

"The days of the ballistic projectile may be coming to an end," Campbell said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SPEAKING ABOUT FUTURE— Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, talks about the significance of the nation's missile defense systems during the annual membership luncheon of the Air, Space and Missile Defense Association at the Von Braun Center's North Hall. More than 600 Soldiers, and defense civilians and contractors attended Friday's event.

"Everyone knows the U.S. has systems to stop projectile. There will be a re-armament or a simplistic armament among adversaries. For that reason, we must develop the best of missile defense capability."

SMDC/ARSTRAT's commander thanks his workers

By GISELLE BODIN and DIANE SCHUMACHER

SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

SMDC/ARSTRAT commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell conducted a town hall meeting Jan. 13 at the Rocket Auditorium during which he presented two awards and discussed many of the command's accomplishments.

Charles Lamar received a length of service award for 35 years of civilian federal service, and Dr. Larry Altgilbers received certificates for his work on a project in which triggers can be knocked out of improvised explosive devices.

Campbell introduced Dr. Steven Messervy and informed the audience that Messervy will transition to Michael Schexnayder's position after Schexnayder retires in May. He then briefly explained a few completed projects and thanked project leaders and crews. Projects mentioned were AN/TYP-2 deployment, Orthon Sensor, Weapon-Watch, Zephyr Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, Ares 1, Toys for Tots and holiday activities.

"I'm extremely proud of the work SMDC is doing," Campbell said. "Our story doesn't get told like it should, but these are things I plan to bring up when I meet with Army leadership. Our work is affecting today's fight."

He welcomed back from overseas tours Col. Mark McConkey, returning from Iraq, and Lt. Col. Paul Curry returning from Gaza. Without going into specific detail, Campbell gave some mention to the work both had done during their desert tours of duty. McConkey will become the ballistic missile defense system manager when BMDS manager Col. Deborah Hubbard retires in May.

The commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command went on to discuss his command perspective. "Handle things with integrity, treat each other with respect," Campbell said. "I ask all leaders in the room to start with a self-assessment. We must be right with ourselves before anything else can be right."

Lower Tier Project Office under new leadership

By DAN O'BOYLE

For the Rocket

Darryl Colvin has rejoined the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space as a project manager.

On Thursday he took the helm of the Lower Tier Project Office, responsible for leading the Patriot, PAC-3, Missile Segment Enhancement, JTAGs, and the U.S. Medium Extended Air Defense System programs.

He previously served as the PEO Missiles and Space product manager for Field Artillery Launchers, including the Multiple Launch Rocket System M270 and M20A1 launchers and the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System.

Colvin retired as a lieutenant colonel in January 2006 after serving 20 years.

He has also served as an assistant professor of mechanical engineering at the U.S. Military Academy, where he taught Mechanical and Weapon Systems Design for three years.

He has a master's in metallurgical engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and a bachelor's in mining engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla.



Russell Moore/Photo Lab

PROJECT FLAG— Darryl Colvin, center, prepares to accept Lower Tier Project Office flag as project manager. Ceremony officials include Lt. Col. Mike Monis, left, and deputy project manager Stan Sherrod.

Family focus

Uniting families separated by deployment

Hearts Apart provides community support

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As the Army's Family Covenant sweeps a widening arch to be inclusive of all families enduring a deployment of a loved one, Army Community Service is broadening its programs to include more than the wives of Soldiers.

In recent months, ACS has been making a shift from its Waiting Wives and Waiting Spouses programs to a more encompassing program titled Hearts Apart.

"We are making this change to reflect the makeup of geographically separated families," Mary Breeden of ACS said.

"We are trying to encompass everyone involved during a separation. That can include wives and husbands as well as children, parents and other relatives. With the family covenant there's been more of a focus on families, and families come in all shapes and sizes. When you are geographically separated from a Soldier or civilian that is related to you, we want you to know the Army is focused on you and your needs."

Because of the nature of Redstone Arsenal and its families — many living off post and scattered throughout North Alabama — Breeden runs the Hearts Apart program primarily through e-mail communications. She has about 300 family members — including the families of deployed National Guard and Reserve Soldiers and civilians as well as regular Army — that she communicates with daily.

"We want them to know we are here to support them," Breeden said. "We send them information on what is going on in the community, how they can stay busy and what kinds of resources are available to them to address financial, emotional or adjustment issues. We tell them about discounts and specials for the military."

"And we answer questions. I've had questions about everything from 'What kind of cake should I pack to send to Iraq?' to 'How can I get help with home schooling my child?'"

What Breeden does through e-mail is similar to the 24/7 Military One Source program, except that Hearts Apart is on a local level. In some ways, Hearts Apart even takes on the role of a Family Readiness Group.

"There are families in this area who are geographically separated from their Soldier but who chose to come here to be close to family rather than stay at their Soldier's home base," Breeden said. "We get the onesies and twosies who either don't have an FRG or who are far away from their FRG."

Crystal Pruitt is one geographically separated spouse who has experienced firsthand the benefits of the Hearts Apart program. Her husband, Pfc. Ralph Pruitt, deployed to Korea in August 2008. At about that same time, she and her son, 14-year-old



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HEART TO HEART— Mary Breeden of Army Community Service reviews the benefits of the Hearts Apart program with Crystal Pruitt and her 14-year-old son, Rodd. The Pruitt family, which also includes two sisters, has received a lot of support from Hearts Apart since Pfc. Ralph Pruitt deployed in August to Korea.

Rodd, moved from Huntsville to Scottsboro to be closer to Crystal Pruitt's mother during an illness.

Now, Crystal Pruitt is moving to housing on Redstone Arsenal and she has turned to Hearts Apart for volunteers who can help her with the move.

"Mary Breeden has been a true blessing to us," said Crystal Pruitt, who besides homeschooling her son is also a stepmother to her husband's two daughters.

"She has helped us in so many ways. We had some adjustments at first and some growing pains. Two weeks into the deployment, it seemed like everything fell apart. It was hard getting used to him being gone. Mary has provided us with a lot of information that has helped us. She is continually helping us with resources and providing us with the support we need."

Hearts Apart also sponsors a monthly Talk Time, a support group for geographically separated families that meets to discuss issues pertaining to separations. Often the group will have a speaker who will address anything from maintaining the family cars to coping with rebellious children when a spouse is deployed. The next meeting of Talk Time is set for Feb. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at ChildWise. There is free child care provided.

"Talk Times gives spouses a chance to meet one-on-one and get to know each other," Breeden said. "It's a group that's meant to inform and support the spouse."

Hearts Apart also coordinates an annual Blue Star Service Banner program recognizing the families of deployed Soldiers and civilians, and other various support activities, such as programs on strengthening stepfamilies and marriage enrichment. It will also assist in coordinating other support groups and programs as suggested by its family participants.

"Whatever comes up, whatever they need, we will support it," Breeden said. "There are a lot of resources available to these families. We want to not only provide our support but also show these families where they can get even more support within the community."

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Lesson learned from senior NCO

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I will teach my children and I can't ever thank Command Sgt. Maj. Battle enough for that.

So as it makes me happy to know Command Sgt. Maj. Battle is retiring, it makes me just as sad to know other Soldiers will not have the chance to ever serve under him again, learning the same lessons he has taught me.

Good luck and God bless.

Spc. Ryan Stroud

59th Ordnance Brigade public affairs

Steps prescribed for measuring success

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the real power of the game comes alive.

- **Committing to the truth.** When we're open to receiving guidance, a revelation or truth appears that empowers us to follow it. We recognize this truth deep inside us like a lightning bolt, and we just know it is the right way to go and commit to going its way.

- **Redefine your position.** When we know the truth, it is time to redefine our position. Redefining our position means finding out where we are or homing in on our internal and external compasses. It includes redefining our boundaries, finding out those who we need to deal with and how we need to deal with them and in what order, and comparing where and who we are with our new surroundings. This is what brings about positive change or conversion toward a successful mission.

- **Judge which way to go.** Now it's time to get our bearings straight and decide the best path to go down. It needs to be one that suits our needs and will help us achieve our objective. It can't be too in the open or too closed off. It has to be somewhere in between that will allow us to traverse it in the wisest and most conscientious way for all.

- **Negotiate your path forward.** Negotiating your path means finally putting ourselves into the mix or putting ourselves into action. We'll need to step out and start walking the path, no matter how hard it is. We'll need to take our time so that we can become aware of what's ahead, and negotiate our path along the way with whatever is there.

- **Accept responsibility in whatever comes your way.** We now need to be willing to adjust to whatever comes our way as it comes. How we handle what is there is very important. Those who cannot adjust to whatever it is cannot go forward down the path with any true clear conscience. This lack of a clear conscience is what could be the reason for our demise later on if we're not careful.

- **Devote yourself to each thing along the way.** There can be no turning back and no skipping ahead. Unfortunately, everything takes time and we can no more go back than rush getting further along. We must take the time to deal mindfully and assertively with each thing that we come upon. We need to remain calm and collective and devote ourselves to the thing that's upon us while still having the mission and its goal in mind. Choose what's best and then do it with respect to that thing. It is only by doing this that success will then come our way.

- **Secure your success.** By making thoughtful and methodical decisions along the way, we will now have secured our mission's success. It may come when we least expect it.

- **Hand it over.** This step is probably the hardest step anyone ever has to make. Once we've secured our "hill," now it's time to hand it back over. How will we hand it over and to whom will we hand it back over takes a lot of thought and reflection. Nothing in this world is ours to keep, but everything in this world is ours to give away. In order to complete our mission, we need to give back and free up whatever we've collected.

- **Complete your mission.** After handing whatever we had back over, we can now complete our mission by living in greater peace with others and ourselves wherever we are.

Timothy DiMella

Cargo Project Office

■ Separated families find support through new program

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It is, though, often difficult to get various support groups started when the families are physically separated from each other, Breeden said. That's why Hearts Apart relies on already established programs at Redstone Arsenal and in the community to provide support to families.

"We focus on the one-on-one link that we have with our families," she said. "If they need a special service, we can help them find it. If they need a place for their children to meet other children, we direct them to Child and Youth Services programs. If they want to send a video to their Soldier, we will put them in touch with the public library that has a web cam for that use. If they want to go back to school, we will give them the contacts at the educational center on Redstone Arsenal. We had one spouse who wanted to do geo-caching. So we set her up with the Youth Center where she could teach and mentor young people who can then participate in geo-caching with her."

Hearts Apart will also check out free offers and discounts to make sure they are legitimate before passing them on to their families.

"The e-mails and phone calls and other communications that we can do lets families know they are not alone," Breeden said. "It doesn't always make up for being separated. None of it does. But it makes it easier and makes our geographically separated families feel more appreciated."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Policy review

Department of Army officials Andrew Chatman, left, and Larry Hill attend a meeting here Jan. 12-15 for the Army Item Unique Identification integrated process team. Members were formulating implementation of the UID policy within the Army. Chatman is chief of the field maintenance division at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics; and Hill is director of logistics policy for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

■ Arsenal averages 45-60 deer strikes annually

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areas are more likely to see deer activity than others. Triplett said Patton Road, Martin Road, Rideout Road and the Dodd/Fowler Road area are the most frequent locations of deer and auto collisions.

Deer crossings are more prevalent during the early morning, evening or night hours when the naturally skittish creatures feel safer moving in the open. Unfortunately, these times also offer low visibility for drivers, making them the most com-

mon time for deer strikes. Weather doesn't seem to really be a factor, although fewer strikes happen in rainy and windy conditions.

The Alabama Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates 20,000 deer collisions happen statewide each year. Redstone averages 45 to 60 deer strikes each year, with fall and winter having the heaviest occurrences.

"Since September we have had 27," Triplett said. "This (calendar) year we've had 3 so far, but they really start moving around September."

There are quite a few gadgets on the market for drivers to help repel deer,

although opinions on how well they work are mixed. Triplett said the best defenses drivers have are awareness and caution.

"Try to pay attention to the side of the road, especially in wooded areas," he said.

When a deer collision occurs, it is easy for sympathy for the creature to take over. Drivers must not let compassion obliterate personal safety, however.

"Do not approach the deer. Deer have very sharp hooves and can cause severe lacerations," Triplett said. "(Deer) have been known to cause death by causing a laceration to the neck area when the person bends over to look at or touch the deer."

He advocates contacting the Redstone

911 Center at 313-6422 for assistance. Police can also help with a police report, usually the first step toward recouping damages to a vehicle.

"Most insurance companies require it, but some do not," Triplett said. "People need to check and ensure that a deer strike is covered under the comprehensive portion of their insurance."

Every year in the United States approximately 1.5 million deer-vehicle collisions occur resulting in 29,000 human injuries, 200 human fatalities, 1.3 million deer fatalities, and \$1 billion in property damage. According to State Farm Insurance, Alabama is rated at a medium risk and drivers have a 1/196 chance of a deer-vehicle collision.

Decorated Vietnam POW shares experience in new book

Air Force retiree lives in Madison

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There's a print of a black-and-white photograph hanging on the wall in the office of Leo Thorsness that recalls the day he regained his freedom as an American.

In the picture, a group of American prisoners of war dressed in civilian clothes and carrying overnight bags are being led by a North Vietnamese guard from a bus and across an airfield. The men's faces — including Thorsness seen toward the back of the group — are etched with dismay, disappointment, exhaustion, sadness, confusion and ambivalence.

The expressions are not surprising when a viewer realizes these men have endured the worst torture ever imaginable for the longest period of military imprisonment in modern day history.

But what is surprising is that the men are just minutes away from freedom. And yet, there is no joy or hope on any of their faces.

The picture is stark, emotionally moving and thought provoking.

"We had been moved so many times, and our hopes had been up and down so much, that we didn't have much hope that we were really going to be released on that day. This could have all been a trick," Thorsness said.

"We didn't smile or celebrate when we saw the C-141 on the tarmac or when we saluted the Air Force colonel waiting for us. We didn't get our hopes up when the best looking nurses we'd ever seen took us on the plane. But when our plane left the tarmac, we exploded with cheers."

Thorsness discovered the worn print while visiting POW prison sites in North Vietnam some 17 years after his release from captivity. The trip included a visit to the Hoa Lo Prison, known to American POWs as the Hanoi Hilton and Hell on Earth, for six POWs and Thorsness' wife, Gaylee, and a production crew that had plans to turn the experience into a documentary.

"It wasn't a fun trip. But I was free and I had my wife with me," he said. "I visited a small cell block that was designed and built for torture. It was all clean and white-washed. I had some tough memories from that cell block."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PEACEFUL LIFE— Vietnam POW Leo Thorsness and his wife, Gaylee, recently moved to Madison to be near family. One of their favorite pieces of art is the depiction by artist Bill Phillips of the firefight between Thorsness and his F-105 against an enemy MiG aircraft that won him the Congressional Medal of Honor. A few days later, Thorsness was shot down by another MiG and captured by the North Vietnamese. He spent six years as a Vietnam POW. Gaylee Thorsness was instrumental in leading a military wives group that brought national attention to the plight of the nation's Vietnam POWs and that helped to eventually lead to their freedom.

An Air Force fighter pilot, Thorsness was shot down during his 88th mission over North Vietnam by an air-to-air missile fired by an enemy MiG fighter. He was imprisoned as a Vietnam POW from April 1967 to February 1973.

This 76-year-old retired colonel, whose own history includes a Congressional Medal of Honor, two unsuccessful runs for Congress in South Dakota and service as a state legislator in Washington, recently moved to Madison to be closer to family.

Just a month ago, his book "Surviving Hell: A POWs Journey" was released by Encounter Books. This Friday, Thorsness will be autographing copies of his book from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Post Exchange and from 5-8 p.m. during a reception in his honor at the Woody Anderson Ford showroom in Madison Square Mall.

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“When I first came home, there were 10 or 12 guys who wrote POW books,” Thorsness said. “I’ve had a lot of time to reflect on what we went through. I’ve asked the questions ‘What did I learn? What was the value of those six years?’ Initially, I wanted to put those things down in a letter to my granddaughters.”

But his letter to Sara and Anna grew longer and longer as Thorsness recalled his POW experience. He decided it was time to write his own POW book.

“One thing I did not want to do was mention anything about torture,” Thorsness said of his initial writings. “But my editor told me if I didn’t mention what happened then the book would be too much about flying. He reminded me that Vietnam happened a long time ago and there is a new batch of readers out there who don’t know what torture is in a real sense.”

Thorsness’ time as a POW can be broken down into two periods — the first three years were marked by solitary confinement and horrible brutality while the second three years included living in groups of 15 to 45 POWs in a cell and slightly better treatment.

“In the first two months I was there, I had to endure the heart-break of mass torture. I learned tap code and asked another POW ‘How long have you been here?’ He tapped back ‘A year.’ I remember thinking that nobody can survive this for a year.”

Thorsness was among 591 POWs — two-thirds Air Force, one-third Navy and a few Marines — who survived the North Vietnam POW camps, which were mostly scattered in and around the capital city of Hanoi. Besides the Hanoi Hilton, there was also Alcatraz, Briarpatch, Dirty Bird and the Zoo. POWs were also held in Cambodia, China, Laos and South Vietnam. Hundreds of American POWs were imprisoned by the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong between 1961 and 1973, and they were subjected to isolation, starvation, beatings and countless hours of torture as the North Vietnamese worked to make the POWs tools for use in anti-American propaganda.

Today, 350 POWs are still living, and about 100 of those gather annually for POW conventions. They have overcome countless physical, emotional and mental injuries, and have gone on to live productive lives.

“Mentally when we returned we were in pretty good shape,” Thorsness said. “If we had come back after those first three years, we would have all been as loony as a bat. But during the last three years we were in big cells and torture wasn’t as often. We became our own therapists. Our average age was 30, and most of us were married and had kids. We would talk about our families and wonder about how things were at home.”

During World War II and the Korean War, POWs were, in general, 19 to 20 years old, and straight out of high school. Compared to these younger POWs, the Vietnam POW’s age, experience and knowledge gave them better coping skills.

“I’m not saying we were smarter,” Thorsness said. “But we were older and college graduates. We were highly trained and well-educated aviators. We had seen the world and had been exposed to a lot more knowledge. We were not physically as strong as earlier POWs, but we were mentally stronger.”

While in solitary confinement, Thorsness remembers walking home to his family in his head while physically walking the paces out in his cell. In the group cells, he remembers the ways the POWs would encourage and support each other, and find countless things to talk about. They would use mental games to challenge themselves and each other.

“I decided to keep track of what everybody talked about,” Thorsness said. “In my head, I had a little filing cabinet with folders for each topic. I kept track for about a week. The number one topic was family. Then there were friends, fun and faith. There’s not a better job than being a fighter pilot, but the job came in at number 17 of the things we talked about.”

The POWs also studied Spanish together and made up various “Top 10” lists.

“We only knew so much Spanish among ourselves, so we made up words,” Thorsness said. “Maybe 40 percent of our words were good. We were so good we could carry on whole conversations in our version of Spanish.”

“We made lists of 10 — the list of the top 10 people we never want to talk to for the rest of our lives, the list of the top 10 things we would do when we got home, the list of the top 10 pieces of clothing we would buy. It was infectious. Everyone wanted to create a list of the top 10.”

Thorsness’ book recalls



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WALKING TO FREEDOM— This picture of Vietnam POWs walking from a bus to a C-141 and to freedom was taken in North Vietnam. POW Leo Thorsness is the eighth man in the line to the right. The fifth man in the line to the right is the now deceased Mike Christian, who was from Huntsville and who is known for the U.S. flags he made while in captivity.

countless stories about how he and other POWs survived their ordeal. One poignant story recounts how the now deceased Mike Christian, a POW from Huntsville, found scraps of fabric and sewed them into a U.S. flag that was used by the POWs to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. When his first flag was discovered by guards, Christian was beaten mercilessly. But after recovering, Christian took up the task again to make another flag for his fellow POWs.

It also tells stories about how the POWs won a battle with their captors over holding church services and how the POWs were able to teach three enlisted servicemembers everything they needed to know from the Air Force Academy and Naval Academy so they could be promoted to second lieutenant while in captivity. Those promotions were formalized by the military once the POWs were released.

Thorsness and Sen. John McCain, who Thorsness campaigned for during the recent presidential election, spent time together in the Hanoi Hilton. Thorsness and his wife were in

the audience when McCain gave his acceptance speech at the Republican convention.

“It was a moving moment,” he said. “I tried to listen to what he was saying. But I kept remembering John sitting on a slab in a small cell in the Hanoi Hilton. He was our preacher and he’s a good man of character. It was just phenomenal to see him go from a war prison to being just one election away from the presidency of the United States. But it’s also just as phenomenal to see a black American elected president. That is certainly history that we can all be proud of.”

When the POWs returned to the U.S., they received a hero’s welcome, unlike the angry welcomes that most Vietnam veterans received upon their return from war.

“Overall, we were a group of military people who had never been treated so well,” Thorsness said. “The typical Vietnam veteran was treated terrible while we were treated like heroes. We weren’t heroes. It doesn’t take a lot of skill to be a POW. The U.S. didn’t win a victory in Vietnam. So, we replaced the victory.

Whenever I was recognized as a hero in public, I would ask other Vietnam veterans to stand with me to also receive that recognition. They are my heroes.”

The POWs, he said, “came back to a country that was very changed. We lived in the bowels of communism for six years. We came back much more patriotic than we left. We bled red, white and blue.”

Because of his injuries and his long absence from flying, Thorsness decided to not resume his service as an Air Force pilot. He did consider a military attaché position in Paris. But once he recovered from three surgeries to repair his back and knees, Thorsness and his wife immersed themselves in the South Dakota political scene. He lost two very close congressional races before moving to the state of Washington, where he served in the state legislature.

“I wanted to help influence the country. I started campaigning almost immediately. Gaylee and I were so busy. We didn’t have time to fight or adjust,” Thorsness said. “Before I was shot down, we had already been married 15 years. That gave us a solid foundation.

“When we were campaigning, we would be apart and then meet again at various places. I think those who took time off to recuperate made a mistake. Jumping right into something turned out to be the right thing to do.”

Now, Thorsness is enjoying a much quieter life in Madison and Huntsville. He has quickly come to love and appreciate the community’s support for the military. His calendar is filling up with speaking engagements, both locally and nationally.

“People are more receptive now toward the Vietnam veteran,” he said. “The attitude toward the military is better. Vietnam veterans are being appreciated, and some people are feeling guilty about the way they treated them all those years ago.”

Thorsness hopes readers of his book will learn from his experience that “people are stronger than they think they are and there are many things people can do to help themselves survive tough times. I hope they realize the resourcefulness of the human mind. If you don’t dwell on those tough times, you can come out of them stronger, smarter, harder and better prepared to handle other things life throws at you.

“The book provides lessons in focusing on goals, communications and teamwork, things that we all need to learn about regardless of what we are going through in life.”

Policy specialist sees bright road ahead

Former cook progresses through Fellows program

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Sharon "Cookie" Corcoran is happy she signed up for the AMC Fellows program.

"It's changed the way I look at things," she said. "The program has showed me a different side of the military."

Corcoran had worked for the military for many years. She began as a cook, later working her way up to a secretarial position. Her desire to continue moving up saw her moving between several installations over the years.

"I worked at Fort Hood (Texas)," she said. "Prior to that I was at Fort Bliss. Prior to that, I worked in Germany for eight years. I started as a cook, but I worked in supply and I worked in accounting before I became a secretary."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

FAMILIAR PLACE— Returning to the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command on a fellowship, Sharon "Cookie" Corcoran feels at home after working for the organization for years.

At her last post, she worked as a secretary in the Asian-Pacific directorate of U.S. Army Security Assistance Command's Fort Belvoir, Va., location for three

years. There, co-workers and members of her prayer group encouraged her to enter the Fellows program.

"I had the opportunity to see a number of interns come through USASAC on their rotations. There were a number of people there who encouraged me to do it," she said. "They told me to do whatever it takes. To just buckle down and do it."

Joining the program is not as simple as it sounds, however.

"They recruit around the country at different colleges. I was worried I wouldn't be able to do it," Corcoran said. "The competition is fierce. It's a three-step interview process and you can be dropped at any time in it."

She went back to college to finish her undergraduate degree first. Upon entering the program, she was able to finish the master's of science and business administration program of Texas A&M in one year. Corcoran did so while working full time and caring for her daugh-

ters, teenage Kristen and Air Force Tech Sgt. Terri.

"She (Kristen) is used to moving every three or four years for my job," Corcoran said. "She knows it was all a part of the road to get here."

As a Fellow, Corcoran is working three 13-18 month rotations of training through on the job assignments. Through fortuitous circumstances, she was able to come back to USASAC for a training rotation in September. Although she has no guarantee where those rotations will be located, she hopes to spend more time with the organization.

"I should be able to do all three rotations here," she said. "I really wanted to come back to USASAC."

She currently works as a policy specialist. Corcoran has been relocated to Redstone as USASAC moves here. Adjusting to a new place along with a new job has had its ups and downs, Corcoran said. As she and younger daughter, Kristen,

settle in they are trying to get involved in the activities that make them both feel more at home. Both enjoy community service projects and active involvement in church.

"We want to put down roots here," she said. We're looking for a church home with a great youth program for my daughter. I'm looking for volunteer opportunities. I enjoy tutoring in math and science, too."

Corcoran is also training to run a half-marathon soon. She laughs that she is still on the lookout for a running buddy.

Although it has taken a lot of work to get this far, with more coming down the road, Corcoran said it has been worth it.

"I've met a lot of interesting and very knowledgeable people," she said. "I've learned a lot. The program is very challenging. I've prayed about it and I know it's not through my own strength and my own smarts that I'm doing this. It's not about me. It's something bigger."

Firefinder processor tests prove successful

Verification exercise preps radar for rollout of new equipment

By **JENNIFER CAPRIOLI**
Tobyhanna Depot release

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Testing conducted here in December may soon give war fighters even more reliable Firefinder radar systems.

Tobyhanna personnel helped to test and verify new, state of the art common processors for the AN/TPQ-36 and -37 Firefinder radar systems.

On Dec. 8, personnel from Product Manager Radars headed a fault insertion and technical manual verification at the depot. The verification employed the expertise of Soldiers and Marines from Fort Sill, Okla., and members of various organizations, including the Logistics Readiness Center, Fire Software Engineering Division, and Tobyhanna.

The four-day verification exercise, which prepared the radar for the rollout of the new common processor, was successful, stated Joe Raymer, who monitored and provided assistance with the verification and validation. He is an electronics engineer in the Production Engineering Directorate's Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Engineering Branch.

The processor computes data from the radar and determines which targets to display to the war fighter.

The project began in 2006 when personnel from PM Radars identified the need to upgrade the current processor.

The new processors will make the radar systems more reliable. It reduces the logistic footprint of the radars by replacing a 128-circuit card radar processor in the AN/TPQ-37 and a nine-circuit card RP in the AN/TPQ-36, with a four-circuit card RP in each. The upgrade will significantly reduce the time spent by depot technicians in troubleshooting and repairing the processor, Raymer said.

Also included in the upgrades are improvements to the processor to address parts obsolescence, false targets reductions and cost issues.

"The new radar processor is less expensive so we're able to provide two processors to the user. If one fails, they can swap it out with a new one in about 15 minutes," Raymer said. Processors in need of repair are sent to the depot.

PM Radars personnel received positive feedback from the preliminary in-theater testing that took place in December 2007, noted Mark Vizthum, an electronics engineer from PM Radars who participated in the exercise. The new processor also extends the mean time between failures and system lock-ups which was confirmed during the in-theater testing. The current processor MTBF is about 1,000 hours, whereas the new processor MTBF is projected to be more than 12,000 hours.

The radar systems, which are deployed to locations

that include Southwest Asia, Germany and throughout the continental United States, locate the position of hostile mortars, rockets and artillery. The TPQ-36 is composed of an operation shelter mounted on a Humvee and a trailer that houses a radar Antenna Transceiver Group. The TPQ-37 consists of an operation shelter mounted on a Humvee, a 5-ton truck and a trailer-mounted ATG System.



Photo by Steve Grzedzinski

EQUIPMENT CHECK— Staff Sgt. Joshua Nunley and electronics engineer Joe Raymer perform a fault insertion and technical manual verification on the AN/TPQ-36 radar processor.

AMC program teaches leaders new ways to do business

By **JACQUELINE BOUCHER**
Tobyhanna release

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Tobyhanna senior leaders are discovering new ways to improve business processes with the help of an Army Materiel Command executive development program.

The Depot & Arsenal Executive Leadership Program is a six-month course that provides a learning environment to help commanders and senior leaders gain a broader knowledge of leadership and management techniques.

"The program provides a great overview of how the depots and arsenals operate and fit into the overall AMC business," Rick Shuleski, director of Resource Management, said. "It also provides a great opportunity to network with other executives within the command as well

as other service components."

DAELP participants from military and civilian facilities undertake a comprehensive curriculum designed to equip them to lead organizational change and business process improvement. The program's faculty members are selected from schools and universities, private sector organizations and the military services.

The curriculum is an integrated program of in-residence classroom sessions at the University of North Carolina, a duty station project and a corporate residency in the private sector. The program's components include five weeks of academic residency, one week dedicated to on-site depot/arsenal/industry visits, interspersed with a series of residencies at the participant's duty station and four weeks with a leading private sector corporation. Members of the 2008-09 class participated in a site visit here Dec. 18.

'NCOs, the glue that holds the Army together'

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Preston lauds noncommissioned officers

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WASHINGTON — The noncommissioned officer is the glue that has held the Army together over the last eight years, said the Army's senior enlisted adviser.

During a presentation at the Pentagon Jan. 8, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston discussed the contributions of the NCO to the Army mission and why the service has named 2009 the year of the NCO.

"This is an opportunity for us to showcase the contributions of the NCO corps," he said. "It's those noncommissioned officers out there every day who are not only winning the fight on the global war on terror, they're also the ones who directly influence their piece of the Army by being the first line supervisor for two or three Soldiers who they are responsible for. They're the ones who create command climate and train the Soldiers in their occupational specialties."

Preston told the audience of Soldiers and Army civilians that being an NCO was all about teaching from experience and that the two basic responsibilities of the NCO come from the NCO creed.

"It's accomplishment of the mission



Photo by Tim Hipps

IN THE FIELD— Installation Management Command Soldiers and noncommissioned officers compete in the command's Soldier and NCO of the Year Competition held July 14-17 at Fort AP Hill, Va.

and the welfare of the Soldier," Preston said. "One of the principal ways an NCO looks after the welfare of his Soldiers is through training — it's about being a subject matter expert. We want our young Soldiers to study, to train and be the best Soldiers they can be, because as they move up into positions of increased responsibility they will be responsible for

teaching from a position of experience. It's the experience that allows our NCOs to be trainers."

During the year of the NCO, the Army will work toward enhancing education, fitness, leadership development and pride in service by implementing programs and policies that support growth of the NCO corps, the sergeant major said. Additional-

ly, the Army wants to recognize the leadership, professionalism, commitment and courage of the NCO through outreach events that are being planned throughout the Army.

With respect to education during the year of the NCO, the sergeant major said there were three pillars of learning for all Soldiers in the Army.

The first pillar of learning is institutional learning — in the school house. The second pillar is that of operational experience — the kind of learning that can only be learned in the field and by doing, Preston said.

"The third pillar is largely an untapped resource: self-development and self-study," Preston said. "One of the big initiatives coming out of this is the Army Career Tracker where we can begin to provide more guided and structured self-development initiatives. There are a lot of things out there we want our NCOs to be, know and do to take them to a whole new level."

The Career Tracker will identify a Soldier's path and their career track, mapping out specifically what they need to do to advance through the Army's ranks.

Preston said as Soldiers continue to develop and grow with their education, by the time they reach sergeant they've become very articulate, very smart and great spokespersons.

Obama aims to shape military for 21st century

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – As President Barack Obama assumes the role of commander in chief, one of the stated items on his list of priorities is to shape the U.S. military for the 21st century.

Obama, inaugurated Jan. 20, has not served in military uniform, but his climb to the U.S. presidency culminates a public service career that began in 1997 as a member of the Illinois State Senate, where he served three terms, followed by a successful bid for the U.S. Senate in 2004.

As a junior U.S. senator, Obama, a graduate of Harvard Law School and the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review, was a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee. He fought to help veterans get the disability pay they were promised while working to prepare the Veterans Affairs Department for the thousands of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the president's web site, www.change.gov.

Obama's early exposure to military culture came from the maternal grandparents who helped to raise him during his adolescent years in Honolulu. His grandfather,



President Barack Obama

Stanley Armour Dunham, enlisted in the Army during World War II and served under Gen. George S. Patton while his wife, Madelyn Lee Payne Dunham, worked on a bomber assembly line.

The president has said that America's greatest military asset is the men and women who wear the uniform of the U.S. armed forces.

"When we do send our men and women into harm's way, we must also clearly define the mission, prescribe concrete political and military objectives, seek out the advice of our military commanders, evaluate the intelligence, plan accordingly, and ensure that our troops have the resources, support, and equipment they need to protect themselves and fulfill their mission," he told the Chicago Foreign Affairs Council in April 2007.

One of the stated goals of Obama and Vice President Joe Biden is to "invest in a 21st century military." To this end, the incoming administration has laid out the following focal points on its web site:

• **Rebuild the Military for 21st Century Tasks:** Obama and Biden plan to build up special operations forces, civil affairs, information operations and other units and capabilities that remain in chronic short supply; to invest in foreign language training, cultural awareness, and human intelligence and other needed counterinsurgency and stabilization skill sets; and to create a more robust capacity to

train, equip, and advise foreign security forces so allies are better prepared to confront mutual threats.

• **Expand to Meet Military Needs on the Ground:** Obama and Biden support plans to increase the size of the Army by 65,000 Soldiers and the Marine Corps by 27,000 Marines to help units retrain and re-equip properly between deployments and decrease the strain on military families.

• **Leadership from the Top:** Obama and Biden plan to inspire a new generation of Americans to serve their country, whether it be in local communities in such roles as teachers or first responders, or serving in the military to keep the nation free and safe.

• **Lighten the Burdens on Troops and Their Families:** The administration plans to create a Military Families Advisory Board to provide a conduit for military families' concerns to be brought to the attention of senior policymakers and the public. They've promised to end the "stop-loss" policy that allows servicemembers to be retained beyond the term of their enlistment and to establish predictability in deployments so that active duty and reserve servicemembers know what they can and must expect.

'It's considered one of the toughest marathons'

Redstone Soldier originated Bataan Memorial Death March

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On March 29, Lt. Col. Ray Pickering will be taking a step back in time on a marathon course that draws more than 4,000 runners and walkers every year.

Pickering is planning to participate in the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., regarded by Marathon Guide as one of the top 30 marathons in the U.S. He will walk the course with his 75-year-old father.

But the 20th annual historical event will be more than a recognition of the determination and fortitude of World War II veterans who defended the Philippine Islands, were forced to surrender to the Japanese and then were marched on a brutal 70-mile trek through rough jungle terrain and tropical heat to prison camps. For Pickering, it will also be a reminder of what one college ROTC student can do with the support of his unit and his determination to make a difference.

Pickering, now a product manager with Infrared Countermeasures, PEO-Intelligence Electronic Warfare and Sensors, at Redstone Arsenal, started the Bataan Memorial Death March while an ROTC student at New Mexico State University.

"I was a senior and the corps commander of ROTC. I needed one more credit hour to complete my degree. I offered up the idea of developing the Bataan Memorial Death March to get that hour of credit," Pickering said.

"I was enlisted and when I served in Germany there were two big memorial marches there in remembrance of World War II. I was born and raised in Las Cruces, N.M., (the home of New Mexico State University) and I remember my third-grade teacher telling us about the Bataan Death March. There's also a memorial to the march in Las Cruces."

Pickering's hometown is important to the story of the Bataan Death March because many Soldiers of the 200th Coast Artillery, New Mexico National Guard, based in Las Cruces, were among the Army, Army Air Corps, Navy and Marine servicemembers who fought and died during the Battle of Bataan while defending the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines.

"The Philippines were attacked the same day as Pearl Harbor," Pickering said. "But the U.S. war effort was mainly focused in Europe. American and Filipino Soldiers fought with the Japanese on the Philippine Islands for three months. When they ran out of ammunition, food and medicine, their commanding general surrendered the forces. It was the largest military surrender in history."

That surrender to the Japanese was on April 9, 1942. It was the beginning of a 70-mile march for 75,000 American and



Photo by Kari Hawkins

MARCHING IN TRIBUTE— Lt. Col. Ray Pickering, product manager for Infrared Countermeasures, PEO-Intelligence Electronic Warfare and Sensors, and analyst Ed Courtney of Infrared Countermeasures share their experiences participating in the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range. Pickering started the march 20 years ago when he was a senior ROTC student at New Mexico State University and is planning to participate in the march this year. Courtney participated in the march last year. With them is a tabletop replica of a Bataan Death March memorial that is located at Veterans Memorial Park in Las Cruces, N.M.

Filipino prisoners of war – many already suffering from malaria and surviving on half or quarter rations — from the Bataan peninsula to prison camps.

Along the route, prisoners were beheaded, shot, beaten with rifle butts, stabbed with bayonets, raped, disemboweled and starved while being forced to continually march for nearly a week in tropical heat. Prisoners who protested or who fell along the route were immediately killed. It is estimated that only 54,000 of the 72,000 prisoners reached the prison camps.

"The Japanese hated anyone who surrendered," Pickering said. "New Mexico suffered the largest number of casualties per capita from World War II. Those who were eventually liberated suffered physically and mentally, and half died within the first year of liberation.

"Those who survived suffered because many were ashamed that they were part of the largest surrender in history. But their three months of fighting made a difference in the war in the Pacific. When the Japanese attacked the Philippines, the plan was to take the islands in three weeks and then go on to Australia. The Americans stopped that plan."

When Pickering first introduced his cadre to the idea of a Bataan Memorial Death March, his fellow ROTC cadets and adviser weren't enthusiastic about the idea. Pickering's adviser even challenged him to do a pilot march; and if there were 25 participants from the university's Army and Air Force ROTC programs, he would give Pickering a free pizza each month

until graduation.

Only 24 participants showed up for the pilot march and Pickering lost his challenge. But he gained the determination to work even harder to make the march a success. The next year – the first year of the marathon – there were 136 participants. It has grown every year since.

One of the standouts of the march is that veterans of the Bataan Death March encourage the walkers and runners along the route. Last year, 23 WW II veterans were on hand for the event.

"At dawn, there is a mountain range ceremony to start the marathon. There is a roll call of all the veterans who were alive and at the marathon the year before. From that roll call you can see how many of those veterans have passed away," said Pickering, who has only missed eight marches. "When those veterans all die, the nature of the march will change."

The original march route took its participants through a rigorous pass on land that is part of the state's Bureau of Land Management. Over the years, concerns about accidents along the ridge increased as the number of marathoners increased. In 1992, the route was changed so that the entire course is now on the White Sands Missile Range.

"It's considered one of the toughest marathons," Pickering said. "It is at a high altitude. It has a lot of hilly desert terrain. There are winds to contend with and you have to look out for snakes and spiders. And there is a sand pit at mile 21. It's physically tough and intense. It is not a marathon for a personal best.

"At the same time, it's one of the best history lessons you can ever give a kid. When you share a little bit of the pain, a little bit of the sweat, you feel a little of what they did."

Billed as "A Test of Endurance, An Active History Lesson," the march is still primarily a military event, with many high school and college ROTC units participating as well as active military. But many civilians also participate. They can march the Green route, which is the full 26.2-mile march, or the 15-mile Blue route. Awards are only given to participants of the Green route.

Pickering didn't participate in last year's march. But Paul Carter of the Hazardous Devices School and Ed Courtney of Infrared Countermeasures did complete the 2008 march.

"I'm retired military. I spent 10 years in the infantry and I'm used to going on hikes. I had heard about the march many years ago. I thought it was a very neat thing to do to honor the veterans who survived the Bataan Death March," Courtney said.

"Col. Pickering told me about what it was like to participate in the march. I called Paul Carter to tell him about it. We've known each other for nine years and we go to church together. We've both had significant health issues in the last couple of years. We were looking to get in shape and preparing for the march seemed a good way to do that. We were able to build up our endurance and stamina, and we lost a lot of weight."

The two started training together in November 2007, spending a lot of time on treadmills and hiking local greenways. They decided to enter the 2008 march in the easiest category – male civilian light, age 50 plus.

The weather during the 2008 march was comfortable in the high 70s and low 80s. But the course was dusty, across a lot of terrain and hilly.

"In Huntsville, we do a lot of flat speed marching. But out there you have a lot of inclines," Courtney said. "In one part of the march starting at the seven-mile mark there is a 5 percent grade uphill for six miles. We didn't plan for that length of incline.

"Then there was one and a half miles of ankle deep sand that you had to get through going up and down hills. We were really stressed. We managed to get through it. My time was a little over nine hours and Paul's was a little over 10. Some marathoners finished in three hours. That's incredible because of the terrain and conditions."

Courtney and Carter carried backpacks filled with water and snacks. There were stations along the route where marchers could get oranges, bananas and water. The marchers especially appreciated the WW II veterans who encouraged them along the route.

"There were parts of the march that became very much a mental challenge.

Raising red flag about women's heart disease

Fox Army Health Center has awareness campaign

By RICK STOCK
Health promotion educator

National Wear Red Day, Friday, Feb. 6 is a day when Fox Army Health Center, Redstone Arsenal and Americans nationwide will take women's health to heart by wearing red to show their support for women's heart disease awareness.

The fifth anniversary of this event dawns on American women who are aware that heart disease is their No. 1 killer, regardless of race or ethnicity. They are wearing the Red Dress Pin, sharing the Heart Truth with loved ones and friends and taking charge of their health. The good news is that women are living longer, healthier lives, and fewer are dying of heart disease.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute started The Heart Truth national awareness campaign in 2002, when one in three women were dying of heart disease. Data collection from 2000-06 reveals that women's awareness of the connection between risk factors and their personal risk of developing heart disease has increased from 34 percent to 57 percent.

The most recent statistics reflect a



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decrease in female heart-related deaths of nearly 17,000, with a decline seen each year since 2000. One in four women currently die of heart disease. It strikes at younger ages than most people realize and the risk rises in middle age. Two-thirds of women who have heart attacks never fully recover.

Sadly, one-third of the female population still does not understand the connection between risk factors and heart disease, reflecting many challenges to be conquered in getting the information to women and their families.

An astonishing 80 percent of mid-life

women, age 40-60, have one or more risk factors for heart disease.

Risk factors are habits or conditions that increase the chance of developing the disease. Some risk factors, such as age (55 or older for women) and family history of heart disease cannot be changed. The modifiable risk factors for the prevention of heart disease include high blood pressure/hypertension, high blood cholesterol, diabetes, tobacco use, and being overweight, obese or physically inactive.

Most women are unaware of the "multiplier effect" that risk factors have on heart disease. One risk factor can increase

a woman's chance of developing heart disease two-fold. Two risk factors increase the chances four-fold, and three or more risk factors increase a woman's chance of developing heart disease 10-fold.

Although heart disease is not curable, it is never too late to take action to prevent it. Often, in conjunction with professional healthcare, modifying risk factors is all that is needed to significantly reduce one's risk. Americans can lower their risk by as much as 82 percent just by leading a heart healthy lifestyle.

Fox Army Health Center, in its Preventive Medicine, Wellness and Health Promotion branches, can assist you with all of the aforementioned risk factors as classes and information are made available to you. From an activity standpoint, Redstone Arsenal's four MWR gym locations can assist you along with the volunteer led Nordic Walking group, Wanderfreund, plus adult kickball leagues which will resume in the spring.

Talk to your doctor and then call Fox Army Health Center Preventive Medicine at 955-8888, ext. 1026 for assistance. For more information, call Rick Stock at 955-8888, ext. 1443.

Another Heart Truth campaign event, Go Red for Women's Health fair, sponsored by Fox Army Health Center, will be held Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at Bob Jones Auditorium.

■ Annual marathon a tribute to Bataan heroes

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But our inspiration was the veterans of the Bataan Death March. They are well into their 80s now. They positioned themselves on the route and shook our hands as we came by," Courtney said.

"When you saw them, you realized what they went through and you thought 'I'm not suffering anything like they did. I'm not going to stop. I want to honor them.'"

Courtney said there were also several amputee veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan that marched the course.

"They were making the hike, completing the hike. They gave us a lot of motivation and inspiration to stick with it and not give up," he said. "It was completely satisfying and gratifying to do this."

Because of the remoteness of the course, there are very few spectators. Participants can march or run as individuals, as individuals carrying 35-pound rucksacks and as teams.

"Participating as a team gives you a

better feel of what happened on the death march because the team must finish the march together," Pickering said. "You can't leave any team members. If they are real slow, then the team is slow. You can carry them or whatever, but they must finish with you."

Neither Courtney or Carter will participate in the march this year. Courtney has already scheduled two church mission trips that will take up his leave time from work and Carter is just happy to have the march's commemorative T-shirt and dog tag from 2008. But Pickering plans to be there for this significant year in the memorial march's history.

"The march has grown so big. It's amazing how the march has continued," Pickering said. "I plan on doing the entire march with my dad. But it's a very personal march, and my dad and I will take it one step at a time."

Editor's note: The Bataan Memorial Death March is sponsored by White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico National State Parks and New Mexico State University. For more information or to register, visit its web site at www.bataanmarch.com.

Soldiers bolster U.S. bobsled team for world championships



Photo by U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation

START LINE— U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program bobsledder Pfc. John Napier, right, and Cory Butner, left, get set to push off during one of four heats in the Two-man U.S. National Bobsled Championships in Lake Placid, N.Y. The duo earned a spot in the 2009 World Championships, scheduled for Feb. 20 through March 1 in Lake Placid, with a four-heat cumulative winning time of 3 minutes, 45.87 seconds.

By **TIM HIPPS**

Family and MWR Command

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Several Soldiers have bolstered the United States Bobsled Team for the 2009 World Championships, scheduled for Feb. 20 through March 1 in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Pfc. John Napier, a bobsledder in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, teamed with Cory Butner of Yucaipa, Calif., to win the two-man title in the 2009 U.S. Bobsled National Championships Jan. 3-4 at the Olympic Sports Complex in Lake Placid.

Napier, 22, of Lake Placid, drove the sled to a four-heat cumulative time of 3 minutes, 45.87 seconds over two days to win the national two-man crown by .30 of a second. He also planned to compete for the four-man national title Jan. 10-11 on his hometown track.

“I was racing against a fierce field of competitors,” Napier said. “I only had a tenth-of-a-second lead yesterday, and anything can happen in this sport. I don’t take anything for granted, and I knew I had to put down my best runs today to stay in the lead.”

Sgt. Mike Kohn, 36, a former WCAP bobsledder who is now a member of the National Guard Outstanding Athlete Program, finished second in the two-man national championships with a time of 3:46.17.

Former WCAP bobsledder Steven Holcomb, winner of the 2007 Two-man World Cup title, teamed with Curt Tomasevich to finish third in 3:46.57 in Lake Placid with borrowed equipment. Holcomb was awaiting delivery of his sled from Europe, where he positioned himself third in the early-season World Cup standings.

“It’s tough not having your own equip-

ment,” Holcomb said. “The runners I’m borrowing are nicknamed ‘warms,’ and they aren’t intended for cold ice. On a day like today, where temperatures are flirting with the negative numbers, it’s hard to keep the sled straight.”

Holcomb, 28, a native of Park City, Utah, who served seven years in the Army National Guard, received a bye into the World Championships by virtue of his third-place finish in the combined world rankings last season.

Kohn and Holcomb planned to compete in different sleds than Napier in the four-man national championships.

“It would have been nice to have had my own helmet and sled, but it’s another day of racing,” Holcomb said. “I can’t take anything away from these guys because they’re sliding well. I’m top three in the world, and these guys are right there with me today, which is testament to the U.S. program.”

“It’s exciting to see a tight competition like this,” said Darrin Steele, chief executive officer of the United States Bobsled Federation. “For us to see American-made sleds that are the best in the world out here competing in the national championships is great. We’ll be entering six competitive sleds this February.”

Former WCAP bobsledder Shauna Rohbock, 31, a member of the Utah Army National Guard from Park City, pilots the Team USA 1 women’s sled on the World Cup circuit and is scheduled to compete in the upcoming World Championships as well.

Rohbock teamed with Valerie Fleming to win a silver medal in the two-woman bobsled event at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. She also won bronze medals at the 2005 and 2007 World Championships.

Troop basketball opens Jan. 26

Basketball season is in the air at Pagano Gym.

Unit-level basketball is scheduled to begin Jan. 26. Representatives from six teams attended a meeting Thursday morning.

“There’s a possibility of having at least two more (teams),” recreation assistant Joe Reed said that afternoon.

Teams represented included Headquarters & Alpha, Civilian Welfare Fund, Bravo Company, HHC 59th, Charlie Company and the National Guard.

Games will be Mondays and Wednesdays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at Pagano Gym. A coaches meeting is slated at 5:30 on opening night Jan. 26.

Headquarters & Alpha beat HHC 59th in last year’s final. The Gators won 47-46 and finished at 12-2.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DEFENSIVE STOP— NCO Academy’s Jarkayzio Frank awaits a defensive rebound while 375th Engineer Company’s Darryl Owens, left, looks on during a 2008 season opener. The Academy won 45-36 on Jan. 22, 2008 at Pagano Gym.

City residents

Huntsville City Councilman Bill Kling will hold a Town Meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room A at the Huntsville Public Library on Monroe Street. Kling wants to hear your ideas on how to improve city government.

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.

Fleet reserve

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

Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will hold its monthly luncheon Jan. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. Rita Schwarz of Birmingham will speak on "How to Find Real Happiness and Purpose in Life." For reservations call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339 by Thursday.

Genealogy society

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet tonight at 7 at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library auditorium, Main Branch. "Finding and Using Newspapers in Genealogy" will be presented by Howard Blood. For information call 883-5650.

Civil air patrol

The Redstone Composite Civil Air Patrol Squadron has started meeting at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's Aviation Challenge after outgrowing its facility at Redstone Airfield. Meetings are 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Jan. 28 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Annette Ikstrums, supervisory program analyst of Fox Army Health Cen-

ter pharmacy services. The informal monthly breakfast is Saturday at 8 a.m. at Ryan's Family Steak House, 1808 University Drive (near Memorial Parkway). For more information, call retired Col. Danny Burttram 325-1938.

Condition based forum

The Redstone Chapter, the HUMS ITT, and the Product Support Committee of the American Helicopter Society International will sponsor a Technical Specialists' Meeting on Condition Based Maintenance on Feb. 10-11 at the Von Braun Center. Registration is available at <http://www.vtol.org>. The key topic areas will include Fatigue Life Management, Platforms, Metrics and Standardization. For more information, call Edwin Martin 313-9174.

Parent council

The Child, Youth and School Services parents have a Parent Advisory Council meeting scheduled Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. at the Challenger Club, building 1500, in the Redstone Room. All parents are invited to the PAC meetings; and 1.5 Parent Participation Points are awarded for attendance – five points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. "Please join us to learn what is happening at the Redstone Arsenal child and youth services facilities and to provide your opinions, ideas or concerns," a prepared release said.

Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will hold a general membership meeting Jan. 29 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in Ballroom 5. Non-members desiring information about BIG are invited to attend and bring a friend. For information call Mary Peoples 955-4275 or James Foster at 852-2129.

Space society

HAL5, local National Space Society chapter, will have its monthly meeting Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library, 915 Monroe St. The program is a free public lecture by Craig Russell of Americans in Orbit-50 years. He will give a status report on the commemorative flight to celebrate the first U.S. manned orbital space flight (Friendship 7). A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 506-3833 or visit www.HAL5.org.

Aviation products

The Army Aviation Association of America and the Tennessee Valley Chapter will hold the 35th annual Joseph P. Cribbins Aviation Product Symposium Feb. 11-12 at the Von Braun Center. The symposium stimulates dialogue among industry executives, senior government officials and military leaders concerning support to the aviation war fighter. For more information, visit www.cribbinsaps.com.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or

transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators. The unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the areas of database management, programming, networking and/or telecommunications. A minimum of a secret clearance is required, and you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SSBI background investigation for upgrade to top secret soon after unit entry. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class Scott Ambrose 655-9435 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

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or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Computer classes

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

Motorcycle safety

To permanently register a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal, the DoD requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. There

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are two programs offered free of charge to Army personnel and on a space available basis to others authorized access to Redstone Arsenal. For information call Keith Coates at the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383, e-mail keith.coates@us.army.mil or e-mail MSF instructor Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

Reserve unit

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

VA benefits

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

Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School. If you are a college graduate with a four-year degree or higher from an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an Army officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the active Army and the Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Maj. Cyrus Russ 539-6511 or 539-6512.

Pilots wanted

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking qualified applicants to apply for Warrant Officer Flight Training School. Applicants must have a high school diploma and age 18-33. Age waivers will be considered. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Maj. Cyrus Russ 539-6511 or 539-6512.

Cadet program

Join the Army Reserves and enroll in your college ROTC program simultaneously through the Simultaneous Membership Program. Earn anywhere from \$470 to \$1,400 a month as a SMP cadet. As a

member of the Army Reserve SMP Cadet Program, you are non-deployable, you have an opportunity to pursue the degree of your choice and you can assure yourself of a future as a commissioned officer in the active Army or the Reserves. For more information, call your local Army Reserve recruiter 518-3972.

Veterans office

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

Army training

Do you want to be on the cutting edge of Army training? The 1st Battle Command Training Group offers the opportunity for promotion while simultaneously enhancing your professional management, training and leadership skills. It has immediate openings for sergeant first class through lieutenant colonel – specialty and branch are immaterial — who want to transfer and make a significant contribution to the readiness of the Army. The 1st BCTG conducts continental U.S. pre- and post-mobilization computer simulation based Battle Command Staff Training exercises. It trains and validates Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout the Southeast in wartime readiness. It offers CONUS mobilization opportunities training and preparing USAR and ARNG units for deployment. Unit benefits include Fragmented Annual Training, and opportunity to travel throughout the Southeast. It encourages and supports attendance at Army professional development schools. For information call 1st Sgt. Larry King (205) 987-8443 ext. 4410, Capt. John Walker (205) 444-5208 or Lt. Col. Anthony Escott (205) 444-5163.

Customer services

Do you have a comment or opinion about the services provided at Redstone Arsenal? Team Redstone and all DoD installations want your feedback about the services you are receiving at your home station. This is a new approach to customer service with the resources, enthusiasm and

and understood. Each installation is now assigned a full-time customer service officer, whose sole responsibility is to ensure customers have multiple avenues to offer feedback on all services that are provided by the Installation Management Command. The process for your individual feedback is through the Interactive Customer Evaluation System which is automated through the Internet or filled out with an ICE comment card at the service provider's location. You can access the Interactive Customer Evaluation site at <http://ice.disa.mil> or www.redstone.army.mil and leave a comment. You can reach customer service officer Steve McFadden at 876-3294, e-mail steven.ray.mcfadden@us.army.mil or the ICE administrator Wendy Norris at wendy.norris1@us.army.mil.

Interactive feedback

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

Thrift Shop grants

The Redstone Thrift Shop Welfare Committee announces its annual grant program. 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.

Warrant officer scholarships

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

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

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. 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>.

Training seminar

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its 14th annual seminar, "Pathways to Professional Excellence," on Feb. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. A luncheon, continental breakfast and snacks along with Office Expo booths will be provided to attendees. The course is in

TIPS by the course number PPE and the vendor name is IAAP. Tuition fees are \$125 and student rates are \$50. You do not have to be in the administrative career field to attend the training event. For more information or to register, call Susan Douglas 313-2079.

ASMC scholarships

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

Family focus group

Installation Management Command has established a Customer Management Services office at each Army installation. Customer Management Services utilizes a three-tiered feedback system established to determine the satisfaction of the Sol-

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diers, family members, teens, retirees, veterans and civilians who work, play and live on Redstone Arsenal. The input mechanisms for feedback come from multiple sources such as online submission of comments, annual leadership and constituent assessments and community forums /town halls. These community forums or focus groups obtain issues or recommendations by the attendees or delegates that are worked and presented to the post leadership much like the annual AFAP conference. This program is called Community First. This is a call or invitation to all family members who would like to participate in the first family member (spouses/guardians) focus group held on Redstone Arsenal. This is a chance to voice issues that can be fixed on the installation or put on the Army Family Action Plan agenda for next year. The meeting will be held Jan. 29 from 6-8 p.m. in the new Redstone Communities Clubhouse in building 302. Light refreshments will be served. This will be the time to share concerns, hear and possibly solve issues and communicate with each other. Anyone wishing to participate may call customer service officer Steve McFadden 876-3294 or email at rsacms@conus.army.mil.

Aviation challenge

The Tennessee Valley Army Aviation Association of America has an offer for children or grandchildren of its chapter members. These youngsters, age 9-18, can win an Aviation Challenge scholarship at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Applications are due by Feb. 3. Three scholarships will be awarded, valued up to \$1,000 each. For more information, call Russ Dunford or Tonya Maurice at 457-5355 or 655-5122 or e-mail aviation.challenge.scholarship@gmail.com.

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Fraud hotline

The Huntsville Fraud Resident Agency, CIDC, has implemented a fraud hotline. It is designed to help you, the taxpayer, to report incidents of suspected fraud involving government contract companies, government employees or government agencies. If you suspect or know someone who either is committing, or has committed any type of fraud against the U.S. government on Redstone Arsenal, or surrounding area, report it by calling 876-9457. You do not have to leave your name — all information will remain confidential and anonymous. Please leave enough information so any followup investigation can be completed. Thanks for watching out for our taxpayer dollars.

A&M alumni

January kicks off the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Alabama A&M University Alumni Association Inc. annual membership drive. The alumni association and its committees advance the welfare of Alabama A&M University. "Your time, energy and participation are important in providing scholarships to Alabama A&M University students and expanding community service within Madison County," a prepared release said. "Take this time to renew your alumni membership with the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Alabama A&M University, where your membership matters." Renew your alumni membership for 2009 by Jan. 30. Call Pam Thompson 851-9572 or C. Lamar Sterns 679-8961 for more information.

Performing arts

Theatre Huntsville will present "Fences" by August Wilson at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday at the Von Braun Center Playhouse. "Winner of every major award including the Tony and the Pulitzer, 'Fences' by August Wilson tells the story of Troy Maxson, a former star of the Negro baseball leagues," a prepared release said. "Maxson sees the world as composed mostly of fences which enclose him. Bitter that he was excluded from major league baseball during his prime, Maxson refuses to let his own son try his luck at professional sports. What he doesn't see is that not all the fences in his life are societal and that he is fencing in his family." Redstone Arsenal's Horace Wilson will co-star in this production, directed by Sam Marsh. Cost is \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, students and active military. For tickets call 536-0807 or visit www.theatrehuntsville.org.

Stepfamilies class

Strengthening Stepfamilies is a three-session

class offered Jan. 26-28 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. The class and materials are free to the military and civilian Redstone community. To register call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Wild game cookout

The annual Wild Game Cookout is 5 p.m. Friday at the Officers and Civilians Club. Sample exotic foods like bear, boar, beaver, alligator and more. Tickets are \$20 per person. Kids 10 and under are admitted free. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 830-2582.

Lost banner

The Thrift Shop's banner was last seen blowing down Patton Road. If found, please return it to the Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road.

Health center news

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Monday, Feb. 16 for Presidents Day. The health center is closed on Thursday afternoons, weekends and federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox has no emergency room or emergency medical services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on Feb. 3 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338, Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone as outlined in Commander's Letter 005-08. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. Re-entry counseling for overseas returnees is also available. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Job fair

The Redstone Arsenal eighth annual Job Fair is Feb. 5 from 12-3 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. "The job fair will offer an excellent opportunity for military spouses and transitioning military personnel to meet with a diverse group of employers in one location," a prepared release said. "This event is not open to the general public. You must have common



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Community project

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government joined with the Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in a Christmas outreach project. BIG selected a young family of seven to feed for Christmas and collaborated with the fraternity in shopping and delivery of the foods. Kelly Brinson, left, Programs Committee chairperson, was the lead for this outreach project. At right is Jason Jones, vice polemarch of the Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

access to enter Redstone Arsenal to attend." A resume workshop will be held March 19 at 9 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road, to provide resume writing tips. To reserve a seat for the workshop, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Dr. King celebration

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration is Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. Keynote speaker is Nevil "The Shadow" Shed, a member of the 1965-66 Texas Western College national championship basketball team. There will be entertainment by Calvin Drake and J.O. Johnson High School Jazz Band.

Speed limits

Garrison Directorate of Public Works announces changes in the posted speed limits on Martin Road at both Gates 1 and 7. On Martin Road West, the speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph, from Rideout Road westward through the Indian Creek area and Test Area 6. The limit will be reduced to 25 mph through the Gate 7 area. On Martin Road East, the limit will remain at 50 mph from Patton Road through the causeway area, but will be reduced to 25 mph through the Gate 1 area, which is under construction. These changes should be made soon. For questions or concerns, call DPW at 876-7008.

Birthday bash

Saborlatino invites you to the "Saborlatino Birthday Bash of 2009 New York Style" on Saturday from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave. Cost is \$5. You must be at least 18 to party, 21 to drink. To reserve your tables, call Yvonne 783-5756.

Acquisition careerists

Applications are being accepted through April 30 for the 2009 Senior Service College Fellowship Program-Huntsville which begins July 27. Eligible applicants are Department of the Army civilian Acquisition Corps members who occupy permanent positions in grades GS-14 and 15 or broad-band equivalent. Persons interested in applying for the 2009 SSCF Program must respond under this announcement. The official announcement can be accessed at https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/SSCF_09.pdf. Eligible applicants are encouraged to contact their Acquisition Career Manager before submitting an application to ensure application criteria is met. ACM contact information can be found at <http://asc.army.mil/organization/western/default.cfm>.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U

THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL

SCBK08157791	Secretary (OA)	14-Jan-09	PEO AVN	NK-0318	2	2	30,001 - 48,308				X				X	X		X	
SCBK08171007	Logistics Mgmt Spec	14-Jan-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X											
SCBK08125371	Comp Engr	15-Jan-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X											
SCBK08224516	Paralegal Spec	15-Jan-09	SMDC	GS-0950	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X	X						X	X			
SCBK08143354	General Engr	18-Jan-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
SCBK08123736	Equip Spec (General)	20-Jan-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,701				X				X			X	
SCBK09159127	Budget Tech	20-Jan-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YB-0561	2	2	38,653 - 50,249	X											
SCBK09210200	Contract Spec	21-Jan-09	AMCOM Contracting Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09088961	Lead Engrng Tech	21-Jan-09	AMRDEC	DE-0802	4	4	81,532 - 125,254	X											
SCBK09190742	Supv Accountant	21-Jan-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YC-0510	2	2	67,129 - 101,913	X											
WTST09145483	Supv Sec Spec (Disclosure)	21-Jan-09	AMCOM, Intel & Tech Sec Actvty	GG-0080	13	14	81,532 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08181574	Supv Business Mngr	22-Jan-09	AMRDEC	DE-0301	5	5	108,964 - 141,657	X											
SCBK08204598	General Engr	22-Jan-09	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913			X		X			X	X		X	
SCBK08204598D	General Engr	22-Jan-09	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08147999	Lead General Engr	22-Jan-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 141,657		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09005869R	Telecom Spec	22-Jan-09	SMDC	GS-0391	7/9	11	38,653 - 74,360		X						X	X		X	
SCBK09005869D1	Telecom Spec	22-Jan-09	SMDC	GS-0391	7/9	11	38,653 - 74,360	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09072862	Secretary (OA)	22-Jan-09	ACQ SUPP CTR	GS-0318	8	8	42,807 - 55,651	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	
SCBK09072862D	Secretary (OA)	22-Jan-09	ACQ SUPP CTR	GS-0318	8	8	42,807 - 55,651	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09205247	Mgmt Asst	22-Jan-09	AMCOM, Ofc of Small Bus Prgms	GS-0344	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X										
SCBK09196046	Supv Budget Analyst	23-Jan-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YC-0560	2	2	67,129 - 101,913	X											
SCBK08148027	General Engr	6-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	93,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	

THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV

SCBK08224516	Paralegal Spec	15-Jan-09	SMDC	GS-0950	9	9	45,458 - 59,100		X	X					X	X			
WTST09145483	Supv Sec Spec (Disclosure)	21-Jan-09	AMCOM, Intel & Tech Sec Actvty	GG-0080	13	14	81,532 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08204598D	General Engr	22-Jan-09	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09005869R	Telecom Spec	22-Jan-09	SMDC	GS-0391	7/9	11	38,653 - 74,360		X						X	X		X	
SCBK09005869D1	Telecom Spec	22-Jan-09	SMDC	GS-0391	7/9	11	38,653 - 74,360	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09072862D	Secretary (OA)	22-Jan-09	ACQ SUPP CTR	GS-0318	8	8	42,807 - 55,651	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

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

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

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

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 &