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Black Hawk, Patriot, HIMARS, Avenger, Chinook, NLOS-LS, MLRS, Sentinel, Hell-fire, Huey – behind every Army aviation and missile system are the Soldiers and DoD civilians and contractors of Redstone Arsenal who stand with pride, commitment and determination in their mission to provide war fighters with the very best weapon systems.

And standing with Arsenal employees are the Army organizations that manage weapon systems from beginning to end. Those organizations at Redstone Arsenal — led primarily by the Aviation and Missile Command, Program Executive Office for Aviation and Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space – have set the standard for the entire Army in the application of the life cycle management philosophy.

“Here at Redstone we support the Soldier in all phases of the life cycle,” said Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Redstone Arsenal and AMCOM.

“Our partnership requires us to seamlessly create, acquire, field, sustain and retire the most expensive and complicated weapon systems in the Army. And we do this with multiple organizations that are not in the same chain of command yet are bonded with one purpose and that’s to support our Soldiers, especially those conducting combat



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**WORKING WITH PARTNERS**— Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command, depends on the working relationship between AMCOM and PEO-Aviation and PEO-Missiles and Space to provide war fighters with the most lethal and technologically advanced aviation and missile systems. The partnership of organizations at Redstone Arsenal exemplifies the Army's life cycle management philosophy.

operations around the world.”

The joint sustainment of systems by PEO-Aviation, PEO-Missiles and Space, and AMCOM along with their various partners has translated to success in the Global

War on Terrorism, now in its sixth year.

“We’ve been able to provide the equipment at the right time at the right place so Soldiers can conduct combat operations seamlessly,” Myles said.

“We’ve never enjoyed readiness of Army aviation and missiles as we do right now. We’ve never been better. It’s a tribute to the work force — both Soldiers, and DoD civilians and contractors all across Redstone Arsenal. I believe the aviation and missile community is tasked and organized to provide the best support of the mission. The teamwork and partnerships are the best I’ve seen anywhere.”

The partnership between AMCOM and PEO-Aviation and PEO-Missiles and Space is at times well defined and at other times more fluid as all three organizations shift efforts as needed to support project managers.

AMCOM, working at the direction of the Army Material Command, provides sustainment support to ensure aviation and missile system readiness throughout a system’s life cycle. PEO-Aviation and PEO-Missiles and



Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby



Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco

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# An open lane random survey

What's your favorite source for news and why?

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Winston James  
Missile Defense Agency  
"I think CNN. And the reason why is it gives up-to-date current news around the world."

Kim Marr  
AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center  
"Probably Fox News or CNN because they cover a broad range of topics, the most current topics."



Kim Ley  
AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office  
"I have two actually: MSNBC and CNN. I watch them both every day to get the latest in what's going on in the world. And really I started watching it more from this past political season going on. My husband and I turned into two political junkies. Believe it or not, I watch it every single day."



Col. Tom Newman  
AMCOM chief of staff  
"CNN Headline News because it's quick. You can get the headlines rapidly and I don't have time to sit and watch lengthy news programs."



## Quote of the week

'Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.'  
— Henry David Thoreau

# Letter to the Editor

## For removing bumps on road

There was a letter to the editor in the Jan. 28 issue titled "Unhappy with speed bumps" from a Tony Thomas.

I agree completely. They are tearing up the suspension to my

car, and making it difficult to merge to another lane.

Let's put it to a reader poll. Who wants to have the speed bumps removed, say yes? Yes!

Joe Genualdi

## Getting to know you

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**Name:** Leslie Fortenberry

**Job:** Data analyst with contractor VTAepco Inc.

**Where do you call home?**  
New Orleans, La.

**What do you like about your job?**  
It's a good technical field for me.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
Mess with cars – whether it be fix them up or just restore them.

**What are your goals?**  
Try to work with VTAepco company for a couple more



years then try to go to the government side of the house and hopefully retire.

**What's your favorite type of music?**  
R&B

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## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

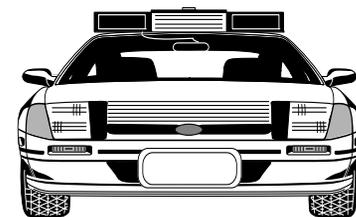
**Jan. 23:** When a subject approached Gate 9 lost, it was revealed that he was driving with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Jan. 23:** Someone passed eight counterfeit \$20 bills at the Challenger Club. Investigation continues by CID and U.S. Secret Service.

**Jan. 26:** A subject approached Gate 10 and requested a pass when it was revealed that the subject's license was canceled. Further checks revealed a felony arrest warrant issued by the Johnson County, Kan., Sheriff's Department. The subject was issued a violation notice and released to the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

**Traffic accidents reported:** five without injury (including a deer strike), none with injury.

**Violation notices issued:** 16 speeding, 1 suspended driver's license, 5 no driver's license, 1 no proof of insurance.



## Retired colonel's wife dies in Atlanta

Mary Coleman Day, formerly of Huntsville, died Jan. 23 in Atlanta. She was 79.

She was preceded in death by her husband, retired Col. Harvey Day Jr.

Survivors include daughter Ann Carey and husband Patrick of Canton, Ga.; son Charles Day and two grandchildren of Austin, Texas; son Stephen Day and wife Michelle of Waunakee, Wis.; and son H. Coleman Day and wife Ruth and two grandchildren of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Funeral services and burial of the cremated remains will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., on March 2 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association by calling 800-272-3900 or at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). (Cremation Society of Georgia release)

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Photo by K.C. Bertling

## Dr. King display

Dot Harrell and Vicki Caldwell of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space review the display assembled in the lobby of building 5250 in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration. The display was researched, organized and assembled by K.C. Bertling of PEO MS.

# Logistics modernization date extended two months

*Implementation moves to May 9*

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Team Redstone has more time now to change how it does business in supporting Soldiers.

The go-live date for converting to the Logistics Modernization Program has been extended to May 9 by the Army. The previous date was March 9.

The change was announced during an

LMP town hall meeting Jan. 26 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

“It’s not an easy thing to transition 30, 40 years of how we do data to a new environment,” Cathy Dickens, the LMP integration director for the Aviation and Missile Command, said. “We have a lot of challenges.”

Ronnie Chronister, deputy to the commander of AMCOM, praised the workers for their efforts so far and encouraged them to continue to move forward toward the new system.

“The commitment you all have demonstrated has been phenomenal,” Chronister said. “And I want to thank you all for that.”



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**FULL ATTENTION—** Workers fill Bob Jones Auditorium on Jan. 26 for the Logistics Modernization Program town hall meeting.

# Ex-basketball star sheds light on glory road

*His Texas Western team topped Kentucky in 1966*

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Nevil "The Shadow" Shed played the role of motivational speaker as deftly as he used to move across the basketball court back in the day.

Walking back and forth across the Bob Jones Auditorium stage, he inspired his audience by sharing his experiences growing up in a segregated America. He related the blessings he has received throughout his life – from watching the racial insults his father endured, to aspiring to become a professional basketball player, to becoming a college basketball star who was drafted by the Boston Celtics. He was a forward on Texas Western's all-black starting five that beat the University of Kentucky for the national championship in 1966 and effectively broke the color barrier in college basketball.

Shed and his teammates were inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in September 2007. Their feat inspired the 2006 Disney movie "Glory Road."

And here he was addressing a filled 650-seat Bob Jones Auditorium as the keynote speaker for Team Redstone's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration on Jan. 28. After arriving the previous day, he was slightly injured when the car in which he was riding was involved in an accident. But he wanted to keep his speaking engagement, and he did.

He inspired. He entertained. And when he was finished, he didn't say goodbye.

"To be continued," he said in closing.

Shed, 65, who has a son in the Army returning to Iraq for a second tour, had given the audience "six nutritional facts for success." They included Christ, family, culture, preparation, execution, and follow through.

"We will continue the dream of success. I know that," he said.

His own dream of a successful pro basketball career was cut short by a severe knee injury in his first year. In 1980-81 he teamed up with basketball hall of fame coach Don Haskins as an assistant coach at his alma mater Texas Western, which became the University of Texas-El Paso. In 1981 he took a position as the assistant basketball coach for the first team fielded by the University of Texas at San Antonio. His tenure with UTSA lasted from 1981 to his retirement in 2006.

"What's next in your lives? When you leave this auditorium, what's next?" Shed asked.

In his case, the blessings will be continued.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, presented the following awards to competition winners for the observance:

Essay winners: first place, Shanika Wright of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center; second, Dineisha Hobbs of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; and third, Char-Karia Carter of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

Display winners: first place, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; second, Missile and Space Intelligence Center; and third, 2nd Recruiting Brigade.

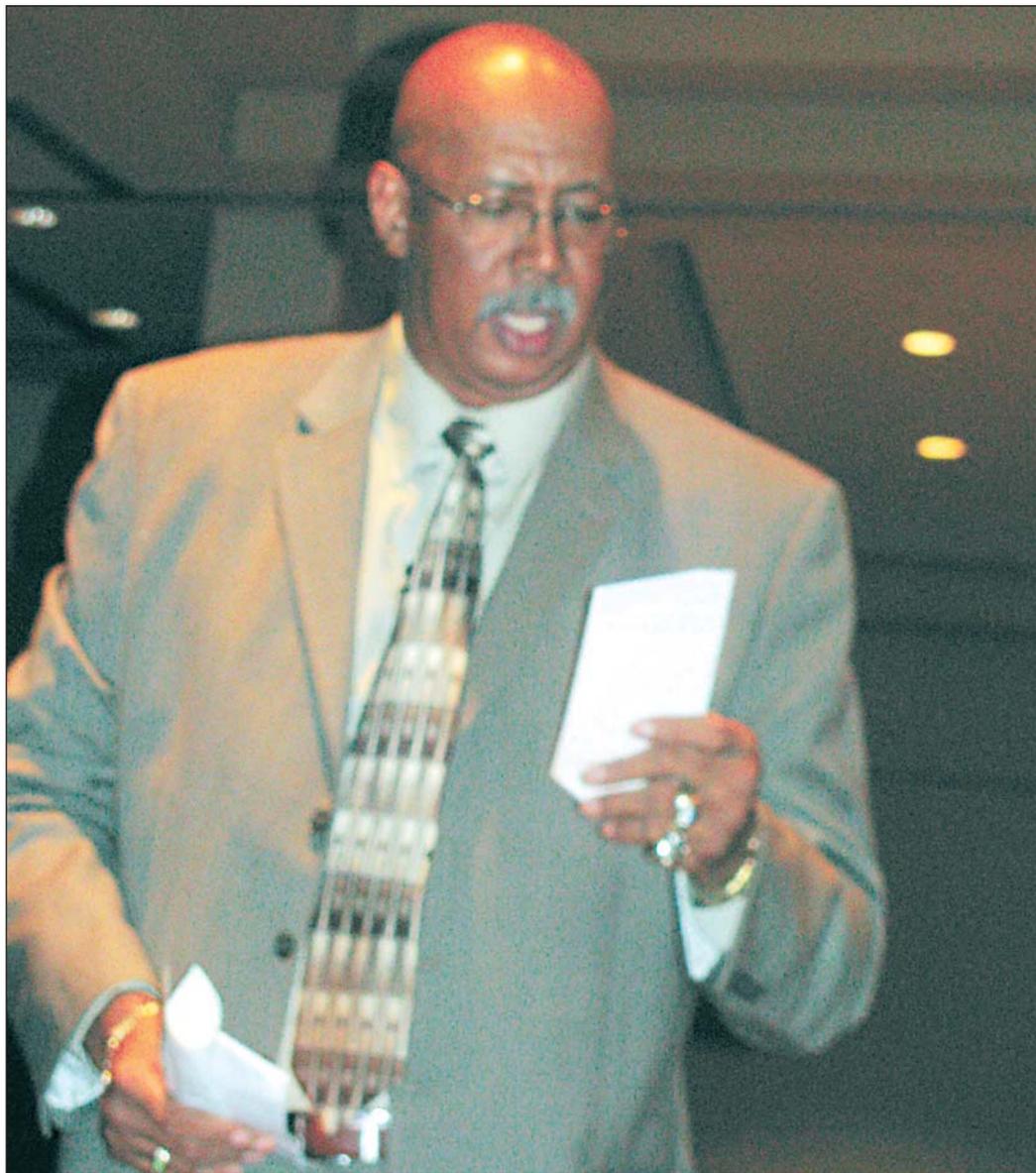


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**TAKE NOTE—** Keynote speaker Nevil "The Shadow" Shed refers to his notes during Team Redstone's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration.

# President Obama thanks troops after defense update

## Meets with Joint Chiefs on Afghanistan and Iraq

By JOHN J. KRUZEL  
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WASHINGTON — In his first visit to the Pentagon as commander in chief, President Barack Obama on Jan. 28 thanked U.S. troops and pledged to provide the resources they need to accomplish their missions.

Obama spoke to reporters here after meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates to discuss military readiness, “difficult decisions” on Iraq and Afghanistan and other national security threats and objectives.

“I want to first of all thank all of the men and women in uniform who are represented here. They are the best that this country has to offer,” Obama said after he and Vice President Joe Biden shook hands with a row of troops from all service branches who lined an E-ring Pentagon hallway.

“All of you who are serving in the U.S. armed forces are going to have my full support, and one of my duties as president is going to be to make sure that you have what you need to accomplish your missions,” he said.



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Chad J. McNeeley

**PENTAGON VISIT—** President Barack Obama addresses the media Jan. 28 during his first visit to the Pentagon since becoming commander in chief. Obama and Vice President Joe Biden met with Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and all the service chiefs, getting their input on the way ahead in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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## Alabama A&M gets watershed center

The signing of a landmark agreement by Alabama A&M University, state and national environmental officials Thursday helped to launch the first watershed management center located on a historically black university campus.

Watershed management involves the development and carrying out of plans that protect and improve large-area water drainage that impacts plant, animal and human communities within a massive but defined watershed boundary.

Among the parts of a watershed such centers attempt to study and manage include water supply, water quality, water rights, drainage, storm water runoff, and the overall planning and utilization of watersheds. These centers play a major role in pulling together the key players in watershed management, including landowners, land use agencies, environmental specialists, and many others. (Alabama A&M release)



## Tax center

Courtesy photo

Volunteers, assigned Soldiers and others gather Jan. 26 for opening day of the Tax Assistance Center, building 3489 at the corner of Ajax Road and Zeus Road. All active duty servicemembers, retirees, their dependents, as well as Reserve and National Guard servicemembers on military orders for 30 or more days and their dependents, are eligible for e-filing of federal and state tax returns. There is no charge for this service. For an appointment, call 842-1040.

## President pledges his full support to military

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Obama said the first point he addressed with the Joint Chiefs — the senior-ranking officers of each military service branch — was gratitude for the service and sacrifice of troops and military families, who he said were responsible for national freedoms that sometimes are taken for granted.

He also suggested that he would relieve some of the pressure placed on the military by more evenly distributing responsibility among other U.S. government elements.

“We have for a long time put enormous pressure on our military to carry out a whole set of missions, sometimes not with the sort of strategic support and the use of all aspects of American power to make sure that they’re not carrying the full load,” he said. “And that’s something that I spoke to the chiefs about and that I intend to change as president of the United States.”

The president added that those involved in the afternoon’s meeting in “The Tank,” the secure area in the Joint Chiefs of Staff wing of the Pentagon, agreed to make sure “the health of our force is always in our sights.” Participants included Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps. The commandant of the Coast Guard, though not a member of the Joint Chiefs, also participated.

“I know (they) are constantly thinking about what we need to do to make sure that people who are in uniform for the United States are getting the kinds of sup-

port that they need and that (their families need), and that’s something that I absolutely am committed to, and I know that Vice President Biden is as well,” he said.

Some of the most urgent issues facing White House and Pentagon officials include the ways forward in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“We’re going to have some difficult decisions that we’re going to have to make surrounding Iraq and Afghanistan most immediately,” Obama said. “Obviously, our efforts to continue to go after extremist organizations that would do harm to the homeland is uppermost in our minds.

“I have every confidence that our military is going to do their job, and I intend to make sure that the civilian side of the ledger does its job to support what they are doing,” he added.

Obama added that he had a “wonderful discussion” with the Joint Chiefs about short- and long-term threats facing the United States.

“We talked about some of the broader, global risks that may arise, and the kind of planning and coordination that’s going to be required between our military and our civilian forces in order to accomplish our long-term national security agendas,” he said.

The president has been engaged with Defense Department and military officials since taking office Jan. 20.

During a meeting at the White House on his first full day in office, Obama directed key defense and military officials to plan for a “responsible military draw-down in Iraq.” The participants included Gates and Mullen, as well as Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of U.S. Central Command.

Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, commander of Multinational Force Iraq, also joined the Jan. 21 meeting via teleconference. U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker, key

Cabinet members and senior national security officials also participated, collectively providing what Obama called “a full update on the situation in Iraq.”

# Hail *and farewell*

## Longtime logistics worker retires from AMCOM



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BEST WISHES—** Millard Jernigan, who retired at Redstone in 1992, wishes Mary Haga well in her retirement from AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center.

### *Mary Haga leaves lasting legacy*

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
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Dwight Eisenhower was president when Mary Haga began her career in 1959 as a GS-2 mail and file clerk in the Procurement Directorate of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency.

She's retiring as chief of the Maintenance Support Division in the Maintenance Directorate of the Aviation and Missile Command's Integrated Materiel Management Center.

A retirement ceremony was held Jan. 26 in honor of Haga and her more than 48 years of service.

"This is a tremendous turnout and I'm shocked," Haga said of the filled conference room in building 5301 at the Sparkman Center. "It's very humbling to have all of you show up today and wish me well in my retirement."

Among the well-wishers was Millard Jernigan, vice president for special projects at Science and Engineering Services Inc. He retired from the then Missile Command in 1992.

"She's a very, very dedicated, conscientious and knowledgeable person on the job," Jernigan said. "She's timely. She made sure the job was timely and done right."

IMMC director Eric Edwards presented Haga the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

"You'll leave a legacy here that won't be forgotten," Edwards said.

Mary and her husband, Rubin Evone, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.



Courtesy photo

### *UAH appointee*

**Dr. John M. Horack, a senior NASA executive, scientist and entrepreneur, has been chosen as the vice president for research at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.**

# New technology improves cable harness fabrication

*Technicians apply process at Tobyhanna Army Depot*

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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — A technologically-advanced process will save time and improve the quality of cable harnesses produced at Tobyhanna.

Personnel in the Tactical Communications Facilities Branch will now use peg boards and a computer program to fabricate cable harnesses. This process, which was once a time-consuming task that consisted of nailing in and removing nails from a board, will allow technicians more versatility, said Vic Narsavage, electronics mechanic leader in the branch.

The branch, which is part of the Systems Integration and Support Directorate's Electronic Services Division, boasts 107 employees on three shifts.

The new procedure, implemented in January, is similar to the old one because it allows technicians to follow a large-scale drawing of the harness while fabricating cables.

The drawings are placed on tables that are 4 feet by 8 feet. "These tables can also be combined to accommodate fabrication of larger cables," Narsavage explained.

After the drawing is placed on a peg-board, which is located atop the table, the technician inserts pegs following the designated placement on the drawing. Connectors, which secure the pegs in place, are locked into the board.

Once the cable is fabricated according to the drawing, it is hooked-up to a main connector, which runs concurrently with a computer program.

"The set-up is similar to an ESD (electrostatic discharge) station, being that a wire and wrist strap are attached to the individual," division chief Cal Morgan said. "The wire is then attached to the tester."

The technician will use the computer program to direct, or thread, each wire. Once the technician locates the correct spot, they snap the wire into place.

The tester checks resistors, diodes and capacitors on the harness, and is designed to find wiring errors, as well as bad solder joints.

Blinking light emitting diodes are designated as test points and allow the technician to locate opens, shorts and miswiring. The computer also produces specific audible tone sounds for good and bad connections.

"The new method will not only save time while fabricating a cable but will save time during set-up and teardown, and while testing," Narsavage said. "The harness remains on the board from start, until it's a finished product." The old method required at least 10 minutes for teardown. Other benefits include the newly integrated tables, which are built to accommodate ergonomics. The table can be lifted or tilted, similar to drafting tables, depending on the individual's preference.

"The tables can be cleared off and a new cable is set up in about five minutes," Morgan said. Because of the new process drawings will undergo minimum wear-and-tear, which will allow technicians to save the drawings and file them for future use.

Morgan plans to equip the branch with eight tables. Each table will also be provided with a designated computer for cable testing. He says the number of tables will accommodate incoming workload.



Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski

**BETTER LAYOUT—** Electronics mechanic Paul Dmuchoski lays out the Crows II cable assembly on the new wiring harness tables.

# Missiles official urges continued support for programs

*Funding 'extremely important' for development capability*

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Even in the wake of expected future cuts in military spending, the U.S. needs to ensure enough funding to sustain its missile technology and development, said a top official with the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

Rod Summers, deputy PEO for integration, said the organization's top executives led by Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco are working to tell the story of missile defense at the Pentagon to try to ensure against future budget cuts that could cripple the nation's missile defense industry. He made his comments during a speech Friday to members of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army at a Bosses' Breakfast at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The story of missile defense includes missile systems such as Hellfire, Sentinel, TOW, Javelin, Avenger, Stinger, Patriot and HIMARS, and the engineers and technicians who manage them.

"We are really telling the story of missile defense. There is going to be declining money available and we want them to know the effect that could have on us as a missile community," Summers said.

"The Army is really the sole provider of weapons in that class of missiles ... In industry, to maintain design teams and keep creative people in place you have to give them challenges. Creative engineers and specialists are vital to the missile industry. You understand that building a missile is an art. The apprentice-mentor relationship in missile development is handed down through the years. Generation to generation understand how to build missiles, how to put them together and where the problems are."

If funding doesn't allow that generational relationship to continue, then the U.S. will lose its missile development capability.

"If you skip a generation, then you have to start all over again," Summers said. "It's a national issue. If you lose the

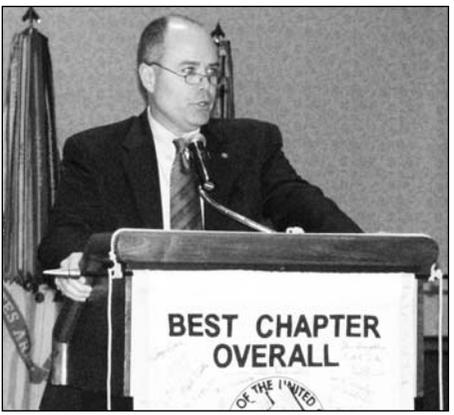


Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TELLING THE STORY— Rod Summers, deputy program executive officer for integration at the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, talks to members of the local chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army about the need to tell the story of missile defense so that U.S. missile technology and development capabilities are not lost in future budget cuts. Summers spoke Friday during AUSA's Bosses' Breakfast at the Officers and Civilians Club.**

ability to build missiles then it can take 10 to 15 years to gain that back. People outside the missile community don't appreciate that."

Budget concerns along with the protocol for getting requirements to the execute level for funding threaten the future health of the missile industry. Summers said some problems due to tighter budgets have already been noticed.

"We are carrying the message," Summers said. "The missile industrial base is extremely important to our country. We cannot let that decline. It is extremely important to our future."

Summers went on to say that PEO for Missiles and Space is also facing the challenges of BRAC moves to Redstone Arsenal as Army organizations work to fill new jobs at Redstone Arsenal with qualified employees.

"The flow of personnel is running a little behind what we expected," Summers said. "There will be a huge domino effect once all this (the BRAC moves) starts taking place. The number of people coming here is

steadily on the decline ... We will have to manage that particular problem. There will be no shortage of jobs. We just need to work to fill them with the right people."

PEO for Missiles and Space is organized along customer lines. Under integration, Summers is responsible for the management of NLOS-LS (Non-Line of Sight Launch System), IAMD (Integrated Air and Missile Defense), CMDS (Cruise Missile Defense Systems) and LTPO (Lower Tier Project Office).

Overall, PEO for Missiles and Space has a current budget of \$3.5 billion and expects a fiscal '09 budget of \$3.843 billion. But, as military budgets decrease, the organization will come to rely more on international sales of missile systems, Summers said.

"We have over \$12 billion in international sales in just the fiscal year of '09," he said. "Because of the depth and breadth of international sales, it will cause us to look at some organizational changes and the way we work with customers."

Foreign military sales brings the fiscal '09 budget at PEO for Missiles and Space to more than \$16 billion, not including the organization's work with THAAD. As foreign military sales grow, they will continue to have a significant impact on PEO for Missiles and Space and will lead to additional improvements in missile system capabilities.

"International sales are a big challenge for us," Summers said. "It's great news for all of us that we can have the kind of sales that we're seeing. We need to make sure we serve our international partners in the way they need to be served."

In recent meetings with employees, Summers said it was obvious there is a growing concern over what the new administration will do in terms of budget cuts for missile systems.

"Without fail, employees asked 'What's going to happen with the new administration? How is it going to affect us?'" he said.

"The response has been 'Change is going to happen. We've heard the rumors of big ticket programs being cut ... We'll see some termination of programs. We're preparing ourselves. But we don't know what will happen. We are fighting for our programs.'"

Budget funds for fiscal '10 won't be announced until end of March or April, and there could be some reshaping of programs in that budget. But, Summers doesn't expect major changes in program funding to happen until the fiscal 2011 through 2015 budgets.

"We don't know what's going to change. There are a lot of speculations as to what's going to happen," he said. "I don't think we will start to see sweeping changes from this administration until this summer."

Summers said Army programs that deliver beyond military systems will continue through budget cuts.

"Programs have to have a means of developing capability. Not just systems, but capability," he said. "In our PEO organization, we've been delivering capability for 30 years. We're familiar with what's coming and we think we'll be positioned for that change. We're looking at our organization to see how we make our PEO an integrated PEO. We're delivering capability to the Soldier. We're not forcing the Soldier to integrate things for themselves."

In closing the meeting, local AUSA president Mike Howell told the organization's corporate members that it will continue to need a lot of support for programs in 2009.

"There are a lot of big things happening this year," he said. "We're going to be asking for support. We know things are tight, but we're asking for your support."

Among the organization's 2009 activities, Howell mentioned hosting the 3rd Region AUSA session in April and the annual Salute Dinner during Armed Forces Week in the summer. The organization hopes to have Army Materiel Command commander Gen. Ann Dunwoody as the speaker at the 3rd Region meeting and Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the U.S. Central Command and former commander of Multi-National Force-Iraq, as the speaker at the Salute Dinner.

"Great things are coming up," he said. In addition, during the breakfast the chapter presented retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, AUSA 3rd Region executive vice president and AUSA state president, with a citation "for exceptional service in support of national defense."

# Bravo Company takes turn at simulated combat

*Soldiers practice Humvee rollover, and shoot on computerized range*

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Imagine this. You and your unit are outside the wire in Iraq, traveling down a dusty road in your Humvee, conducting a routine patrol of the area. The sun is shining, the air is hot like an oven, and no one is walking the streets. You look around, notice the empty landscape of the city, and think to yourself, "This is weird. Where are all the villagers?"

Just then an enormous explosion erupts from an improvised explosive device, hurling you and your team inside the Humvee upside-down and into a small ditch filled with water. The vehicle is on fire and quickly filling with water. What do you do?

"Don't panic," said Staff Sgt. Michael Bell, a platoon sergeant with Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

On Jan. 21, Soldiers from Bravo Company gathered for a day of training in weapons qualification and survival.

"We're trying to familiarize the Soldiers with the rollover procedures in a Humvee and also give the Soldiers another chance to fire at a M16 weapons range," Bell said.

"The Humvee simulates being upside-



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**FIRE AWAY—** Soldiers from Bravo Company prepare to fire Jan. 21 at the EST 2000, a simulated rifle range with computers to help the Soldiers see where they're firing.

down and does a really good job of showing the Soldiers what that feels like," he said. "You never know what's going to happen to you outside the wire in theater and this is the best Humvee training

around to give you a better idea."

"The reason we're here at the EST 2000 Weapons Training is to give the Soldiers the opportunity to qualify on an M16 (rifle) prior to graduating and moving to

their first unit and assignment," added Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Wells, also a Bravo Company platoon sergeant.

"This gives the Soldiers a chance to build on the skills they already have from basic training," Wells continued. "It also is a reinforcement of a skill that some Soldiers might lose because they are here in training for such a long time. It's just another chance to practice and to better oneself."

The EST 2000 can best be summed up as a giant videogame. The screen of the EST 2000 is the size of a building, and the Soldiers firing at the screen use real M16s hooked up to a computer.

"The computer provides feedback to where the Soldier's rounds are landing and how the Soldier might need to make any adjustments," Wells said. "The computer is very beneficial to us (the cadre) getting to help the Soldiers make instant corrections, all to better train them."

"I really hope this prepares them when they get to their first assignment. I also hope it helps their future (noncommissioned officers). If these Soldiers continue to train now, the better they will be and the more time their future NCOs will have training them in other areas. These Soldiers might be deploying once they get to their units and any extra time they can get at a range will benefit them in the long run."

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# Combat

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To qualify at the EST 2000, a Soldier must hit 23 pop-up targets to receive marksmanship, 33 to receive sharpshooter and 38 and above to receive expert.

But where the EST 2000 teaches the trainee Soldiers to become better shooters, the Humvee simulation teaches them how to survive.

“The thing I try to focus on is teaching the Soldiers confidence and patience,” Bell said. “These Soldiers need to know that if something goes wrong, they can never give up. They have to stay calm and never quit.

“When they get inside the Humvee and it starts to roll over, they have to yell ‘rollover’ to make sure everyone else inside is aware of what’s happening. Once they are upside down, they all have to unlock their doors to get out. The next time through, we only unlock one door, and they won’t know which one that will be. They have to work together to quickly find the unlocked door and exit the vehicle as a team.”

For one Soldier, this training is important to his survival during a possible deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan.

“Today, we are simulating an IED explosion hitting a Humvee, causing a rollover, and firing M16 rifles at the EST 2000,” said Pvt. Richard Burba, a Soldier with Bravo Company. “This training is important to our survival in battle. If your Humvee rolls over and the door jams, with this training you know how to get out and get your team out alive.

“With my job, 94M, we ride everywhere in Humvees, so this is really important training for me to be a part of,” Burba said. “It does give me more confidence toward deploying. I never knew how these doors opened or even how heavy they were (the doors weigh anywhere from 85 to 100 pounds), but now I have a better understanding and I think that this will help me in the long run.”

Said Bell, “If these Soldiers already have this training under their belts before they make it to their next unit, the better off they will be. Any training you get is great training and will only make you a better Soldier over time. This training gives them the confidence they need when they face any challenges ahead. Through tough training like this, they know they can overcome anything.”



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

**HASTY EXIT—** Staff Sgt. Michael Bell, a platoon sergeant with Bravo Company, watches as one of his Soldiers crawls out an overturned Humvee. The purpose of the training is to better prepare the Soldiers for dangerous situations they might face in battle like rollovers.

# Deli offerings join Officers and Civilians Club

*Sandwich menu opens this week*

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A new year is the perfect time to try new things. In addition to its lunch buffet, the Officers and Civilians Club has added a new dimension to its menu. It now offers sandwiches and burgers for lunch.

"I just thought about what I like and what I would want to eat," chef Ben Howard explained. "I built the menu from there."

The club began quietly testing its menu and setup a few weeks ago. It officially kicks off the new menu this week. The offerings range from the classic tuna melt to the more exotic muffaletta. Each combines the best of ingredients for a more refined version of lunchtime favorites. There is something for all tastes and appetites.

"We've got cheese steak, subs and chicken sandwiches," Howard said. "People are saying our Reuben is the best they've ever eaten."

The menu also has a selection of Panini, the popular grilled and pressed sandwiches, to choose from. There is also a bacon cheddar and mushroom Swiss version of the club's burger on the menu.

"My burgers are all angus beef," Howard said. "We grill the bun and steam the cheese to melt it perfectly."

All sandwiches come with lettuce, tomatoes, a pickle and steak fries. Curly fries or onion

rings can be substituted for an additional charge. A drink is included with each sandwich.

Sandwiches and burgers are made fresh to order. Diners at the club can bypass the regular buffet to place their sandwich orders. Once placed, they are given a pager so they can get their drinks, pay their check and take a seat. Once their order is ready, their pager will call them back to pick up their lunch. Having streamlined ordering and a pager system keeps traffic congestion to a minimum and helps speed up the process, according to club manager Robert Schumann.

"We're working on getting the time down to a few minutes," he said. "The goal is to make it as quick as possible."

The idea for adding a sandwich menu stemmed from the popularity of deli chains in the area, Schumann said. Rather than having to leave the installation, he wanted to offer Team Redstone the same type of food at a higher quality for about the same price.

"We're modeling a lot of this after delis in town," Schumann said. "But we think we're better. We're closer, too."

The club will continue to offer its lunch buffet throughout the week. By having both available, those who share the company of friends and co-workers for lunch can do so without having to agree on what they want to eat. Customers can also place their order to go.

"We think it's going to be incredibly popular," Schumann said. "We can't wait for everyone to come try it out."

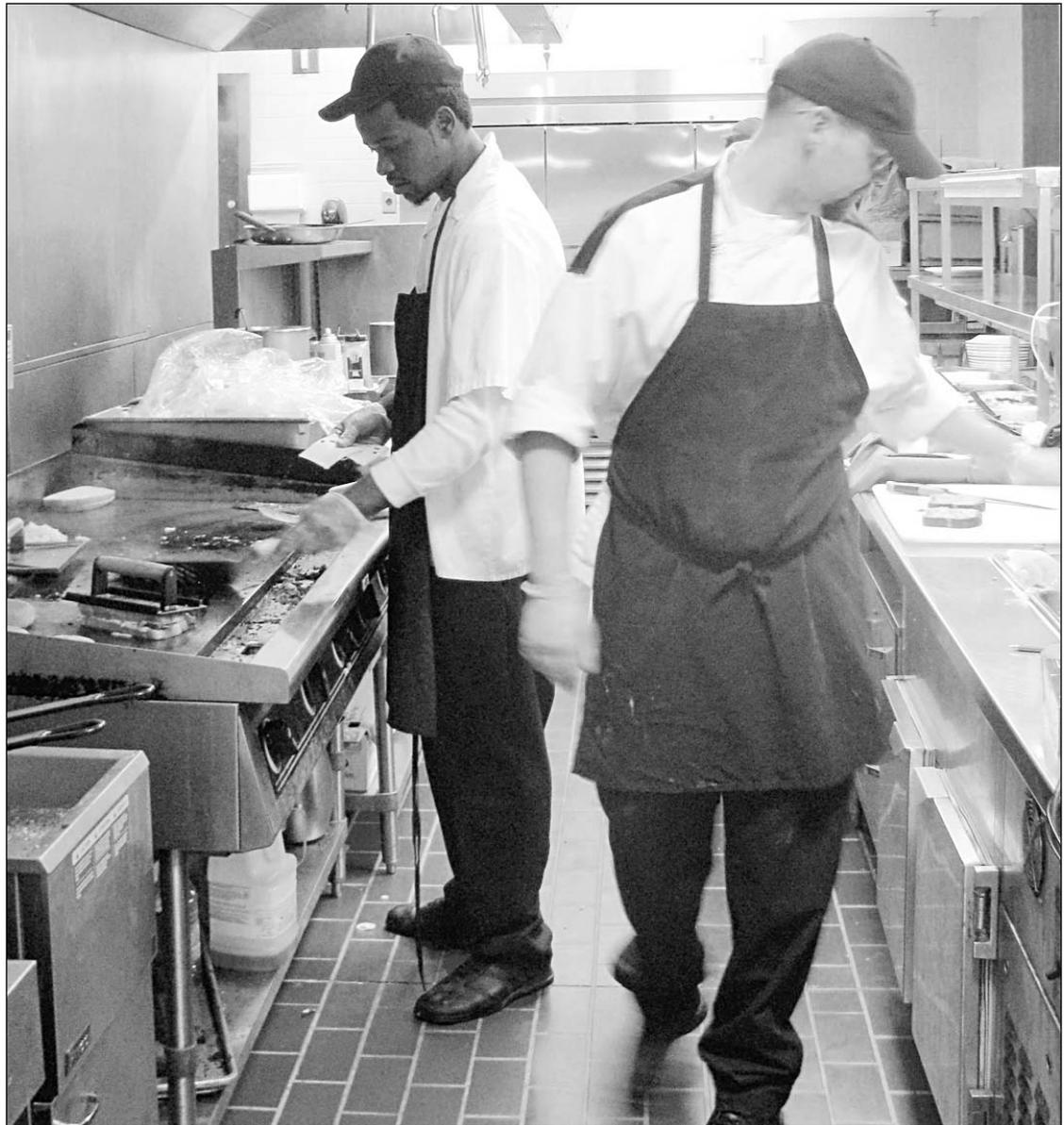


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**ON THE GO**— Gary Harris and Andy Kolankiewicz prepare sandwiches and burgers to order at the Officers and Civilians Club.

# Finding adoption homes for abandoned pets



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**CARES TO SHARE—** Jodi Rutenberg, A New Leash on Life volunteer, opens her house and her heart to dogs like Jewel who are looking for a home.

## Organization gives new leash on life

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An organization is trying to ensure that all pets have the love and care they deserve, especially when left behind by their owners.

A New Leash on Life is a nonprofit animal rescue organization in the Huntsville area. The all-volunteer group includes veterinarians, foster homes and others who give their time and services to help animals who have been abandoned by their owners for whatever reason.

Jodi Rutenberg, A New Leash on Life volunteer and foster mother, said a large number of the animals they help come from Redstone. Some wander into office areas. Some are found trying to raise litters wherever they could. Others are simply left in housing areas when their owners relocate without them.

"Sometimes people just move and leave them in the backyard," Rutenberg said. "The neighbors try to feed them for a while, but it's just more than they can handle so they call the MPs or the vet."

That's when A New Leash volunteers get the call from workers, neighbors or police. Springing into action, the volunteers take the animal to a veterinary partner, such as Redstone's vet clinic, for a health assessment. All animals are given shots, tested for disease and spayed or neutered. If they are healthy, they will be taken by a foster home for love and care until a new family is found for them.

"Some I'll have for just a few days," Rutenberg said. "Some you may have for a few months. In special cases, you may have them for years."

Sometimes though they are not healthy and making them so is costly. Although area veterinarians reduce costs to a minimum, bills can run into thousands of dollars for an animal who needs elaborate or multiple procedures. Named after the feisty dachshund who was the first beneficiary, the Marigold Fund was established to help pay the surgical bills. Jewel, a 10-month-old Great Dane puppy, will be the next beneficiary of the fund.

Jewel had one of her front legs broken in three places as a small puppy, the cause of which is somewhat of a mystery. The injury wasn't treated properly and has healed at a bizarre angle. Although she has learned to walk on it, an orthopedic specialist has assured Rutenberg, Jewel's foster mom, that it can be repaired.

"After several hours of assessment, Dr. (Michael) Newman determined that it could be repaired," Rutenberg said. "She will live a long and healthy life with a corrected leg."

Even with their huge discount, costs for the surgery will be about \$2,500. The Marigold fund will provide the bulk of the funds. They are hoping donations will cover the rest, and hopefully replenish the fund for the next animal needing extensive care. "We take donations all the time for animals like Jewel and Marigold who have these excessive injuries," Rutenberg said. "Those funds are set aside just for that. We will never put an animal down because the funds are not available to treat them."

The goal of the organization is to find permanent homes for the pets that it takes in. Every Saturday, A New Leash on Life holds adoption events at the PetSmart location on Carl T. Jones Drive from noon until 5 p.m. They also accept donations and applications to be a foster home there.

As much as they wish otherwise, Rutenberg acknowledges that not all animals are adoptable.

"Sometimes it's their age," she said. "Sometimes they are ill. We've also

# Redstone Flotilla has home for boating safety events



Courtesy photo

**SMOOTH SAILING—** From left are Garrison Safety's Keith Coates, Coast Guard Auxiliary's Josh Kelly, Garrison Safety manager Mike Moore and Coast Guard Auxiliary's Joe Kleri.

## Garrison Safety Office provides course site

The Coast Guard Auxiliary partners with the Garrison Safety Office to promote safe boating.

As part of this partnership, the Redstone Flotilla is provided a location to meet and teach boating safety classes. The flotilla provides a variety of additional boating safety events to include performing vessel safety checks, safety patrols, maritime observation missions, and public affairs promotions. The flotilla offers a comprehensive Boating Skills and Seamanship course of instruction presented at the Garrison Safety Office located in building 3687.

The flotilla is staffed by uniformed volunteers. The auxiliary is an element of the

U.S. Coast Guard which is further organized under the Department of Homeland Security. The auxiliary provides a multitude of tasks for the Coast Guard which are established, approved and assigned by authority of the guard commandant.

Flotilla 082-24-06, Redstone, is one of the six Northern Alabama flotillas organized under auxiliary Division 24, among the 14 divisions that make up the District 08, Eastern Region. District 08 Eastern Region's director of auxiliary is headquartered in Louisville, Ky. For operational purposes, this area is under the control of Sector Ohio Valley who is also headquartered in Louisville.

The auxiliary is always recruiting new members in an effort to provide trained people to offer services to the community to assure that appropriate attention is paid to boating safety in a way that enhances the ability of the community to enjoy water and boating activities. Anyone interested in joining the auxiliary or who would like to attend a Boating Skills and Seamanship class should contact Redstone Flotilla personnel services staff officer Tom Kunhart. His phone number is 830-6621 or you may e-mail him at tkunhart@knology.net. (Coast Guard Auxiliary release)

## Organization takes in abandoned pets in local area

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had animals that are aggressive. If you have a foster home that is experienced with that, the animal can still live a long and happy life. We don't turn away an animal because they are sick, injured, old or unadoptable."

Adoptions fees vary slightly from animal to animal and are tax deductible. While they might seem high, they are in line with what a new pet owner can reasonably expect to spend on shots, spay or neuter, and routine medical care for a new pet. The fees accomplish two things. They help replenish the funds spent on an animal so that the next can receive care. They also make sure that the adoptive family understands the care a pet needs and the cost that entails.

"We need to have funds coming in to continue the program," Rutenberg said. "We also want to know that the people who adopt can afford an animal. That's why a lot of animals end up in shelters. People don't understand the cost of adequate medical

care, food and shelter."

For owners who are unable to take care of their animals or keep them in a move, the organization takes pets directly from their home. In the case of an upcoming move, they can assist owners in finding a home while they still have the animal with them, a comforting thing for many owners.

"You can be involved in the process and keep them with you until a home is found," Rutenberg said. "If you know you have orders to leave, contact us immediately. Don't just abandon your pet."

For more information, a list of pets available or to make a donation, visit their website [anewleash.org](http://anewleash.org). Their mailing address is A New Leash on Life Inc., P.O. Box 221, Brownsboro, AL 35741. E-mail is their preferred method of contact, Rutenberg said, at [pets@anewleash.org](mailto:pets@anewleash.org).

"There is nothing more gratifying that taking an animal and delivering it to its forever home," she said. "You see the bonds and attachments forming. Sometimes it breaks your heart a little bit (to let them go) but the joy is amazing."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**TAKE ME HOME—** Aurora is looking for a forever family with the help of A New Leash on Life.

# AMC commander makes her first visit to Redstone

Gen. Ann Dunwoody tours labs, buildings

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One of the Army's leading generals made a quiet visit to Redstone Arsenal Jan. 27-28 to get up to speed on the some of the programs and initiatives that have made the Arsenal a hot spot for military investment and growth.

Gen. Ann Dunwoody, the Army's first female four-star general and commander of the Army Materiel Command, made her first visit to Redstone Arsenal without any media fanfare. Though she kept her visit low key, those Dunwoody met with and greeted during her tours of the Prototype Integration Facility, Army Materiel Command Forward and Army Security Assistance Command Forward headquarters, and the Software Engineering Directorate were excited about the opportunity to talk with the general, shake her hand and even get their picture taken with her.

"She's the first woman. Oh my gosh! Hillary (Clinton) didn't make it (as president). But General Dunwoody did make it up the general ranks," said Terrian Hicks, the equal employment officer for USASAC, after meeting Dunwoody. "Every woman in a green suit can now aspire to be like her. It's nice to have a woman at the helm."

Hicks was determined to get her "history picture" with Dunwoody, as were several other employees at the USASAC and AMC forward headquarters. And, Dunwoody was happy to oblige.

"It's a pleasure to meet you," Dunwoody told Jim Schrand of AMC, a phrase she repeated several times during the tour. "I want to thank you for what you do. I look forward to working with you."

Like other AMC and USASAC employees, Schrand was impressed with the general's visit.

"It's nice to have that type of leadership to come down and say 'Hi!' and see what's going on," he said.

Dunwoody and the employees of AMC, now located at Fort Belvoir, Va., will move to Redstone Arsenal in 2011 upon completion of their \$128 million, 412,000-square-foot, two-building headquarters facility on Martin Road. The buildings will house 1,340 AMC employees and 340 USASAC employees.

Dunwoody began her visit to Redstone Arsenal on Jan. 27 with an AMC Operations update. She then toured the Prototype Integration Facility, where she got a crash course in current operations, Apache aircraft survivability product improvement, the Surfaced Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (SLAMRAAM), the Non Line-of-Sight Launch System (NLOS-LS), the communication relay system and solar shield for Shadow, the Patriot launcher and other systems.

As she entered the PIF, Patti Martin, director of the Engineering Directorate, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, told Dunwoody that the 60,000-square-foot facility is a "small footprint of all the AMRDEC laboratories" at Redstone Arsenal.

"You've seen some of these projects on paper," Danny Featherston, the PIF's program manager, told Dunwoody at the beginning of the tour. "Now, you'll see the projects in hardware. We start with an idea or a dream and then we make it reality for the Soldier. There's a lot of synergy in the work

we do here."

Dunwoody was impressed with the improvements she saw in Army hardware.

"Look how far we've come in just a few years," she said.

After her PIF tour, Dunwoody participated in a series of lunchtime briefings, including the status of the Base Realignment and Closure '05 facilities, the Enhanced Use Lease facility, AMCOM's Course of Business Readiness, Condition-Based Maintenance, Supply Chain Management and Log Modernization Program.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SOLAR SHIELDS**— At the direction of engineer Brandon Williams, AMC commander Gen. Ann Dunwoody checks out the solar shields that have been developed for the Shadow unmanned aerial vehicle by engineers at the Prototype Integration Facility. The shields prevent gases in the Shadow's fuel bladders from expanding in hot conditions and cracking the Shadow's exterior when the UAV is in storage at airfields.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ARRIVAL**— AMC commander Gen. Ann Dunwoody is quickly briefed by John Olshefski upon her arrival by helicopter to the AMC Command Forward and Security Assistance Command Forward headquarters. Olshefski, a retired colonel and the former Garrison commander, is now assisting with AMC's move to Redstone Arsenal. With them are Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command, and Ronnie Chronister, his deputy.



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**OVERVIEW**— T.J. Lapointe, aviation special project lead at the Prototype Integration Facility, shows AMC commander Gen. Ann Dunwoody, AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and several other visitors some of the current projects involving new technology for the M4 Gun Mount, Ammo Can, Infrared Strobe and Crew Extraction. The Prototype Integration Facility is where employees of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center incorporate new ideas into existing hardware systems to address Soldier needs on the battlefield.

In the late afternoon of Jan. 27, Dunwoody took an aerial tour by helicopter of the AMC construction site and Redstone Arsenal, ending the tour with the landing of the UH-1 Huey on a makeshift helipad in a parking lot outside of the AMC and USASAC forward headquarters buildings off Redstone Road. She was greeted by retired Col. John Olshefski, now serving as strategic adviser for logistics, force structure and transformation for AMC Command Forward, and Col. Frederick Heaggans, director of USASAC Command Forward.

Dunwoody toured both the USASAC and AMC facilities, meeting several of the organization's employees.

"This is the reason why we've had a good transition," Heaggans said while introducing Dunwoody to USASAC employees. "Everyone works hard."

"It's an honor to meet her. I mean, a female general! It's something. It's really something," said USASAC employee Jacqueline Williams.

During her informal tour, Dunwoody asked employees how they liked Redstone Arsenal. USASAC employee Rose Zarzour quickly replied "I love it!" and Sharon Corcoran, a USASAC employee who is also an AMC Fellow, said it's been "awesome."

Dunwoody then met with AMC managers to discuss the BRAC move of AMC to Redstone Arsenal. She later had dinner with local community leaders. On the morning of Jan. 28, she toured the Software Engineering Directorate before departing.

Although her trip was quick, Dunwoody enjoyed being able to familiarize herself with Redstone Arsenal and its employees.

"Hopefully, we'll have a little bit more time to get to know each other when we all move in. It's going to be sooner than later," she told the employees at USASAC and AMC Command Forward headquarters.



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**HELICOPTER TECHNOLOGY**— UH-60 team leader Curt Ezell points out new technology being added to the UH-60M helicopter for AMC commander Gen. Ann Dunwoody during a tour of the Prototype Integration Facility. Behind them is AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles.

# Military children urged to apply for scholarships

## Commissary program sets Feb. 18 deadline

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FORT LEE, Va. – Sharpen your pencils, fire up your computers and eat as much “brain food” as you can. You’ve been preparing your whole life for college, so don’t miss the opportunity to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship through the Scholarships for Military Children Program. Don’t delay because applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 18.

Applications are available in commissaries worldwide. You may also fill out an application online at the Military Scholar website, <http://www.militaryscholar.org>, but the website does not have a “submit” button, so you must print a copy and drop it off at a commissary. You may also fill the application out by hand. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

Since the scholarship program kicked off in 2001, it has distributed more than \$6.4 million in scholarships to more than 4,000 of the best and brightest children of military families.

“Education today is very expensive,” said Andrew Knaub, a 2003 scholarship

recipient from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., “so every dime you get in scholarship money is that much less you’ll have to pay back in college loans after you graduate.” Knaub put his \$1,500 toward tuition at Penn State, earning a bachelor’s degree in finance while specializing in international business.

Knaub said education has completely changed the course of his life. “Without it I wouldn’t have been able to travel abroad to other universities, and I would not have been able to get the job I have today as a compliance analyst with a securities firm.

“Since I paid for most of my education with loans and money from summer jobs, this scholarship means a few less months of my salary today that will go toward repaying those loans,” he said.

While the \$1,500 scholarship can only be applied to undergraduate studies, the money it saves students and their families can then be applied to postgraduate work. Starla Armstrong, a 2003 scholarship recipient from Fort Gordon, Ga., did just that and went on to earn a master’s degree in clinical psychology from Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga.

“Education plays a huge role in my life. I’m committed to a career that requires two advanced degrees; I will have spent 11 years in college before entering

the workforce.” Armstrong is working on a doctorate in counseling psychology at Auburn University, and plans to pursue a career in counseling psychology with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

And then, of course, there’s the psychological payoff of earning a scholarship. “If anything, the scholarship provided a sense of support in knowing that DeCA and Fisher House believed in my potential,” explained Joshua Lanzet, a 2003 scholarship recipient from Cairo, Egypt. Lanzet put his scholarship to good use, graduating magna cum laude from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., with a bachelor’s degree in international affairs. He is working for the Coca-Cola Company’s North and West Africa Business Unit in public affairs and communications.

What could you accomplish with the help of a \$1,500 scholarship? You’ll never know if you don’t apply.

Only dependent, unmarried children (under the age 23) of active-duty, Reserve/Guard and retired military members, survivors of servicemembers who died while on active duty or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military may apply for a scholarship. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility

Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The applicant must be attending or planning to attend an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2009, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Be sure to check your materials carefully for simple things, like making sure the application is signed and that you are using the 2009 application, not one from previous years. For details about the program, check out the “Frequently Asked Questions” page on the Military Scholar website.

Scholarships for Military Children is funded through donations by the general public and by product manufacturers and brokers that sell groceries in commissaries. Fisher House Foundation, a non-profit organization best known for building comfort homes near military medical facilities, administers the Scholarships for Military Children Program. Fisher House Foundation uses the services of Scholarship Managers, a professional firm that has handled more than 400 programs, to screen applicants and award scholarships. Neither Fisher House nor DeCA is involved in the decision process.

## PX offers variety of options for community

From Redstone Arsenal to Afghanistan, military installations across the globe are home to more than 3,000 Army & Air Force Exchange Service food, entertainment and retail options. When visitors, contractors and civilians see these facilities their first question often is, “Who’s authorized to shop the exchange?”

“Frankly, the PX offers varying levels of service to everyone who comes on post,” Post Exchange general manager Carl Carpenter said. “It stands to reason that guests want to take advantage of the tax relief and competitive pricing they’ve heard so much about, but AAFES doesn’t decide who is or isn’t authorized.”

Exchange service authorization actually begins with the House Armed Services Committee and ultimately ends with the Redstone Arsenal commander. The guidelines, as prescribed by Army Regulation 215-8/Air Force Instruction 34-211 (I), require proper identification of authorized

customers, including uniformed personnel and members of the Reserve Components and family members, applicable DoD civilians, exchange associates and retirees who possess a basic exchange purchase privilege authorization card.

While authorizations governing who can buy merchandise and services at the PX often apply to a chosen few, the doors to AAFES’ fast food and convenience stores are open to virtually anyone looking for a quick bite to eat. These include the Food Court, building 3220 — which offers Anthony’s Pizza, Church’s Chicken, and Robin Hood, to name a few. There’s also the Burger King, building 3231, and The American Eatery, building 4488. In fact, DoD policy allows all federal government employees, and even installation visitors, to dine at AAFES restaurants as long as their orders are consumed on the installation. Furthermore, anyone can purchase single-serve con-

sumables from a Shoppette, an option that is especially valuable late at night considering the One Stop, building 3234, is open Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to midnight.

“‘Snack Avenue’ located in the Shoppette, building 3234, offers a robust selection of single-serve consumables,” Carpenter said. “Candy bars, soft drinks and even hot dogs can be picked up by just about anyone with business on the installation.”

Anyone who believes they may qualify for exchange benefits, including access to the main PX, can call Terri Douglas, AAFES public affairs representative at Redstone Arsenal, at 881-7313 for additional guidance as well as information regarding possible exceptions at Redstone Arsenal. (AAFES release)

# Army strives to decrease instances of sexual assault

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WASHINGTON — Through its Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention and Response Program, the Army hopes to change command climates to make victims of sexual assault feel more comfortable reporting the crime.

During a meeting with members of the press Jan. 26, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren discussed the Army's efforts to reduce sexual assault within the ranks, a crime he said that is not just an assault on a person, but on the whole Army.

"Since Sept. 11, 2001, we've had 1,800 Soldiers that have been punished for sexually assaulting a fellow Soldier," Geren said. "Soldier-on-Soldier violence, blue-on-blue — sexual assault is a crime everywhere, but in the Army it is a crime that is more than just a crime against the victim. In the Army it is a crime against the core values that bind our Army together."

Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes in the United States and in the Army as well, said Carolyn Collins, program manager of the Army's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Through the SAPR program, the Army hopes to change the cultural climate so Soldiers who are victims of sexual assault will be more likely to report the crime.

"The last couple of years we have seen a bit of a plateau in the reporting, but ... we are certainly still having convictions of sexual assault," Collins said.

"We know we are not where we want to be yet. We are looking to increase our propensity to report, and bring down the actual number of assaults. We are looking to close that gap. We want to raise the number of reports so we can get more investigated, and hold offenders accountable for those actions, and we want to reduce the number."

The Army is also doing more to ensure that when Soldiers report a sexual assault, the crime is properly investigated and prosecuted.

Geren has approved funding to provide 15 special victim prosecutors — that's additional personnel billets within the judge advocate general corps that will be filled from within the ranks by those that have proven themselves as especially effective prosecutors and who also have experience in sexual assault prosecution.

"They will focus exclusively on those cases, and on training the balance of our prosecutorial and defense force on those kinds of cases," said Maj. Gen. Scott Black, judge advocate general of the Army. "They will have previous experience, and special training as well. The idea is to pick people who are ... very very good in the prosecutorial function, and then ... have experience in this particular area of prosecution. We are identifying them now."

Black said those special prosecutors would come from the JAG ranks, would serve for a minimum of three-year tours, and would be positioned at installations such as Fort Bragg, N.C. and Fort Hood,

Texas, where there are large concentrations of Soldiers.

Brig. Gen. Rodney Johnson, the provost marshal general of the Army, said the service will add an additional 30 special investigators to be assigned at 22 of the Army's largest installations to assist Criminal Investigation Command agents in investigating sexual assault crimes.

Those investigators, Johnson said, would provide insight into how civilian juries look at sexual assault cases and what kinds of evidence are needed to prosecute. The investigators would also look at sexual predator and victim behavior and the scientific perspective of sexual assault investigation.

An additional seven "highly qualified experts" are also coming aboard, Johnson said, to provide training and assistance to CID agents.

"We in CID already have highly skilled agents investigating these crimes," Johnson said. "But bringing the civilian expertise onboard will simply be a valuable tool to glean insight and a fresh perspective in many areas. Our special agents and supervisors will be working shoulder-to-shoulder with those highly qualified experts on our most challenging and complex cases."

Black said there are already four of those experts on board, with the remaining to be brought in by mid-February.

## Army sees increase in suicide rates

WASHINGTON — The Army has released its 2008 data on suicides and highlighted its efforts to reduce suicides in the force.

"We want the families who have lost loved ones to suicide to understand how deeply we feel their loss and that we are committed to doing everything possible to prevent this tragedy in our Army," Secretary of the Army Pete Geren said.

"Progress depends on coordinated efforts across our entire Army — across all components, jurisdictions and commands, and on effective work with our government partners — the VA and the National Institute of Mental Health. To ensure the level of leadership and coordination we need, Gen. (George W.) Casey, (chief of staff of the Army), and I have asked Gen. Peter Chiarelli, the vice chief of staff of the Army, to lead our efforts and ensure that we are working together

effectively and that we do everything we can as rapidly as possible."

To identify Soldiers at risk for suicide and to intervene appropriately, the Army will conduct a stand-down within a 30-day window running Feb. 15 to March 15. The stand-down will include training for peer-level recognition of behaviors that may lead to suicidal behavior, and intervention at the buddy level. The stand-down will be followed by a chain-teaching program focused on suicide prevention, from March 15 to June 15.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Army has seen an increase in suicide rates. There were 128 suicides last year in the active Army, with another 15 cases still pending a determination, according to data compiled by Army human resources officials. This was up from 115 suicides in 2007. (Army release)

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Space, reporting directly to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army Acquisition, Logistics and Technology OASA (ALT), provide direction and guidance for the development, acquisition, testing systems integration, product improvement, fielding, sustainment and eventual retirement of systems.

"It's been characterized as the strongest relationship between the Army Material Command and AMCOM and the entire ASA-ALT structure," said Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer for missiles and space.

"It's a very healthy, complementary, collaborative environment that we have here. The willingness to work together permeates all our organizations at Redstone Arsenal. We have support roles to each other, depending on the situation. Individual organizations have learned to work together in a very effective team focused on delivering capabilities to the battlefield and sustaining them."

The relationships between commands and program executive offices throughout the Army began to strengthen in 2004, when the Army initiated the Life Cycle Management concept. It is designed to help achieve the Army's overarching goal of transforming into a more lethal and agile force that requires a significantly smaller logistics footprint to sustain itself, resulting in a leaner but more effective and responsive logistics system that partners acquisition and sustainment.

"AMCOM is one of the four life cycle management commands in AMC," Myles said. "Although we manage a smaller number of weapon systems than our sister organizations, we manage the most complex and expensive weapon systems in our Army inventory, and that requires the best and brightest at AMC."

"The support we receive from AMC is seamless, focused and embodies their love and commitment for our Soldiers and their families. They're committed to this war on terrorism just like we are — one team, one fight. They fully support and reinforce the life cycle management mission."

In the life cycles of a system, the science and technology of a weapon system is developed through the Army's

Research Development and Engineering Command, which is represented at Redstone Arsenal by the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. The PEOs take proven technology and prepare it for fielding to the forces through rigorous development, testing and acquisition programs. AMCOM then sustains the equipment through support to deployments, training, reset and depot maintenance support. Throughout all these phases, the different organizations work together to answer battlefield requirements.

"PEOs were stood up to be the professionals of acquisition and procurement," said Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, the program executive officer for aviation.

"That has evolved into the management of the total life cycle. We share the management of the life cycle for some systems with partners in AMC. At Redstone, our partner is AMCOM. We are partners in the execution of our joint missions."

The partnership between AMCOM, PEO-Aviation and PEO-Missiles and Space is cemented in the philosophy of life cycle management, which requires the organizations to work together to support hardware from development to retirement.

AMCOM and the PEOs are in constant daily communication to handle issues related to Soldier readiness of aviation and missile systems. Although the program management offices are located within the PEOs, AMCOM employees are co-located with those offices, resulting in Soldier-Focused Logistics, where everyone is working in support of the Soldier on the battlefield, Crosby said.

"Soldiers are used to having decisions made. They don't care about command relationships or who reports to whom," he said. "By co-locating our resources, we are not codifying or usurping the chain of command. We are providing top cover to allow our Soldier-focused logistic teams to focus on the Soldier. We are tasked organized in the best way to execute the mission. We are partnered to make sure Soldiers get the best support."

The model of life cycle management demands teamwork, "co-locating people, building bridges between organizations and solidifying working relationships," Dellarocco said.

The defining relationships and

responsibilities between AMCOM and the PEOs have been determined by congressional law, and they continue under life cycle management.

"We all report to a different chain of command. However, when it comes to providing support to our Army, we are bonded together and we all work for one person and that's the Soldier," Myles said.

"In the aviation and missile and space commodity arena, the commanding general of AMCOM is chartered by AMC (Army Materiel Command) with providing the oversight over issues that involve multiple aircraft or weapon systems. Issues pertaining to obsolescence, conditioned based maintenance or readiness of the aviation fleet and the missiles and space fleet are led by AMCOM. Unit readiness is a key area where AMCOM focuses to assure all is being done to support the Soldier."

Congress has also put in limitations — primarily funding — that define how far the AMCOM and PEO relationships can go, Crosby said.

"In research and procurement funds, we can't fund things one year at a time," he said. "In PEO acquisition, we are fully funded through milestones while AMCOM is funded annually to manage sustainment. These monies can't be mixed, but they can support each other."

PEO funding has allowed "us to provide a lot of lethality for the battlefield and it does have an effect on the Global War on Terrorism," Dellarocco said.

Changes over the years have put in more purchase efficiencies for both AMCOM and the PEOs, Crosby said. In earlier practices, for example, one contract was managed by the PEO for the purchase of engines for a system that was to be fielded and a second contract was managed by AMCOM for the purchase of the same engines as maintenance or replacement parts in fielded systems. Now, those two responsibilities are integrated in the same contract.

"That's a clear demonstration of how our partnership is making us more efficient and more effective for the Soldier," Crosby said.

Although the AMCOM/PEO working relationship began before the Global War on Terrorism, the war has expedited the need for teamwork, sped up the development of systems and provided larger amounts of resources to fund programs.

"We can't allow tighter budgets to start drawing lines between us," Crosby

said. "We have to partner closer and not undermine what we have built. It's so easy to revert when things get tight. Soldiers are counting on us to stay partnered and Soldier focused."

Regardless of funds or which employee works for which organization, AMCOM and the PEOs encourage teamwork at all levels that makes a difference on the battlefield.

"Our employees are the heart and soul of what we do," Dellarocco said. "It's their dedication, focus, drive and energy that produces our high quality systems in a timely manner."

"We look at ways to do things leaner and more efficient. We are very much customer focused. Our employees have their ear to the ground as far as Iraq and Afghanistan and they try to anticipate needs. They are leaning forward to make sure Soldiers get what they need."

In the life cycle management environment, the employee that drives most actions is the project manager.

"The project manager is well suited and qualified to see the full gamut of the life cycle of a system," Crosby said. "I believe that enterprise management happens best at the project management level. There will be times when Gen. Myles will request information from my project managers on sustainment issues and support of the Soldier. Gen. Myles has a significant responsibility and we will support that."

Due to the life cycle management construct, the project manager has evolved to being the single point of contact for their weapon system, because the Soldier in the field wants one touch point to call when there is trouble with a system.

"Soldiers deserve a consolidated coordinated answer and they get that through the project management office," said Crosby, who served as a commander of an aviation unit during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Myles firmly believes life cycle management and the example of teamwork established by AMCOM and PEO-Aviation and PEO-Missiles and Space is making the Army more capable of responding to future challenges.

"At the end of the day, all of us executing our collective mission require teamwork, selfless commitment and always looking at our mission through the prism of the Soldier's eyes," he said. "And we do that well at Redstone Arsenal. I've never seen it done better than here."

# Civilian Welfare Fund has fast start in basketball

*CWF races past 59th on opening night*

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The Civilian Welfare Fund didn't look like a new basketball team making its debut.

The civilians scored the game's first seven points and never trailed in a 61-41 win over HHC 59th on opening night of the season Jan. 26 at Pagano Gym. They led 35-17 at half-time.

"We just played as a team," civilians player/coach Jacques Eckles said. "And we used 2-1-2 defense."

Rodney Steele led the way with 15 points while Walt Lechman added 13, including two 3-pointers.

"We're just getting used to playing together," said Steele, who plays guard. "This was our first time playing together as a team. So far so good. I think we're real athletic. That's one of our biggest assets."

Point guard Lechman credited the team effort on both ends of the court. "Just hustling and playing team defense and moving the ball on offense, sharing the ball," he said.

Travis Roop scored a game-high 18 points for HHC 59th, which was runner-up to 326th Chemical Company in the holiday tournament. The 59th was also runner-up to last year's post champion Headquarters & Alpha, which is not competing this year.

"I don't know, first-game jitters," HHC 59th coach Kevin Thomas said of his team's effort. "And we were missing a lot of players tonight. A lot of players have got a PT (physical training) test tomorrow. A lot of players were in class. We'll get it together. This was a bad night for us."

**Charlie Company 44, 326th Chemical 27:** Anthony Wicks scored 12 points to lead the Wolfpack to an opening night win. Charlie led 27-12 at halftime.

Frank Stafford, Jonathan Wilder and Larry Tharps scored six points apiece for 326th Chemical.

In games Jan. 28, Bravo Company def. Marines 36-32; National Guard def. 375th Engineer 65-45; and Civilian Welfare Fund def. Charlie 45-43.

Here are the standings entering this week: Eastern Conference – National Guard (1-0), Charlie (1-1), NCO Academy (0-0), HHC 59th (0-1) and Marines (0-1); Western Conference – Civilian Welfare Fund (2-0), Bravo (1-0), 375th Engineer (0-1) and 326th Chemical (0-1).



Photo by Skip Vaughn  
**BOARDS BATTLE—** Civilian Welfare Fund's LaMarcus Johnson (24) fights HHC 59th's Travis Roop for a defensive rebound. At right is the 59th's Andrew Hildreth. The civilians won 61-41.



### Cycling benefit

Registration is now open for the second annual Tour de Cure in Huntsville. On Saturday, May 16, riders will depart from downtown Huntsville at the Convention and Visitors Center, and travel through the scenic countryside of the area. There will

be four ride lengths to choose from — 25, 50, 75 or 100 miles. The 100-mile century ride will travel through Huntsville and all the way to Grant before returning to downtown Huntsville for the postride celebration. All proceeds from this ride benefit the American Diabetes Association. Riders in the Tour de Cure must raise a minimum of \$150 to participate. Those who register before Feb.16 will receive an early-bird registration fee of \$15; after

this date, the registration is \$25. For more information, contact Doris Lewis at dlewis@diabetes.org or call 539-4404.

### Boating class

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-06, Redstone will offer a Boating Skills and Seamanship course. The course, taught in six two-hour sessions, will be Thursday nights from 6:30-9 at the Garrison Safety Office, building 3687. The first course of the year is Feb. 12 through March 26. Cost is \$25 to defray the expense of the textbook. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621

### America's boating

America's Boating Class is Feb. 21 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Whitesburg Baptist Recreation Center on Whitesburg Drive. Instructors with years of on-the-water experience will teach you about boating, share their boating experience, and answer your questions. The optional book is \$25 which can be shared by family. A closed book exam is held at the second class. Attendance is required at both

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
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SCBK09222687	Opers Research Analyst	4-Feb-09	PEO AVN	NH-1515	4	4	96,346 - 147,332																
SCBK09219465	Mgmt Analyst	4-Feb-09	SMDC	GS-0343	9	11/12	47,280 - 89,128			X	X	X					X	X	X				
SCBK09178294	Bldg Mgmt Spec	5-Feb-09	ACQ SUPP CTR	GS-1176	9	9	47,280 - 61,464	X	X														
SCBK09242728	Admin Supp Spec	5-Feb-09	SMDC	GS-0301	9	11	47,280 - 74,360	X															
SCBK08148027	General Engr	6-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	93,346 - 147,332		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X				
SCBK09182355	Safety & Occup Health Spec (Avn)	6-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0018	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X								X		X				
SCBK08148936	Plans Branch Mngr	6-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0301	12	12	65,921 - 85,701						X										
SCBK09094416	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Feb-09	LOGSA	YA-0346	3	3	90,473 - 154,699						X			X	X	X	X				
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SCBK09212519	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Feb-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X														
SCBK09168244D	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Feb-09	SAMD	GS-0346	12	13	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09202031	Firefighter (Hazmat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	6-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249						X			X	X	X	X				
WTST09190457	Security Asst (OA)	6-Feb-09	AVN CTR	GG-0086	7	8/9	38,177 - 60,612	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK0987775	Secretary (OA)	6-Feb-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YB-0318	1	1	19,829 - 45,215						X			X	X	X	X				
SCBK09178188	General Engr	9-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09178188D	General Engr	9-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09186225	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Feb-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	68,625 - 89,217		X														
SCBK09139742	IT Spec (Network)	10-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X														
SCBK09211979	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Feb-09	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	67,130 - 115,668				X												
SCBK09179912	Prgm Analyst	10-Feb-09	PEO AVN	NH-0343	3	3	68,564 - 105,993		X	X						X			X				
SCBK09242969	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YC-0346	2	2	58,141 - 113,908			X	X	X				X	X	X	X				
SCBK08201865	Mgmt Analyst	10-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0343	11	11	57,204 - 74,360						X										
SCBK08147501	Budget Analyst	10-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0560	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X														
SCBK09195949	Supv Bus Mgmt Ofcr	11-Feb-09	PEO AVN	YA-0301	3	3	90,473 - 154,699						X			X	X	X	X				
SCBK09069478	Traffic Mgmt Spec	11-Feb-09	LOGSA	GS-2130	12	12	68,564 - 89,128							X		X	X	X	X				
SCBK09222640	Prgm Analyst	11-Feb-09	PEO AVN	NH-0343	3	3	68,564 - 105,993							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09198713	Supv Traffic Mgmt Spec	11-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YC-2130	2	2	58,141 - 113,908							X		X	X	X	X				
SCBK09260972	Prgm Analyst	11-Feb-09	PEO AVN	NH-0343	3	3	68,564 - 105,993							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09238288	Budget Analyst	11-Feb-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YA-0560	2	2	47,280 - 74,360		X														
SCBK08147501D	Budget Analyst	12-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0560	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09216297	Aerospace Engr	12-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993		X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X				
SCBK09216297D	Aerospace Engr	12-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09118766	Electronics Engr	13-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993		X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X				
SCBK09118766D	Electronics Engr	13-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09195487	IT Spec (InfoSec/Network)	17-Feb-09	SMDC	GS-2210	12	13	68,564 - 105,993						X			X	X	X	X				
SCBK09239370	General Engr	19-Feb-09	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254		X														
SCBK08245343	General Engr	24-Feb-09	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254						X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08245343D	General Engr	24-Feb-09	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09176755	Physicist	25-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-1310	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X														
SCBK09186225	Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Mar-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	68,625 - 89,217		X														
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913							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				
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740							X	X	X	X	X	X				

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SCBK09219465	Mgmt Analyst	4-Feb-09	SMDC	GS-0343	9	11/12	47,280 - 89,128			X	X	X					X	X	X
SCBK09074765	Supv Prgm Supp Spec	5-Feb-09	PEO Missiles & Space	YC-0301	2	2	67,130 - 131,518			X							X	X	X
SCBK09178188D	General Engr	9-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08147501D	Budget Analyst	12-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0560	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09216297D	Aerospace Engr	12-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09118766D	Electronics Engr	13-Feb-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08245343D	General Engr	24-Feb-09	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	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](http://www.redstonemwr.com) or you may telephone 876-7772.

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit [www.amcareers.com](http://www.amcareers.com) or [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil), search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: **NEAEJ04710482 &**

Saturday morning sessions. Class meets Vessel Authorization required by Alabama and Tennessee Public Safety. To register call Chris Whitacre 882-6909. The Huntsville Power Squadron is a non-profit organization.

**Youth baseball**

CYSS Little League Baseball registration is under way through March 2. Boys and girls ages 5-12 are invited. The fee is \$55. For more information, call 313-3699 or 876-3704 or log onto www.redstonemwr.com.

**Youth lacrosse**

In partnership with Huntsville Lacrosse Association, Redstone Arsenal's Child, Youth and School Services is offering lacrosse for boys and girls ages 6 to high school. Fees range from \$185-\$270 per player. Players will have to purchase additional equipment. Players registering through CYSS will be on a Redstone Arsenal team if there are enough registrants. If not, players will be placed on Huntsville teams. For more information, call 313-3699.

**Golf league**

The OMMCS Golf League will have its 2009 season meeting Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. at the Redstone Links Clubhouse. It appears that at least two of the 20 league teams will not field a team for the 2009 season. "We are looking for teams to fill the void left in our league, as well as individual golfers to participate with some of our teams that have lost a player or two," a prepared release said. The league will play April 7 through the first week in September. A team entry fee of \$110 is charged to all teams, which is used to pay to winning teams for the first and second parts of the season, as well as individual and team wins each week. For more information, call Dean Anderson (home) 852-3531, (cell) 797-3531 or Dave Parker 313-4196.

**Bass tournament**

The Army Aviation Association of America's Spring Bob Vlasic Classic Bass Tournament is March 27-28 at the Elk River Group Lodge, Joe Wheeler State Park. For more information, e-mail thomas.geoffroy@us.army.mil.



Conferences & Meetings

**Sergeants major**

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

more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-7910.

**Advisory council**

Mark your calendars to attend the Exchange/Commissary/MWR Advisory Council meeting Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500. "Learn what's new in the community," a prepared release said. "Come by and tell us what we are doing well, as well as what we could do to improve our service to our customers." For more information call Carl Carpenter, Post Exchange general manager, 881-7313 or Derrick Gould, director of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, 876-2073.

**Bible studies**

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

**Executive women**

The Huntsville Chapter of Executive Women International invites girls in grades 8-12 to attend the Executive Women of Tomorrow Conference on Feb. 21 at ADTRAN Inc. in Huntsville. The theme is "Outfitting Your Career Toolkit." Proceeds benefit the EWI Huntsville Chapter Scholarship fund. For more information, call Donna Corbett 890-3101 or visit www.ewihsv.org.

**City residents**

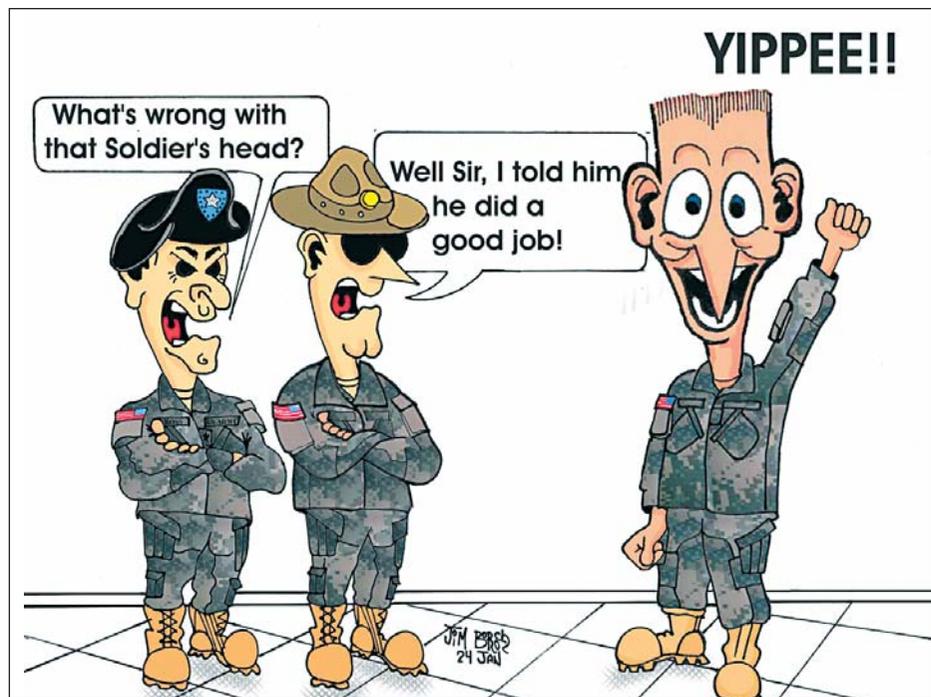
Huntsville City Councilman Bill Kling will hold a Town Meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room A at the Huntsville Public Library on Monroe Street. Kling wants to hear your ideas on how to improve city government.

**Federal employees**

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees will meet Feb. 14 at the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Refreshment and social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting starting at 10 a.m. and the program to follow. The February program will be presented by Tom Stroud, a retired Army civilian. For more information, call president Barbara Boomershine 519-3327.

**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.

**Resource managers**

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Feb. 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Personal Growth Center. Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, Mayor is the guest speaker. For ticket information, call Kim Wright 876-6163 or Lisa Lowery 876-7086. Cost is \$13 members, \$14 non-members.

**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.

**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.

**Government professionals**

The Society of Government Meeting Professionals invites you to join the Rocket City-Alabama Chapter. "SGMP is the only organization dedicated to improving

the knowledge and expertise of any individual involved in planning and managing government meetings through education, training and industry relationships," a prepared release said. It will meet Feb. 24 at Holiday Inn Research Park. Social starts at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6. The meeting fee is \$10 government planner, \$20 supplier member and \$35 non-member. RSVP by 5 p.m. Feb. 18 to Katie Smith 551-2237. For more information, call Marie Arighi 551-2379.

**Civil War round table**

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. southeast. A program on "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" will be presented by Dr. Robert Schaefer, an Alabama Humanities Foundation Road Scholar and professor from the University of Mobile. This meeting is free to the public; and visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.

**Engineer society**

The Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers will hold its monthly luncheon Feb. 12 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Bob Fay of ISSI is the spotlight speaker. The main topic is "Sustainability" offered by Ch2MHill. Registration for the buffet lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost of the meal is \$10. For reservations call Dan Foran 830-1031, ext. 130.

**Fleet Reserve**

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 28 at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For more information, call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

**MOWW conference**

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars will host the National Midwinter Conference on Feb. 10-15 at the Huntsville Space Center Marriott. "Our CINC, retired Lt. Gen. Sam Wetzel,

will be in attendance," a prepared release said. This conference will include a golf tournament dedicated to the memory of Lt. Col. Clair and his son, Mike Goodridge, a welcome reception, CINC Banquet, and tours. "MOWW is a patriotic, nonprofit, all service, veterans organization founded by Gen. John Pershing after World War I and supports patriotic education, law and order, Boy and Girl Scouts, Youth Leadership Conferences, flag and memorial programs and ROTC throughout the United States," the release said.

### Transportation foundation

The North Alabama Transportation Foundation meets Feb. 11 at noon at the Heritage Club. Speaker is State Sen. Roger Bedford. Cost of the lunch is \$15. For reservations or more information, call Kurt Furst 890-8544, ext. 14.

### Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government, under the leadership of president Mary Peoples, will hold its annual "Black History Soul Food Potluck Program" on Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. at District 6 County Commissioner's Office, 3210 Hi-Lo Circle. Everyone is welcome. There will be food, games and entertainment. To RSVP

or for more information, call Kelly Brinson 842-8907 or Wendy Dickerson 876-9143.

### Autism support group

Making Connections Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group will have a family outing Feb. 28 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Southeast YMCA, 1000 Weatherly Road. RSVP is required for this free swimming event. Send an e-mail to Jenny Morris, with the number of adults/children and their names attending, at jenny-morris70@yahoo.com.

### 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](http://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](http://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 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### Surplus sales

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

### Computer classes

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

### Motorcycle safety

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

### Reserve unit

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

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Program. Earn anywhere from \$470 to \$1,400 a month as a SMP cadet. As a member of the Army Reserve SMP Cadet Program, you are non-deployable, you have an opportunity to pursue the degree of your choice and you can assure yourself of a future as a commissioned officer in the active Army or the Reserves. For more information, call your local Army Reserve recruiter 518-3972.

## Veterans office

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

## Army training

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

## Customer services

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

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

## Interactive feedback

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

## School benefit

Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy will hold a fund-raiser for its school Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Dr. Richard Showers Senior Recreation Center. The annual Fashion Show & Dinner tickets are \$25 per person. For tickets and information, call J. Isbell 694-9451.

## 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](mailto: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. For more information, visit [www.redstonewarrants.com](http://www.redstonewarrants.com).

## 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>.

## 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](mailto:puaaloha@bellsouth.net). Forms are also available in the OCWC Southern Exposure Newsletter. All requests must conform to the OCWC Community Assistance Request Form. Deadline for submission is Feb. 28. Requests postmarked or received after the deadline will not be considered. For more information, call Robley 882-6064. OCWC is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

## 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 Comptrollers 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.



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## From the heart

From left, Fox Army Health Center commander Col. Mark Smith, nurse educator Valerie Francis and Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli proclaim Friday, Feb. 6 as National Wear Red Day at Redstone Arsenal. All Redstone personnel are encouraged to wear red and unite in this national movement to give women a personal and urgent wakeup call about their risk of heart disease. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women and one in four American women dies of heart disease. Women's heart health has seen progress but more needs to be done to safeguard women's health for future generations.

## 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.

## 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.

## Job fair

The Redstone Arsenal eighth annual Job Fair is Thursday 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 access to enter Redstone Arsenal to attend." For more information, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

## Tax assistance center

The 2008-09 Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center is open through April 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or as needed (appointments only). The center is located in building 3489 at the corner of Ajax Road and Zeus Road. All active duty servicemembers, retirees, their dependents, as well as Reserve and National Guard servicemembers on military orders for 30 or more days and their dependents, are eligible for e-filing of federal and state tax returns. There is no charge for this service. You can schedule an appointment by calling 842-1040.

## Thrift shop

Name brand items are available at the Thrift Shop. The shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the first Sat. of the month. Call 881-6992 for more information.

## CFC applications

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from non-profit charitable human health and welfare organizations for 2009. Under federal law, the charitable organization must be a current 501(c) (3) organization. The open period for accepting applications is Feb. 23 through April 2. On behalf of federal donors, the CFC is responsible

for overall management, collection and disbursements of donor designations from federal, military and postal personnel within the Tennessee Valley area. The Tennessee Valley CFC serves charitable agencies in Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Limestone, Cullman and Lawrence counties as well as Lincoln County, Tenn. A copy of the 2009 CFC package may be acquired by calling the CFC office 876-9143 or by website <http://cfc.redstone.army.mil>.

## Butler High reunion

SR Butler High School's Class of 1969 will hold its 40-year reunion June 13 at the Radisson on South Memorial Parkway. If you or someone you know is from this class, call Billie Harbin Parks 859-5810 for more information.

## Pastor appreciation

Briar Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church will celebrate 18 years of dedicated service by Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin at 7 p.m. Friday at the Tom Beville Center (UAH campus), 550 Sparkman Drive. Meal ticket is \$25. For more information, call 683-2848, 651-2998, 468-3576 or 859-9986.

## West Point recruiting

The U.S. Military Academy will sponsor an information session for high school sophomores and juniors, their parents and high school counselors Feb. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Davidson Center at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Maj. Ryan McBride, USMA admissions officers of the southeast U.S., will present the benefits of a West Point education.

## Professional development

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual Mini-Professional Development Institute Training Sessions on March 11 and 12 at Trinity United Methodist Church, New Room Auditorium, on Airport Road. This is a one day training session and the sessions are the same each day. Doors open at 7:30 a.m., and the training begins at 8:30. Deadline to register is March 4. Cost is \$100 for members, and \$125 for non-members. For more information call Cody Swinford 876-3363, Debbie O'Neal 876-2671, Dana Wilbanks 876-4283, Theresa McBride 842-9272 and Sandy Balog 842-8012.

## Deployed recognition

In appreciation and recognition of Team Redstone's service and sacrifice, AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles would like to honor all those who are serving or who have served in deployments in support of Redstone Arsenal operations for OIF/OEF, during the third Team Redstone Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony scheduled April 7 at 1 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. This ceremony will recognize honorees for their deployments from Aug. 11, 2008 to April 7, 2009. Those who were not able to participate in the ceremony held Sept. 18 are also invited to participate in this event. Myles will present letters of recognition to Soldiers, civilians and contractors including immediate family members of the Team Redstone work force who have

deployed in support of Redstone Arsenal operations. For more information, call Sofia Bledsoe 842-9828 or Bruce Cline 955-6925.

## Veterinary clinic

Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Services will hold an evening clinic Feb. 9 from 3-6 p.m. This clinic will be for vaccinations only and is on a first come, first serve basis.

## Comedy night

The Officers and Civilians Club will have Comedy night on Friday at 6 p.m. The show features Frankie Paul, Todd Link and Michelle Thomas. Advance tickets are \$10 without dinner and \$18 with dinner. Tickets at the door are \$14 without dinner and \$22 with dinner. Tickets will go fast, so call 830-2582 to get yours today.

## English language classes

English as a Second Language classes are available on Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive, or call 428-9400. Classes are available on Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. at Weatherly Baptist Church, 1306 Canstatt Drive, or call 881-6882. English as a Second Language self-paced classes are available through Army Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Drive. For information call 876-3465. For answers to questions about area ESL classes or citizenship, call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397 or stop by Army Community Service building 3338 on Redeye Road.

## Heart awareness luncheon

The Central North Alabama Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. presents a Go Red Luncheon. This is a Healthy Heart Awareness event will be held March 7 at noon at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. The speaker is Dr. Warren Strickland, medical director of cardiology for Huntsville Hospital. Tickets are \$40 per person and the proceeds will be used to support the CNA/DST Scholarship Fund and the American Heart Association. Make all checks payable to: Delta Sigma Theta/CNA, P.O. Box 39, Madison, AL 35758. For more information, call Judise Lanier 714-1525 or Charlotte Canady 457-2345.

## Youth orchestra

The Huntsville Youth Orchestra invites everyone to join it at the Cheeburger Cheeburger Restaurants on Feb. 19. "While you enjoy your meal, you can also enjoy beautiful live music performed by some of our area's most talented young musicians," a prepared release said. "At various times throughout the day and evening, small groups and soloists from the Youth Orchestra will be playing some of their favorite pieces." On Feb. 19, Cheeburger Cheeburger is donating a portion of all profits from both of its restaurants to support the Youth Orchestra. Cheeburger Cheeburger's two locations are 5000 Whitesburg Drive in south Huntsville (at the corner of Airport and

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Whitesburg), and 7 Town Center Drive in northwest Huntsville (just north of 72, in Providence Town Center).

## Latin dance

Saborlatino invites you to "The Valentine's Day Latin Dance" on Feb. 14 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave. Cover charge is \$15 for couples, \$10 per person. "DJ Ed will be mixin' to the best Latin music in Huntsville," a prepared release said. Everyone is invited. Call event coordinator Yvonne 783-5756 to reserve your tables.

## Red Cross blood drives

This month's Red Cross blood drives include the following: Feb. 5 from 7 a.m. to noon at building 5308 and 7-noon at Ground Based Midcourse Defense, 5000 Bradford Drive. Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Post Exchange, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive, and 7-noon at SMDC building 5220. Feb. 13 from 7-noon at PEO-Aviation building 5681, from 7-noon at MSIC building 4545, and from 7-noon at AMRDEC building 5400. Feb. 20 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316 and 7-noon at Corps of Engineers, 4820 University Square. Feb. 26 from 7-noon at AMRDEC building 5400 and 7-noon at SED building 6263.

## Girl Scout cookies

WAY FM radio station and Remax of Huntsville, Madison and Hampton Cove will partner with the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama to collect cookies to send to deployed troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. This collection will go on through March 30. Cookies collected to send to troops may be dropped off at any Girl Scout Service Center throughout North-Central Alabama or at the aforementioned Remax locations and will be shipped by the council. Collections to help defray the cost of shipping will be accepted. Collections may be taken at booth sales or when purchasing from a girl directly. If your organization would like to help, call 800-410-8338 ext. 227. To find service center locations, visit [www.girlscoutsna.org](http://www.girlscoutsna.org).

## 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 broadband 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](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>.