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AER gives more than it gets

Army Emergency Relief drive continues through May 31

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"Adding Strength to Army Strong" is this year's theme for the Army Emergency Relief campaign, which had its kickoff March 2.

The annual fund-raising drive continues through May 31 with a \$210,000 goal.

"AER helps active duty and retired Soldiers and their family members with finan-

cial emergencies," AER officer Mike Burden said.

The fund provides loans or grants and also gives scholarships.

"It helps people in financial emergencies," Burden said. "For example, emergency leave, for travel expenses for people on emergency leave. Things like rent, mortgage, utilities and food. Actually there's not much that AER can't help with - things like emergency car repair."

In 2008, more than 500 people - mostly in Madison County - received a total of \$509,000 in loans and grants. This included active duty and retired military, widows of

deceased veterans and their family members.

"One of the things people don't realize is even though we exceeded the (campaign) goal in the past - last year there was \$292,000 contributed to the campaign - AER assisted with more than \$509,000," Burden said. "So we actually gave away or loaned almost twice the amount of contributions."

Burden succeeded Kristi Foster as the AER officer at Army Community Service. He arrived Jan. 20 from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he served as an accredited financial counselor with the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education.

Maj. Pam Tingle of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command serves as this year's AER campaign chairman. Sgt. Justin Bollay, also of SMDC/ARSTRAT, is campaign co-chairman.

"People should give to AER because it's an excellent cause," Tingle said. "It helps Soldiers in need. That is the bottom line."

As the commander of Headquarters & Headquarters Company SMDC/ARSTRAT, Tingle has seen the fund help Soldiers facing unforeseen financial needs. A Soldier in Colorado Springs, Colo., had to go on emergency leave, for example.

"It's Soldiers helping Soldiers," said Bollay, human resources sergeant with SMDC/ARSTRAT.

The campaign's closing ceremony is June 8 at 1 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CAMPAIGN TEAM— From left are Army Community Service team lead for AER Kathleen Riester, AER campaign co-chairman Sgt. Justin Bollay, campaign chairman Maj. Pam Tingle and AER officer Mike Burden.

Huntsville community to say goodbye to Soldiers

375th Engineer Company to deploy to Iraq in May

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The Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville area communities are preparing once again to send Soldiers to fill support roles in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Army Reserve's 375th Combat Engineer Company, headquartered at the Reserve Center on Patton Road, is slated to deploy to Iraq in mid-May. The unit's deployment training began this past weekend and will include two community events designed to prepare both the Soldiers

and their families for a one-year deployment.

"Once we get to Iraq, we will be involved with construction missions," said 1st Lt. David Borders, commander of the 375th, who spoke via telephone from a pre-command course at Fort McCoy, Wis.

"Our Soldiers have skills in carpentry and masonry. We have plumbers, electricians and mechanics. We will be supporting three different FOBs (forward operating bases). We don't know for sure yet what we will be doing. But I think our work will be geared toward the safety at security control points, entry points and the FOBs. We can also provide support for the building of

Photo by Kari Hawkins

DADDY'S GIRL— Raegan Weissend, then 4, gives her daddy, Reserve Spc. Ricky Weissend of Cullman, a pretty smile as he holds her in his arms in June 2008. Reagan missed her daddy while he was away training with other Soldiers of the 375th. She welcomed her dad in one of her favorite dresses, and with her fingernails and toenails painted.



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An open lane random survey

What do you think of Army Emergency Relief?

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Sharon Strickland
Phoenix Service

"Army Emergency Relief I think is a very helpful program for the Army. I think it's a needy situation for those in need."

Pvt. Kevin Cross
Bravo Company

"I think it's a good thing because it's there for the Soldiers that need it if you ever need to go home. If you ever have like a major issue, like you need to go home, they just take care of you."



Pvt. Joshua Freeman-Brown
Bravo Company

"If you have any relatives or anyone that you really need to go see, I think it's really good you get to go see them before anything seriously happens to

them. I think family always comes first no matter what your occupation. And I'm from California so if anything were to happen, like to my mom, I'd definitely have to go all the way across the United States. So I would need extra time since it's all the way over there."

Lt. Col. Al Cole
AMCOM G-3 (Current Operations)

"It's a good thing for Soldiers and their families."



Quote of the week

'Charity begins at home, but shouldn't end there.'

— Scottish Proverb

Letters to the Editor

Facts about Army Emergency Relief

It is unfortunate that the Associated Press chose to run a story (published nationally during the weekend of Feb. 21-22) which wrongly infers that Army Emergency Relief withheld financial assistance from Soldiers and families during a time of need. The article focused on the following: "Between 2003 and 2007— as many military families dealt with long war deployments and increased numbers of home foreclosures — Army Emergency Relief grew into a \$345 million behemoth. During those years the charity packed away \$117 million into its own reserves while spending just \$64 million on direct aid, according to an AP analysis of its tax records."

The facts are as follows:

Between 2003 and 2007, Army Emergency Relief distributed a quarter of a billion dollars in financial assistance to 258,000 Soldiers and families. AER does not hold any funds in reserve. All of our assets less \$9 million in restricted accounts and the receivables from interest free loans are available at all times to meet the needs of our Soldiers and their families.

Investment capital available for support to Soldiers and families today is \$190 million. This is fully invested at all times to ensure a fair rate of return. Our investment portfolio provides interest and dividends which increases the level of funds available and is a ready resource in borrowing funds to meet requirements for loans and grants in support of emergency financial assistance and scholarships.

AER has always met the need for financial assistance. No Soldier or family member has ever been denied financial assistance for a valid need due to a lack of funds. There is no limit on the amount a Soldier may request and no limit on the number of times a Soldier or family member can request assistance.

In 2008, AER provided \$83 million to 72,000 Soldiers and families. Twenty-four percent of that amount was in the form of tax free grants and 76 percent was for interest free loans. Soldier repayment of interest free loans account for 65 percent of available funds and provides a cash-flow that is used to respond to future needs by Soldiers and families.

In 2003, children and spouses of Soldiers on active duty and retirees received \$3.6 million in scholarships (all grants). In 2008, Army Emergency Relief scholarships increased to \$13 million. From 2003 to 2008 the total amount of assistance has steadily grown.

The April/May 2007 Report of the American Institute of Philanthropy gave Army Emergency Relief a grade of A plus for "percent spent on program services and cost to raise \$100." The grade of F referenced in the article is not based on the amount of funds spent on programs but is derived from the arbitrary criteria used by Daniel Borochoff, the president of AIP, that organizations with assets of more than five years have their grades automatically reduced regardless of a charity's goodness in providing high quality services.

In a letter dated Oct. 31, 2008, Charity Navigator, one of the leading charity evaluators in the nation, notified Army Emergency Relief that it earned a third consecutive 4-star rating, their highest rating for "its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances." Charity Navigator further stated: "Only 10 percent of the charities we've rated have received at least three consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Army Emergency Relief consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way and outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Army Emergency Relief from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

What is most disturbing is that Mr. Jeff Donn, the Associated Press reporter who wrote the article, was provided current and accurate information from Headquarters, Army Emergency Relief but chose to ignore it. I would hope that the Associated Press will correct the record as such inaccurate reporting does a disservice to Soldiers and their families, the U.S. Army, and Army Emergency Relief.

Robert F. Foley

retired lieutenant general,
Army Emergency Relief director

Trying to solve garden plot

I would like to plead to the individual(s) who removed the fence poles from the Vincent Drive area garden plot. There was a sign inside a document protector requesting that poles, fencing and trash cans not be removed. I have started planting my garden and I would appreciate who ever stole my poles to return them.

Sid Martin

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Getting to know you

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Name: Sgt. Kenneth Speegle

Job: AMCOM commanding general's driver

Where do you call home?
Tuscumbia, Ala.

What do you like about your job?
I get to meet a variety of different people.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Ride my four-wheeler. Sit and relax. Spend time with my girlfriend.



What are your goals?
Make E-6 and finish Airborne. I'm going to go to Airborne School in the next month or so and then head on to Fort Bragg (N.C.).

What's your favorite type of music?
I like it all pretty much.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Feb. 19-25.

Feb. 19: A motorist was stopped for speeding on Patton Road. It was revealed that an arrest warrant had been issued by the Guntersville Police Department. The subject was issued a violation notice and released to Guntersville Police.

Feb. 20: Stopped for speeding in the housing area, a motorist had a revoked driver's license. He was issued two violation notices and released.

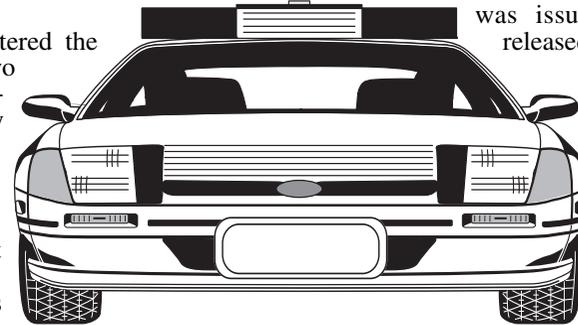
Feb. 21: A subject entered the Post Exchange, selected two video games and left without paying. Store security stopped the subject and notified police. The subject was issued a violation notice and released.

Feb. 22: A subject entered the Post Exchange, selected multiple items

valued at \$159 and left without paying. The subject was detained by store security, and police were notified. The subject was processed by police and released.

Feb. 25: Someone stole metal materials valued at more than \$3,000 from an on-post location. The materials were located by CID the same day off post. Investigation continues by CID.

Feb. 25: A driver who approached Gate 10 to ask for directions had a revoked license. He was issued a violation notice and released.



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

Violation notices issued:
22 speeding, 2 revoked driver's license, 1 failure to report traffic accident, 1 no driver's license, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 larceny of government property.

Summer hire vacancies announced

Three student temporary employment program summer hire announcements opened March 2 and will close March 16.

These announcements will be used, along with referrals from the State Employment Service of needy and disadvantaged youth, as sources of candidates to refer to selecting officials for Team Redstone summer hire positions. In addition, some part-time students may be converted to full-time; summer rehires (students who worked last year) may be brought back to work; and other students may be placed. The aforementioned sources are the same sources that were used last year to fill summer positions.

The following announcements are listed on the Army Civilian Personnel website at www.cpol.army.mil:

- SCBK090326SH — Office Automation Clerk, DK-01, YP-01 and GS-326, grades 1-4.
- SCBK090303SH — General Clerk, DK-01, YP-01 and GS-303, grades 1-4.
- SCBK090802SH — Engineering Aide/Technician, GS/DE-802, grades 1-4.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

expects up to 1,000 students to apply for approximately 150 positions. In order to be considered, applicants must be students who are currently enrolled in school.

Applications will only be accepted through the electronic Resumix system. To apply, students must complete an electronic resume that contains required information plus self-nominate for desired announcements.

CPAC expects most selections to be made in the April-May time frame. Students who are selected will be contacted by phone or e-mail. Those not selected will continue to be referred as summer vacancies are received.

Questions may be directed to your servicing CPAC human resources specialist or to Shannon Gatewood, 876-1620; Linda Epps, 842-9046; Marion McRae, 313-1753; Tammy Bourgeois, 842-7733; Gina Beauchamp, 842-9056; Felicia Culbertson, 842-7741; Brenda Kelly, 313-0786; Brian Birdsong, 313-1748; or DeeAnn Thompson, 313-0800. (Civilian Personnel Advisory Center release)



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Gate 8 closing

Gate 8 (Goss Road/Drake Avenue) will undergo security enhancements and construction beginning March 9. Gate 8 will be temporarily closed to all vehicle traffic for approximately 51 working days (about three months) beginning March 9. The gate will still allow access to building 3149 and to pedestrians. For questions or more information, call the Garrison Directorate of Public Works at 842-0032.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Changes in the cards

Larry Henderson, husband of Master Sgt. Chenita Henderson (who is deployed in Iraq), shows his military ID card to PX customer service representative Eden Siekaniec during a recent visit to the Post Exchange. Because of concerns with identity protection, the Department of Defense is taking steps to remove the Social Security numbers from military ID cards. All dependent SSNs were removed from military ID cards by the end of 2008 and military sponsor SSNs will be removed by the end of 2009. All SSNs embedded in barcodes will be removed by the end of 2012. New military ID cards will only carry a barcode for identification. Army & Air Force Exchange Service will follow DoD guidelines, requiring only the military sponsor's SSN for refunds and eventually changing to only requiring the military ID card's barcode for refunds.

Space Camp scholarships 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.

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.

President Obama announces key defense appointments

By **DONNA MILES**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama continued his efforts to fill key Defense Department posts, announcing plans Thursday to nominate two more people and to have three

others continue to serve in their current posts.

Obama announced his intent to name Jim Miller as principal deputy undersecretary for policy, and retired Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Wallace “Chip” Gregson Jr. as assistant secretary for Asian and Pacific security affairs.

The White House also announced that Michael B. Donley will continue serving as Air Force secretary, retired Air Force Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper will remain on board as undersecretary for intelligence, and Michael G. Vickers will remain as assistant secretary for special opera-

tions and low-intensity conflict and interdependent capabilities.

“I am confident that these distinguished individuals have the commitment and expertise to help guide the Department of Defense at this critical time for our nation,” Obama said in a statement released by the White House.

“Under the leadership of Secretary Gates, this group will help us maintain a strong and effective military to accomplish the fundamental goals of keeping America safe, advancing our interests abroad and restoring American leadership in the world,” the president said.

Iraq drawdown decision included commanders

By **JIM GARAMONE**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama’s decision to redeploy all U.S. combat troops out of Iraq by the end of August next year emerged from a process that included input from military commanders and senior defense leaders, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Friday.

The president made his decision after in-depth talks with commanders on the ground and in Washington, Gates told the Pentagon press

corps via telephone from Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The timeline takes into consideration Multinational Force Iraq commander Gen. Raymond Odierno’s concern about security during district and sub-district elections scheduled for the summer and another national election at the end of the year.

Odierno wanted to ensure enough U.S. troops remained to help the Iraqis and still allow time to redeploy the combat brigades, Gates said, noting that an earlier drawdown would pose some “significant logistical and security issues.”

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, MED-DAC/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).

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service's ever-widening selection of "private label" merchandise is on the verge of surpassing 600 products by year end. Encouraged by steady demand, the exchanges introduced 36 new items in 2008, including environmentally-friendly 2X laundry detergents, triple blade disposable razors for sensitive skin and teeth whitening trays.

"There are now 593 'Exchange Select' products, offering savings anywhere from 20 to 50 percent, available," PX general manager Carl Carpenter said.

"'Exchange Select' merchandise not only offers families at Redstone Arsenal compelling savings when compared to their name brand counterparts, but also quality that is equal to, or better, than equivalent national brands."

Performance and safety of "Exchange Select" products are assured thanks to a Quality Assurance team that actively visits suppliers' plants to verify "Good Manufacturing Practices," as set by the Food and Drug Administration and other governing agencies, are used. In fact, all "Exchange Select" over-the-counter medicines, such as ibuprofen and acetaminophen, meet FDA established guide-

lines, which are the same for "private label" and national brand equivalent products.

With the exchange services planning to continue the expansion of "Exchange Select" products in 2009, officials expect the line will surpass 600 products before year end. Category extensions expected to be unveiled in the coming months include a fortifying shampoo and conditioner as well as an advanced

rechargeable toothbrush.

"Our plans for the future are to continue bringing 'private label' items to the PX at the best possible prices," Carpenter said. "Throughout the year, our team will be working closely with manufacturers to ensure that the new products deliver the undeniable value and quality that military families have come to expect when they see the 'Exchange Select' name." (PX release)

Sendoff event set to help 375th Soldiers and families

Deployment

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schools and hospitals because we have that capability within the unit."

A total of 181 Soldiers will be deployed with the 375th. Of those Soldiers, 100 are from Huntsville and Madison County, and the rest are from Birmingham, Chattanooga and other cities throughout the Southeast.

The unit was notified in November about the deployment.

"I think everyone in the unit is feeling anxious," Borders said. "They really just want to go and do their job and then get back to their families. A lot of them have deployed to Iraq and some have served in Afghanistan. They're ready for this deployment."

The Soldiers have training and experience in various construction specialties. During the next two months, they will undergo additional military training at Redstone Arsenal and at the Regional Training Center at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif. They will then be home for a couple of weeks before mobilizing for deployment at Fort McCoy.

While the Army works to prepare the Reserve unit for deployment, there are several support organizations at Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville working to make sure Soldier families are ready to cope with the deployment.

On Sunday, March 8, there will be a Yellow Ribbon event at the Officers and

Civilians Club from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Representatives from various Redstone Arsenal organizations – including Fox Army Health Center, Army Community Service and Family, Morale Welfare and Recreation – and from the community will provide information on support services.

"We will use this event to educate family members and Soldiers on their benefits. We want to keep them as informed as we can about this unit, and about the services available to them on Redstone Arsenal and throughout the community," Borders said. "It's about taking care of our Soldiers and their families."

Jennifer Spangler, the family readiness group coordinator for the 375th, said plans are under way to provide families with the kind of support they need.

"We will have a newsletter and we'll have family gatherings during the deployment," Spangler said. "We might have to help with things like child-care issues and financial issues."

"At the Yellow Ribbon event, we will find out what the families want from their FRG. A lot of Reserve families are located close to extended family, so it's a lot easier for them than active duty families that may be located far from extended family members. For that reason, our FRG may be more educational than social. We will probably mainly provide information on support services they need."

While living near family is a plus for the spouses and parents of deployed Reserve Soldiers, retired Reserve command sergeant major John Perry said

Reserve families usually aren't familiar with the Army benefits available to them during a deployment.

"We are educating the families into military life," Perry said of the Yellow Ribbon event. "For some of these Soldiers, it is a second mobilization. We want to refresh those who have been deployed previously on their military benefits and support groups, and we want to educate the newcomers on all the Army has for them."

Perry, who is working to coordinate the Yellow Ribbon event, said the 375th includes a lot of young families who could benefit from Army programs.

"A deployment is really stressful on young families because they don't have a depth of experience with military separations," Perry said. "We want to do whatever we can to help the unit's leadership, its Soldiers and its families."

Perry said there is often a "tremendous outpouring of community support" for families living through a deployment. Besides having access to Army services such as the commissary and the PX, Army medical care and Arsenal services and activities, they will also be given a free membership to the YMCA that will extend for the entire deployment and other community organizations – such as the Redstone-Huntsville chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army and the North Alabama Veterans & Fraternal Organizations Coalition — will reach out with support.

"We want to educate our families on all that is offered to them. We don't want any of them to feel stranded and alone during

this deployment," Perry said. "The Yellow Ribbon event is an upbeat, positive event where they can learn about all their benefits. We want them to know they have a second family in the community that will be there for them while their Soldier is away."

Their new community family will be evident during a community-wide deployment ceremony set for Saturday, April 11. Details on the location and time have not yet been finalized.

"Local dignitaries will be there to express their support," said retired National Guard sergeant David Carney. "This is about showing the families that the community is there for them."

"During a deployment, the Soldier is usually OK because they are being taken care of by their chain of command. The community works hard to support the families of these Soldiers because when the Soldier knows their family is being taken care of and supported then the Soldier can focus more on the mission and coming home safely."

Carney expects there will be more deployments from North Alabama during the next year. He said the Huntsville community is known for providing the best support for families of deployed Soldiers.

"We hear from visitors all the time that Huntsville is the most patriotic community in the nation," Carney said. "Many of us feel that way, too, and providing support to these families is part of that patriotism."

Anyone wanting to volunteer or assist the families of the 375th can call Perry at 658-2010 or Spangler at 489-2283.

Rocket munitions don't make good souvenirs

Unless marked, all ordnance should be considered unsafe

By **KARI HAWKINS**
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A rocket motor nozzle assembly discovered in an empty employee cubicle launched a scenario of safety measures in building 4488 on Feb. 25 that resulted in lost employee productivity and new concerns over unexploded ordnance on Redstone Arsenal.

The rocket motor nozzle assembly turned out to be inert. But, considering what the rocket munition could have cost in terms of life-threatening injuries if it had been an unexploded ordnance, the caution that led management to notify emergency personnel and evacuate all three wings of building 4488 was justified, said Redstone Arsenal safety manager Mike Moore.

“Calling 9-1-1 and clearing the building were the part of the process that was correct,” Moore said.

“The loss of productivity was obviously there. But, when something looks dangerous, it is better to call 9-1-1 and let

qualified people determine the danger. Whenever you discover military munitions that aren't marked inert then you should follow the three Rs – recognize, retreat and report.”

In this case, the rocket motor nozzle assembly was from a 2.7-inch rocket. There were wires in the assembly and an aluminum weather seal that made it difficult to determine whether or not it was inert.

“It could have held a small detonator or explosive device,” Moore said.

A supervisor discovered the rocket motor nozzle assembly and called 9-1-1. The building, which includes Garrison headquarters, was evacuated for about 50 minutes while police and fire officers from the Directorate of Emergency Services assessed the situation. Moore was called in to assist with the emergency.

The incident re-emphasizes the need for Arsenal employees to exercise caution when bringing inert munitions into the workplace, Moore said.

“If you need to display devices for a project or for information, prior to bringing them into an Arsenal building, you need to have them checked to make sure they are inert,” he said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

DE-ARMING WITH AWARENESS— Mike Moore, Redstone Arsenal's safety manager, is available to talk with employee groups about the safety measures that should be followed when finding old munitions on the Arsenal. An incident last week involving the discovery of a rocket munition in an employee cubicle led to the evacuation of building 4488. Investigation by authorities determined the rocket munition was inert.

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PX shoppers strengthen return on investment

While the use and expense of bank-issued cards continued to climb at BXs and PXs across the globe last year, shoppers at Redstone Arsenal bucked the overall trend and did their part to maximize their individual impact on military quality of life efforts.

In fact, bank-issued card processing fees at Redstone Arsenal's Army & Air Force Exchange Service facilities in 2008 were down 8.19 percent, from \$372,000 in 2007 to \$340,000.

While all purchases, regardless of the form of payment used, have the potential to help strengthen the exchange benefit, shoppers who use the exchanges' exclusive Military Star Card or pay cash maximize their individual impact on critical Morale Welfare and Recreation efforts.

Unlike bank cards, profits generated from Military Star Card purchases are shared with military communities through contributions to MWR efforts. These funds reduce the tax burden of all U.S. citizens and are used to fund Redstone Lanes Bowling Alley, The Links at Redstone Golf Course and Recreation Center/ITR Office. *(PX release)*

Munitions scare in building unearths need for awareness

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"Employees need to have permission to display inert military munitions and to have them clearly marked as inert. There are certain Army safety standards used to mark munitions that are inert. They should be marked very clearly as 'Inert' or 'Dummy' and they should have four holes drilled in them."

Test engineers, explosive ordnance experts and acquisition managers are among the qualified personnel who have the knowledge and training to determine if old munitions are unexploded ordnance or inert. Unexploded ordnance are explosive weapons that did not explode when they were employed and still pose a risk of detonation, potentially many decades after they were used or discarded.

Concerns over unexploded ordnance at Redstone Arsenal usually involve discoveries in remote areas. About two months ago, a hunter on the Arsenal found a 100-pound WW II aerial bomb. He reported the discovery and Moore notified the 789th Explosive Ordnance Disposal response unit from Fort Benning, Ga., which sent EOD personnel to the Arsenal to investigate the unexploded ordnance.

"They couldn't safely remove the old munitions to X-ray it or do any kind of analysis that would tell them if it was

inert," Moore said.

"Whenever you find old munitions in outside conditions, the markings are usually gone and the colors have changed. They decided to render the bomb safe by blowing it up in place."

Moore stresses that anyone coming across military munitions on the Arsenal should take the same precautions that the hunter took.

"Redstone Arsenal has been here since World War II. There's been a lot of testing of weapons and munitions here," he said.

"You just can't assume that old military munitions found in a remote area on the surface or the subsurface is safe. Some people mistakenly think old munitions are safer than new munitions. But the opposite is true. Older munitions are more dangerous. There could be a firing mechanism made of metal in old munitions that is corroded and it can instantly explode when it's touched."

Just last week another incident at the railroad scrap yard in the Albertville industrial park served as yet another reminder that old military munitions are often discovered haphazardly. In this situation, a crane operator picking up scrap uncovered a 4-foot green missile. It turned out to be a 500-pound Air Force practice bomb.

"The crane operator didn't know if the missile was inert or if it was unexploded ordnance. So, he set it down in a

remote area of the scrap yard and called 9-1-1. The Albertville fire chief took a picture of it with his cell phone and we sent it to the 789th," Moore said. "They sent some EOD experts to the scrap yard, determined that there were no explosives in the bomb and took it with them back to Fort Benning to use as a training aid."

That positive outcome isn't always the case, though. A few years ago in California a scrap operator uncovered a live 155 mm howitzer round. It exploded and the operator was killed.

"It was a munitions scrap yard," Moore said. "The round should have been demilitarized (cut up into pieces) before it got in the scrap yard."

At Redstone Arsenal, whenever old munitions are discovered, Moore works with the 789th to remove them safely.

"We have EOD instructors on the Arsenal who are dedicated to their work and who we can call on in an emergency situation," he said.

"But the 789th is the unit that works directly with us. We owe our thanks to all the men and women who work in the explosive ordnance units. They save countless lives every day and we owe them a debt of gratitude."

For more information on unexploded ordnance, visit the UXO Safety Education Program website at <https://www.denix.osd.mil/portal/page/portal/denix/environment/uxo>. Moore is also available to teach UXO safety classes and can be reached at 313-3297.

Helping hands

Volunteers take turns to thank servicemembers

Freedom Pens Project crafts wood into writing pens to send to troops

By **SOFIA BLEDSOE**
For the Rocket

There are many ways to thank Soldiers for their service. Boyce Allen found a unique and special way to tell Soldiers thank you.

Allen, Wood Shop lead for Morale Welfare and Recreation's Arts and Crafts Center, created "Turn-a-thon" after he heard about the Freedom Pens Project from a neighbor. The project is an all-volunteer effort that has its roots in Virginia with the Saw Mill Creek Woodworkers Forum. Allen pitched the idea to his supervisors; and the first Turn-a-thon was held on Redstone Arsenal in February 2007, with the most recent Feb. 22.

More than 80 volunteers have signed up locally to help with the project since its inception, and almost 2,700 pens have been made from the Arts and Crafts Center. The Feb. 22 event produced an additional 140 pens from approximately 30 volunteers. The pens will be shipped to deploying Soldiers as well as to Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Volunteer Reid Benton said the event is a great opportunity to pay back Soldiers for what they do. As a retired Navy pilot and commander, Benton knows what it is like to be deployed and away from the family for long periods of time.

"We owe a debt of gratitude, and this is just a small way to pay them back," he said.

Don Severn, a retired Army staff sergeant and volunteer from the Space and Missile Defense Command, said he originally signed up with MWR to learn woodworking. The intelligence analyst heard about the Turn-a-thons and immediately signed up.

"Since I'm not serving anymore, this is



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

GIVING BACK TO SOLDIERS— Don Severn, an intelligence analyst at the Space and Missile Defense Command, has volunteered at every Turn-a-thon in the past year at the Arts and Crafts Center.

something I can do for the troops," Severn said. Using the Arts and Crafts shop, Severn has made anything from pens and boxes to candlestick holders. His next goal is to learn bowl turning. "I got hooked bad," he said smiling.

"It's very rewarding," Severn said, adding that MWR provides all the equipment anyone needs. Turn-a-thon volun-

teers have a variety of backgrounds and professions and include men and women in active duty, retirees, family members, government civilians and contractors. They range from ages 12 to 76. "Everyone clicks together," Severn said.

Volunteers meet bimonthly to learn the trade and prepare for the next Turn-a-thon. About 150 pens are made at each event.

And volunteers, working on their own, contribute another 30 pens per week.

The pens are handcrafted and mailed directly to the unit's chaplain for distribution. From 100-130 pens are mailed out at any one time. Each pen is placed in a plastic sheath for protection during mailing. Included with each pen is an information sheet that indicates who donated the pen kit and who turned the wood.

The wood used in making the pens is both domestic and foreign varieties. Pieces of wood left over from projects by Arts and Crafts patrons, and pieces of wood that are not useful for furniture because of imperfections, are collected for Turn-a-thons.

"We don't have to buy wood at all," Allen said. He also collects wood scraps from individuals that donate them to the shop. "Because of the variety of wood we collect, each pen is actually given its own character," he said.

Allen relies on donations from organizations to help fund the project since the materials used during Turn-a-thons are not government appropriated. "It costs about \$600 to \$700 for each event," he said.

Money for the Freedom Pens goes to pen kits, including all the internal hardware for a pen, sandpaper, steel wool, glue and wood finished, pen pouches and mailing costs.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army sponsored the Feb. 22 event. The last sponsor was Women in Defense, and other organizations have indicated interest in sponsoring future events.

Allen has already received responses from the units that received the pens. Soldiers use them to write letters to their families at home, friends at work, or keep them as souvenirs.

Each wood is unique in both color and grain pattern.

"They are truly one of a kind," Allen said, "intended for very special recipients, our servicemembers."

Plenty of fun to spare at Special Olympics bowling

Soldiers support community effort

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Special Olympics and Army Community Service have a recipe they've spent years perfecting. Take special needs athletes, mix in Soldiers and spread them across a sporting event for a generous dollop of fun. This year's batch began with the bowling event Feb. 26.

"This is a tradition at Redstone Arsenal," ACS director Sue Paddock said. "The Soldiers appreciate it because they learn from these athletes. Of course, the athletes love having the Soldiers here. It's a wonderful fit."

Held annually at Plamor Lanes in Huntsville, the event always draws a big crowd. In fact, it has grown to the level that organizers have had to divide it over two days, one for children and another just for the adult competitors on March 3. Top-ranked athletes from both days will go on to the state level later in the year.

Soldiers from Redstone assist in athlete supervision, give game tips, and spend a large part of the time acting as cheering sections. Their presence is a big draw for athletes.

"The students love the Soldiers," Donna Kirkwood, special needs teacher at Riverton Middle School, said. "The Soldiers are encouraging. Everybody likes having someone to cheer for them. These Soldiers provide that."

Their assistance also makes the event easier for teachers and organizers.

"It would be impossible without them. I have students



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

WINNING DAY— Army Community Service director Sue Paddock and Natalie Taylor, ACS exceptional family member coordinator, present Colin Radcliff with his third-place ribbon.

on six different bowling lanes here," Kirkwood said. "There is no way I could supervise students spread across six lanes. With the Soldiers here, I can walk up and down and check on my students. I know they're taken care of. I know they're

being supervised."

While a morning of good-natured competition among friends may not seem like a big deal to many, it is an experience many special needs children would not have without Special Olympics.

"It gives our special needs students opportunities that their typical peers take for granted," Kirkwood said. "It gives them the opportunity to compete in an environment where they are encouraged. Typical students take this kind of socialization for

granted. They have this kind of social atmosphere with their friends. The combination of competition and social atmosphere is unique to Special Olympics."

It is not a one-way street. While the athletes are having fun, the Soldiers are absorbing lessons about compassion and community that can impact them throughout their lives. Even though it serves as an invaluable training tool, it is also just plain fun.

"It's great to watch the kids enjoy themselves," Sgt. 1st Class Chris Patterson of Bravo Company said. "The Soldiers are just having a great time, too."

The bowling event is smaller than the Track and Field event held each fall, allowing for a more personal experience. A total of 25 Soldiers from HHC 59th and the 832nd Ordnance Battalion participated, along with permanent party members who were able to attend. One Soldier was stationed at each lane, with others gathered around snack tables and communal areas. The close quarters help Soldiers overcome their apprehension and dispels stereotypes, according to Natalie Taylor, ACS exceptional family member coordinator.

"They're always nervous at first," Taylor said. "Most have never been to Special Olympics or worked with special needs children. Before long, though they are right in there with them having fun. It impacts them long term."

Redstone Lanes will play host to a smaller group on March 30 when athletes unable to attend the main event will gather strictly for fun.

"It's just a fun-filled day," Taylor said. "It's like a big field trip."

Volunteers tutor youngsters at Stone Middle

By ROGER KITCHEN Jr.
For the Rocket



Photo by Jamie Candelaria

STUDY PARTNERS— Eighth-grade student Le'torryne Taylor receives help from UPLIFT student Joel Velez.

Twelve students and three instructors from AMCOM's newly created UPLIFT leadership development training program went to Stone Middle School on Feb. 17 to volunteer their time.

The group tutored students in Stone's accelerated reading program and facilitated a series of learning exercises that taught eighth-grade students the importance of their choices and how those choices will affect the rest of their lives. The purpose of the volunteer project was to demonstrate, in a practical way, the Army Value of selfless service — putting the welfare of the nation, the Army, and your subordinates before your own.

"The students, faculty and staff at Stone Middle School greatly appreciated the wonderful support we received from the UPLIFT class at Redstone Arsenal," Al Garrett, executive director of Youth Development Association Inc., said. "The feedback I received from students and teachers was extremely positive. Thanks for partnering with Stone to promote our accelerated reading program, tutor and to work with our eight-graders on the impact of their choices."

UPLIFT is a value-based leadership program designed to teach personal leadership through use of the Army values and how those values can be applied in the civilian work force. In addition, the program participants learn to be contributors in their surroundings and look for ways they can positively influence any situation. UPLIFT was created to fill a niche within the AMCOM Leader Development Life Cycle, specifically targeting individuals at the GS-1 to GS-11 levels.

"No matter what level of service an employee is in, leadership is how you do things not the position you occupy," Tim Grey, AMCOM G-1 Human Resources director, said.

This program provides 38 continuous learning points and requires a time commitment of seven 4-hour sessions and one 8-hour session.

Future classes will be held April 14 through May 28 and July 21 through Sept. 3.

Those interested in enrolling in UPLIFT can do so by registering through TIP. For more information on the program, Jackie Timme at 876-6062.

'Unsung Hero' proud of keeping disabled employed

Caudle does contracts work for Phoenix Manufacturing

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Janice Caudle can look over the manufacturing floor at Phoenix Manufacturing and know she has made a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

As disabled employees work side-by-side with non-disabled employees to make burial flags, parachute harnesses, equipment bags for TOW missiles and seat cushions for Humvees, Caudle is busy reviewing costs and pricing, ordering materials, interfacing with customers, negotiating new business contracts and managing other behind-the-scenes aspects of running a non-profit business that has employed 82 people with disabilities for almost three years.

Recently, Caudle's work as a contracts specialist involving the administration of more than \$5 million in product contracts was recognized with the "Unsung Hero Award" presented annually by the South Region of the National Council of Work Centers. The award is presented to a person in a support role whose work has resulted in new or expanded jobs for people with disabilities through the Ability-One program, a federal initiative to help disabled people find employment with nonprofit agencies that sell products and services to the U.S. government.

"It was really exciting," said Caudle, who attended the NCWC's annual conference in Jacksonville, Fla., with her husband, John Caudle, who works for the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity on Redstone Arsenal, and her boss, Wess Tyler, Phoenix's vice president of manufacturing and general manager.

"I've never gotten that kind of award before. It is very competitive and quite an honor. It was very humbling. I really don't feel I've done enough for this award."

Caudle began working at Phoenix Manufacturing, a division of the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation, about three years ago, after working in the government division of a local defense



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BANNER EFFORTS— Janice Caudle, a contracts specialist for Phoenix Manufacturing, helps to keep 82 people with disabilities employed through her work in securing more than \$5 million in government and commercial product contracts. The non-profit makes interment flags, parachute harnesses and other products for the U.S. government. Caudle's work was recently recognized with the "Unsung Hero Award" from the South Region of the National Council of Work Centers.

contractor for more than 20 years.

"This work is so rewarding because we are employing people with disabilities," Caudle said. "Making sure disabled people have productive work is a high priority in everything we do. My primary job is to make sure we keep jobs coming in. I price the job and interface with the customer to make sure they are happy and they will keep coming back to us."

Phoenix Manufacturing – as well as its sister non-profit, Phoenix Service — exists to provide jobs, wages and training to disabled people who have been served through programs offered by the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation. The non-profit has more than 20 years experience in heavy duty military and commer-

cial application sewing to customer's drawings and specifications. It also offers custom embroidery services for shirts, jackets, caps and other personal items.

"Our largest contract is for interment flags," Caudle said. "We are in mod seven of our work with this contract, and each mod represents three years. We make over 7,000 interment flags a month that are shipped to the Veterans Administration. We also provide these flags to funeral homes and private customers."

Phoenix Manufacturing is getting ready to begin work on a new \$1.5 million contract to make 15,000 parachute harnesses. If all goes well, the company could also obtain another \$1.1 million contract for 10,000 additional parachute harnesses.

"This contract represents more security for the people we have working here," Caudle said.

For Caudle, helping disabled people is a personal mission made easier by her job at Phoenix Manufacturing.

"My nephew is autistic. He is 17 and works at a health club in Seattle where he folds towels," she said.

"I know there is a real need for people with disabilities to be able to work. It's such a blessing to them to have a job instead of sitting at home all day. They take a lot of pride in their work. And they are the most tender-hearted and loving people you could ever employ. They are open, honest and loving people who always have a greeting for you."

Those greetings are part of Caudle's daily work routine as she walks through the manufacturing area every morning.

"I fall in love with these employees as soon as I get to know them," she said. "This is very personally rewarding for me."

Phoenix Manufacturing provides jobs for people with all types of vocational disabilities that can impact their ability to get and keep a job. Before they begin work, their disability is evaluated along with their past work experience, education, personal resources and other factors. Each employee has a program specifically designed for them by the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation to maximize their vocational potential and goals.

"I've never worked with such caring management and staff as I do here," Caudle said. "Everyone is really hands-on and they really care for our clients, our employees and everyone we serve. It's a blessing to work here."

Although many of its employees are disabled, Phoenix Manufacturing has proven that disabilities don't get in the way of getting the job done.

"They know what is expected of them, and they are eager to meet those expectations," Caudle said. "They get a paycheck just like we all get a paycheck, and they understand they have to work for that paycheck."

"They may need a little help and guidance every once in awhile. But we all do."

Huntsville Center worker honored as Engineer of Year

Engineering society presents recognition

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An Army Engineering and Support Center employee received special recognition Feb. 19 from the Society of American Military Engineers, Huntsville Post.

Jeffrey Coulston, the chief of the Structural Branch, Civil Structures Division, in the Engineering Directorate, was named the Huntsville Post's Engineer of the Year for his leadership of a diverse group of structural engineers in support of numerous missions of national importance and visibility, and for his expertise in seismic design, explosives effects and structural design.

"I consider it a great honor to be selected when I know there are many deserving of this honor. I am humbled and feel a great deal of satisfaction and motivation to further fulfill my duties and responsibilities as an engineer," Coulston said. He was selected from several outstanding nominations submitted from industry and government engineers.

Coulston was surprised when he received the call telling him he had won, but those who know him and work with him weren't the least bit surprised.

"Jeff was nominated because of the great respect his employees, peers and supervisors have for him," Roger Young, chief of Civil Structures Division, said. "Jeff has an exceptional grasp of both engineering details as well as the 'big picture.' When you combine his engineering skills with his strong drive to empower, train and develop his staff members, we believe Jeff is truly an engineer to be admired and emulated."

Boyce Ross, the director of Engineering, agreed with Young's assessment.

"Jeff is one of the most talented engineers and mentors of young engineers in the Center," Ross said. "He has re-established Huntsville Center as a cornerstone in the Corps of Engineers' ability to meet blast design and explosives safety requirements on military facility designs. He is a 'real' structural engineer and is truly a role model for young professional engineers, his peers and even senior leadership to observe and model in the engineering profession."

Coulston started his career in July 1998 at Huntsville Center and has worked in several positions over the years. One of his many projects includes serving as the principal blast design point of contact in support of the Assembled Chemical Weapons Programs design of the Bluegrass Army Depot's Chemical Demilitarization Facility.



Photo by Dennis Bacon

POST PRIZE— Jeffrey Coulston, left, chief of the Structural Branch, Civil Structures Division, Engineering Directorate, Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, receives the Society of American Military Engineers, Huntsville Post Engineer of the Year award from post president Phillip Loftis.

Garrison builds toward future work force

New intern program recruiting members

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With an aging work force headed toward retirement, work force development is on the minds of many organizations at Redstone. The Garrison is no exception. The new Garrison Intern Program is working toward continuing to provide a quality staff for the organization that gives support to the entire installation.

"A large part of our work force is ready to retire in the next five years," Kathy Watkins, Garrison Intern Program lead mentor, said. "That's scary. We're turning the tide. The vision is to bring people in at the ground level to re-energize this work force."

Although there previously have been interns in the Garrison, this is the first time a centralized program has been established to oversee their development and training. It is the brainchild of Curtis Clark, deputy to the Garrison commander. Concerned for the future work force, he wanted to establish a formal program for interns.

"Mr. Clark is big on work force development," Watkins said.

The resulting program is a coordinated effort between Clark, Watkins, and key players within the Garrison.

"Joe Winston, director of Human Resources, has had a big part in this along with Glen Reese and Theresa Falcetano in DHR," Watkins said. "Joey Skinner (deputy director of Directorate of Public Works) is doing a lot to make this happen. They deserve a lot of credit."

By combining formal training with one-on-one mentoring and personal development within the program, organizers hope to create well-rounded employees. Watkins said they are looking at training from multiple views in order to pull the aspects together.

"We need to recruit the right people. We need to develop those people. We need to care for them in terms of the right benefits and the right pay," Watkins said.

Intern recruitment began in the fall at area colleges and universities. Some came to the program as co-op students working on post. Others were finishing graduate programs. Some are just beginning. All are qualified individuals with a lot of potential.

Currently, there are 13 interns participating in the program. Much like a college, Watkins expects interns to come in as "classes" annually. The first class is also helping to shape the new program into what it needs to be.

"This first pilot group is helping develop the program by what they document, their feedback," Watkins said.

Interns are classified in one of three ways, which impacts the individual development plan they follow. Directorate of Public Works interns rotate within that directorate. Resource Management interns do likewise within that office. The rest will be on rotation throughout all Garrison directorates.

"They will be on a full rotation schedule to every directorate we have," Watkins said. "The others will rotate to a couple of directorates so that they get a flavor of the key areas they need to broaden their knowledge even though they will probably end up as full-time employees in their directorates."

As lead mentor, Watkins works directly with the mentors assigned to each intern. She also meets with interns and hosts events where they can gather to discuss issues and provide feedback on the program.

All interns come in at GS-5. As they complete each of the four years in the program, they go up a grade. Once they complete the program, they have the opportunity to compete for a GS-12 position.

"We're trying to create an environment that provides opportunities," Watkins said. "However, it is ultimately up to these people to make their way with the tools we give them."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

FEEDBACK— Kathy Watkins, Garrison Intern Program lead mentor, talks to intern Cassandra Patton about her experiences so far.



Courtesy photo

HONOR GRADUATE— SMDC/ARSTRAT Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja presents an honor graduate diploma to Pvt. Jeri Love, one of five honor graduates in the graduation ceremony Feb. 12 for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. There were also three distinguished graduates.

‘I wish you all the best throughout your career’

SMDC/ARSTRAT's top enlisted Soldier addresses graduates of Ordnance school

By **DOTTIE WHITE**
SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja was the guest speaker during a graduation ceremony for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School held Feb. 12 at Heiser Hall.

Borja, command sergeant major of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, addressed the group of 35 graduates, which included Soldiers and Marines, on topics such as an all-volunteer force, the Warrior Ethos and Soldiers Creed, deployments and the importance of training their replacements.

Borja began by commending the graduates for being a part of an all-volunteer force. “That’s unbelievable,” he said. With today’s war on terrorism, he explained how significant their role is to this country.

“Whether young or old, you are the driving force to making our nation, our country free and what it stands for,” Borja said. “Each and every morning that you wake up in your organization I ask that you continue to memorize the Warrior Ethos – I will always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. And I will never leave a fallen comrade.

“Upon graduation, some of you will get to your organizations, and chances are, they will be ready to deploy in

weeks or months out,” he said. “Coming back recently from Afghanistan and Iraq in ’07, you see pretty much the melting pot of our armed forces. Everyone is contributing to one cause.”

Borja explained how the graduates would need to be prepared to train their replacements in Iraq and Afghanistan in their ammunition specialist field, so they can deploy out of there and get back to home station with their families.

He finished with some words of encouragement for these men and women as they set their sights on their newly assigned duty stations throughout the world.

“When you get to your organization, you’re going to meet up with a sergeant, that team leader, that section sergeant,” he said. “I challenge each and every one of you to keep a few things in your mind. First and foremost, you’re a disciplined warrior. Pay attention to detail when he provides you with any guidance or directions and take notes. Number two, be proactive. Take the initiative. Do the right thing. Number three, stay physically and mentally fit. Number four, learn from others, your peers, your subordinates, your superiors. Number five, once you get ready to deploy to whatever country you go to, keep in mind, these family members who are here today and many others support you in the cause of what you are doing to defend our great nation and country.

“I wish you all the best and god-speed throughout your travels, throughout your deployment, and I wish you all the best throughout your career.”

Broadcast blasting makes repair shop news

Refinishing process used at Tobyhanna

By ANTHONY RICCHIAZZI
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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — John Dodge prepares rims for broadcast blasting in the Industrial Operations Facility. The sandblaster is a member of the Systems Integration and Support Directorate's Refinishing Services Division.

Broadcast blasting is the process of scuffing the paint or surface so new paint sticks to the rim surface.

After blasting, the rims are plated with zinc phosphate, a rust inhibitor, then painted. Last year, Industrial Operations Facility personnel were preparing 50 to 100 rims per month. The mission is part of the Recapitalization process for the AN/ASM-189 Maintenance Electronics

Shop Vans, which recently earned a Shingo Bronze Medallion for improvements to repair and upgrade processes, and successful implementation of Lean techniques.

The mobile field maintenance vans provide direct support for electronics maintenance. They are one of the primary maintenance facilities for the entire Army electronics maintenance mission in combat service support units.

The vans provide facilities for testing, repair and calibration for avionics, communications, electronic, navigation, photographic and infrared systems. Four years into a Recapitalization program, which is part of Army Transformation, the depot overhauled more than 600 AN/ASM-189 Maintenance Electronic Shop Vans to A3 Recap standards, the highest level of repair. It returns systems to 'zero hours/zero miles condition' with enhanced capabilities.



Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski

HAVING A BLAST— John Dodge is a sandblaster in the Systems Integration and Support Directorate's Refinishing Services Division at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Take action to promote bicycle safety

The Garrison Safety Office periodically receives questions and comments on bike safety and bike riding on Redstone Arsenal. Areas of emphasis include getting more bike paths on Redstone, providing a safer means for commuting to work via bicycle, constructing extended shoulders along roadways and educating motorists to safely co-exist with and share roadways with bicyclists.

In this country and on Redstone Arsenal, the majority of roads have no dedicated space for bicyclists. The challenge centers around two issues. What is the community's transportation plan (both on and off the installation) to integrate bicycle use into the overall transportation process? The second major challenge is who will fund the planning, design and construction of bicycle facilities?

No type of roadway design can suit every bicycle rider. The key safety factor is the bicycle operator skill level. If bicycle travel is to be improved, special efforts must be made to ensure both the motorist and bicyclist are considered in the decision to provide bike lanes. A good design will not require bicyclists or motorists to

operate in a manner that is inconsistent with the rules of the road.

The skills, confidence and preferences of bicyclists vary. Some riders are confident riding anywhere they are legally allowed to operate. These bicyclists can safely negotiate high speed roads with few or no accommodations for bike riders. Most adult riders are less confident and use roadways with operating space that may include a designated space for bike riders or a path located away from motor vehicles.

The Alabama Bicycle Coalition was formed to promote cycling access, education and safety. This coalition is an advocate for safer road environments for all users and acts as a statewide voice to encourage bicycling throughout Alabama. Its website with information on cycling safety can be found at www.alabike.org.



Bicyclist and motorist education are the main ingredients in creating a successful bicycle transportation system. Education can encourage courteous and lawful behavior among motorists and bicyclists of all ages. This awareness can lead to a reduction in accidents. Redstone Arsenal Regulation 190-5 (Redstone Arsenal Bicycle Traffic/Safety Supervision) provides guidance for the safe operation of bicycles on the Arsenal.

Public involvement in community meetings, hearings or advisory groups can lead to improved bicycle transportation. "Take Action" is one of the pull-down tabs on the ALABIKE website. Bicyclists are encouraged to contact state and local officials for assistance in supporting and funding a bicycle transportation network for Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal. (Garrison Safety Office release)

Six ways to stretch your food budget

Here are six easy ways for military families to stretch their food budgets:

1. Shop the commissary: Take note of the red, white and blue "Savings You've Earned" shelf signs, or visit the Savings Aisle at <http://www.commissaries.com> to view prices and percent savings of sale items in your commissary. Consistently shopping the commissary provides an average savings of more than 30 percent over retail grocery store prices.

2. Plan ahead: Meal planning and eating more meals at home can help reduce your food expenditures.

3. Make a list: Having a list when you shop helps avoid impulse buys. If you find an item on sale that you know you'll use later, feel free to add it to your cart. Never shop when you're tired or hungry.

4. Read labels and compare prices: When comparing prices of competing brands, compare the number of servings per container. A cheaper price on a larger size is only a savings if you use those extra ounces.

5. Do it yourself: The higher price for "convenience" items reflects the labor required to pre-cook, pre-cut, or pre-measure. Most of the time, substantial savings can be had by making these preparations yourself.

6. Redeem coupons: Commissaries honor Internet coupons and most commissaries make paper coupons available in the store. Coupons redeemed in overseas commissaries are good six months past their stateside expiration date. (Defense Commissary Agency release)



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

Soldier's view

Lt. Col. Russ Dunford, assistant project manager for Armed Scout Helicopter Project, shares his experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan on Feb. 24 during the Real-Time & Embedded Computing Conference at the Huntsville Marriott. He is a volunteer for the Redstone Speakers Bureau.

Reporter's notebook: Eatin' good in Afghanistan

By FRED W. BAKER III
American Forces Press Service

FORWARD OPERATING BASE GARDEZ, Afghanistan – I've eaten more lobster since I arrived here than I have in the past decade in the states.

Don't tell my wife. She thinks I'm suffering.

One of the few Army-run chow halls I have come across in my travels is located here. The base was too small when it opened to justify a contractor's service, so the Army took over the operations.

Sgt. 1st Class Vashon Rogers, who runs the consolidated facility nicknamed "Olive Gardez," said as many as 800 people — including Soldiers, civilians and local Afghans who work here — eat at the facility for any given meal.

Rogers' staff is a mix of airmen and Soldiers provided from units on the base and local Afghan employees. They serve more than 30 dozen eggs for breakfast every morning, washed down with 300 cups of coffee, and they go through 40 gallons of ice cream a day.

Every night has a theme, with Monday being Italian, Tuesday Mexican, and so on.

Saturday night is seafood night.

The lobsters and crab legs are shipped from the United States and driven down on a refrigerated truck from Bagram.

On seafood night, the crew serves up 400 of the tasty tails, 130 pounds of Alaskan King crab legs, and 135 pounds each of shrimp and scallops.

Don't expect cold beers or fancy bibs, but Rogers' crew heaps the tails and legs on troops' plates as they go through the line. They'll also throw on a steak if you want it.

Because of the growth of the forward operating base, another dining facility, contractor-run, has now opened. Rogers and his crew will be relieved of their duties this month, when this chow hall is taken over by contractors.

Rogers has served food in both Iraq and Afghanistan, and said the troops here appreciate the fact that fellow servicemembers are serving up their food.

"We put a little more love and flavoring in our food," he said.



Photo by Fred W. Baker III

SEAFOOD NIGHT— Spc. Kiana Mealey serves up lobster tails and crab legs at an Army-run dining facility nicknamed "Olive Gardez," Feb. 21 at Forward Operating Base Gardez, Afghanistan.

Army reservist leads toy drive for Iraqi children

By NORRIS JONES
Special to American Forces Press Service

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq – When Maj. Robert Kirkpatrick, an Army reservist here, answered the requests of friends and co-workers back home in Illinois about what they could send him during his deployment, his thoughts went to the children living near here in southern Iraq.

Kirkpatrick, a member of the 416th Theater Engineer Command based in Darien, Ill., said he received numerous e-mails from home asking what he needs since he deployed in November. He suggested sending toys that he and others with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers could deliver to neighboring Iraqi schools.

Kirkpatrick's friends and co-workers at Aux Sable Liquid Products in Channahon, Ill., where he is a senior product engineer, responded by sending him a couple of large boxes containing "a great variety of nice toys," including cars, dolls, stuffed animals, a big fire engine, colorful sleeping bags, pillows and a CD player, he said.

"It's a great company to work for, and they've been very supportive of my deployment here," noted Kirkpatrick, who has 23 years of military service.

About 30 Iraqi students from Nasiriyah's Mama Suna Primary School arrived at the Corp's Gulf Region South headquarters beaming with huge smiles. The children held flowers, which they presented to the Americans who greeted them. They sang a song in English that started, "Father, mother, I



Photo by Norris Jones

WONDERFUL WORLD— Iraqi students are all smiles Feb. 17 about the new toys donated to them by co-workers of deployed Army reservist Maj. Robert Kirkpatrick.

am sick – get the doctor quick, quick, quick," recited their ABCs, and then sang a song in Arabic.

The Gulf Region South staff greeted the youngsters alongside members of the 3rd Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery, from Fort Bliss, Texas, and the 445th Civil Affairs from Mountain View, Calif. They

grilled hamburgers, served pizza, played games with the children and then presented each child with a toy, a soccer ball and a book bag filled with school supplies.

Kirkpatrick, an operations officer, said he joined the Army to get more focused on his future. "I went from being a poor high school student to being a much better col-

lege student after three years (of) active duty," he said.

He later joined the National Guard and then switched to the Army reserve. In the past two decades, he has seen much of the world, including Panama, El Salvador and Germany. This is his third tour to Iraq in the past five years.

"Working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a great assignment," he said.

"We have an important mission. Things are improving here, and you can see that the Iraqis are on the right path. It's encouraging."

Those improvements are due in large part to the Army Corps of Engineers, which is overseeing more than 130 construction projects in Iraq's nine southern provinces. The projects include new schools, hospitals, courthouses, roads, bridges and new water treatment facilities that in some cases are providing communities with access to clean water for the first time ever.

Besides feeling good about his work, Kirkpatrick said, his deployment has been made easier by the support of loved ones back home.

"I've had great support from my family, friends, and co-workers in Illinois since deploying in November," he said. "Through phone calls, e-mails, and letters, we're able to stay in touch. They've all stepped up and are helping fill in for me stateside so I can concentrate on my duties here. I sincerely appreciate all they do."

Editor's note: Norris Jones works in the Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region South district's public affairs office.

Defense Department reaches out to Alabama A&M

DoD's African-American History Month event visits A&M campus for first time

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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In 2002 the Department of Defense began an outreach event for historically black colleges and universities. Last week marked a first for the program which travels to various institutions each year.

This was the first year Alabama A&M University served as host.

“We see this as an opportunity to further the infrastructure and capacity of our nation’s HBCUs as well as maintaining DoD as a model of diversity and equal opportunity for our nation,” said Clarence Johnson, principal director of the Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity. He traveled from the Pentagon to Alabama A&M for the event held Feb. 25-26 during African-American History Month.

The program, which DoD calls “Taking the Pentagon to the People,” included a technical assistance workshop on opportunities for doing business with DoD through contracts and grants, an awards program to servicemembers who have supported the Global War on Terrorism, career fairs for students, and a leadership symposium for presidents and staff members of HBCUs.

Dr. Sandra DeLauder, associate dean for the college of science and technology at North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C., was among the scheduled speakers for the leadership symposium.

“I think anything the federal government can do to expand opportunities for minorities in the business sector and the science sector is worthwhile,” DeLauder said.

Bobby Coney, chief of equal employment opportunity at the Aviation and Missile Command, attended the activities on the Alabama A&M campus.

“It’s a great outreach event,” Coney said, “that further enhances the AMCOM EEO mission element, particularly the minority college relations element and the special ethnic observances specifically during African-American History Month.”



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WORKSHOP— A technical assistance workshop Feb. 25 kicks off the two-day outreach event at Alabama A&M University.

Dr. Teresa Merriweather Orok, vice president for institutional research, planning and sponsored programs at Alabama A&M, was instrumental in bringing the DoD outreach to A&M for the first time.

Protestant Women of Chapel invites community

'Fireproof' feature movie for month

By ERICA HOBBS
For the Rocket



Family is what Bicentennial Chapel's PWOC is all about. Protestant Women of the Chapel, which is just one of several ministries within the chapel, consists of many military community women with various denominational and cultural backgrounds.

Our primary focus in this ministry is to lead, teach, develop and involve women within military communities as workers together for Christ within their homes, neighborhoods, PWOC, chapels, communities and wherever their sphere of influence may be.

Together, we enjoy wonderful opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, encouragement, Bible study, devotionals/testimonies, special programs, fun, food and fellowship.

PWOC has been in operation internationally for more than 52 years and continues to grow as God continues to guide and bless this ministry.

PWOC holds Bible study classes every Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and

6:30 p.m. at the chapel as well. Childwatch is available at the Child Development Center on a first-come, first-served basis for the 9:30 a.m. study. We also provide adult supervision for home-schooled children for the 9:30 a.m. study. For more Bible study and/or Childwatch information, call Laura Keegan at 489-7686 or Sharon Olshefski at 489-0404.

Upcoming programs consist of the following:

- Monday Night at the Movies — Featuring free showings of "Fireproof," March 9, March 16 and March 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- Addictions and Mental Illness — March 12 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., with speaker and counselor Kim Reisenwitz.
- National Day of Prayer — May 7 at 9:30 a.m.

For more information about PWOC programs/outreach, call Erica Hobbs at 325-3152 or 682-3984.

Editor's note: Erica Hobbs is PWOC's first vice president, programs.



Courtesy photo

Testing retirement

Mike Liles, right, of the Redstone Technical Test Center, receives his certificate of retirement Feb. 11 from RTTC director David Byrd. During his 36-year career, Liles served as the RTTC environmental test division chief and most recently as the center's Lean Six Sigma coordinator. He is working as a Lean Six Sigma consultant with the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Charlie Company likes chemistry entering postseason

Wolfpack settles on lineup for next week's tournament

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The Charlie Company basketball team struggled to find consistency since the beginning of the season.

Frequent lineup changes were forced by departures and arrivals of advanced individual trainees. Soldiers would graduate and others would replace them. Such is the life of a student company.

But the Wolfpack has found stability and momentum heading into the postseason tournament, which opens March 9.

"I've finally got some players who want to play and I've got some chemistry going there," Charlie coach James Akers said.

Wolfpack snapped a three-game losing streak by beating the Marines 46-40 on Feb. 23 at Pagano Gym. Charlie, with two 2-point losses, improved to 3-4.

"It's been a little bit of a struggle trying to keep the chemistry," Akers said. "But with the team I've got right now, they're going to be together all through the tournament. That's a big difference."

Shawn Holbrook had 23 points, three rebounds and two steals for Charlie. Garrick Whitley had 13 points and five rebounds. Christopher Caldera also grabbed five rebounds.

"We hustled," said point guard Darrell Thomas, who had eight points, four rebounds and four steals. "We were just playing defense, and not losing our emotions. Not losing control of the game like we did the last two games. We kept it together tonight. It was a great team effort."

The score was tied 23-all at halftime. The Marines led 31-28 with 10:15 left after a basket by Justin Billings. But Charlie went up 36-35 with six minutes left and didn't trail again. After a Charlie turnover in the final 40 seconds, and the score 41-38, Billings missed a potential game-tying 3-pointer. Holbrook got the defensive



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DRIVE IN—The Marines' Justin Billings scores a layup in the second half against Charlie Company but his team went on to lose 46-40.

rebound, was fouled and sank two free throws for a 43-38 lead at 29.5 seconds.

Billings finished with eight

points and seven rebounds for the Marines (3-3). Conner Lowry had eight points and 11 rebounds. Shooting guard

Craig Johnson also scored eight points.

"We staggered on offense in the second half," Johnson said. "And we didn't play as hard defense as we did in the first half."

Player/coach Sean Newsom added seven points and 12 rebounds.

"We just didn't make our shots," Newsom said. "And we played horrible defense."

But the mood was upbeat on the other side of the court.

"We made better substitutions and we just wanted to win," Akers said. "This was a little bit of a rivalry - Marines and Army. I told the players if nothing else, we've got to win tonight. And they played their hearts out. I'm proud of them."

Akers is optimistic about his Wolfpack's chances in the postseason tournament.

"Our team has grown from the first game and I believe we're going to win the tournament," he said. "I believe we can win it. We've got some chemistry going now, and that's going to win it - especially with strong defense."

National Guard 67, NCO Academy 55: James Christa scored 28, including five 3-pointers, as the National Guard improved to 5-3.

Wendell Williams added 14 points. Player/coach Rodney Henshaw and David Ali had 10 apiece. The National Guard led 31-28 at halftime.

"We were picking up the intensity level toward the end, starting to play good defense and rebounding the ball," Henshaw said. "Crashing the boards and going hard to the basket, finishing our shots."

Donald Knott scored 20 and Kurtrell Jackson had 12 for the NCO Academy (4-2).

In the night's third game Feb. 23, the 375th Engineer edged HHC 59th 63-61 in a double-overtime thriller. The 59th missed two free throws with .8 of a second left in the first overtime, which could have won it for the "Raise Up" bunch.

On Feb. 25, the 326th Chemical def. Bravo 58-48, Charlie def. NCO Academy 57-55 and unbeaten Civilian Welfare Fund def. Marines 74-60.

Standings entering this week had: Eastern Conference - National Guard (5-3), NCO Academy (4-3), Charlie (4-4), Marines (3-4), HHC 59th (3-4); and Western Conference - Civilian Welfare Fund (8-0), 375th Engineer (3-4), 326th Chemical (3-5) and Bravo (1-7).

Army Ten-Miler increases registration to 30,000

WASHINGTON - The Army Ten-Miler has increased its field to 30,000 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the race.

"Over the years, we have been able to incrementally increase the runner field and maintain a safe, competitive race," race director Jim Vandak said. "Since the 2008 race sold out in a record 21 days we looked at the logistics and felt that we could incrementally increase participation in this year's 25th anniversary race."

Registration will open on April 1 at www.armytenmiler.com. Despite the increased runner field, the race is expected to sell out by mid-May and runners are encouraged to sign up early to assure entry. More than 700 teams are expected to compete in this year's race and Soldier teams will be allowed to pre-pay for entries again when they register their team name. Race officials also confirmed that they will use a wave start again to release runners for this year's Army Ten-Miler to ensure a safe, competitive race.

The expanded size of the race has led to

other changes as well. The free, two-day expo preceding the race will move to the DC Armory enabling twice the number of exhibitors and longer packet pick-up hours for runners. The GEICO pasta dinner on Saturday, Oct. 3 will move to a larger ballroom at the Gateway Crystal Marriott there by adding an additional 300 seats.



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.

Military culture is infused throughout the Army's race beginning with the opening ceremonies which include Black Hawk flyovers and the Golden Knights parachute team; Missing Parts in Action Team (military amputee runners); Soldier volunteers, and the finishers' coins. The Army Ten-Miler provides a venue for military and civilians to compete for top awards in more than 27 divisions and show support for all this nation's men and women in uniform. For more information on the race and race weekend activities, go to www.armytenmiler.com. (Army Ten-Miler release)

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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.

Ten-Miler tryout

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Ladies golf group

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold its first coffee of the season today 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.

Hockey tickets

The FMWR Ticket Office has free tickets for the Huntsville Havoc vs. the Columbus Cottonmouths hockey game March 14 at 7:35 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. The FMWR Recreation Center/Ticket Office is at building 3711 on the corner of Aerobee and Patton Roads. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 876-4531.

Basketball tournament

The Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will present the Huntsville Hoopfest 3-on-3 basketball tournament June 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Joe Davis Stadium. For registration information call 651-0981, 509-8998 or visit www.dtlaphia.org.

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 \$125 on tournament day. Current payout is 10 places, from \$1,500 down to \$150 with a Big Fish award of \$500. 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 recruiting players to participate in its upcoming season. The SSBL has two age divisions: Over-48 and Over-35. (Note: five 25-and-older players are permitted on each 35-year-old division team.) All newcomers are welcome; however, the league is especially looking for players for its over-48 division. Open practices will be held Sundays from 2-4 p.m. from April 5 through May 17 at the John Hunt Baseball Complex, just off Airport Road across from the Municipal Golf Course. The league plays a 20-game season from June through August, normally with two games per week (one weeknight and one Sunday afternoon/evening game). The 35s play 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 Vlasic Classic Bass Tournament is March 27-28 at the Elk River Group Lodge, Joe Wheeler State Park. For more information, e-mail thomas.geoffroy@us.army.mil.

Conferences & Meetings

Sergeants major

The Sergeant's Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Members are offered breakfast for \$6 plus tip. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are open to all E-9 ranks, from all services - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Membership into the association is a one-time lifetime fee of \$30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-7910.

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.

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Mardi Gras

Nilda Nash and Dagmar Corvington are dressed up for the Redstone Arsenal Catholic Community Mardi Gras held Feb. 20 at the Officers and Civilians Club. All proceeds went to the new Catholic High Building Fund.

Women's day conference

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

Toastmaster clubs

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. The Research Park Club 4838 meets Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30 at the Sentar offices, 315 Wynn Drive, Suite 1. For information call Valerie Cortez 313-9753.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is March 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. This month's speaker will be meteorologist Dan Satterfield from WHNT Channel 19. For ticket information, call Kim Ouattara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Test/evaluation association

The Rocket City Chapter of International Test and Evaluation Association will meet today 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.

Drake alums

Are you a graduate or a friend of J.F. Drake State Technical College? If the answer is yes, you're invited to an interest meeting March 9 at 6 p.m. in the college cafeteria to discuss establishing an alumni chapter. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Tony Smith 715-1010.

Space society

HAL5 (local National Space Society chapter) will hold its monthly meeting March 10 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. David Hiitt, 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.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class Scott Ambrose 655-9435 or Chief Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

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 Red-

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stone Arsenal. For information call Keith Coates at the Garrison Safety Office 876-3383, e-mail keith.coates@us.army.mil or e-mail MSF instructor Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net.

Reserve unit

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

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 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.

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.



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Army training

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

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.

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.redstonewarriors.com.

IAAP scholarships

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

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

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 today. 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



Courtesy photo

Budget talk

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, speaking Feb. 12 to the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers, describes his first 100 days in office and how tax dollars are budgeted and spent. The general membership meeting was held at Trinity Methodist Church.

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 Saturday 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 Associa-

tion of the U.S. Army will host a Blue Star Service Banner presentation on Friday at 10 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. To register, e-mail Mary Breeden at mary.breeden@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 banner. If you have more than one family member serving, let ACS know how many stars you need on the banner.

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.

Thrift shop

Springtime has dropped into the Thrift Shop. “Plants, spring and summer clothes and even Easter bunnies have taken over,” a prepared release said. Visit the shop at building 3209 on Hercules Road on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays 9-4 or Thursdays 9-5. The shop will be open Saturday, March 7 from 10-2.

Women’s history month

The Aviation and Missile Command will hold the Women’s History Month event Thursday at 10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. Keynote speaker is Liz Hurley, news anchor for WAFF Channel 48.

Latin dance

A Latin dance will be held Saturday from 8 p.m. until midnight at Old San Juan Restaurant, 202 Jefferson St. in Athens. DJ Ed will provide music.

Autism support

Alabama Parent Education Center and the Making Connections Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group will present an Individualized Education Program on March 28 from 3-4:30 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003Whitesburg Drive. To reserve your place for this free session, call (toll free) 866-532-7660 or 334-567-2252 by March 20. Leave your name, telephone number, and mention Code Number 003. For more information, call Debra Bumbicka 348-2180.

Sugarland concert

Redstone Arsenal’s Family, Morale Welfare and Recreation presents the 2009 Army Concert Tour featuring Sugarland with special guest Billy Currington and introducing Matt Nathanson. The concert is May 16 at the Activity Field off Patton Road. Tickets are \$25 through March 8, \$30 March 9 through May 15, and \$35 on the day of show. Premium tickets, which

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cost \$70, are available at the FMWR Ticket Office and the Officers and Civilians Club. For ticket locations and more information, call 876-4531 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Gate 8 closing

Gate 8 (Goss Road/Drake Avenue) will undergo security enhancements and construction beginning March 9. Gate 8 will be temporarily closed to all vehicle traffic

for approximately 51 working days (about three months) beginning March 9. The gate will still allow access to building 3149 and to pedestrians. For questions or more information, call the Garrison Directorate of Public Works at 842-0032.

Adobe workshop

The UAH English Department and the Huntsville/North Alabama STC will hold an all-day workshop on Adobe

FrameMaker on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at UAH's Salmon Library. The workshop is the second in a series, all open to the public, and requires some experience with FrameMaker. Cost is \$100 for non-STC members, \$60 for members and UAH faculty, and \$40 for students. Reservations are required today and can be made by calling 824-6321.

Suicide prevention

Here are the remaining sessions for Suicide Prevention Training: March 6, from 9-11 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium, for SAMD, LAISO, IMMC makeup; March

9, from 9-11 a.m. at Rocket Auditorium, for half of PEO-Aviation; March 9, from 1-3 p.m. at Rocket Auditorium, for the other half of PEO-Aviation; and March 13, from 9-11 a.m. at Rocket Auditorium, for SAMD, LAISO and PEO-Aviation makeup.

Alcorn State scholarship

The Tennessee Valley Alumni Chapter, Alcorn State University offers the William E. James Memorial Scholarship award, in the amount of \$1,000, for the fall 2009/spring 2010 semester at Alcorn State University. The TVA-ASU scholarship is based on merit and need for prospective Alcorn State University students only. Deadline for applications is March 19. For more information and/or scholarship application, call Melvin Mayo 721-9336 or Sam King 882-7733.

Family mystery night

Sci-Quest's Family Mystery Night — "Where Did the Money Go?" — will be Friday from 6-9 p.m. Admission is \$8 for members and \$9 for non-members. For reservations call 837-0606. The families that solve the case will receive a special prize and certificate.

Housing referrals

Whether you are moving to Redstone Arsenal or need to rent or sell your house at Redstone Arsenal, military and Department of Defense civilians now have computer access to Automated Housing Referral Network. The website will list off base rentals, on post housing, temporary lodging, and military for sale by owners. For more information, call Giannina Brown 842-0422. The website is www.ahrn.com.

Radio spotlight

A new Saturday radio program beginning at 9 a.m. on WQXD 97.3 is featuring people in North Alabama who are dedicated to serving others. The program — called "Those Who Serve" — includes interviews with military servicemembers, public safety representatives and volunteers who are making a difference in North Alabama. The program is hosted by retired National Guard sergeant and community volunteer David Carney. The program will also accept entries for the monthly WQXD Community Service Award sponsored by Redstone Recognitions. Nominations for the community award should be e-mailed to carney50@mchsi.com.

Jazz ensemble

The Huntsville Area Chapter of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College presents the Spelman College Jazz Ensemble in concert Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Huntsville Marriott Grand Ballroom. The Spelman Jazz Ensemble concert will support the Dr. Bessie Washington Jones Scholarship Fund of the local alumnae chapter. For tickets call 539-4772 or visit huntsvillenaasc.org.

Education seminar

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold the National Education Seminar

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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>.

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. 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>.

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 out-

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standing 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.

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/>.