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# Relying on the rules of acquisition

Defense university exec's three Rs: requirements, resources, relief

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Expertise in the areas of acquisition, technology and logistics is the key to making a difference for the war fighter on the battlefield, said a top executive of the Defense Acquisition University.

Claude Bolton, a retired Air Force major general who was named in January as the DAU's executive-in-residence, told attendees at DAU's South Region annual conference on Jan. 18 that the work of DoD's acquisition, technology and logistics employees ensure Soldiers have the "right product at the right time in the right place and at the right cost."

About 350 attendees participated in the fifth annual conference and expo at the Huntsville Marriott. The theme for the conference was "Learn, Perform and Succeed ... Facing Challenges in the 21st Century." It included workshops on "Challenges of the Contracting Workforce," "Program and Financial Management Lessons Learned," "Acquisition Training," "Acquisition Perspectives of the Senior Engineer in the Program Executive Office" and performance based logistics for both Army and Navy programs.

"You make it happen," Bolton told civilian and military acquisition, technology and logistics employees who attended the conference's keynote luncheon.

"The folks down range don't write the requirements, don't translate the contracts, don't purchase the hardware and software, don't provide training and logistics. People like you do that. What you do makes a big difference to folks down range ... Say a prayer tonight for the Soldiers who are on point for us, protecting us. And remember what you do and how you do it makes a difference. It's up to you."

Bolton reviewed the concerns and interests of the program managers who work in the Army's program executive offices and who rely on AL&T employees to support their programs.

At the top of that list are the three "Rs," he said, which stand for requirements, resources and relief.

"Everybody has to understand the requirements – the war fighter, the acquisition experts, the development and test folks, and the sustainers. Not everybody really understands requirements and as a conse-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PEP TALK—** Claude Bolton, recently named executive-in-residence for the Defense Acquisition University, talks with acquisition, technology and logistics employees during the fifth annual DAU Conference and Expo at the Huntsville Marriott. The theme of the conference was "Learn, Perform and Succeed ... Facing Challenges in the 21st Century."

quence we have problems," Bolton said.

"When it comes to resources, we need the right money, tools, processes and guidance. And relief is having the right people on the government and contracting sides. Violate one of the three Rs and you're toast."

Other concerns are the relationships between acquisition management and its employees, the political environment, core processes, budget constraints, life cycle management, ethics, DoD prototyping policy, oversight increase and expertise decrease, termination process, and acquisition work force and leadership commitment.

The only element in these concerns that "remains unchanged whether we're firmly at war or in peacetime is you," Bolton said. "Our job is to help the Soldier fight and win wars when our country asks us to do that."

Bolton reviewed for his audience the history of the nation's wars as they relate to cost and the gross domestic product. Comparing 2005 figures, the Iraq war has cost 4 percent of the GDP while the Revolutionary War cost 68 percent of the GDP, WW I cost 109 percent of the GDP and WW II cost 130 percent of the GDP. He also showed the audience how low military spending is as it relates to the nation's spending on things like health care, automobiles and holidays.

"This is a big country with a huge econo-

my," Bolton said. "No country has ever survived – certainly not as a country or as the number one power – without an Army ... The U.S. is a peaceful loving country. Yet, the conflicts with U.S. involvement show that every generation has fought a major war."

As military spending has been reduced, the Army has found ways to operate leaner. Bolton mentioned several cost-reducing programs that have been incorporated during the past 15 years, including Lean Six Sigma.

"We are one-third to 40 percent of where we were when the wall went down (between east and west Germany) in '89," he said. "But we've got to do even more ... We've got to get the whole team together. When the budget gets cut – and it will – and we don't have a team effort there's going to be trouble, and that trouble will show up a decade later when Soldiers don't have what they need."

The AT&L community must work together to make smart business decisions and deliver timely and affordable capabilities to the war fighter, Bolton said.

As DAU's executive-in-residence, Bolton supports the DAU's president, faculty and students with strategic planning, course

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# An open lane random survey

*This is the Army's Year of the NCO. What's special about NCOs?*

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*Pvt. Kyle Paddock  
Charlie Company*  
**"They're our leaders, of course. They're role models and leaders. We look to them for giving us orders, so we have direction and order. We learn a lot from them. Their knowledge is quite extensive on everything."**

*Pfc. Brittney Leal  
Charlie Company*

**"They give us guidance on the choices that we make. They are what makes the Army work."**



*Pvt. Matthew Johnson  
Bravo Company*  
**"NCOs are special because they inspire leadership, they inspire courage. They inspire you to try harder in everything that you do."**

*Pvt. Andrea Boles  
Bravo Company*

**"They take care of any problems. They take care of problems and they care."**



## Quote of the week

**'T**he day Soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.'

— Colin Powell

## Letters to the Editor

### Newspaper coupons appreciated

**F**or a couple of weeks you included advertisements and coupons for food and related items in the *Rocket*. This was a brilliant idea. It directly benefits your entire readership (military, veterans and civilians). I sincerely applaud the idea of doing this and request that you please continue doing it whenever possible. It is especially helpful during these times of recession bordering on near depression. The few extra dollars of coupons you provide is a wonderful way to help your readers. I noticed there are no coupons in the latest edition of the *Rocket*. I hope you can restart the program. If you can't provide them weekly, perhaps every other week or once per month but these coupons are definitely needed by your readers.

Bob Corlew

### Getting to know you

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**Name:** 1st Sgt. Terrence Hamil

**Job:** First sergeant for Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion

**Where do you call home?**  
Loyal, Okla.

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

In the AIT (Advanced Individual Training) environment, you have your finger on the pulse of your company. And you set the standard. You are the standard bearer. You get to interact with the junior Soldiers. And I think it's great because you go along with what Col. (Randle) Jackson, our battalion commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Pullom say are three things that are very important. And those three things are standards, discipline and pride. With the Soldiers we have here, we enforce those three things with the Soldiers. And it works.



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

I like to play golf. I've been playing for 20 years and I enjoy the game. I'm very competitive.

**What are your goals?**

My short-term goal is of course I would like to get promoted to the rank of sergeant major. I don't know if I can call it a short-term goal because that's been my goal ever since I came into the Army 23 years ago. My long-term goal would be to retire out of the military.

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

I'm a connoisseur of all kinds really. I like country and western. I like really all different types of music.

### Mentorship proves valuable tool

**M**entorship — not a difficult word to pronounce or even spell, but it offers invaluable opportunities for individual growth and development. Having just returned from the Installation Management Headquarters Centralized Mentoring Program 2009 Mentoring Orientation, I can attest to there being a mentoring program for those who wish to pursue mentoring opportunities as an Army civilian. HCMP is designed to develop mentees and mentors as well as those who work with and for them.

The orientation was hosted by Installation Management Command West. John B. Nerger, IMCOM executive director, on behalf of Maj. Gen. John A. MacDonald, was the keynote speaker. He discussed the importance of both having a mentor and being a mentor. He shared several examples of how specific people throughout his career had mentored him and provided him with personal challenges. J Randall Robinson, the region director (West), hosted the orientation and spoke about the "passion" that must be exhibited by those in the Army work force, citing examples of those who mentored him and provided him with that mentor/mentee relationship.

It is important that both supervisors and employees realize what mentorship means, what its implications are, and how it can be crucial for one's growth in the work force. In fact, most of us have been a mentor of some type in our careers, regardless of the professional or non-professional setting. This program provides an opportunity to see what an instrument of progression mentoring can be.

However, there are a couple of things mentoring is not. It is not a "guarantee of a promotion," and it certainly is not a "free ride to the top." It is an opportunity to assist those you feel have the passion, as well as the compassion, to influence those around them; to inspire them to improve themselves and then to act and to realize their true potential. Therefore, to ensure professional and career development, to promote professional success, and to encourage succession planning, the mentorship "state of mind" is the way to go. ...

It is important to realize that participation in a mentoring program will help you learn more about the organization and how to best prepare yourself for future opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about HCMP, call your local IMCOM representative. Do not do this just for yourself; do it for those who work for and with you.

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# Country music stars to shine on annual concert

## Sugarland takes stage May 16 at Redstone

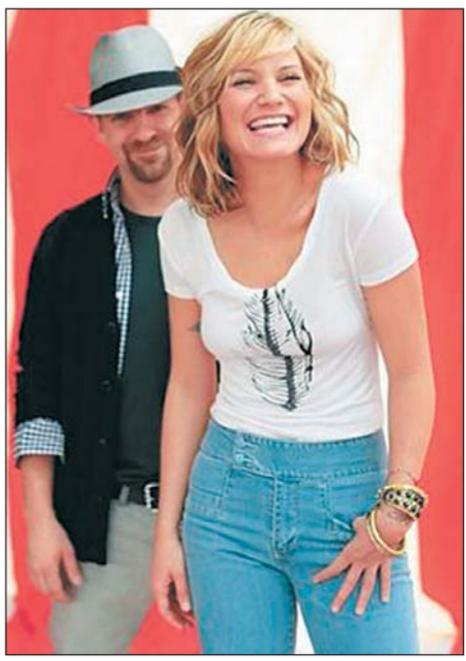
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Redstone Arsenal is used to big names playing the Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation summer concert. This year's acts include a big name that is actually getting bigger by the moment. Country stars Sugarland will headline the concert slated for May 16.

"They're known for breathtaking live performances. In fact, they just won a Grammy for it," FMWR marketing director Amelia Flanagan said.

The Atlanta-based duo of Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush known as Sugarland are fresh off Grammy wins for both best country performance by a duo or group and best song for their single "Stay." They are also nominated in two categories at the upcoming Academy of Country Music Awards. They are up for Top Vocal Duo and Vocal Event of the Year when the ACM Awards air live April 5 at 7 p.m. The pair have landed at least one award a year since their debut album hit the charts in 2004.

In addition to the headliner, organizers have lined up rising stars Billy Currington and Matt Nathanson. Currington, from Rincon, Ga., began 2009 with the top single on the country charts. He has recorded a duet with Shania Twain and was recently featured in several magazines as one of the hunkiest acts in country music.



Courtesy photo

**GRAMMY WINNERS— Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush of Sugarland will headline the Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation summer concert on May 16.**

Nathanson is a singer/songwriter based in San Francisco with more of a contemporary crossover style. He has received praise from Rolling Stone for his live shows. He was featured as the musical guest on The Late Show with David Letterman on Feb. 13.

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## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Feb. 12-18:

**Feb. 12:** A subject entered the Main Exchange, concealed a wrist watch valued at \$71.95, and left the store without paying. He was detained by store security, and police were notified. He was processed by police, issued a violation notice and released.

**Feb. 13:** Police observed a driver make an illegal left turn, and a traffic stop was initiated. It was revealed that he had a suspended driver's license. He was issued two violation notices and released.

**Feb. 14:** A subject entered the Main Exchange, switched his old shoes for new shoes and then left the store. He was detained by store security, and police were notified. He was processed by police and released to his unit.

**Feb. 15:** When a driver approached Gate 10 to ask for directions, he had a

suspended driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Feb. 17:** An unknown person made several harassing telephone calls to a victim several times between Feb. 14 and Feb. 16. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

**Feb. 18:** A driver who approached Gate 9 and requested a visitor pass was operating her vehicle with a suspended driver's license. It was further revealed that two arrest warrants were issued by the Madison County District Court for failure to appear. She was issued a violation notice and released to Alabama state troopers.

**Traffic accidents reported:** Four without injury, one with injury.

**Violation notices issued:** 17 speeding, 1 improper backing, 4 illegal turn, 2 driving while suspended, 1 larceny of government property, 4 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 trespassing, 1 open container.



# Housing residents visit their new welcome center



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HOUSEWARMING**— Attending the clubhouse's open house are, from left, community director Brenda Haynes; Bobby Pastorelli, 10, son of Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli; Mary Cooper, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper; Robbie Hearon, 5, and his mother, Melissa Hearon, wife of Lt. Col. Rob Hearon. "It's very nice," Melissa Hearon said of the clubhouse.

## Redstone Communities showcases clubhouse

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This was an open house for the folks who manage Redstone's family housing.

The Redstone Communities Welcome Center, 302 Hughes Drive, invited residents to visit its newly constructed facility Feb. 18. The one-story building with vinyl siding is occupied by three employees of Pinnacle, which manages the family housing for Hunt Building Company.

Under the Army's housing privatization, Hunt became residential partners with the Army at Redstone two years ago.

"We really work as a team to make sure we take care of the Soldiers," Brenda Haynes, community director for Redstone Communities, said. "Our job is to take care of the Soldiers and their homes."

She works at the welcome center along with resident relations specialists Elizabeth Hamilton and Hillary Williamson. They manage 352 homes and can be reached at 430-1517.

"We take care of all the residents – not only leasing. They call us for work orders, any kind of issues they have with their homes," Haynes said.

Before moving into their new facility a few weeks ago, their office was located in an existing military building at 110 Hankins Road near the Officers and Civilians Club. Now they have a new home in the housing area. "It's very nice," Haynes said.

Pinnacle's maintenance team includes maintenance director Rodger Tate and technicians Richard "Pops" Burchette, Eddie "Buddy" Southard and Michael Miller.

Pinnacle, an American management company, is based in Seattle, Wash. Haynes' boss, investment manager John Corriher, who oversees Redstone and Fort Lee, Va., housing, traveled from Fort Lee to attend the open house.

Hunt is represented on post by asset manager Tim Towe and project manager Ken Clevenger.

"I hope we have a lot of people come through (for the open house)," Haynes said before the evening event Feb. 18. "We're just excited about our new clubhouse."



Photo by Kim Henry

## Community meeting

Coleen Sawaya, Minol's director of military operations, answers Redstone residents' questions about the new utility billing program. For the next six months, residents will receive mock bills to monitor their utility usage. Beginning in August, residents will be responsible for a portion of their bill. For the next six months, Redstone Communities will hold monthly meetings to address any concerns or questions residents have about utility billings. For more information, call 430-1517 or visit their site [www.redstonecommunities.com](http://www.redstonecommunities.com).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## *Missile defense program*

**Missile Defense Agency Engineering and Support Services program manager Carolyn Goldberg speaks during "Industry Days" for MiDAESS on Feb. 18-19 at the Von Braun Center. Looking on are members of the acquisition support panel. The Missile Defense Agency held the event to inform industry on the acquisition and contract strategy following the recent release of the MiDAESS draft Request for Proposals. There were 700 registered attendees.**

### ■ DAU executive says teamwork required to stay strong

## **Acquisition**

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development and mentoring. His primary focus is to assist the DAU president with recruiting, retaining, training and educating the DoD acquisition work force.

Bolton's civilian career has also included service as the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, where he was the Army Acquisition Executive, the Senior Procurement Executive and the Science Adviser to the Secretary. He was also the

senior research and development official for the Department of the Army, and had principal responsibility for all Department of the Army matters related to logistics.

Bolton served in the Air Force for more than 30 years and is a Vietnam veteran pilot with more than 232 combat missions over North Vietnam. He has held positions as commander of the Air Force Security Assistance Center, test pilot for the F-4, F-111, and F-16, program executive officer for the Air Force Fighter and Bomber programs, and the first program manager for the Advanced Tactical Fighter Technologies program. He recently completed his 34th marathon.

### ■ Summer concert features Sugarland

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"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to have these caliber of acts here on our stage," Flanigan said.

Tickets for the show will go on presale March 2-8 for \$25. They will be available through Ticketmaster outlets, the FMWR ticket office at the corner of Patton and Aerobee Roads, the Officers and Civilians Club, and the Post Restaurant Fund. After the presale week, prices go to \$30 until

May 15. The day of the show, tickets will be \$35.

Premium tickets will also be on sale for \$70. Premium ticket holders will have their own entrance to the concert and special seating closer to the stage. Food and beverage is included with all premium tickets.

"This will be MWR's biggest and best concert yet," Flanigan said. "We are all thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase the talent of Sugarland."

For more information on ticket sales, sales locations or the concert, visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**BOOK OF HOPE—** Laura Ayers reviews some of the information the Reintegration Action Plan provides about emotional issues, grief, depression and anger to help returning Soldiers and veterans cope with readjustment back into their families and society after serving in a wartime environment. Ayers, an AMRDEC engineer, is one of the authors of RAP.

# Plan gives aid to Soldiers, vets coping with coming home

*Trials of war lessened with right resources*

By KARI HAWKINS

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Soldiers live by plans.

When they enter the Army, Reserve or National Guard, Soldiers choose a military occupational specialty, and are given a plan that sets out a course of training and experience.

When they are qualified in their MOS, they are assigned to their unit, given job responsibilities and provided a plan that defines their military career.

When they deploy to a wartime environment, Soldiers are given a plan that outlines their duties, assigns them to a team and battle buddy, and gives them a timetable for their return.

It is on their return from a deployment when planning – with the details of what they may experience emotionally and psychologically, what they can do to help themselves recover, how they can regain the life they left at home — often falls short of what a Soldier needs to reintegrate back into a normal military routine, family life and society as a whole.

With the Global War on Terrorism, the Army has been working to make that transition back into society easier on its wartime Soldiers. To augment those efforts, several com-

munity agencies and organizations have stepped up across the nation to provide assistance to the returning Soldier and other servicemembers.

And now there is a plan – known as the Reintegration Action Plan – to help returning servicemembers, many who are unwilling to seek help and support through official channels. RAP was developed by the Alabama Returning Veterans Committee, consisting of Laura Ayers of Redstone Arsenal's AMRDEC, Tracey Daniell of Veterans Affairs, Lorne Dann of the Alabama Psychological Association, Alan Hinson of the state's Operation Grateful Heart program and Acquanetta Knight of the Alabama Department of Mental Health. It is endorsed by Gov. Bob Riley as a plan of action for servicemembers returning home and to civilian life.

"This book is a tool. Our goal is to help the families and those who have served our country," Ayers said. "We don't want to lose another friend to PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder)."

"The five of us who put this book together – we all feel the individuals serving our nation have really given us their best. We feel we owe these servicemembers. This is our small means of paying back and helping to give comfort beyond what our hands can do."

Ayers, an engineer who designs helicopters for the Army, has more than 20 years experience volunteering with people with learning and physical disabilities. But it was her work in 2003 to field a computer network system with

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three Army battalions deploying to Baghdad, Iraq, out of Fort Campbell, Ky., that set her on the path toward the book's development.

"I built a personal relationship with many of the families there," Ayers said of her work at Fort Campbell. "During the deployment, there was a lot of e-mailing back and forth 24/7. They would tell me what they need and I would work to get it for them.

"Then they started getting wounded and started coming home and some were lost. There were problems with readjustment and other issues. I could see their needs and I tried to help."

Ayers would find information and organizations to help Soldiers in their efforts to reintegrate into society and their families. She would work to find professional assistance for them, and would help with things like job searches, problems communicating with their wives and children, and applying for college classes.

"Some had other friends from other units who had been wounded. They would find me and say 'You helped my buddy. Can you help me? I'm in uniform and I can't get help. There's a stigma.' And I would do what I could to help them," Ayers said.

In 2005, Ayers, with the help of Becky Pillsbury, wife of Lt. Gen. Jim Pillsbury who was commander of Redstone Arsenal at the time, and other local volunteers, established Still Serving Veterans, a Huntsville-based national organization that provides information, resources and assistance to veterans with reintegration issues.

But, Ayers also wanted to develop a comprehensive document that would provide information to returning servicemembers and veterans on all aspects of reintegration. She went to Gov. Riley with her idea, and he assisted in establishing the Alabama Returning Veterans Committee.

"For the next two years, we wrote the book. We wrote the book on evenings and weekends," she said. "We apologize that it took so long. But we wanted to get it right."

RAP reviews the readjustment process and encourages servicemembers to develop an action plan for returning home. It reviews the wide range of feelings and emotions experienced by returning servicemembers.

"This book shows Soldiers

and veterans how to take control and take the action they need to reintegrate. It gives them a better, clearer picture of what they might be feeling and who they can turn to for help," Ayers said.

"This book will help improve the quality of life not just for the Soldier, but also their family, spouse and parents. This book is helping a greater quantity than one."

RAP includes information about grief, depression, anger, suicide prevention, how to handle nightmares, panic attacks and flashbacks, and how triggers work to bring back traumatic memories. It provides information on healthy relationships, sleep management, military sexual trauma and traumatic brain injury.

PTSD is thoroughly discussed in the book, but, so, too, are the individual conditions related to PTSD.

"Someone won't claim to have PTSD, but they will say they have sleep issues or relationship issues," Ayers said.

"The book is laid out to help someone determine what they are doing, what is happening to them and how to call for help. This is a thinking book. We're not telling them how to feel. We're asking them how they feel through a series of questions and then providing them with resources that can help them."

Since being released in November 2008, about 5,000 copies have been circulated

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The City of Huntsville's police and fire departments are using the book and it is published on their web site. The Alabama Department of Corrections is also making it available to veterans who are in the prison system.

The Salvation Army in California has requested copies and copies have been requested from organizations in Minnesota and New Mexico. Copies have even reached Soldiers in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Over 50 non-profits in Alabama and throughout the nation are using this book," Ayers said. "Any organization can reprint the book and put their logo on the back. We are doing whatever we can to put this book in the hands of Soldiers and to add value to them as they work to reintegrate."

While RAP includes information about national resources available to returning servicemembers, non-profit agencies and organizations can also add local resources to their reprinted version. For most of those non-profit agencies and organizations, RAP became a resource

when a servicemember or veteran brought it to their attention.

"Soldiers are sharing this book with their buddies. They can download it for free and make as many copies as they want. Soldier to Soldier is who is making this book available," Ayers said.

"We've seen this book help veterans from World War II forward. Some are even using this book as a way to reconnect with individuals from their past. The book does encourage them to reconnect and talk to others who have been through what they've been through."

RAP also encourages dialogue between servicemembers and veterans, and their families, including spouses and parents.

"We ask Soldiers to go through the book and their significant other to go through the book. Both will answer the questions and there will be differences," Ayers said. "They should take the time to talk about those differences. A lot of times a Soldier or a veteran will say 'I didn't know I was doing that until my wife pointed it out to me.' RAP helps them address issues that may affect their marriage or their relationship."

John Perry, coalition president and a retired Reserve command sergeant major, has a copy of RAP and has passed one on to his son, Reserve Staff Sgt. Chad Perry, who served in Afghanistan four years ago.

"When Chad came back, we knew he had some level of post traumatic stress disorder. But we

weren't sure," Perry said. "At that time, we didn't know anything about it and neither did his division two-star. It was kind of frustrating because the only thing we could do was have him go to a psychologist or a doctor."

The Perry's family doctor, a retired Army major, was able to coach Perry and his wife on ways to help their son cope with problems associated with PTSD.

"It's most important to talk about it and that's what we did," he said.

"But even now Chad can have a flashback. He was putting a bookshelf together recently and some instructions on the bottom of a shelf reminded Chad of an IED (improvised explosive device) and he had a flashback. Something as simple as that can trigger a flashback."

Perry is grateful for RAP because it offers his family an opportunity to review issues their son may be dealing with and providing them with a way to discuss those issues.

"This book gives us a common ground and something we can work with in helping Chad," he said. "It hits very close to home."

Perry encourages others – returning servicemembers and veterans – to read RAP.

"I'm trying to get the word out about this book because it can really be of help," he said. "I keep copies with me so that when I happen to meet someone who says something about serving in wartime I can put a book right in their hand."

While Ayers and others work to get RAP in the hands of all veterans – including the 90,000 located in Madison County – Ayers is also spearheading efforts of her committee to publish a second reintegration book for trainers – including unit commanders, chaplains and mental health professionals – that can be used to help returning servicemembers.

"We have gotten tremendous feedback on RAP," Ayers said. "There are so many individuals – not only Soldiers, but others who have gone through traumatic events – seeking help and this book can help them.

"But it's mostly veterans and current Soldiers who are moving this book because it's meeting their needs and because it's helping them readjust to life with their families. They are proliferating this book. Now we also want to provide a tool to military leaders who can help Soldiers in their successful reintegration."

*Editor's note: A copy of the Reintegration Action Plan can be downloaded and printed from [www.Alabamareturningveterans.org](http://www.Alabamareturningveterans.org).*



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SHARING INFORMATION—** Laura Ayers reviews the Reintegration Action Plan with, from left, AMCOM's Capt. Peter Schmitt, commander's aide; Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates and Capt. Shane Scott, executive officer. RAP is a tool for returning servicemembers and veterans who need information and resources to develop an action plan for reintegration after a wartime deployment. RAP is free to all servicemembers and veterans.

# Congressman most proud of his American citizenship



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER—** Rep. Artur Davis, of Alabama's 7th congressional district, addresses Team Redstone's Black History Month program Feb. 17.

## *U.S. Rep. Artur Davis delivers Black History Month message*

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America is strongest when it's unified, U.S. Rep. Artur Davis of Alabama said during Team Redstone's Black History Month program Feb. 17 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

"When we are at our best, ladies and gentlemen, the phrase 'I am an American' is powerful enough to trump circumstances," Davis said.

The Montgomery native said "what I answer to most proudly and definitively is a few simple words: I am an American."

He thanked the members of Team Redstone for their work in national security. Davis represents Alabama's 7th congressional district, a 12-county area that spans from Birmingham and Tuscaloosa to the Black Belt, and serves on the

prestigious Ways and Means Committee, which oversees economic policy.

Recalling the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, he said his most vivid image is seeing Americans leaping from the burning World Trade Center buildings. He said these were Americans – regardless of gender or race. "Our enemies that day had no patience for the distinctions we have of one another," Davis said.

Regardless of where they lived, what they had or didn't have or their color, they were Americans just the same, the congressman stressed. "How dare we think that these things are more meaningful than what we have in common," he said.

"That concept, Americanize, is special," Davis said. "That is our trump card."

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, welcomed the program's estimated 400 attendees.

"This is one of our ethnic observances," Myles said. "We do these remembrances so we don't forget, so we don't repeat the past, because we don't want to repeat the past."

Sgt. 1st Class Lance Green, installation equal opportunity adviser, served as master of ceremonies. "On behalf of Team Redstone, thank you all for taking time from your busy schedules to help us all celebrate Black History Month," he said.

This year's Black History Month theme is "The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas." Winners of the essay competition were: first place, Dineesha Hobbs of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; and second, K.C. Bertling, also of PEO-Missiles and Space. The display winners were: first place, PEO-Missiles and Space; second, 2nd Army Recruiting Brigade; and third, Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

# Civic group gets glimpse of foreign military sales



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

**MAKING POINT—** Dr. Tom Pieplow, director of Security Assistance Management Directorate for AMCOM, tells the Kiwanis Club in Scottsboro about his directorate's mission and foreign military sales.

## *Security assistance director describes growth in FMS*

By **SOFIA BLEDSOE**  
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Speaking to a 60-member Kiwanis Club group in Scottsboro, SAMD director Dr. Tom Pieplow had plenty of interesting information to share about his directorate, and the group was more than eager to learn about what people do on Redstone Arsenal.

That's because Pieplow, director of Security Assistance Management Directorate for the Aviation and Missile Command, was the first representative from AMCOM to have ever spoken to the group comprised of attorneys, bankers, business leaders, educators, first responders and district judges. Pieplow, one of a group of volunteers in the Redstone Speakers' Bureau program, volunteered to speak to the Kiwanis Club when the request came.

Redstone Arsenal's role is to reduce the burden for the war fighter, he said. As the directorate responsible for managing the transfer and sustainment of 24 Army aviation and missile systems to more than 70 countries, Pieplow said it is important that workers get the job done right for the military.

"More and more countries are stepping

up and assuming the roles and responsibilities of their own protection," he said. Foreign military sales have grown exponentially over the last decade. Between 2003 and 2006, FMS averaged at roughly \$1.5 billion. Between 2007 and 2008, sales doubled. As of Jan. 31, foreign military sales have soared to \$9.5 billion.

"At the rate we're going, the potential for \$50 to \$60 billion in foreign military sales is realistic," Pieplow said.

He explained that the U.S. government makes the decision on whether or not to do business with a certain regime based on the complexity of the system. The U.S. State Department and the Department of Defense are also involved in the process. Foreign military sales have grown due to the changing nature of threats in the world.

Pieplow showed photos of Soldiers and equipment in both Iraq and Afghanistan. The photos showed the duress both Soldiers and equipment go through battling weather conditions alone.

"It's amazing that we are able to maintain and succeed in our missions despite all these challenges," Pieplow said, adding that the reason for this success is the Soldiers.

Those interested in volunteering for the Redstone Speakers' Bureau program may call the Public and Congressional Affairs Office at 876-4161. E-mail speaker requests to [redstone-garrisonspeakersbureau@conus.army.mil](mailto:redstone-garrisonspeakersbureau@conus.army.mil).

# Dining facility worker beaming over U.S citizenship

*'Nuey' takes oath in tearful ceremony*

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There's a lot of laughter and merriment in the kitchen of the Dining Facility between meals as the staff works together to prepare the day's menu offerings.

And in the midst of the camaraderie, there's one staff member whose million dollar smile is hard to contain.

The smile on the face of Ruedeepon "Nuey" Suwanapogdee Hart got even bigger recently when she returned from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Atlanta as a new U.S. citizen.

"Everything good for me. I'm proud to be an American," Hart said in her somewhat broken English.

"I'm happy to be here. It's good opportunity to be here. When I came back from Atlanta, we all cry."

Hart still feels those tears of joy well up inside her when she talks about being a U.S. citizen. Now she feels included as a resident in her adopted country. She feels like she is part of a great nation. And, even as important, she has the ability to come more freely to and from work at the dining facility.

"When I start working here (in August 2006) I have a little bit problem because I'm foreign," she said. "My husband had to drive me to work from where we live. He have to come pick me up. I couldn't get a stan-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ICING ON CAKE—** Nuey Hart, scooping frosting for strawberry short cake, is known for her infectious smile at the Dining Facility. That smile recently got even bigger when she became a new U.S. citizen Jan. 21. Hart is on staff at Redstone Arsenal's dining facility, where she is known as a hard worker and eager learner.

dard badge and they had to do a background check annually on me."

Don't get her wrong. Hart is not complaining. She understands the reasons for such security measures. But she is also glad she no longer has to rely on her husband to bring her to work at 4 in the morning from their home in Madison.

Hart applied for citizenship last November. She was then given 100 answers and questions to study in preparation for her

citizenship test. She went to Atlanta to take the test on Jan. 21.

"For me, it hard because I'm just learning how to speak and read," Hart said. "I had to know things like how many congressmen there are, the national anthem, and what the First Amendment and the Second Amendment are. There were all kind of questions.

"I think I am not going to pass. When in the room with somebody who tests you think

you forget. But I went and I pass. My husband was more scared than me when I was in room testing."

It took about 20 minutes for each person to complete testing Jan. 21. The test included answering questions verbally, and writing and reading.

When the testing was over, Hart was sworn in with 145 other aspiring American citizens. Her husband was there to see her take the oath.

"I don't know how everyone felt. But I cried," she said. "My husband got to watch and he was proud."

Hart met her husband, William Hart, eight years ago while he was working for the Army & Air Force Exchange Service in Germany.

"I in Thailand but my sister live in Germany," Hart said. "And my sister knew him.

"He bring me to Germany and meet me. He comes back here and he asked me to come here, too. He make paperwork for me and I wait in Thailand for a year."

Hart arrived in the U.S. March 2001. The couple were married in May of that year. Hart was happy, even though America wasn't as glitzy and glamorous as media images made it look.

"I did expect a different world because the U.S.A. I see only on TV and movies. It's different from that. But I really like it. People really nice," she said.

It was hard for her to describe to her mother, who remained in Thailand and has since died, what her new life was like.

"She ask 'Where you go? Where you live?' I say 'Alabama.' She say 'What Alabama?'

They don't know we have 50 states," Hart said.

When she first came to Huntsville, Hart worked in a bagel shop. But later she applied for a job at the Alabama Career Center. Her application was reviewed by Dan Tyree, manager of the dining facility.

"I got a job here. Ta! Da! I think it's small world," Hart said. "There are five other Thai people working here."

At first, the job was overwhelming. But Hart's co-workers were happy to help her.

"There was a lot to learn. People nice here. They give opportunity and help me out. I appreciate them," Hart said.

Hart impressed her boss and co-workers.

"She was wanting to work," Tyree said. "She did everything she could to come here and work. If I could, I would pick up 10 people like her."

Hart returned to work the day after becoming a U.S. citizen. With Tyree's help, she had her new Redstone Arsenal badge in less than 24 hours.

"Everybody here happy for me," Hart said. "It's a relief. I can relax. I really feel good."

Now, with her U.S. citizenship, Hart can do anything. She loves where she works, but has aspirations to be a cook or to go back to school to be an accountant.

"I love here. I love to work here. I love job. I love the people," she said. "It feel good to feed Soldiers because what they do for us. They protect the country."

It's your country, now, Nuey Hart. Welcome.

# Parts procurement becomes part of logistics agency

*Some contracting workers transfer in place to DLA*

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The workers stay in place and do the same thing, but answer to a different agency now.

An activation ceremony Thursday in Bob Jones Auditorium marked the transfer of function for procurement management of depot level reparable management of depot level reparable management from the Army Contracting Command's AMCOM Contracting Center to the Defense Logistics Agency.

Fifty-five workers will transfer in place from AMCOM Contracting Center to DLA Huntsville and continue to procure depot-level reparable aviation parts for the maintenance activity.

"As we make this transition our focus must remain on the mission, and that is to support the war fighter," said Marsha Thornton, who now serves as director of Depot Level Reparable Procurement Operations at DLA Huntsville. "And we must never lose sight of that."

Thornton previously was director of the DLA Directorate of the AMCOM Contracting Center.

The transfer is part of 2005 Base Realignment and Closure legislation that directed the armed forces to realign and consolidate depot level reparable procurement management under DLA to optimize military readiness. These changes are designed to enhance logistics support to the nation's war fighters.

Depot level reparable parts and components used by the services that are not considered consumable, but can be repaired and reutilized instead of being replaced with new parts and components.

Defense Supply Center Richmond, Va., will oversee operations at DLA Huntsville. Defense Supply Center Richmond is the lead center for aviation within Defense Logistics Agency. And within the Defense Department supply chain, it is the primary source of supply for nearly 1.25 million repair parts and operating supply items.

"We take our mission seriously," Yvette Burke, acquisition executive at the Defense Supply Center Richmond, said. "And we are committed to making this transition very successful."

Marlene Cruze, executive director of the Aviation and Missile Command's Contracting Center, had praise for Thornton. "She does an incredible job in everything that she does," she said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**KEY PARTICIPANTS—**Yvette Burke, left, the acquisition executive at the Defense Supply Center, Richmond, Va., and Marsha Thornton, director of depot level reparable procurement operations at DLA Huntsville, participate in Thursday's ceremony in Bob Jones Auditorium.

# Army launches education pilot program

The Army has been selected by Congress to participate in an education pilot program designed to provide additional ways to expand education opportunities.

Soldiers, officers and wounded warriors serving on active duty, to include National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on extended active duty, may acquire technical, vocational, or advanced training and retraining, according to an Education Center release.

This short-term pilot program is intended to provide training in high-demand career fields to help Soldiers find employment after they transition out of the Army.

Army Education is working with technical and

community colleges throughout the United States to build on existing programs and develop new pilot re-training in career occupations, such as rehabilitation, nursing, medical technology, and other health care occupations.

Although the Army Vocational/Technical website launched Jan. 15, Army education centers and Soldier family assistance centers are expected to begin assisting Soldiers with enrollment beginning in February.

The Education Center is in building 3222 on Snooper Road; and its phone number is 876-9761.

For more information, visit the following website: [https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/VOTEC\\_Pr ogram.html](https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/VOTEC_Pr ogram.html).

# Operational Contract Support Course lifts off

The pilot offering of the Operational Contract Support Course has been conducted at the Army Logistics Management College at Huntsville. Twenty-two students attended this course and each received the newly created additional skill identifier (ASI) 3C.

These graduates have been trained to assist in the planning and integrating of contracted support during deployed operations.

They will prepare performance work statements, independent government cost estimates, purchase requests; and conduct contracting performance oversight techniques necessary to assure mission success.

Featured guest speakers in this pilot offering were Col. Kevin O'Connell and Maj. Gen. George Harris.

Efforts are under way to establish a permanent faculty which will

teach future OCSC offerings. This course is scheduled to be presented at Fort Lee, Va., and in Huntsville. If there is adequate demand, onsite classes will be scheduled.

Lt. Col. Randy McGee is the OCSC Course director. More information on this new two-week course can be found at <http://www.almc.army.mil/hsv/oc sc.htm>. (*Army Logistics Management College release*)

# Employee union schedules election of officers

American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858 will be open for officer nominations at its monthly membership meeting March 9 at 5 p.m. at the union office, building 3202 on Mauler Road.

Elections are April 13 from 6 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the office.

The following positions will be filled: president, assistant president, executive vice president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, fair practices coordinator, AMCOM non-professional vice president, AMCOM professional vice president, OMEMS vice president, PM TMDE non-professional vice president, Garrison non-professional vice president, Garrison professional vice president, HELSTF professional vice president, SMDC non-professional vice president, SMDC professional vice president, MEDDAC/DENTAC vice president, PEO STRICOM non-professional vice president, AAFES vice president, TECOM non-professional vice president, TECOM professional vice president, Commissary vice president, LOGSA vice president, Corps of Engineers vice president, PEO-MS non-professional vice president, PEO-MS professional vice president, CPOC non-professional vice president, DISA professional vice president, DISA non-professional vice president, NAF vice president, Kwajalein non-professional vice president, Kwajalein professional vice president, DFAS professional vice president, DFAS non-professional vice president, Printing Plant vice president, AMRDEC non-professional vice president and AMRDEC professional vice president.

The Election Committee includes Juan Mendoza, Robert Love, Suzanne Jefferson and Karen Moten (alternate).

# Software engineering directorate leads from front

Organization named among Army's top 12

The Software Engineering Directorate, under the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, has been appointed one of only 12 "Agents of the Certification Authority" within the Department of Army.

The appointment, made by the Army's Chief Information Officer G-6 Certification Authority, LeRoy Lundgren, approves the SED to perform third party independent evaluation for automated information systems.

"I am very proud of this recent appointment and of the information assurance support we've been providing our program managers for some time now," SED director Dr. Bill Craig said. "Our enterprises and Soldiers depend more and more on information systems and the ability to send and receive information securely. SED will continue leading from the front in the area of information assurance."

Responsible for supporting over 50 million lines of tactical and system support code, the SED establishes the software sustainment environment to include project specific hardware, software and documentation, and performs software analysis, sustainment, configuration management, quality assurance, testing and fielding.

"All DoD architectures, including war fighter, intelligence, business process, and enterprise management architectures are part of the Global Information Grid architecture. Systems no longer operate in isolation, and as a result, developing a comprehensive and effective approach to information assurance is more critical than ever and validation is now required by DoD policy," Craig said.

SED provides IA system-owner support for multiple products within the Joint Program Executive Office Chemical and Biological Defense, Missile Defense Agency, U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal, AMRDEC SED Software Integration Labs, Utility Helicopters Project Office, and PM Aviation Systems.



Courtesy photo

**CERTIFICATION MEET—** Members of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's agents of the certification authority meet with Software Engineering Directorate director Dr. Bill Craig, center. From left are David Atchison, ACA team lead; Herndon Elliott, ACA; Jay Kurowsky, ACA support team, STI; and Rob Goldsmith, ACA support team lead, SAIC.

In addition, SED continues to support the Non-Line of Sight Launch System Project Office, Integrated Air and Missile Defense Project Office, PEO Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation, and the AMRDEC Aviation Systems Integration Facility.

"As an approved ACA, SED intends to extend the offer of C&A (Certification and Assurance) support to all DoD system owners," Craig said. "This ACA appointment and SED's broader IA service offerings are central components of our strategic plan that also includes partnerships with academic institutions.

"SED is currently teaming with the University of Alabama in Huntsville to enhance and capitalize on each agency's

strengths to form a larger Huntsville IA Center of Excellence."

Most project managers fund their system-owner support locally and fund an ACA from outside of Huntsville for their validation work. Now, as an ACA, SED can serve as an independent third party system validator and a one-stop-shop for all system-owner IA requirements.

"SED's ACA appointment could be attractive to system owners in the Redstone community for several reasons," Craig said. "First, PMs who select SED as their ACA will enjoy the advantages of close proximity to their system validator. Second, as a longstanding agency at Redstone, SED has a wealth of organic expertise familiar with most local systems.

"Lastly, PMs can gain efficiencies by avoiding travel costs for their ACA support, as well as getting that support from an entity that is largely already familiar with the PMs systems and technology."

SED has long been a leader and innovator in the IA domain and boasts a world-class government and contractor team.

"In April 2000, the SED's software development process was assessed at Level 4, based on the Software Engineering Institute's Capability Maturity Model for Software. At that time, this Level 4 rating placed the SED in the top 7 percent of all organizations assessed and one of only five government organizations to be assessed at Level 4 or 5," Craig said. (AMRDEC release)

# Redstone names NCO and Soldier of the Quarter

*Honorees selected through competition*

By **SOPIA BLEDSOE**  
*For the Rocket*

From the junior enlisted in basic training to the second lieutenants out of officer basic course, there has always been a non-commissioned officer to train these Soldiers.

“Odds are, these privates and lieutenants remember their first NCO,” said the Garrison’s Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper, guest speaker at the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter luncheon Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Redstone’s NCO of the third quarter is Sgt. Katherine Pirkle, 24, of the Garrison. The Soldier of the third quarter is Spc. Randal Rhodes, 33, of Fox Army Health Center.

The NCO and Soldier of the Quarter competition is no easy task. The candidates go through an arduous selection process of taking the Army physical fitness test, rifle marksmanship, a land navigation course, a written test and finally an oral test in front of

a board in which they have to answer questions on an array of military subjects. This competition was developed by NCOs for NCOs and Soldiers. Pirkle and Rhodes both received the Army Commendation Medal, among many honors and gifts.

“The families of these Soldiers give their trust and confidence to prepare their sons and daughters for the future, whatever and wherever that may be,” Cooper said. He thanked the families, friends and members of the community for their continued support of Soldiers.

Pirkle, a strategic debriefer, was assigned to the Garrison on April 1, 2008. She is married to Staff Sgt. Brandon Scott Pirkle. Her hobbies include watching football, working out, horseback riding, and reading. Her short-term goals are to earn NCO of the Quarter and to become a staff sergeant. Her long-term goals are to complete her degree in criminal justice and psychology and start a family. Previous awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and Airborne & Combat Action Badge.

“I’m really excited to be able to represent HHC Garrison and to

represent the NCO Corps in a positive manner,” she said.

Asked for her advice to young Soldiers in their careers, she said, “Training and career progression is the key.”

Rhodes, a laboratory technician, was assigned to Fox Army Health Center in February 2007. He and his wife, Tracy, have one daughter. His hobbies include investing, reading current events, and gaming. His short-term goal is to prepare himself to do the best on his board exams. His long-term goal is to be promoted to sergeant. Previous awards and decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism.

Rhodes said that he knew he needed to perform above and beyond the normal responsibilities in order to progress in his career and to earn the respect of his peers. Leadership is very important for Soldiers, he said.

“Do the right thing, stay out of trouble, and everything takes care of itself,” Rhodes advised.

The NCO and Soldier of the fourth quarter will be announced in a luncheon May 21 at the club.



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**THIRD QUARTER WINNERS—** Sgt. Katherine Pirkle of the Garrison is NCO of the Quarter; and Spc. Randal Rhodes of Fox Army Health Center is Soldier of the Quarter. Both will compete later for their respective NCO/Soldier of the Year titles.

# Fisher enjoying his new role in command group

*Secretary of the general staff supports myriad of functions*

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Steve Fisher has been preparing for his new job for years, even if he didn't know it at the time. Fisher took over as AMCOM's secretary of the general staff on Feb. 17.

Fisher comes to the position from the G-8 resource management office, where he served last as the chief of the force development and management division.

Fisher began his federal career as an Army intern out of Cameron University in Lawton, Okla., 25 years ago at Fort Sill, Okla.

"It was a GS-5 position," Fisher said. "I thought if I could just make it to a GS-11 one day it would be great."

He worked as a budget analyst for four years before taking a teaching position at the Army Management Engineering College at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., before moving into Base Realignment and Closure planning. After several years there, he seized the opportunity for a graduate degree at Syracuse University.

"It was part of the Army comptroller-ship program," Fisher said. "I was about 10 years into my federal service career at the time when they sent me up there. It was great. I highly encourage people to look at those opportunities."

After graduating from Syracuse with a master's of business arts in 1994, he was told he was headed to Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal.

"I came here in 1994 and didn't know anybody," he said. "But I absolutely fell in love with the area. It's a great place to raise a family and put down roots. I'm certain I'll be here until I retire and probably be here long after I retire."

He began working in the G-8 office, where he has stayed for the past 15 years in various positions. That time is spattered with short stints outside, such as the six months he spent as AMCOM's executive assistant for the deputy to the commanding general under Ernie Young in the late 1990s.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**TEAMWORK—** Secretary of the general staff Steve Fisher meets with general staff program specialist Debra Teamer.

"I've worked several jobs in G-8," Fisher said. "I've been in manpower and also in budget. One of the jobs I had in G-8 was responsible for the missions and functions of the command. It gave me a broad knowledge of what we do at Avia-

tion and Missile Command. I've been involved in some way in every major action that we've had in the command from forming AMCOM to the establishment of Soldier Focused Logistics teams. I've been the G-8 lead for most of the

major actions. It's given me a lot of insight into what we do and how we operate. It was great preparation for this job."

As the SGS, Fisher sees himself as a support tool for the command.

"I see my job as the principle assistant to the chief of staff for operation and administration of the command," he said. "Everything that flows in and out of the command group up here, we make sure that we respond to taskers from higher headquarters and get them to the appropriate people. We're here to support the command group and make sure everything flows smoothly."

The variety of the tasks that fall under SGS was a big draw for Fisher.

"Protocol falls under us also, so we're responsible for all the visits from dignitaries. We also have a command management support staff that handles a lot of the other administration pieces within the command. The historical office is also part of the SGS," he said. "One of the things I was excited about is all the different challenges and opportunities. Every day I have been on this job has been different."

Fisher greets each day at his job with enthusiasm. He feels lucky that his experience has him well-acquainted with the people he needs to get his job done.

"I'm fortunate that I've gotten to know the key leaders of this command," he said. "I know who to contact and who to call to get information. By having that background and knowing those people has helped me hit the ground running."

He is also excited about the level of involvement this job allows him to have.

"Everything in this command comes through my office," he said. "It's not the smaller piece I had in G-8. My in-box each day is filled with every subject you can think of in this command."

Fisher and wife, Janie, live in Huntsville with their five children ranging from college age down to middle school. Most of his free time outside of work is dedicated to his family and their activities, although he does carve out a little time to run.

"I like to exercise," he said. "I try to run every day. I like the stress release. I like to get outside and just run."

# Advice to grow on: 'You need to believe in yourselves'

Director from AMCOM gives tips to youngsters

By **SOPIA BLEDSOE**  
For the Rocket

As the first guest speaker this year from Redstone Arsenal to represent the Aviation and Missile Command's new Army Education Outreach Program, Eric Edwards spent a lot of preparation time on his presentation to Monrovia Elementary School.

Coupled with the fact that his two sons, Austin and Carter, were alumnus of Monrovia Elementary, Edwards was excited about the opportunity.

"Education is a very important part of our family," said Edwards, executive director for AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center. His presentation to the fifth-grade class at Monrovia focused on the importance of staying in school, knowing what one wants and taking all opportunities in fulfilling one's goals.

The AMCOM AEOP aims to reach out to young people in the local community and educate them about the importance of what people do on Redstone Arsenal and to interest students in pursuing higher education and careers geared toward Redstone jobs.

As a 10-year-old, Edwards already knew that he wanted to be an aerospace engineer. He took advantage of the co-op program offered through the local university and received on-the-job-training while finishing college. It was an invaluable experience, he said to the students, to be able to learn the practical applications of your future career while learning the academics at the same time.

"If you know what you want to do, set that goal and just do it," he said. If you want to be an engineer, he suggested enrolling in the Science and Engineer Apprentice Program while in school. Fifth-grader Joseph Rusy, said that's exactly what he wanted to be when he grew up. "I'm really interested in what he (Edwards) does," Rusy said.

Fifth-grader Justin Similton said he already knows he will be one of the Army's future Soldiers. Similton's father served in Vietnam and his grandfather



**OUTREACH—** Eric Edwards, executive director of AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center, speaks to a group of fifth-graders at Monrovia Elementary School about the importance of identifying and pursuing educational and career goals.

Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

served in World War II. "It runs in my blood," he said.

Edwards showed the students several slides that reflected the importance of education, from photos of his family, to videos of various systems testing on the Arsenal and missile ranges, to a quick math quiz at the end.

"Even our dog has to go to school and learn obedience training and has homework when he gets home," Edwards said.

He explained the cradle to grave mission of AMCOM relating it to taking care of the family car or any other appliances and

electronics that students have. "We worry about the parts," he said. When helicopters fly for more than 3 million hours over the last six years in theater, parts are going to break, Edwards continued. "They call us," he added. Because of the people who work on the Arsenal, only 10 aircraft out of almost 600 were down for maintenance in the last week, he said.

Edwards also took a poll of the number of students whose family members were deployed at least once to Iraq or Afghanistan. Approximately 40

percent of the fifth-graders raised their hands, a fact that surprised even Edwards. It makes this program and reaching out to our schools that much more important, he said, emphasizing the community's need to know about work done on Redstone Arsenal.

"It's important that you learn math especially when you come out at the Arsenal," he said to the students. "You need to believe in yourselves."

He showed a photo of President Barack Obama and Gen. Ann Dunwoody and asked what

they had in common. Edwards received a variety of responses from "They both have an American flag behind them," to "They both work for the American government." They are both firsts, Edwards added, and they both have strong educational backgrounds. "They never let anybody tell them they couldn't be what they wanted to be," he said.

Those interested in signing up as a volunteer for the AMCOM AEOP may call Deborah McLemore-Baugh at 842-9880 or e-mail [deborah.mclemore-baugh@us.army.mil](mailto:deborah.mclemore-baugh@us.army.mil).

# Space Camp scholarships to launch 25th year

## *Military children eligible to apply for week's stay*

Military children can win a free trip this summer to Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

The Army Community Service Volunteer Space Camp Scholarship Committee announces the 25th annual Space Camp Scholarship Program, open to children who reside within a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal, whose parents are active-duty, retired military members, and Guard or Reserve members who served on active-duty status at any point during the 12 months prior to the March 13 application deadline. Additional criteria must be met as outlined on the application.

"This is a big one for us, 25 years," Cathy Hays, quality of life program manager at Army Community Service, said. "We had 15 scholarships awarded last year."

Past scholarships have been made possible through the generosity of such organizations as the Association of the U.S. Army, Air Defense Artillery Association, Officer and Civilian Women's Club, American Legion Auxiliary Post 237,

Redstone Thrift Shop, and System Studies & Simulations Inc.

Scholarships are for resident camp the week of June 7-12 and represent an award of nearly \$1,000 per camp. Students ages 9-11 (who must complete or attend fourth-grade by March 13) may apply to Space Camp; and ages 12-14 may apply to Space Academy and Aviation Challenge.

Applicants must reside within a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal, present a copy of their military ID card (or military orders) – along with their completed application and a handwritten one-to-two page essay titled, "Why I want to attend Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge."

Applications are available through March 13 at the Post Exchange, local schools and Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. They are also available at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

Completed applications, a copy of the child's military ID card, and the essay must be returned to ACS by noon March 13. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible.

For more information, call Army Community Service at 876-5397.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CREW MEMBERS**— The 2008 Space Camp scholarship winners are seated before their awards ceremony last June in Heiser Hall.

# Know the rules when claiming full replacement value

*Advice offered for property damaged in household move*

By WYKETA WATKINS  
Claims adjudicator

There have been several questions that have arisen under the new Full Replacement Value rules for household goods claims. The main question relates to the carrier's rights to repair or replace damaged items. The applicable rules are similar to the rules when submitting a claim through the Military Claims Office.

An item is determined to be damaged beyond repair only after a specialist has inspected the item and determined that it cannot be repaired. If the specialist determines that the item can be repaired, the carrier may typically offer an allowance for the cost of repairs, or pay the repair specialist directly in which case the claimant receives no monetary payment.

If the item has been determined to be damaged beyond repair, the carrier must offer the claimant the replacement cost for that item. When this is done the carrier will attempt to find the exact brand and model of the damaged item and offer the lowest price that it will cost to purchase the same item or an item of the same kind and quality. There have been several instances recently where the claimant has

not been satisfied with the carrier's settlement position. For these instances, the Redstone Arsenal Claims Office offers the following advice:

Contact the carrier and request a copy of the substantiation that was used to determine the settlement amount.

Once you receive the carrier's substantiation, ensure that it is an item that is exactly as or similar to your damaged item.

If the item is not comparable to your item, conduct your own research online or at stores and submit this information to the carrier along with your request that they adjust their offer to compensate for the replacement that you have found.

If the carrier is still unwilling to change the replacement cost of particular items, and you cannot reach an agreement with the carrier, you have a couple of options. You can reject the entire offer and have the MCO adjudicate your entire claim; or you can notify the carrier that you will accept payment for the items that you agree with in the settlement offer and then you can transfer the items that you disagree with to the MCO for adjudication.

When you are ready to transfer the items for which you have not received compensation from the carrier, you can submit your claim directly to the MCO. Claims submitted through the MCO fall under the same adjudication procedures that have been used in the past.

First, depreciation is an unpopular, but true fact of life when settling your claim through the MCO. Like the statute of limitations, depreciation cannot be waived. The requirement to apply depreciation and maximum payable amounts on your hold baggage and household goods is established in the claims regulation (Army Regulation 27-20, paragraph 11-12). In addition, the claims pamphlet contains an Allowance List-Depreciation Guide (Department of the Army 27-162, figure 11-3) that is "binding on all claims personnel" throughout the Army in settling claims.

Second, after your claim has been processed through the MCO, if there is a monetary difference between what we

adjudicated and paid for your claim and the full replacement value amount you would otherwise be entitled to, the government will demand the FRV of the damaged items from the carrier. When the government recoups the funds demanded from the carrier, the difference will be forwarded to you.

The MCO personnel are here to assist you with preparing and filling out your claims paperwork. We will also do all that we can to assist you in dealing with the carrier on FRV claims. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the process, or if you need clarification on the FRV process, call the Redstone Arsenal Claims Office at 876-3995 or 876-9006.

## Investigation confirms civilian casualties in Afghanistan strike

KABUL, Afghanistan— An investigation into a Feb. 17 coalition air strike in Afghanistan's Heart province has confirmed that 13 noncombatants and three enemy fighters were killed, military officials reported.

A combined Afghan National Army and coalition forces investigation team, accompanied by international observers, inspected the site to determine the identities of those killed.

Investigators found weapons and ammunition at the site, and Afghan army officers met with village leaders following the incident.

"We expressed our deepest condolences to the survivors of the noncombatants who were killed during this operation," Brig. Gen. Michael Ryan of U.S.

Forces Afghanistan said at the site of the attack after speaking with local villagers and family members there.

"Our inquiry in Herat demonstrates how seriously we take our responsibility in conducting operations against militant targets and the occurrence of noncombatant casualties," the general said.

"Our concern is for the security of the Afghan people. To this end, we continually evaluate the operations we conduct during the course of our mission in Afghanistan and have agreed to coordinate our efforts jointly."

Ryan also met with the senior provincial army and police commanders, and separately with the governor of Herat, to discuss the attack. *(From a U.S. Forces Afghanistan news release.)*

# Council of Catholic women supports community

By DAVID MACEDONIA  
For the Rocket

The Military Council of Catholic Women of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Military Community at Bicentennial Chapel is an outstanding organization that provides for the spirituality of its members. While MCCW has been around Redstone community for a number of years, it has thrived for the past two years under the able leadership of Redstone Arsenal Chapter MCCW coordinator Chris Johnson and moderator Chaplain (Maj.) Rajmund Kopec.

The MCCW acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. MCCW, a worldwide organization under the authority of the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, provides a resource network for local MCCW groups throughout the world. To that end, Kopec directly supports the planning and execution of Redstone Chapter MCCW Program.

The chapel MCCW group is the core of MCCW. The purpose of the chapel group is to provide programs that enrich the spiritual life of Catholic women and enable them to minister to each other, their families, other chapel members, and their military and civilian communities. This is accomplished through periodic meetings, leadership and catechetical training, prayer and liturgy, shared Eucharist, and correspondence between a chapel group and regional representatives.

In even-numbered years, MCCW hosts a worldwide training conference. In odd-numbered years each geographical region hosts its own conference. Johnson, along with five other Redstone MCCW members, attended the Worldwide MCCW Conference in San Antonio Texas last year. She hosted an international rosary in October and has steadily

seen her monthly Redstone First Friday MCCW meetings rise to attendance.

A long-held MCCW tradition has been to meet monthly on first Fridays. On Feb. 6, the Redstone Arsenal MCCW held a first Friday meeting at Bicentennial Chapel with a program "Humorous Insights on Marriage" which was presented by K.C. Bertling, a Christian motivational speaker with a definite sense of humor. It was a St. Valentine's themed February presentation. Through planning and coordinating interesting programs like this for her organization, Johnson has made Redstone MCCW an enriching experience.

Johnson was first introduced to MCCW when her husband was stationed in Europe. Many military personnel who were stationed in Europe are familiar with MCCW from their experiences living in communities overseas.

After World War II, Catholic women's organizations at American military posts in Europe increased both in number and in importance. The MCCW became a vital part of most Catholic American military chapels overseas, assisting in areas such as religious education, service to the poor, and liturgical and social functions. When women who had been part of these groups returned to the United States, they longed to instill the same enthusiasm and sense of purpose in women's groups at military chapels within the United States.

MCCW is recognized as the official women's group of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. There are over 50 MCCW chapters on military Installations all over the world. The Redstone Arsenal Chapter MCCW of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Military Community at Bicentennial Chapel belongs to the MCCW Southeast Region. For more information on Redstone Arsenal Chapter of MCCW, call Johnson at 701-6490 or Phyllis Gibat at 842-2175.



Photo by David Macedonia  
**FIRST FRIDAY— K.C. Bertling, guest speaker for the Feb. 6 meeting, shares a moment with MCCW coordinator Chris Johnson.**

# Strykers gear up for new mission in Afghanistan

By Staff Sgt. MICHAEL CARDEN  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's Stryker armored vehicle will get its first crack at the resurgent Taliban and terrorist strongholds in Afghanistan this summer when the 2nd Infantry Division's, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team hits the ground there.

Gen. David McKiernan, commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan, said at a Pentagon news conference Feb. 18 that he specifically requested the Stryker brigade for its versatility.

"I asked for a Stryker capability, with one of the brigade combat teams, so that it could provide the mobility, the situational awareness, the protection," McKiernan said. "And, quite frankly, it provides a lot of infantrymen. And that would give us an ability to maneuver capabilities in the southern and southwestern parts of Afghanistan."

The brigade will bring about 4,000 Soldiers and nearly 300 Strykers to the fight in Afghanistan. They will be operating in the country's southern region and along the Pakistan border, areas that don't have a sufficient security presence, preventing governance and infrastructure progress, McKiernan said.

"We need persistent security presence in order to fight a counterinsurgency and to shape 'clear, hold and build' in support of a rapidly developing Afghan capacity," he said, referring to the strategy of clearing an area of insurgents, preventing them from returning, then taking advantage of the improved security to build governance and infrastructure.

The additional troops also will have a dual responsibility in training and organizing Afghan police forces and army, he said. Military leaders there hope to double the size of the Afghan army to 134,000 troops as soon as 2011. Mentoring and training Afghan forces is necessary for success there, the general said.

"Our goal (is) to attempt to accelerate the growth of the Afghan army," McKiernan said. "But we need to do that in a smart way. We need to do it in a holistic way, so it's not just a question of numbers; it's a question of training, equipping, leader development and their employment."

The Army brigade's deployment was officially announced as



**COMBAT READY**—The 2nd Infantry Division's, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team will bring about 4,000 Soldiers and nearly 300 Strykers to the fight in Afghanistan this summer. After the decision by President Obama to send the Soldiers to Afghanistan, brigade leaders adjusted their training to reflect the conditions they will experience on the ground.

part of an additional 17,000 Soldiers and Marines President Barack Obama ordered to Afghanistan. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates signed the deployment orders at around 7:25 a.m. Feb 17, and Obama's announcement was pending notification of the Soldiers' and Marines' families, Pentagon officials said.

The Strykers originally were slated for an Iraq deployment this summer, but anticipated the switch "some time ago," a brigade spokesman said.

Maj. Mike Garcia wouldn't give specifics as to when the Soldiers were notified of their new Afghanistan mission, but said it was enough time to adjust their training before arriving at the National Training Center earlier this month at Fort Irwin, Calif.

"Their training scenario is focused on an Afghanistan fight," Garcia said. "We knew this some time ago and had enough time to modify the scenario."

The brigade started its training at the National Training Center on Feb. 15, learning the various cultures within Afghanistan. Persian Farsi, Pashto and Urdu are some of the languages and customs they'll get a crash course in. They'll also learn what to expect regarding Afghanistan's mountainous terrain, weather and type of insurgency they may face, based on military experiences there.

Their training will continue through the end of the month, Garcia said.

The Stryker brigade concept has proven successful in urban

warfare since it was first introduced to live combat December 2003 in Iraq, but it has never been used in Afghanistan. The Stryker community recognizes the challenges, but is confident in their capabilities.

"Yes, it is a different theater," Garcia said. "Combat is never easy, but they're still prepared, mentally and physically, to go to combat. It's just a different place on the globe to us."

Afghanistan's mountainous and rigid terrain, freezing weather and the freedom of movement insurgents have enjoyed there will be new challenges for the Stryker. There are distinct differences compared to Iraq regarding the terrain and culture, but Garcia said, "the basic tenets and concept of fighting a counterinsurgency remain the same."

"Stryker brigades are very versatile," he said, echoing McKiernan. Strykers can travel long distances very fast. The 10 different models of Stryker vehicles include infantry, engineer, reconnaissance and medical evacuations variants, and can carry as many as 14 Soldiers, Garcia explained.

"With the incredible capabilities they have to conduct reconnaissance and target bad guys with precision operations while mitigating collateral damage, Strykers are probably one of the best formations that the Army has put on the fields in decades," he added.

The 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team will be making the unit's first combat deployment. It was activated at Fort Lewis on May 4, 2007, as the Army's seventh Stryker brigade.

File photo

**Win**  
*or lose*

# 375th Engineer team gets defensive in late season

*Beasley scores 15 against Bravo*

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
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The 375th Engineer basketball team went back to the basics in its game against Bravo Company on Feb. 18.

And in the book of basics, “D” stands for defense. So, the 375th held Bravo to just 15 points in the first 20 minutes.

The 375th went on to beat the Bulldogs 41-33 at Pagano Gym for its second win as the season winds down. After season-ending games tonight and March 2, the postseason tournament begins March 9.

“We played fundamental basketball,” 375th player/coach Carlos Richardson said. “We moved the

ball on offense real well, and solid defense. Our defense was sound.”

The 375th led 21-15 at halftime and built a double-digit lead by midway in the second half. Marcus Beasley scored 15 points as the 375th improved to 2-3.

Steven May had nine points for Bravo (1-6).

“We just turned the ball over too many times,” Bulldogs coach Terrence Hamil said. “We made way too many mistakes.

“In the second half, we started pressing and they started turning the ball over. That’s how we started catching up. But my players are resilient and they’re young.”

**HHC 59th 48, Charlie 41:** Big man Jeff Reuter was a force for HHC 59th (3-3) on Feb. 19.

The 6-foot-8 center scored 10 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked two shots. Reginald LeDay and Leroy Early, the backcourt tan-

dem, added 10 points apiece.

Player/coach Jeffrey Moses credited his team’s “defense and taking it to our big man down low.”

“We had good ball-handling from our guards,” he said. “We established the big man down low. He also decided, if he didn’t have anything, to kick it back out to our forwards so we could redistribute the ball.”

Charlie (2-4) led the “Raise Up” bunch 22-13 at halftime. But the 59th went on a 13-0 run from the 5:30 mark to the final minute, turning a 38-32 deficit into a 45-38 lead. Early’s jumper put the 59th up 39-38 at 3:24; and his 3-pointer made it 43-38 at 1:45.

“It looked like our rhythm was gone and a lot of shots weren’t falling,” Charlie coach James Akers said. “We didn’t get rebounds.”

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BOARDS BATTLE—** Bravo center **Moneddic Fedrick** captures a defensive rebound in the second half against 375th Engineer, but the Bulldogs lost 41-33.

# Redstone's running Riddle continues to excel

## Ten-Miler Team member sweeps Winter Winds

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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David Riddle, the top runner on Redstone's Ten-Miler Team, won both the 2- and 4-mile races in Huntsville Track Club's annual Winter Winds held Sunday, Feb. 15 at Grissom High.

Riddle, 27, an aerospace engineer at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, won the 2-mile in 9:46 and the 4-mile in 20:42. He set state age-group records in both. And his two-mile time is an overall state record for any age group.

"I'm just running for fun right now. Basically, after the marathon (held in Huntsville last December), taking it easy," Riddle said. "So I'm really just starting to get back racing."

This was his first time running in Winter Winds. For the past three years, he had gone to Birmingham for the Mercedes half-marathon.

But this year, he stayed home.

There were 326 finishers in the 2-mile, which was run first, and 240 in the 4-mile.

Riddle is a member of Redstone's team which will compete in the 25th annual Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 4 near the Pentagon. Redstone is a two-time defending champion in the government agency category. Riddle led the way both years, finishing in 50:51 last year and 52:31 in 2007.

The team will hold an open try-out for runners Saturday, March 28 at 7 a.m. The course begins at the Sparkman Fitness Center, continues south on Patton Road past Buxton Road to the five-mile point and then back to the fitness center.

"We're looking for the best running talent in the war fighting community that supports Redstone Arsenal," coach Harry Hobbs said.

Redstone's team will have members from the entire post community — including active and retired military, civilians and Army contractors.

For more information, call assistant coach Skip Vaughn at 876-1500.



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**TOP RUNNER**— Redstone Ten-Miler team's David Riddle is introduced by AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles during a reception for the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army held last October in Washington, D.C.

# Wisconsin to deploy largest force since WW II

By LARRY SOMMERS  
Army News Service

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin sent off the "Red Arrow" with tears and smiles Feb. 17 in the Wisconsin National Guard's largest operational deployment since World War II.

Thousands of family members and more than 100 civilian and military officials converged on the Dane County Veterans Memorial Coliseum to bid farewell to some 3,200 members of the 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team on its way to service in Iraq, following pre-deployment training at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"Not since World War II has so much been asked of our Soldiers," Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle said. "Almost every Wisconsin county can name a student, a mother, father, son or daughter, who is part of the 32nd."

The brigade is the direct descendant of the 32nd Division, which earned its "Red

Arrow" patch by piercing every enemy line it faced in four World War I campaigns.

The division also logged 654 days of continuous combat in World War II, more than any other U.S. Army division in any war, and played a key role in capturing the enemy stronghold at Buna, Papua New Guinea, in early 1943.

After service at Fort Lewis, Wash., during the Berlin Crisis of 1961-62, the 32nd Division was deactivated and reorganized as the 32nd Separate Infantry Brigade.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, many of the brigade's units and individuals have deployed for duty in Iraq or Afghanistan, to the extent that about half of the Soldiers deploying now are veterans of one or more recent combat deployments.

*Editor's note: Larry Sommers writes for the Wisconsin National Guard.*

## Unit-level basketball rolls toward postseason tournament

### Basketball

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Garrick Whitley had 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Wolfpack. Victor Cox added five steals.

"I think we need some more practice, that's all. More practice," Akers said. "But we'll be ready for tournament."

In games Feb. 18, HHC 59th won by forfeit over 326th Chemical; and Nation-

al Guard beat Charlie 58-47. On Feb. 19, Marines def. 375th Engineer 51-44; and unbeaten Civilian Welfare Fund def. 326th Chemical 90-45.

Standings entering this week had: Eastern Conference — NCO Academy (4-1), National Guard (4-3), Marines (3-2), HHC 59th (3-3), Charlie (2-4); and Western Conference — Civilian Welfare Fund (7-0), 375th Engineer (2-4), 326th Chemical (2-5) and Bravo (1-6).



Photo credit Larry Sommers

**LARGE DEPLOYMENT**— 32nd Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Ed Hansen, on floor in front of podium, accepts reports from battalion command sergeants major as the brigade forms at the start of the Feb. 17 send-off ceremony at the Dane County Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Madison, Wis. The unit is bound for pre-deployment training at Fort Bliss, Texas, followed by a deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

# Rocket Announcements



## Sports & Recreation

### Golf fund-raiser

The Security Assistance Management Directorate is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on April 24 at the Redstone Links to benefit the Tennessee Valley Honor Flight. For more information, call Gena Scofield 975-6952 or e-mail gena.scofield@us.army.mil.

### 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.

### Ten-Miler tryout

Redstone Arsenal's Ten-Miler Team, which will compete in the 25th annual Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 4 near the Pentagon, will hold an open tryout for runners March 28 at 7 a.m. The course begins at the Sparkman Fitness Center, continues south on Patton Road past Buxton Road to the five-mile point and then back to the fitness center. Redstone is a two-time defending champion in the government agency category. The team will have members from the entire post community - including active and retired military, civilians and Army contractors. For more information, call assistant coach Skip Vaughn 876-1500.

### Ladies golf group

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold its first Coffee of the season March 4 at 9 a.m. at the Links Golf Shop/dining room. "We welcome all ladies that are golfers to join us for coffee/breakfast type food and to sign up for our play days on each Wednesday for lots of golf and fun," a prepared release said. "We welcome ladies that just want to join us for the social part also." For more information, call June K. Mann 885-0436 or cell 604-9044.

### Fishing benefit

Boeing Bass Club's 10th annual Charity Open Bass Tournament is March 21 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wheeler Lake, Ingalls Boat Harbor in Decatur. All proceeds benefit Hospice of the Valley, Hospice of Limestone County and Hospice Family Care. Entry fee is \$100 per boat pre-registered or \$125 on tournament day. Current payout is 10 places, from \$1,500 down to \$150 with a Big Fish award of \$500. Deadline for mail-in entries is March 2. Send pre-entries with check to Boeing Employees Bass Club c/o Ronnie Edwards, 11315 Cardinal Drive, Madison, AL 35756. For more information, call tournament chairman Scott Reid 464-4504.

### Men's baseball league

A local men's recreational baseball league, the Southern Senior Baseball League, is looking for players to participate in its upcoming season. Spring training sessions will begin soon. Open practices will be held Sunday afternoons during the latter part of March and will

extend into May. The league plays a 20-game season, normally with two games per week (one weeknight and one Sunday afternoon/evening game). The SSBL has two age divisions (over-48 and over-35). The 35s plays their games in Huntsville and Decatur; and the 48s play in Huntsville. For information e-mail either the Over-48 Division commissioner Bill McArdle at SSBL48s@comcast.net or the Over-35 Division commissioner Jim Crum at JimCrum10@yahoo.com.

### Bass tournament

The Army Aviation Association of America's Spring Bob Vlasics 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 associ-

ation is a one-time lifetime fee of \$30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-7910.

### Bible studies

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

### Women's day conference

Birmingham International Center presents the third annual International Women's Day Conference on March 5 at the Harbert Center in Birmingham. Featured speakers include Tanya Blank, author of "Army Wives," the book that inspired the

television series drama that People Magazine ranked in its Top 10 list of best TV shows in 2007. Registration is \$50, \$30 for luncheon only, \$20 for students/senior citizens or military, and \$500 for a table of eight. Register online at www.bic-al.org or call (205) 252-7652.

### 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.

### Civil War discussion

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Tom Parson, a Civil War author and park ranger at the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center, Shiloh National Military Park, will speak on "The Importance of Corinth, Miss., the May 1862 Siege and the October 1862 Battle." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.

### Admin professionals

The International Association of Administrative Professionals invites all civilians and contractors in any type of admin field to attend its meeting held every third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Hillary Marshall 313-1349.

### Toastmasters

Anyone interested in improving their public speaking ability is invited to attend the Lunar Nooners Toastmasters Club 9783, which meets Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the building 4610 cafeteria. For more information, call Paul Pickett 544-6078.

### Fleet Reserve

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

### Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at a new location, the Madison Square Holiday Inn. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

### Test/evaluation association

The Rocket City Chapter of International Test and Evaluation Association will meet March 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Westar Corporation (QinetiQ), 890 Explorer Boulevard, Building 2, Saturn Conference Room. Guest speaker is Keith Darrow, deputy commander of Army Aviation Technical Test Center. RSVP with James Knoch 876-2550.

### Industry luncheon

The Tennessee Valley Chapters of Women in Defense and National Defense Industrial Association and the Air, Space and Missile Defense Association will host Lt.



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## Student opportunities

The Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space actively participates with many local colleges and universities. And this now includes Snead State Community College which has signed its first agreement at PEO-Missiles and Space, Integrated Air and Missile Defense Project Office. Melissa Brodersen, the training and career manager for PEO-Missiles and Space, has diligently worked with Snead State Community College along with AMCOM co-op coordinator Raymond Nabors to finalize this program with Snead State Community College. Snead State will be working with Nabors in future efforts for clerical/administrative, business and engineering students. From left are Dr. Greg Chapman, chief academic officer for Snead State; Brodersen; Susan Christian, director of program operations directorate at Integrated Air and Missile Defense Project Office; Snead State student Sheila Wright; Mischelle Thornton, chief of operations branch, Integrated Air and Missile Defense Project Office; and Dr. Robert Exley, Snead State president.

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Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, director of Missile Defense Agency, at their Industry Luncheon on March 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marriot-Tranquility Base in Huntsville. Doors open at 11. The cost for individuals is \$20 or a corporate table (seats eight) may be reserved for \$240. Reservations are due by March 3. Please register online at [http://www.conferences-bysigma.com/wid/wid\\_luncheon/wid\\_luncheon.html](http://www.conferences-bysigma.com/wid/wid_luncheon/wid_luncheon.html).

## Space society

HAL5 (local National Space Society chapter) will hold its monthly meeting March 5 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. David Hitt, co-author of the recently released "Homesteading Space: The Human Story of Spacelab," will discuss the book and the research involved. A social will follow. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 506-3833.

## Autism support group

Making Connections Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group will have a family outing Saturday 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](mailto:jenny-morris70@yahoo.com).

ered 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.

## 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/>.

## Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School. If you are a college graduate with a four-year degree or higher from an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an Army officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the active Army and the Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Stacy Hopwood and 1st Sgt. Brian May 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 Capt. Stacy



Photo by K.C. Bertling

## Ethnic observance

Deborah Wester, left, and Sandra Thatcher participate in the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space's event Feb. 12 for its Black History Month display with food sampling.

Hopwood and 1st Sgt. Brian May 539-6511 or 539-6512.

## Butler High reunion

S.R. 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.

## AER kickoff

The Army Emergency Relief campaign kickoff is March 2 at 1 p.m. at Heiser Hall. The annual fund-raising drive goes through May 31 with a \$210,000 goal. For more information, call AER officer Mike Burden 876-9579.

## Cadet program

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

## 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 oppor-

tonity 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.

## 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 Saturday 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 Saturday. 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).

## 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 Saturday. Requests postmarked or



## 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 consid-

received after the deadline will not be considered. For more information, call Robley 882-6064. OCWC is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

### IAAP scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$1,000 annual scholarship awards to a local high school and college student majoring in a business field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is March 31. For more information and/or a scholarship application, call Jackie Kenner 876-8131. An application can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/iaaprsa/home.htm>.

### ASMC scholarships

The American Society of Military Comptrollers is accepting applications for its 2009 scholarship program. Scholarship applications are due by Saturday. 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.

### 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.

### 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 continues 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>.

### 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.

### 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.

### Veterans home visits

Redstone Soldiers are visiting Tut Fann State Veterans Home on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. Remaining dates for this year include March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 15. For more information, call Jessica Merritt of Wireglass Hospice 519-8808.

### Service banners

The North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition and the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will host a Blue Star Service Banner presentation on March 6 at 10 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. To register, e-mail Mary Breeden at [mary.breedden@conus.army.mil](mailto:mary.breedden@conus.army.mil) or call ACS at 876-5397. The family representative must be present at the ceremony to receive the banner. You should submit the following information on the servicemember: name, rank, unit assigned to and the name of the family member who will accept the ban-

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ner. If you have more than one family member serving, let ACS know how many stars you need on the banner.

### Benefit lunch

To support scholarships for young local college leaders, the Huntsville Branch of the American Association of University Women will sponsor a lunch March 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Carraba's Italian Grill in Parkway Mall. Pam Hudson, CEO at Crestwood Medical Center, will speak on "The Future of Family Health Care." Tickets are \$22. Call Elaine Eyer 881-2254 for more information. Reservations are due by Saturday.

### Planetarium shows

Von Braun Astronomical Society holds planetarium shows every Saturday night at 7:30 at Von Braun Planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. The theme for February is "Galileo, 400 years of Astronomy."

### Youth volunteers

Youngsters ages 11-18 are invited to register for Huntsville volunteer opportunities Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe St. "Bring your parents, bring your friends, sign up as a group," a prepared release said. "All youth volunteers are encouraged to participate and join the largest Youth Volunteer Corps in the state of Alabama." For more information, call 539-7797.

### Benefit concert

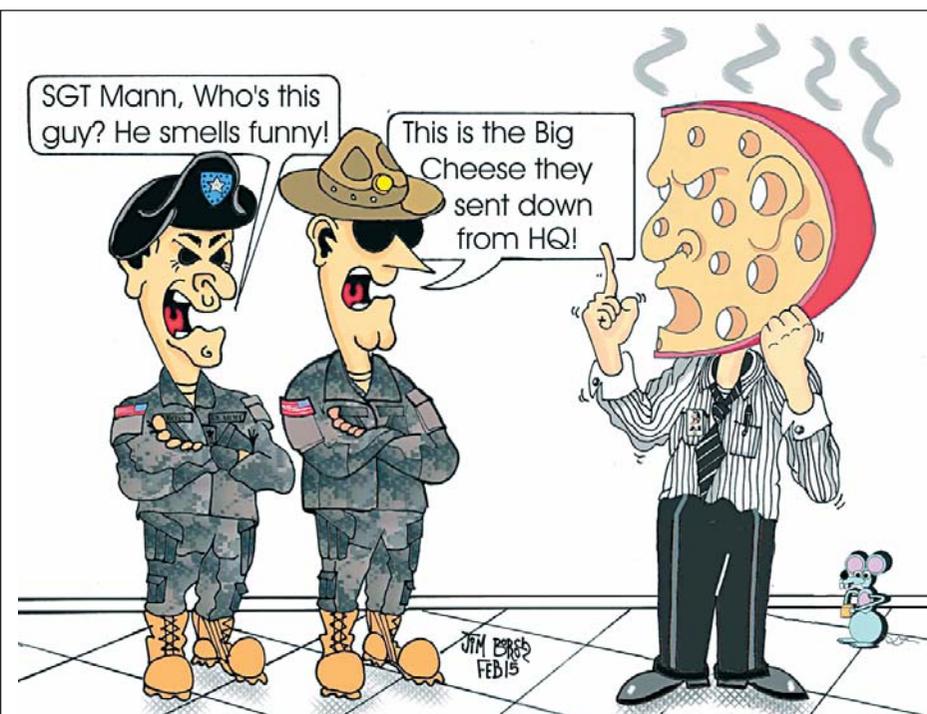
"A Father's Wish," a benefit concert for the Rick Gray family, will be held Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Meridianville. Local musicians donating their time include Christopher-Joel Carter, who recently won first place in the Showmanship Division of the Liberace piano competition in Las Vegas, and Sweet Water, a Southern gospel group from Madison County. For more information, call Carol Whitaker 656-5441.

### AER book sale

The Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for Army Emergency Relief is April 13 through May 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 5300, Sparkman Center, on the first floor in the corridor between 5303 and 5304. As in the past, they accept donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotape. They can receive donations until April 29. If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-8563 to arrange delivery or pickup of those items.

### Armed services blood drive

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive today from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Redstone Fitness Center in order to provide this much needed product for the Afghanistan and Iraq theaters of operations, to support U.S. Soldiers. Soldiers and civilians from throughout Redstone Arsenal are encouraged to visit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. because the trainees



# ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
<b>AS OF 19 FEB 09</b>																			
<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																			
SCBK09176755	Physicist	25-Feb-09	AMRDEC		DB-1310	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X										
SCBK09296485	Contract Spec	25-Feb-09	SMDC		GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X										
SCBK09296550	Contract Spec	25-Feb-09	SMDC		GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X										
SCBK09209968	Human Resources Spec (InfoSys)	25-Feb-09	CHRA, CPOC		GS-0201	7	9/11	38,653 - 74,360			X					X			X
SCBK08246154	Supv Supp Spec	25-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd		YC-2001	2	2	58,141 - 113,908	X	X									X
SCBK09278090	Logistics Mgmt Spec	25-Feb-09	IMMC		GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X							X			X
SCBK09289709	Mech Engr; Electrical Engr; Civil Engr	25-Feb-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0830, 0850, 0810		2	2	81,532 - 105,993								X			
SCBK09239139	Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Feb-09	IMMC		GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X							X			X
SCBK08142195	Electronics Engr	26-Feb-09	AMRDEC		DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08142195DR	Electronics Engr	26-Feb-09	AMRDEC		DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09286689	Prgm Analyst	26-Feb-09	PEO/PM		YA-0343	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09299472	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Feb-09	IMMC		GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X										
SCBK09283144	Supv Human Resources Spec	26-Feb-09	CHRA, HRD		YC-0201	3	3	94,331 - 154,699	X										
SCBK09286586	Logistics Planning Analyst	26-Feb-09	IMMC		GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X										
SCBK09284897	Security Guard	26-Feb-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd		GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567		X		X				X	X		X
SCBK09283117	Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Feb-09	PEO STRI, TMO		NH-0346	3	3	68,564 - 105,993			X					X	X		X
SCBK09150534	Supv Civil Engr; Supv Elect Engr; Supv Mech Engr	27-Feb-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YF-0810, 0850, 0830		2	2	67,129 - 131,518				X				X	X		X
SCBK09150534D	Supv Civil Engr; Supv Elect Engr; Supv Mech Engr	27-Feb-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YF-0810, 0850, 0830		2	2	67,129 - 131,518	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09301199	Mgmt Spt Spec	27-Feb-09	IMMC		GS-0301	7	11	38,653 - 74,360	X										
WTST09299464	Intelligence Spec	27-Feb-09	AMCOM G-2		GG-0132	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK080187444	Supv General Engr	28-Feb-09	USADTC		YF-0801	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X	X									
SCBK09307227	Referral Mgmt Asst (OA)	28-Feb-09	MEDDAC		GS-0303	5	5	31,204 - 40,567	X										
SCBK09198225D	Civil Engr; Elect Engr; Mech Engr	2-Mar-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0810,0850, 0830		2	2	58,000 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09287508	Supv Opers Research Analyst	2-Mar-09	PEO AVN		YA-1515	3	3	90,473 - 154,699		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09297831	Strategic Planner	2-Mar-09	SMDC		GS-0301	12	13	68,564 - 105,993	X										
SCBK09296268	Contract Spec	2-Mar-09	SMDC		GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128				X				X	X		X
SCBK09296268D	Contract Spec	2-Mar-09	SMDC		GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09297821	Prgm Analyst	2-Mar-09	SMDC		GS-0343	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X										
SCBK08818005	Logistics Mgmt Spec	2-Mar-09	SAMD		GS-0346	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X										
SCBK09295315	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Mar-09	IMMC		YC-0346	3	3	113,331 - 147,332			X								
SCBK09304163	Staff Asst	3-Mar-09	LOGSA		GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X										
WTST09277503	Admin Spt Asst (OA)	3-Mar-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville		GG-0303	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09298313	Mgmt Asst	4-Mar-09	AMRDEC		DK-0344	3	3	38,653 - 55,651	X										
SCBK09197078	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Mar-09	ACQ SUPP CTR		NH-0346	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X						X	X		X
SCBK09197078D	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Mar-09	ACQ SUPP CTR		NH-0346	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09310084	Supp Sys Analyst	4-Mar-09	IMMC		GS-2003	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X										
SCBK09233187	Prgm Analyst	4-Mar-09	PEO, Bus Mgmt Div		YA-0343	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09233187D	Prgm Analyst	4-Mar-09	PEO, Bus Mgmt Div		YA-0343	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09312579	Procurement Analyst	4-Mar-09	PEO AVN		NH-1102	3	3	68,564 - 105,993		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09116105	Info Spt Spec	5-Mar-09	AMRDEC		DE-0301	3	3	52,067 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09116105D	Info Spt Spec	5-Mar-09	AMRDEC		DE-0301	3	3	52,067 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09320284	Secretary (OAS/STENO)	5-Mar-09	SAMD		GS-0318	9	9	40,949 - 48,199				X				X	X		X
SCBK09308391	Budget Analyst	5-Mar-09	AMCOM, G8(Resources Mgmt)		GS-0560	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X										
SCBK09304477	General Engr	5-Mar-09	AMRDEC		DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X							X			X
SCBK09327283	Admin Spt Asst (OA)	5-Mar-09	AMCOM, G3 (Opers)		GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X										
SCBK09210254	General Engr	6-Mar-09	AMRDEC		DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X							X	X		X
SCBK09283947	Supv Elect Engr	9-Mar-09	PEO AVN		YD-0855	3	3	90,473 - 154,699				X				X	X		X
SCBK09268020	Lead General Engr	11-Mar-09	AMRDEC		DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332				X				X	X		X
SCBK09268020D	Lead General Engr	11-Mar-09	AMRDEC		DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09216257	Lead Aerospace Engr	16-Mar-09	AMRDEC		DB-0861	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X										
SCBK09186225	Logistics Mgmt Spec	26-Mar-09	IMMC		GS-0346	13	13	68,625 - 89,217	X										
SCBK09198225	Civil Engr; Elect Engr; Mech Engr	1-May-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0810,0850, 0830		2	2	58,000 - 105,993			X	X				X	X		X
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr		GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr		GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr		YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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SCBK08142195DR	Electronics Engr	26-Feb-09	AMRDEC		DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09150534D	Supv Civil Engr	27-Feb-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville		YF-0810	2	2	67,129 - 131,518	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09150534D	Supv Elect Engr	27-Feb-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville		YF-0850	2	2	67,129 - 131,518	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09150534D	Supv Mech Engr	27-Feb-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville		YF-0830	2	2	67,129 - 131,518	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09198225D	Civil Engr	2-Mar-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville		YD-0810	2	2	58,000 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09198225D	Elect Engr	2-Mar-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville		YD-0850	2	2	58,000 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09198225D	Mech Engr	2-Mar-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville		YD-0830	2	2	58,000 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTST09277503	Admin Spt Asst (OA)	3-Mar-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville		GG-0303	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09197078D	Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-Mar-09	ACQ SUPP CTR		NH-0346	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09233187D	Prgm Analyst	4-Mar-09	PEO, Bus Mgmt Div		YA-0343	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09116105D	Info Spt Spec	5-Mar-09	AMRDEC		DE-0301	3	3	52,067 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09268020D	Lead General Engr	11-Mar-09	AMRDEC		DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	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.amccareers.com](http://www.amccareers.com) or [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil), search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647, for

from the 832nd Ordnance Battalion have the 4-8 p.m. period, due to their classroom training time.

### Source evaluation training

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold NASA Source Evaluation Board Training today and Thursday. This is two-day course provides a detailed background on NASA source evaluation procedures. For more information, visit the NCMA website <http://ncmahsv.org>.

### Family concert day

Huntsville Symphony Orchestra and MWR want you and your family to experience the beauty and drama of live symphony music. The Mruz Family Foundation presents Redstone Arsenal Family Concert Day on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$3.50 for children. Free pre-concert activities beginning at noon include face painting, art station, instrument petting zoo and more.

### Organists in concert

The Greater Huntsville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present its 2009 Noon Time Concert Series at 12:10 p.m. each Thursday for seven weeks, beginning Feb 26. Some of the finest organists and instruments in Huntsville will be featured in free concerts lasting about an hour. The first recital will be at Oakwood University Church followed by St. Mary of the Visitation Church, Weatherly Heights Baptists Church, First Baptist Church (Governors Drive), First United Methodist Church (Green Street), Trinity United Methodist Church, and First Presbyterian Church (Gates Avenue). There will be no concert during Holy Week. For more information, call 665-4821.

### Thrift shop

It's almost Easter and the Thrift Shop has bunnies, baskets and Easter dresses. Visit the shop at building 3209, on Hercules Road, on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays from 9-4 or Thursdays from 9-5 and the first Saturday of each month from 10-2.

### Women's history month

The Aviation and Missile Command will hold the Women's History Month event March 5 at 10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium.

### Education seminar

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold the National Education Seminar 2009, titled "Cost Estimating and Contract Pricing: Tools, Techniques, and Best

Practices," on March 26. The presenter will be Andrew C. Obermeyer, director of contracting tests, targets and countermeasures programs, Missile Defense Agency. For more information, visit the NCMA website <http://ncmahsv.org>.

### Orchid show

The Heart of Dixie Orchid Society will hold its annual orchid show and sale March 21 from noon to 5 p.m. and March 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holiday Inn Research Park, 5903 University Drive. The show is free to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.h-o-d-o-s.org/>.

### Salute dinner

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will sponsor the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award Dinner at 7 p.m. March 10 at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. This award and dinner recognizes local Army civilians who have demonstrated exceptional performance as members of the Army team. AUSA will recognize nominees from three groups: Management/Executive Award, Professional/Technical Award, and Supporting Staff Award. These outstanding civilians will be nominated by their commands or agencies in February. The chapter nominee selected from among all of the local nominees will be announced at the dinner and go on to compete for the AUSA Third Region (Southeast) competition later in the summer. The Region winners are recognized nationally at the AUSA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in October. Plan to support the outstanding civilian nominees by attending the award dinner. Individual ticket cost is \$32; corporate tables of eight are \$256. For reservations, call event coordinator Jerry Hamilton 971-7065 or e-mail [albert.hamilton@mantech.com](mailto:albert.hamilton@mantech.com).

### 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>.