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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**LAST MINUTE CLEANUP** — Pvt. Kevin O'Connell, left, and Pvt. Jonathan Bridgers, both of Bravo Company, make sure the front doors to the new headquarters of the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion are shiny clean before the March 25 ribbon cutting ceremony.

## 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion becomes resident of Arsenal

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Calling it "another major milestone in Army history," Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli officially welcomed the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion last week as the newest tenant on Redstone Arsenal.

The battalion, and its 25 Soldier and civilian employees now located in its \$1.7 million, 5,000-square-foot headquarters facility on Honest John Road, were recognized as "the best of the best" during a March 25 ribbon cutting ceremony. The event began with comments by military leaders in Pagano Gym due to inclement weather and then moved to the front of the building during a break in the rain for the actual ribbon cutting.

The new red-brick facility represents a major upgrade from the battalion's previous headquarters at Fort Gillem, Ga.

"We were in the last World War I and World War II era barracks on Fort Gillem,"

said Lt. Col. Walt Stanish, the battalion's commander.

"When the wind blew hard, dust would come up through the floor."

But the modern headquarters is more than a facility upgrade. It also represents another move toward the goal to bring all the 2005 base realignment and closure commission recommendations for Redstone Arsenal on post by 2011. It represents the modernization of the Army, and the growing synergy of headquarters and facilities that are continuing to transform Redstone Arsenal into a major command center for the Army.

"We actually have enough room now for all of our personnel," Stanish said. "We are now centrally located within the battalion footprint. We go as far west as Jackson, Miss., as far north as Louisville, Ky., as far east as North Carolina and as far south as Puerto Rico.

"We also can share resources now with our neighbor, the 2nd Recruiting Brigade. It's always good to have an extra conference room. Their staff mirrors my staff. They're just bigger. It works in our benefit to be co-located."

The 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion — along with the 2nd Recruiting Brigade — is a component of the Army Recruiting Command and carries out one-fifth of the Army's medical recruiting mission. The battalion

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**CUTTING RIBBON FOR RECRUITING**— March 25 was a milestone day for the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion as Redstone Arsenal dignitaries gather to cut the ribbon officially opening the battalion's new headquarters on Honest John Road. Celebrating seconds after the ribbon cutting are, from left, Fred Fatemi, CEO of Engineering Design Technologies, which constructed the \$1.7 million, 5,000-square-foot facility; Col. Hubert Bagley, chief of staff of the Army Recruiting Command; Col. Rafael Montagno, commander of the Medical Recruiting Brigade; Col. Bob Pastorelli, commander of the Garrison; Lt. Col. Walt Stanish, commander of the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion; and Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TOUR**— T.C. Freeman, a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, right, talks with Army medical leaders about the care wounded Soldiers receive at Redstone Arsenal and throughout the Army Medical Command. Talking with Freeman are, from left, Maj. Jim Clark, commander of the National Guard's Community Based Warrior Transition Unit at Redstone Arsenal; Maj. Tim Iseri, medical officer serving at the CBWTU who is deployed from the Idaho National Guard; and Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center.

# An open lane random survey

What is your favorite April Fool's joke?

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**Angie Hatch**  
AMCOM SAMD

**"My sister-in-law was born on April 1st. When she was born, the doctor told my father-in-law that he had a girl. Then he came back out and told him he had a boy, too. There was really only one baby, but he made him think there were two."**

**Sgt. Wesley Burke**  
HHC 59th

**"My daughter has braces. I've got the orthodontist in on it, so he's going to tell her that she's going to have to keep them on for two more years."**



**Pfc. Kile Kratzer**  
Marine Detachment

**"I took my father's Colgate (toothpaste) tube and filled it up with Barbisol (shaving cream). He was livid."**

**David Hunt**  
Colsa Corporation

**"My boss took a vacation. While he was gone, everyone in the office brought in aluminum foil. We covered every surface in his office with aluminum foil – including inside the desk drawers, books and shelves."**



## Quote of the week

**I** don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

– Will Rogers

# Letter to the Editor

## Beyond the call of duty

I thought I might submit the following as a bit of "upbeat" reading pertaining to the almost daily heroic efforts of our fighting forces overseas.

In war members of our fighting forces endure trials of their character and their resolve beyond anything we here at home can imagine.

Here is an example of how our men and women strive under fire to overcome extreme conditions:

On Jan. 16, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Gainey of Albemarle, N.C., received the Bronze Star for his actions in Iraq.

Without Gainey in the gunner's turret, an ambush on Oct. 22, 2007 would have ended in tragedy. As the three vehicle patrol Gainey was a part of went down Route Gator in Baghdad, enemy fire transformed a normal mission into a life or death struggle for him and the fellow Soldiers of his patrol. During the initial stages of the ambush several dismounted Soldiers were caught in front of the attack. Gainey was manning the imposing M240B machine gun providing supporting fire to the rest of his detachment.

Thanks to his training, experience and presence of mind, he was able to coordinate the counterattack and provide supporting fire with precisely aimed shots of suppressive fire.

The insurgents attention eventually locked onto his turret and he became the focus of the insurgents' suppressive fire. He continued his supporting fire even after being wounded in the neck and hand. Undeterred, he refused medical treatment, and continued to provide support to his Soldiers in their effort to end the ambush.

The vehicle commander, knowing the American troops in the distance were doomed without their assistance, ordered the driver to advance to their position. This added another task for Gainey as he had to call out upcoming obstacles from his elevated perch and maintain a hail of machine gun fire at the insurgent positions. From his exposed position he refused to yield and fired more than 150 rounds — killing or repelling the last of the failed ambushers.

Because of Gainey's steadfastness under enemy fire, his precisely aimed fire, and effective coordination with the vehicle's crew, American lives were saved that day. His heroism earned him the Bronze Star with Valor.

For links to examples of such bravery, awards are listed in the following:

[www.history.army.mil/html/moh/afghanistan.html](http://www.history.army.mil/html/moh/afghanistan.html);  
[www.history.army.mil/html/moh/iraq.html](http://www.history.army.mil/html/moh/iraq.html); and  
[www.defenselink.mil/heroes/heroesArchive.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/heroes/heroesArchive.html).

We want people to have access to reports of military successes instead of casualty reports.

**Bill Boykin**  
SMDC Battlelab

# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Sgt. 1st Class Terrence Dumas

**Job:** Operations NCO, 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion

**Where do you call home?**  
Jacksonville, Fla.

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

Signing people up for the Army. I recruit health care professionals – doctors, nurses, pharmacists. We do classroom presentations on college campuses and talk to college seniors. I like being a full-time recruiter.

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

I'm a big fan of Fox's 24 and ABC's Grey's Anatomy. I collect Air Jordan tennis shoes. I own almost 300 pairs. I've been collecting them since 1996. I wear a few of them when I'm not wearing Army boots.

**What are your goals?**

I've got almost 20 years in the Army. I plan to retire after 24 years and go back home. Until then, I would like to stay here or return to Florida and recruit. It would be pretty fun to recruit in my hometown.

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

All music. I listen to it all from classical to '60s and '70s music. I like Motown, R&B and rap. I'm a fan of Air Supply and Journey. I like to diversify and listen to all kinds of stuff.



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# Precision attack missile hits target

The Non-Line of Sight-Launch System Project Office, along with the NetFires Limited Liability Company, successfully conducted the fifth Guidance Test Vehicle missile flight test March 6 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The Precision Attack Missile, using an un-cooled infrared sensor, was launched from an unimproved launch site to a range of 19 kilometers where it successfully engaged a BMP-1 armored vehicle. The missile used GPS waypoint guidance to guide to the BMP-1, which was the first time ever for an Army tactical missile system.

The test demonstrated the flexibility of

the PAM missile to execute pre-planned waypoint guidance commands, which will provide the Soldier the capability to plan missile trajectories, increase their survivability, and increase the likelihood of the missile hitting the target.

The impact to the Army is that the project continues to demonstrate definitive progress of the NLOS-LS to support the Future Combat System spin out and Infantry Brigade Combat Team with organic, extended range, precision strike capability. This also supports the path to the FCS spin out production decision this December.

## Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

### Fund-raisers under way

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- Basketball free-throw contest April 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sparkman Center building 5302, outside the cafeteria; sponsored by IMMC Readiness. Call Sgt. 1st Class Alice Bauknight 876-4541.
- Integrated Materiel Management Center's Maintenance Support Division will have a barbecue April 9 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the building 5302 parking lot. Dinners will cost \$8 with two sides, slaw and barbecue.
- The Acquisition Center is sponsoring lunch or dinner at Five Guys or Nothing But
- Noodles on April 14 and May 21. A flyer is needed to participate. Call 842-4946.
- Bake sale, sponsored by the Garrison, on April 16 from 8-10 a.m. at room 121 in building 111 and the building 4488 lobby.
- Command Analysis Directorate's annu-

al book sale is April 13 through May 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 5300, on the first floor in the corridor between 5303 and 5304.

• Cars & Camouflage charity car show, hosted by Vets with Vettes and Corvette Owners, on April 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bridge Street Town Centre. Call Ted Whitney 679-2055.

• Fun Walk, sponsored by AMCOM Contract Center, on April 21 from 9-11 a.m. in front of building 5303.

• Barbecue, sponsored by PEO for Missiles and Space's Lower Tier Project Office, April 23 at Wynn Drive and May 7 at the Sparkman Center.

• The Garrison's ice cream sale is April 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the building 4488 lobby.

• IMMC Maintenance Support Division will have a barbecue May 7 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the building 5302 parking lot.

• Hot dog sale, sponsored by the Garrison, is May 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the building 4488 lobby.

## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for March 19-25:

**March 19:** A motorist was observed by police operating his vehicle in a reckless manner on Zeus Road. A traffic stop was conducted which revealed that he also had a suspended license. He received two violation notices.

**March 19:** A woman reported that someone entered her car while it was parked unsecured in the building 5300 parking area and stole a briefcase which contained personal items.

**March 22:** At Gate 10, a motorist requested a visitor pass when it was revealed he had a suspended license. He received a violation notice.

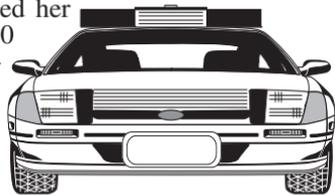
**March 22:** A subject entered the Post Exchange, concealed a video game valued at \$29.95, and left without paying. After the subject was detained by store security, police responded and issued a violation notice.

**March 22:** When a motorist attempted to escort another vehicle through Gate 10, it was revealed that he had a suspended license. He received a violation notice.

**March 23:** A motorist who approached Gate 9 didn't have a driver's license. It was also found that Fort Payne Police had issued a warrant seeking a passenger in the vehicle. The driver received a violation notice and the passenger was released to Fort Payne Police.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 22 speeding, 1 larceny of PX property, 1 reckless driving, 3 suspended driver's license, 4 expired driver's license, 2 improper lane change.



# School age children enjoy gift of new building

Grand opening slated  
11 a.m. Friday

By KARI HAWKINS  
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Elementary school children have a brand new home on post — and it's a blast of a place to hang out.

There's a Techno Room where kids can play video games and ride a simulated skateboard and a Drama Room where kids can practice ballet at the bar or build their own set. There's a high-energy gym, homework and computer labs, an art room and a welcoming atrium for plenty of downtime with friends.

On a recent afternoon at the new School Age Services Center, staff member Laquita Payne played Battleship with 9-year-old Chelsy Robinson and 7-year-old Matthew Snyder in the atrium while a bunch of rowdy kids played with balls in the gym and John Butler and Jaylan Johnson, both fifth-graders at Williams Elementary School, worked on their homework in the Homework Lab. Every few minutes, a parent checked in at the main desk to pick up their children.

"This is really nice. I was so surprised," said mom Lashonda Washington, who works at AMRDEC and who stopped in to pick up her two sons, Juwan and Jamal.

The kid-friendly, multi-purpose, 20,674-square-foot facility off Vincent Road and near the Youth Center and Child Development Center will be dedicated this Friday at 11 a.m. It will be named the Myra Garriott School Age Services Center in remembrance of the Child and Youth Services coordinator who spearheaded the project before her death in 2006 from cancer. Parents, children and the entire Redstone Arsenal community are invited to the dedication and grand opening.

"This building has been almost 20 months in construction," said Derrick Gould, director of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation. "It's long overdue. But we are really excited to have it open for children and to be able to show it off to the Redstone Arsenal community this Friday."

The facility's opening completes a goal by FMWR to provide services for children from birth to high school graduation at one cam-



**HAVING A BALL—** Boys and girls at the School Age Services Center run off some of their energy during a fun afternoon in the center's multi-purpose gym. There is also room outside for the children to run and play.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

pus. The campus concept makes it more convenient for parents who have children in more than one FMWR child care program.

"Before this building, we had converted a NCO club and used it for years as the School Age Ser-

vices Center," Gould said. "This building is a building actually designed for this program. It follows standard Army design for a School Age Services building.

"One of the reasons we have the building located here is we wanted

to have all our youth programs in one complex. This way, children can easily graduate from one and go on to the other without leaving this complex. It's more convenient for parents and it allows the three centers to share resources."

Andre Terry, chief of Child and



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PLANS FOR OPENING—** Derrick Gould, director of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, goes over plans for the dedication and grand opening of the new School Age Services Center with, at left, Missy Richards and Mary Washington, the center's director. The event will take place Friday at 11 a.m. The new center on Vincent Road is located on the same campus as the Child Development Center and the Youth Center. The public is invited to tour the new facility.

Youth Services, has overseen the project, which was built by Petticoat Construction of Cropwell under the supervision of the Mobile District Corps of Engineers. The facility can accommodate up to 195 children, has a large commercial kitchen and a check-in area, and plenty of space for pool tables, game areas, study areas, lockers and creative activities.

During the school year, children can be dropped off as early as 5 a.m. to wait for their school bus. They then return to the center after school, with parents picking them up by 5:30 p.m. During the summer months and holidays, the center is open all day for children to enjoy.

During the after school hours, children rotate among the different areas of the center every 45 minutes. They are given a snack, encouraged to complete their homework and then are allowed to participate in two activities until pickup time.

Gould said the facility's dedication will be particularly touching to those who remember Myra Garriott's dedication to the Child and Youth Services program.

"This building wouldn't have happened without her," he said. "This was Myra's brainchild. This was one of the things she promised to do while she was here. Sadly, she passed away before seeing the completion of this project."

During the dedication ceremony, a bronze plaque with Myra Garriott's name on it will be unveiled outside the facility.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TABLE GAME—** Chelsy Robinson, 9, and Matthew Snyder, 7, take up the challenge of trying to find battleships set up by School Age Services employee Laquita Payne. Several tables and chairs are set up in the atrium of the new School Age Services Center so that children can play games and hang out together.

# Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation events

The Garrison's Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation provided the following list of upcoming events:

## Month of the Military Child kickoff parade

The Redstone community is invited to celebrate the kickoff for the Month of the Military Child today at 10 a.m. at the circle in front of the Child Development Center on Goss Road. The parade is the opening to a full month of activities honoring the everyday heroes in military families.

Anyone with an IT, technical, engineering, aerospace/missile, communications, military, government, contractor or intelligence background is encouraged to attend April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center on Patton Road, building 3711.

## Child Development Center open house

In conjunction with the Month of the Military Child, the entire Redstone community is invited to the Child Development Center open house on Goss Road, April 16 at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy refreshments from Papa John's Pizza, tour the facility and meet the faculty.

## Rumba dance classes

Register now through May 13 for Intermediate Rumba Dance Classes at the Recreation Center. Call 876-4531 for info.

## AFB Level 1 — Intro to the Army

Join Army Community Service April 7-9 for this informative class. "Army 101" is for those who are new to the military or interested in updating personal skills and basic knowledge. Call 876-5397 for info.

## GSA vendor show

At the Sparkman Cafeteria April 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get your door prizes and free goodies while they last. Call 876-8741 for info.

## Easter egg hunt

April 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Vincent Park. Open to all Redstone children through age 10. Call 955-6114 for info.

## Easter Sunday brunch

April 12 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets on sale now. The Easter Bunny will be hopping by. Call 830-2582 for tickets.

## Little tennis

For ages 3-10 on Saturdays from April 18 through May 23 at the CYSS tennis courts on Goss Road. Cost is \$35 per child. Call 313-3699 for info.

## U.S. Junior Olympic basketball

Children ages 8-13 can join CYSS at the Youth Center, building 3148, on April 27 at 4:30 p.m. for this competition. Call 313-3699.

## U.S. Junior Olympic track

Children ages 8-13 can join CYSS at the Youth Center, building 3148, on April 29 at 4:30 p.m. for this competition. Call 313-3699.

## AER book sale

The book sale 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. If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-8563 to arrange delivery or pickup of those items.

## Tax assistance center

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. You can schedule an appointment by calling 842-1040.

## Newcomer orientation

Orientation on April 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

## Community first

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli stands with, from left, Kara Carter-Price, Suzanne O'Donell and Deborah Norris who were recognized last week for participating in the Community First and the Army Community Service Family Action Plan Focus Group on Jan. 29. The focus group raised issues and provided recommendations to improve areas in Youth Services transportation, Youth Teen Center activities, accommodations for special needs children and medical services. The Garrison Customer Management Services is working to implement those recommendations to provide better services to the community.

## Sugarland concert

The concert is May 16 at the Activity Field off Patton Road. Tickets are \$30 through May 15, and \$35 on the day of show. For ticket locations and more information, call 876-4531 or visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

## Transition career fair

April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Open to job seekers with any federal security clearance, IT, technical, engineering, aerospace/missile, communications, military, government, contractor or intelligence background. To register go to [www.transitioncareers.com](http://www.transitioncareers.com).

## Defense Technology & Intelligence Career Fair

FMWR and Army Community Service are hosting a career fair on Redstone Arsenal where job seekers with any federal security clearance can meet with more than 20 employers and recruiters from government and indus-

# Big tactical aerostat flies for first time

*JLENS achieves historic milestone*

The Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System Product Office has announced a major milestone in the design and manufacture of the JLENS System.

The event centered on the helium inflation of the world's first 74 meter aerostat. Aerostat serial 0001 lifted off the ground for the first time March 9 at the TCOM manufacturing and flight test facilities in Elizabeth City, N.C.

TCOM is a subcontractor to Raytheon's Integrated Defense Systems Division which is the prime contractor for JLENS.

The JLENS mission is to provide elevated, persistent, over the horizon surveillance and fire control quality data on Army and Joint networks

enabling protection of the U.S. and coalition forces, as well as critical geo political assets, from cruise missiles, aircraft, UAVs, tactical ballistic missiles, large caliber rockets, and surface moving targets.

The aerostat uses advanced sensors and networking technologies to provide wide-area surveillance and precision tracking of land attack cruise missiles and other types of aircraft.

"An aerostat is a helium filled 'balloon' used to elevate payloads from low to medium altitudes," JLENS product manager Lt. Col. Stephen Willhelm said. "Small and large tethered balloons have been used over time by the U.S. military for various missions. From the Civil War when they were used as observation platforms through today where small aerostats operated by Army troops are used in

support of force protection missions in Iraq, Aerostats have had a long history contributing to the defense of terrain and forces on the battlefield."

The JLENS aerostat is the first of its size and is the largest aerostat to be built. The 74 meter long aerostat, anchored to the ground by a tether and connected to an 180,000 pound mobile mooring station, covers almost the length and width of a football field. It will be able to fly a 7,000 pound communications and radar payload up to 10,000 feet.

JLENS is in the system development and demonstration phase of the acquisition life cycle. Individual components are being manufactured and the product office is preparing for systems integration which will begin this fall. (JLENS Product Office release)



Courtesy photo  
**FULLY LOADED—** The 74 meter long aerostat, anchored to the ground by a tether and connected to an 180,000 pound mobile mooring station, covers almost the length and width of a football field. It will be able to fly a 7,000 pound communications and radar payload up to 10,000 feet.

# Housing residents should respond to survey

Within the next couple of weeks, Redstone Arsenal family housing residents will receive the official Army Resident satisfaction survey. In addition to Redstone Arsenal, the survey is also being distributed to all other Army installations that participate in the Residential Community Initiative family housing privatization program.

Here is an overview of what the RCI program is all about, and how you can help make a difference by completing the survey:

- RCI is an Army program designed to enhance the quality-of-life for servicemembers and their families by improving the existing on-post family housing conditions, eliminating any housing shortages and improving neighborhood "amenities" (i.e., playgrounds, outdoor athletic courts, walking/running trails, etc.). This means that the operation and maintenance of family housing is turned over to a contractor. The Army provides oversight over the contractor.

- The goal of the program is to positively impact quality-of-life as a resident at Redstone Arsenal. Under this program, your Basic Allowance for Housing will be provided to the contractor to cover the cost of your rent and utilities. Of course, you will have to become more energy conscience.

- Your input through this survey will be used to help make better decisions on how to spend limited housing dollars and help guide our commercial partner in providing the services and the facilities that are important to you. Your answers are strictly confidential; your frank responses are needed. We are not tabulating any personal data; your survey in no way identifies you or the residence you occupy.

When you receive your survey, do not throw it away. Your opinion does count. Complete the survey and return it as instructed. The postage is already paid so it will cost you nothing. Should you have any questions, call Giannina Brown at 842-0422. *(Garrison release)*

# Women's club keeps contributing to community

## Board nominees up for election

By **SOFIA BLEDSOE**  
*For the Rocket*

Volunteers of Redstone Arsenal never tire of giving back. In fact, seeing others benefit from their hard work is what energizes them to do even more.

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is one volunteer group that gives back to the community everything that they gain during the year. In 2008, the OCWC gave more than \$29,000 to Redstone Arsenal and to the Huntsville/Madison County community. Much of their hard-earned dollars go to college scholarships, donations to other charitable causes, and to the welfare and quality of life of Team Redstone families.

Demi Robley, community assistance chairperson for the board, said the group is choosing charitable donations and scholarships that will be voted on by the board and given to the community this year.

"Every year we give money to other non-profit organizations in town and in the D.C. area," she said.

Washington, D.C. donations will go to organizations such as the United Service Organizations that assist servicemembers worldwide. OCWC gives most of its donations to the local community.

"This year we have 82 requests," Robley said. "We have a very limited budget this year (because of the economy)."

She hopes OCWC members can generate new ideas for fund-raisers that will help put more money back into helping others.

The club holds one of its meetings each year at Challenger Bingo to announce nominees for annual board members and have fun at the same time. Members enjoy



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

**BINGO— OCWC members play bingo during their meeting March 11 at the Challenger center. They also announced board nominees for 2009-10.**

lunch and more than an hour of bingo with many prizes.

"This is a special event to thank all the volunteers for everything," club president Lori Smith said. "These are some of the most loving people that have come on the board that will be voted on in April."

The nominees March 11 included Karen Stanish for president, Brenda Beale for first vice president, Teresa Lee for second vice president, Terry Bradford for treasurer, and Piper Worley for secretary. Their nominations will be voted on by the OCWC general membership.

The club consists of spouses or adult family members over 18 of active duty, retired or deceased officers, female active duty officers, and spouses of civilian personnel who are GS-9 equivalent or higher. If interested in becoming a member, call Pandora Economy at 539-5996 or e-mail pandora334@mac.com.

# Keeping the Army moving, one calibration at a time

*These Soldier specialists work behind the scenes*

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Every military occupation specialty plays a role in helping the Army in its missions. But what if the Army couldn't move? What if its radios couldn't communicate? What would the Army do?

That's where these guys come in: the Soldiers preparing to become the latest batch of 94H, otherwise known as Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment support specialists, currently training with 832nd Ordnance Battalion at Toftoy Hall.

These Soldiers will ensure all the equipment used in the Army properly functions and if not, then make it function.

While stationed at Redstone, they undergo rigorous training to become experts in their skill.

"We're teaching these (Soldiers) how to maintain and calibrate the test equipment that is used everywhere in the Army," said Brandon Kitchens, an instructor for the 94H and a former member of the Navy for 10 years.

"Everything in the Army, at some point, has to be tested, verified or calibrated to make sure it works properly," he said. "It could be anything from radios to radar or even laser bomb guidance. Everything has to be tested so we're giving these guys the tools they need to maintain any equipment that needs to be repaired.

"By the time they leave this course, they will be expected to be experts on all the equipment we've specifically trained them on but also on new equipment that might come down the line. We're giving them the ability to adapt what they know

to something new that they might not have ever seen before. They will be given a manual and an item and they will be expected to operate it, maintain it, calibrate it, and oftentimes, teach the customer how to operate it."

It's essential that these Soldiers become experts. If they cannot achieve their mission, the Army would be in jeopardy.

"Without this MOS, the Army would stop," said Ted Stroup, an instructor who served 22 years in the Army. "If (our Soldiers) don't keep the Army's equipment (running) than the missiles won't be going where they're supposed to be going and 'birds' (helicopters) can't fly. This MOS is a very vital entity to the Army."

Pvts. Vance Okihara, Sonny Hofstetter and Christopher King, all from Bravo Company, are the only three trainees in their class, making the training environment close and personal. With different skills and backgrounds, this family seems to work.

"I had some experience in electronics, so when I talked with my recruiter I asked for something really in-depth electronics and this MOS was on top of the list," Okihara said. "I went to school for electrical engineering and I drifted a little in my jobs, but I really wanted something that would directly translate training into a career. I knew the Army was my choice and that's how I ended up with



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

**SETUP TIME—** Pvt. Sonny Hofstetter of Bravo Company sets up his equipment for class. He is training to become a 94H, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment support specialist.

this MOS."

"This job was also appealing because it offered the chance to further my education while training and working in the Army," Hofstetter said. "This MOS training is recognized by some colleges and this will go towards getting an associates degree. You can't really beat that."

"This training really differs from my education," Okihara said. "My education was all theory; it was all about learning how things work. Where this MOS is very practical and cuts out a lot of the theory and goes straight into what the equipment does. This is what needs to get done and then how to do it. This MOS has taught me the practical side of electronics."

"Sometimes the job can be a little

tedious," Hofstetter said. "You come across some pretty thick manuals and there's a lot of reading involved. But other than that, the job takes patience and time, but it's rewarding. After a while, it just starts coming to you and everything gets easier."

Although they see the benefits of their labor, others in the Army might not.

"This MOS is behind the scenes. If these Soldiers do their job correctly, no one will really know what they did," Kitchens said. "But if they don't perform the way they are supposed to or the equipment doesn't perform the way it's supposed to, that's when people will start noticing. That's the nature of this job. If you do it right, nobody knows you're there."

"(If deployed) I believe our reward for a job-well-done will be other (Soldiers in our field) seeing what we've accomplished," Hofstetter said. "No one thinks about how the Army moves, they just expect it to. We really are a behind-the-scenes MOS and that's really the way we like it.

"Just knowing we will be making a difference in how the Army runs, it's encouraging. It motivates us to finish our training and to get out there. We will have an effect on the Army and that's a good feeling."

Okihara, Hofstetter and King are next headed to Korea. It is unknown whether or not they will be in the same unit.

"We've gotten to know each other really well and we also hang out outside of military time," Hofstetter said. "Calibrators in general, all the 94H, we kind of segregate ourselves. Not in a negative manner, but we have a thickness to us that is a bond. It's the same bond with our instructors as well; (all of whom) are also calibrators."

# Program director gets top honor from Army

Michael Van Rassen, director of the Counter-Rocket, Artillery and Mortar Program Office, has received the Army's highest award for civilian service.

He received the Exceptional Civilian Service Award from Secretary of the Army Pete Geren in a ceremony March 18 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Van Rassen was recognized for guiding his office in providing a system that protects U.S. forces in Iraq from rocket and mortar attacks. The C-RAM system has been recognized by the commander of U.S. forces in both Iraq and Afghanistan as a system that has saved lives since it was first fielded in 2005. Van Rassen was able to develop and field C-RAM, the first such capability fielded in any country, in just seven months.

After the ceremony, Dean Popp, acting assistant secretary of the Army (acquisition, logistics and technology), presented Van Rassen with an additional citation.

"Your vision, leadership and commitment to excellence have been instrumental in meeting the needs of our war fighters and delivering the right technology to the right place at the right time for their success," the citation stated. "Please accept my deep appreciation for your outstanding service, along with my wishes for continued success."



Courtesy photo

**EXCEPTIONAL AWARD— Michael Van Rassen, right, director of the Counter-Rocket, Artillery and Mortar Program Office, receives the Exceptional Civilian Service Award from Secretary of the Army Pete Geren.**

Popp also added a handwritten note that said "You and your technology have made a key difference in the fight. Bravo! Well done."

Van Rassen directed and guided his office in using existing Army, Navy and Air Force systems to provide an effective C-RAM system of systems. (*C-RAM Program Office release*)

# Interns get advice during program kickoff

## Garrison builds future work force

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Interns, mentors and others gathered March 25 at the Officers and Civilians Club for a kickoff luncheon for the new Garrison Intern Program to discuss how the program will progress and share advice on how to make the most of it.

After welcoming remarks from Garrison deputy commander Curtis Clark, the interns heard from someone who has been where they are – Garrison public affairs officer and former Department of Army intern Kim Henry. She shared her experiences, both good and bad, as an intern. She told them what she learned from the time. She closed her remarks with pointers for the members

of the first Garrison intern class before taking their questions.

“Who you are makes a difference. I talked to you about my tips. They are how I plan to make a difference,” Henry said. “Now I charge you to be the difference. If you love what you do, you will never have to work a day in your life.”

Kathy Watkins, lead mentor and senior management consultant from Analytical Services Inc. walked attendees through a brief overview of the program. In addition to outlining the basics, she discussed tentative rotation schedules, and plans for training and development. She mentioned how the experiences of these first interns would impact future interns and the program.

“You are the charter members,” she said.

Further information on the mechanics of the program was given in the form of a manual containing intern bios, job descriptions and training plans.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**LUNCHEON— Garrison deputy commander Curtis Clark addresses attendees at the Garrison Intern Program kickoff luncheon.**

“This book is just a start,” Watkins said. “Nobody says a manual has to be a tangible

hard copy, but I think this is the best way to start. We’re going to put it all online and make it accessible.”

In a mentoring exercise, attendees were asked to list their own advice for interns, either for career or life. Volunteers shared their words of wisdom with the group before Clark closed out the two-hour event.

“Take the lessons these people have learned,” Clark said. “Learn what they are willing to share and I am certain you will be successful.”

Plans are to hold intern events quarterly. It is a part of the Garrison’s comprehensive approach to building the future work force.

“There is a time when older folks like myself will retire to the backseat and let the younger folks take over,” Clark said. “I take this program very seriously. We have a great group of young people... They are the next generation.”

# Outdoor enthusiast finds calling as Garrison intern

## Easterwood enjoying her new career path

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The journey that has brought Christine Easterwood to the Garrison Intern Program has taken her far from where she thought she’d be. But she has loved it every step of the way.

She is a native of Madrid, N. Y., a small upstate town close to the Canadian border. When Easterwood graduated from Clarkson University in 2002 with a bachelor’s in biology, she thought she knew where she was headed professionally. She began applying for graduate programs in oceanography.

Meanwhile, she took a job with the USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service as a way to work in a similar field. Instead, she found herself changing plans.

“It started as just a summer job,” she said. “It turned into a permanent position and opened the door for grad school. It



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**BIOLOGIST— Christine Easterwood is transforming her love of animals into a promising government career with the Garrison Intern Program.**

changed me from a lab biologist into a field biologist.”

She became a part of a project dealing with raccoons while working in the Wildlife Services division. That experience led to an offer to work with a similar project in Alabama.

“They were doing a study on raccoon

rabies,” she said. “I came here in 2004 for that. It was an ecology update of raccoons and how the disease was spreading in the state. We live trapped them, sedated them and took different samples.”

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Easterwood took the opportunity to pursue a master’s from Auburn University while she was here. She received her degree in wildlife biology in 2007. Her intention was never really to stay in Alabama. Cupid had other ideas, however.

“I fell in love and the rest is history,” she said laughing. “I met an Alabama man and was doomed from the start. My husband, Judd, is a wildlife biologist with the state, so we share a lot of interests. We were married in June.”

Easterwood began working in the Directorate of Public Works in 2007 as a contractor wildlife biologist. Her job has focused largely on policy and procedure. Her time in the Garrison Intern Program will transition her to a different role.

“It will be more of a wildlife biologist

role,” she said. “The policy work here in the office is a big change from what I’m used to. With the intern transition, we won’t spend a lot of time in the field. It will be more, though. There will be more resource management, which is right up my alley. It will allow for a lot more growth in my career.”

In her free time, Easterwood enjoys reading and knitting. Easterwood spends time with nature. She is an avid hunter. She enjoys the different experience that it provides her.

“I just like being outdoors. When you’re hunting, it’s quiet time in the woods,” she said. “There are things in the woods you wouldn’t normally see crashing through the trees. When you are sitting still and quiet, you see more. It’s a lot different.”

Easterwood is excited about the new perspective and opportunity that the Garrison Intern Program is offering her — even if it is a thousand miles away from where she thought she was headed.

“I thought I wanted to be a vet,” she said. “I’d still like to be a vet someday, everybody needs a dream. But I like where this path is taking me.”

■ Redstone's recruiting mission grows with new tenant

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manages 19 subsidiary units with 115 recruiting personnel located in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

"We are responsible for recruiting healthcare professionals throughout the Southeast and Puerto Rico," Stanish told an audience of military and civilians at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The battalion has achieved success in its mission to recruit medical professionals to serve on the front lines and at posts around the world.

"We've already completed 59 percent of our mission for the year and we are still in the second quarter," Stanish said.

Col. Hubert Bagley, chief of staff for the Army Recruiting Command, reiterated Stanish's words of success during the ceremony.

"Of the five battalions, this is the top battalion in the medical recruiting brigade," he said. "It also has the top five of 15 companies in the medical recruiting brigade and the top recruiting station in the brigade. I think you will be pleased with your new tenant.

"This battalion is happy to be part of this installation and will make a good member of your team."

Calling March 25 a special day, Redstone Arsenal and Aviation and Missile Command commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles said Redstone Arsenal is proud to add the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion to its list of tenants.

"The recruiting mission is so critical to us. You are finding the right U.S. civilian to become an Army Soldier," he said. "You're telling the full story about what this Army is all about and why we do what we do. The hardest area to recruit is the medical profession, and you are the best of the best. We're committed to you in any way possible."

Myles used the ribbon cutting ceremony to especially thank the Garrison and its leader, Pastorelli, for the "superb leadership to make BRAC happen. It all starts with bricks and mortar done on time and to standard."

It's an honor, Pastorelli said, to be the home of a medical recruiting battalion whose mission success "makes the Army stronger every day."

He said Redstone Arsenal personnel worked hard to make sure the Arsenal's newest tenant was happy with its new home.

"A lot of heavy lifting was accomplished for today and I am sure you'll agree it was worth it," he said.

The facility, built by Engineering Design Technologies, opened about four months behind schedule due to weather delays. But Stanish said the wait has been worth it.

"I want to thank Team Redstone. Our transition has been seamless," he said. "We look forward to being a team leader at Redstone Arsenal and in this great community."

In his comments, Myles also recognized T.C. Freeman, a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, as a special guest at the ribbon cutting ceremony. She is the wife of Vietnam aviator veteran and retired Col. Bob Freeman, and the mother of two sons who have both served in the Persian Gulf and a daughter who, along with her retired sergeant major husband, is now serving as a DoD civilian in Iraq. Freeman is well-known for the motherly love and devotion she has shown Soldiers in all the years she has been part of the Army family.

"You make a difference in Soldiers' lives in some ways that people in uniform could never do ... In the way you take care of Soldiers and families you have always lived from the front. I consider you a national treasure," Myles said.

Later, Freeman tried to refocus her sudden fame at the ceremony back on the Soldier.

Her volunteer work in support of Soldiers is "all about them and how it makes them feel. It's about the smile on their face. It's nice to be able to put a mother's arms around them," Freeman said. "When you see a few or many sometimes you don't have anybody that speaks to your heart. I've had many mothers call me and say 'I can't be there. Will you find my son and give him a hug for me?' And I will do it."

Freeman shared her enthusiasm and love for Soldiers at the ceremony and at the concluding reception. Although she lives in Kentucky, she knew many of the Soldiers at the event.

"The older you get the smaller the Army gets," she said.

The success of the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion is recognized throughout the Army, Freeman said, a theme that was repeated often during the March 25 event.

"Medical recruiting is vital to the Army," she said. "This brigade is doing well. But so many others are not."

Stanish and his battalion are committed to maintaining their recruiting success. Although he loves his new office and battalion headquarters, Stanish doesn't plan on spending a lot of time behind his new desk.

"If you don't see me at Redstone Arsenal very often it means I'm out at recruiting stations doing what I'm supposed to be doing in support of the medical recruiting brigade and the Army," he said.

# Garrison confirms commitment to wide-ranging mission

## Town hall meeting shares opportunities

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Gate construction, employee opportunities, BRAC moves, enhanced use lease agreements, President Obama's economic stimulus package and upcoming events were all part of the quarterly Garrison town hall meeting Friday in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Such a range of topics reflects on the type of organization the Garrison is — wide reaching in its mission, customer focused in its commitment, and dedicated and determined to make a difference as its employees strive to reach professional goals that benefit the entire Arsenal community.

"We have total trust and confidence in the people in this room," Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli told the Garrison employees attending the first of two town hall meetings.

"Customers are very appreciative of what you do. That's a true testament to the dedication and professionalism of everyone here today."

Pastorelli told his audience that at a management off-site meeting, managers worked to formalize the Garrison's vision, mission and strategic priorities. The Garrison vision statement or motto is "The premier garrison for customer support ... now and into the future." The mission is "USAG-Redstone continuously provides superior installation operations support and quality of life to enable Team Redstone's mission success."

Strategic priorities involve the community, both Team Redstone and outside the Arsenal gates; customer support; work force development and transformation.

"We need to promote the vision, mission and strategic priorities. We need to develop our objectives. And we need to compile our objectives into a USAG-Redstone strategic road map," Pastorelli said.

The Army is changing and so too are Redstone Arsenal and its Garrison as it welcomes new BRAC tenants.

"We are going to get a four-star here. That's going to change the dynamics of the installation ... We're transforming. There's a lot of stuff going on," Pastorelli said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**INTRODUCTION— Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli talks with employees about changes taking place within the Garrison and at Redstone Arsenal during Friday's quarterly Garrison town hall meeting. During his presentation, he introduced Joey Skinner, new chief of the Garrison's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, standing at left. Behind Pastorelli at the podium is Kim Henry, the new Garrison public affairs officer.**

To help with that transformation, the colonel talked about the Garrison's new internship program and how it will help combat employee turnover as some Garrison employees move on to other organizations on post.

"You've got to bring people in and you've got to develop them," Pastorelli said. "It's a challenge to do the normal recruitment. But you also have to realize here's a great avenue to bring in great talent and mentor them."

Looking toward the future, he said the Garrison and its employees must "expand horizons, look for new opportunities, continue to build on relationships, and finalize the vision, mission and priorities."

Garrison priorities will include the priorities set by the Arsenal's senior commander, Maj. Gen. Jim Myles. Those priorities are roads, schools, work force and medical care — areas that affect both the Soldier and civilian work force.

During the town hall meeting, Pastorelli and his management team reviewed progress with BRAC, the enhanced use lease program involving 470 acres of underutilized land, gate improvements that include speed humps, vehicle counters, generators and grab nets, an upcoming Installation Management Command organizational self-assessment study, organizational changes in the Direc-

torate of Information Management and the Directorate of Logistics, summer safety, suicide prevention training and budget plans. The possibility of a Garrison organizational day in September was also mentioned.

Pastorelli also told the Garrison employees that, as part of President Obama's economic stimulus package, nearly \$27 million will come to the Garrison for funding energy programs, community support, and renovations and modernizations pending DoD and Congressional approval.

Employee training and promotion opportunities were also discussed.

"These are exciting times and what a blessing it is to be at Redstone Arsenal at this time," Curtis Clark, deputy to the Garrison commander, told the Garrison employees.

"Not only is this a premier installation, it is also a premier garrison. There are opportunities at Garrison and at Team Redstone, and you have to be ready to seize the moment. If you prepare yourself, you will be ready for Garrison opportunities."

Clark said the key to any employee promotion is "understanding yourself, understanding your position and understanding your goals." The Garrison, he said, puts a premium on employee train-

ing and preparation for the future.

In other matters, Pastorelli recognized a few new Garrison management team members and said farewell to a few Garrison employees who have left the organization. He welcomed Kim Henry, the Garrison public affairs officer; Joey Skinner, the new chief of Garrison Plans, Analysis and Integration Office; Dan Tatum of the Directorate of Logistics; and 1st Sgt. Albert Rocker, the new first sergeant of Headquarters & Headquarters Company. He officially said goodbye to Todd Hutto, who has taken a job with the Army Materiel Command Forward; Chris Pegues of DOL and 1st Sgt. Paul Grosch, who is retiring from HHC.

"We have some new faces in terms of leadership," Pastorelli said. "We will never stop anyone from improving themselves. You should identify the goals in your life and push towards them."

Pastorelli also recognized candidates the Garrison put forward as nominees for the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year award from the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. Joe Davis of the Directorate of Public Works and Todd Hutto, former chief of the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, were Garrison nominees who "represent the true spirit of what we are," he said.

Awards for outstanding service were presented to Sharee Miller of the Public Affairs Office; Terry Yancey, Robert Brown, Randy Gutscher and Ricky Prince of the Directorate of Information Management, and Todd Hutto of PAIO.

Many Garrison employees were thankful for the time Pastorelli and the Garrison management team took in explaining issues during the town hall meeting.

"It's pretty informative," said Meredith Day of DOIM.

"People are not aware of the government activities that are here for everyone," she added, referring to the activities calendar reviewed during the meeting. "I've been here a long time and I just learned you could have a personal trainer at the wellness center."

Day said the Garrison might want to consider putting the town hall meeting on video teleconferencing so that employees who can't attend can watch it from their work station.

"I appreciate the effort everyone went to to bring this meeting to us," Brian Farrell of DOIM said.

# National coalition works on behalf of military children

Golf tournament in April to benefit local efforts

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During her husband's 36-year career in the Army, Nancy Jones moved her family — including three school-age daughters — more than 20 times.

Jones and her husband, retired Lt. Gen. Tony Jones, are now settled in Huntsville. But during their military years, their mobile lifestyle meant each daughter shared in at least 17 family moves. Between them, the girls enrolled in 33 different schools during their school-age years.

A teacher by profession, Jones was able to advocate for her daughters, helping their school administrators, counselors and teachers understand the challenges that military children endure when they are affected by mobility, family separation and transition. But, for most military families, knowing how and when to advocate for their children can be confusing, difficult and intimidating.

"Young Soldiers may not have had a good school experience themselves. Or, as

young parents, they may not know how to go about having a school conference with their children's teacher," Jones said. "We need to train military parents to be advocates for their children."

The Military Child Education Coalition was formed 11 years ago at Fort Hood, Texas, to do just that. Today, the coalition is a worldwide, all-military organization working to increase awareness of the challenges faced by nearly 2 million military-connected children and to implement educational programs to meet these challenges. Its 2,000 volunteers work with a staff of 14 to make a difference in the lives of military children across the globe.

"Only 10 to 15 percent of military children are in DoD schools. Most are in the community going to public schools," said Jones, who is MCEC's project assistant for partnership and development, and who represents MCEC in Huntsville.

"If you raise funds to send a child to camp, then you've helped one child, and that's good. But if you educate a counselor, there's no telling how many children you can help. So that's why we're focused on professional development activities for counselors, administrators and teachers."

Locally, MCEC is known for its Stu-

dent-2-Student program at Columbia High School, where the student-led program is a support group for military-connected students transitioning to and from the school. MCEC has also recently been involved with the Transition Counselor Institute on Redstone Arsenal designed to teach counselors about the impact of transitions on the military-connected child. But there are many other MCEC programs that Jones hopes to see implemented in Madison County and, eventually, in North Alabama. MCEC also offers several information resources to military families.

"There is a great opportunity to make a difference here with our programs," Jones said. "Even though there is not a large military population, there are many National Guard and Reserve Soldiers here and we have DoD civilians coming in here with BRAC whose children can also take advantage of our programs. If we can get the program strong here, it will help with transitions associated with BRAC."

To raise funds for its nationwide and local efforts, MCEC is sponsoring its first

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**FOR THE CHILDREN—** Nancy Jones, who has moved more than 20 times as the wife of now retired Lt. Gen. Tony Jones, advocates for quality educational opportunities for highly mobile military-connected children as a representative of the Military Child Education Coalition. The MCEC will sponsor its first golf classic in Huntsville on April 20 at The Ledges to raise funds for its military child awareness, education and advocacy programs.

## Program brings online items to PX

Redstone Arsenal shoppers who prefer the ease and comfort of Internet shopping but not the shipping costs associated with it can now take advantage of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's "Click to Brick" program.

A service that offers free shipping of select Exchange Online Store orders to participating exchanges in the continental United States, "Click to Brick" allows convenient in-store access to various items, including some that aren't normally even available in the PX. More than 115 items are currently part of the "Click to Brick" program, with that number expected to approach 500 by year end.

"We're bringing the Internet to the exchange," PX general manager Carl Carpenter said. "Whether you're looking to save on shipping charges or don't want that surprise gift delivered to the house, 'Click to Brick' is a convenient, yet discreet online option."

Authorized shoppers interested in taking advantage of this new, free service simply choose "Click to Brick" as the shipping address at checkout and then select the state and exchange where they would like to pick up the item. Shoppers will then be contacted by a PX customer service associate when their order arrives. (PX release)

## Letterkenny wins fifth Shingo prize

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Letterkenny Army Depot has set the standard for all other Army depots by achieving a fifth Shingo award in four consecutive years.

The men and women of the Biological Integrated Defense System have earned the 2008 bronze Shingo Medallion for excellence in manufacturing in a ceremony on March 19. It's an award that has been called the "Nobel Prize of manufacturing."

"BIDS is the first grassroots Shingo winner. The BIDS men and women told the

command how they were going to win a Shingo," Letterkenny commander Col. Steven A. Shapiro said.

He went on to say that the BIDS line truly understands Letterkenny's concept of cost, quality and schedule.

Joint Program Manager for Biological Defense Col. Alan Burket presented a letter to Shapiro on behalf of Maj. Gen. Stephen Reeves, joint program executive officer for chemical and biological defense, recognizing the hard work and quality of work that is continually produced at Letterkenny. (Letterkenny release)

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local golf classic at The Ledges in Huntsville on April 20. Retired Gen. Tom Schwartz, MCEC chairman, will attend the golf classic as will local dignitaries, including AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and Madison Mayor Paul Finley.

“All the programs we are trying to bring in here are very expensive,” Jones said. “We want to provide free professional development classes to anyone – counselors, first responders, school nurses, administrators – who want to affect the lives of military kids.

“It is so important that we find ways to help parents and administrators address the issues of military children. The education of military children is affected by moves and transitions and deployments. Different school systems have different standards. There are also social issues associated with every move. Then there are also other issues faced by special needs children or gifted and talented children who have military parents.”

On the educational level, military children must deal with things like transitions between high schools on a block schedule versus a standard seven-period schedule, the differing expectations of teachers from school to school, different subject matter instruction in the classroom, and the wide range in high school graduation requirements and testing.

On an emotional and social level, military children must learn to fit in to different school environments, must leave old friends and make new friends, and must find ways to continue extracurricular activities while moving from school to school.

“There are different rules and different standards at every school,” Jones said. “There are different social organizations, and teachers and coaches. A teenage boy may have been the star quarterback at one school. But when he moves he may be at a school that has one or more established quarterbacks and there may not be anywhere for him on the football team. That is a tough transition.”

One student whose case Jones is familiar with moved to Huntsville from New York during his senior year. Yet, based on Alabama standards, he would not have had enough credits to graduate from high school at the end of that year. Arrangements were made with the help of MCEC so that the student can live in Huntsville with his family but graduate from high school in New York.

“We have to get counselors to understand how hard it is for students to make a transition,” Jones said. “We’ve also got to train parents to advocate for their children.”

The challenges faced by military children are amplified in today’s society by the growing number of young military families, the nation’s wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the deployment of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers. Of the nearly 2 million military chil-

dren, 75 percent are under the age of 12 and 40 percent are under the age of 8, and most of those children will move six to nine times while one of their parents is in the military. About 700,000 of those children have had a parent deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

“When you talk about kids who are 6 or 7 years old, they have only lived in a world when war is going on and they have a family member that is deployed,” Jones said. “And it’s not just one or two deployments. We’re talking three, four, five deployments. And when those parents come back, they are different. We are trying to get school counselors to be sensitive to the issues of a deployment and a return.”

In addition, there are many children of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who are “suddenly military” because of a deployment.

“Teachers might not even know what’s going on in the lives of these children,” Jones said. “We had one little girl who always went to school looking perfect and in every way she was the best student. But her teacher noticed that she started coming to school with the hair on the back of her head all matted.

“In every way, the girl was doing well, but her hair was matted. The teacher noticed and with the help of the counselor they learned that the father had been deployed and the mother was so depressed she couldn’t get out of bed. The little girl was doing her best. The teacher and counselor worked together to get the mother the help she needed.”

MCEC offers 20 programs to support military children and their parents. One of its newest programs – Living in the New Normal — deals with issues during and after a deployment.

“This program is supporting children through what is going on in the world now, the new normal,” Jones said. “Parents deploy, and they come back with head trauma or a missing limb. Or they are killed. Military children need a support network to get through these kinds of things. Everything we do is research based and is there to build a network of support for the child.”

Besides Student-2-Student, MCEC also has a Parent-2-Parent program that is an information resource for military families. MCEC also offers an Education Resource Center that provides information on school requirements in all 50 states, an arts program that features the art of military children, an early literacy program for children from birth to second grade, Space Camp scholarships, a Junior Student-2-Student to develop a student-led support group in middle schools, an Interactive Counseling Center that provides online help with relocating to a new school, “Tell Me A Story,” an empowerment program the uses literature and encourages military children to tell their own stories, and other programs.

Throughout the community, MCEC works with coalition partners that support military children. MCEC provides a handbook for Garrison commanders and a reference guide for school superintendents that includes ideas for providing support to military children. And

MCEC has a partnership with Sesame Street to provide a “Talk, Listen, Connect” outreach effort for military families and young children.

“We have to be proactive in helping the children,” Jones said. “I know how valuable it is to be involved with your children because of the issues I faced with my three daughters. MCEC is an organization that will advocate for military children and their parents during frequent moves, deployments and difficult times.”

As part of her responsibilities, Jones works throughout the nation with various communities, raising funds for MCEC programs and

assisting with developing programs that continue to promote quality educational opportunities for all military children. She hopes MCEC becomes well-known in the local community for the support it provides its military children, and the children of transferring or deployed DoD civilians.

For more information about the MCEC Golf Classic, contact Jones at nancy.jones@militarychild.org or 585-2616. For more information on MCEC, visit its website at www.militarychild.org.

## Redstone Arsenal Environmental Program Public Comment Period – April 8-May 7, 2009 Non-Time-Critical Removal Action Destruction of Chemical Agent Identification Sets (CAIS) items found at RSA-052 Inactive Munitions Demil & Disposal Area and RSA-110 Former Chemical Drum Storage Area

The U.S. Army Garrison at Redstone Arsenal is performing a Non-Time-Critical Removal Action (NTCRA) to destroy the Chemical Agent Identification Sets (CAIS) found during investigations at sites RSA-052 Inactive Munitions Demil & Disposal Area and RSA-110 Former Chemical Drum Storage Area. The WWII-era CAIS bottles likely contain distilled mustard agent. They were found encased in PIG containers on RSA-052 and RSA-110 during site investigation activities in 1994/1995 and moved to Igloo B-8632 to await destruction. The technology to destroy the CAIS items is now available and is scheduled to be mobilized to Redstone Arsenal in May 2009. The Single CAIS Access and Neutralization System (SCANS) is a contained system used to access and neutralize a single CAIS item. Following neutralization, the entire SCANS container is overpacked in USDOT-approved containers and disposed of as hazardous waste. Because of the risk associated with continuing to store items potentially containing distilled mustard agent, the Army has elected to destroy the items under a Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) removal action. An Action Memorandum/CAIS Destruction Plan was prepared in March 2009 to describe the activities to be undertaken in the destruction effort.

The Action Memorandum/CAIS Destruction Plan is available for review and comment at the following locations through May 7, 2009:

- Redstone Arsenal Office of the Installation Restoration Branch, Environmental Management Division, Building 4488, Room 327L
- Triana Public Library (Triana Youth Center), 280 Zierdt Road, Triana, Alabama
- Huntsville/Madison County Public Library, Heritage Room, 915 Monroe Street, Huntsville, Alabama
- [www.environmental.redstone.army.mil](http://www.environmental.redstone.army.mil) under Public Notices or via an email request to [environmentaloffice@redstone.army.mil](mailto:environmentaloffice@redstone.army.mil)

This Removal Action is not the final remedy for sites RSA-052 and RSA-110. The CAIS destruction effort is needed prior to the selection of the final remedies at these sites. The final remedies will be selected at a later date following another public comment period.

**For more information, to receive a copy in the mail, or to send comments about the Action Memorandum/CAIS Destruction Plan, contact:**

Commander  
U.S. Army Garrison Redstone  
Attention: IMSE-RED-PA  
Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35898-5020  
Telephone: (256) 876-4161; Fax: (256) 955-0133  
E-mail: [Redstone.PAO@conus.army.mil](mailto:Redstone.PAO@conus.army.mil)



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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.

### 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.dtlphia.org](http://www.dtlphia.org).

### Benefit 10K

The Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation Run/Walk/March for the Cure 10K is April 18 at 11 a.m. in downtown Huntsville. This inaugural event is a tribute to the late Leroy J. Williams, who worked at the AMCOM Acquisition Center. For more information, visit [www.musicmovesme10k.org](http://www.musicmovesme10k.org).

### Walkathon

Walk4Hearing, sponsored by the Huntsville Delta Zeta Alumna and the Hearing Loss Association of America, will be held May 16 at the Bridge Street

Town Centre, Huntsville Hospital Walking Trail. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the walk at 10. Goals are to raise awareness about the causes and consequences of hearing loss and to raise funds to provide information and support for people with hearing loss. For more information, go to <http://hlaa.convio.net> and click on Huntsville.

### Senior softball

Senior Rockets softball gives an opportunity for men over 55 years old and all skill levels to participate in a slow pitch softball program. Practices are Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. at field 4 of Brahan Spring Park. For more information, call Lynn Deibler 885-0498 or Fred Garcia 883-1135.

### Walk at work

Fox Army Health Center Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion encourages everyone in the Redstone community to wear sneakers to work and unite in the National Start Walking at Work Day on April 8. For individual coaching sessions or to schedule classes at your organization, call health promotion educator Rick Stock 955-8888, ext. 1443.

### MCEC golf classic

The first Military Child Education Coalition Golf Classic will be April 20 at The Ledges beginning with a welcome and registration at 11 a.m. and a shotgun start tournament at noon. There will also be a

light lunch, a putting contest, and dinner and awards. The tournament fee is \$400 per player and \$1,600 for a foursome. There are also corporate sponsorship opportunities that include golf teams. Funds raised from the golf classic will provide financial support for MCEC's programs and initiatives to support highly mobile military-connected children and their families, both nationwide and in Madison County. For more information about the golf classic or MCEC, contact Nancy Jones at [nancy.jones@militarychild.org](mailto:nancy.jones@militarychild.org) or 585-2616 or visit the MCEC website at [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org).



## 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.

### Ethics symposium

The University of Alabama-Huntsville will hold an ethics symposium for government contractors April 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shelby Center for Science and Technology. Registrants will further benefit from concurrent sessions on federal contract accounting, technology transfer, and other critical issues in government contracting. Keynote speakers include UAH alumnae Cheryl Scarboro, associate director in the Division of Enforcement at the Securities and Exchange Commission and Joe Ritch, chair of the Tennessee Valley BRAC organization. UAH is partnering with the Ethics and Compliance Officer Association for the symposium. For more information, call 824-6397.

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## **Engineer society**

ASME will meet today at 11:30 a.m. at the University of Alabama-Huntsville's Von Braun Research Hall, room M50. The UAH ASME Student Chapter will present its entry in NASA's Great Moon Buggy Race at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. One professional development hour will be awarded attendees. Lunch cost is \$10. For reservations call James Denson 883-2531 or e-mail [jjdenson@reiszeng.com](mailto:jjdenson@reiszeng.com).

## **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 Alphasella McRae 313-1957.

## **Info technology conference**

Register today for the ninth annual Redstone Arsenal Information Technology Security and Assurance Conference and Expo scheduled April 14-15 at Bob Jones Auditorium. There is no registration fee.

Register at <http://www.technologyforums.com/9RE>.

## **Civil War discussion**

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Thomas Flagel, author and historian from Columbia State Community College in Columbia, Tenn., where he teaches history, will speak on "Appomattox — The Place of Lee's Surrender and National Resurrection." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.

## **Space society**

HAL5 (National Space Society chapter) will have its monthly meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St. The speaker is Dr. Travis Taylor, a scientist, engineer and author. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 506-3833.

## **Union meeting**

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858 invites all

union leaders who represent employees on Redstone Arsenal to join AFGE's union leaders for a lunch meeting to discuss forming a Redstone Labor Coalition on April 24 from 11-noon at building 3202 on Mauler Road. "The lunch will be on us," a prepared release said. RSVP by calling administrative assistant Mae Nell Perkins 876-4880 by April 15.

## **Logistics tools workshop**

Logistics Support Activity and the Council of Logistics Engineering Professionals announce the 2009 Life Cycle Logistics Tools Workshop and Users Group Conference and Seminar, May 12-14 at the Holiday Inn, downtown Huntsville. Registration fee is \$199, which includes catered lunches all three days. Register before April 10 and receive a \$24 discount; and CLEP members will save an additional 10 percent. Redstone Arsenal employees register through TIPS under the course title "Life Cycle Logistics Tool

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Workshop and Users Group," catalogue number F93LCLT. For more information or to register, visit [www.logisticsengineers.org](http://www.logisticsengineers.org).

## **Pathfinder conference**

The Pathfinder Chapter of the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International will hold its 20th annual Symposium on April 21-23 at the Von Braun Center. The registration fees are: students \$95, government/military \$395, and industry \$460. The fees also include reception, breakfasts and lunches. To register call 824.6010 or visit the website [www.auvsipathfinder.com/symposium.html](http://www.auvsipathfinder.com/symposium.html).

## **Air/missile defense summit**

The Tennessee Valley Chapters of the National Defense Industrial Association, Women in Defense and the Huntsville

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Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association are planning the fourth annual Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Summit. This event is April 6-9 in Huntsville. Attendance is by invitation only. For more information, visit the website [www.JIAMDsummit.org](http://www.JIAMDsummit.org).

## Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is April 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. This month's luncheon will be an ASMC "Financial" Fashion Show featuring fashions from Belk's and chapter members as models. For ticket information, call Kim Ouattara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

## Worldwide logistics workshop

Logistics Support Activity will sponsor the 2009 Worldwide Logistics Training Workshop on April 20-24. Approximately 1,100 logistics experts from around the globe are expected. Using the theme "Army Logistics Integration - On a Joint/Combined Battlefield," LOGSA will offer briefings and training on applications and systems. More than 100 subjects will be covered this year. WLTW 2009 will have more than 20 exhibitor presentations which will be open to the entire Redstone community at designated times throughout the workshop. To attend this conference, register online by April 10 at [www.logsa.army.mil/wltw\\_2009/index.cfm](http://www.logsa.army.mil/wltw_2009/index.cfm).

## Tactical missiles conference

The 11th annual AUSA Tactical Missiles Conference is May 18-19 at the Von Braun Center North Hall. This conference is to provide an open forum for the presentation of current and future Army tactical missile programs in a collaborative government and industry environment. For registration and information, call Tom Newberry 922-9300 ext. 131 or e-mail [tommie.newberry@irtc-hq.com](mailto:tommie.newberry@irtc-hq.com).

## Operations research

The national Military Applications Society of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences will hold a conference April 7-8 at the Huntsville Embassy Suites. The theme is "OR/MS for a New Century: Applying the

Right Stuff." For more information, call Greg Parlier 864-8310 or visit the website <http://www.informs.org/site/mas>.

## Administrative professionals

The Huntsville Chapter IAAP sixth annual Seminar and Education Forum is April 21 at the Redstone Federal Credit Union Technology Center, 220 Wynn Drive. Keynote speaker is John Croyle, founder and executive director of Big Oak Ranch Inc. and a former football All-American at the University of Alabama. Registration deadline is April 14. To register go to [www.iaaphsv.org](http://www.iaaphsv.org).



## 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

or Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### Surplus sales

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

### Motorcycle safety

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

### Reserve unit

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

### Officer candidates

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

information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Stacy Hopwood and 1st Sgt. Brian May 539-6511 or 539-6512.

### Pilots wanted

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

### 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

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NUS 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.

### 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 Thursday. 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>.

### Deployed recognition

Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles invites you to the Team Redstone

at 1 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. More than 40 Team Redstone servicemembers, civilians and contractors will be recognized for their service and sacrifice in support of OEF/OIF while conducting Redstone operations in theater. Honorees include representation from AMCOM, AMC, LOGSA, AMRDEC, MSIC, IMMC, Garrison, PEO for Aviation, PEO for Missiles and Space, and other organizations.

### 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 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.

### 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. If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-8563 to arrange delivery or pickup of those items.

### 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 \$30 through May 15, and \$35 on the day of show. For ticket locations and more information, call 876-4531 or visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### Mr. Man Premiere

The 2009 "Mr. Man Premiere" is scheduled Sept. 19 at the Marriott Hotel near the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. The contestant lineup thus far includes a doctor, Army officer, Navy officer, Air Force recruiter, Madison fireman/Marine, Madison police officer, engineer, and a minor league baseball player. For more information, call 278-8862 or 683-3083.

### NARFE scholarships

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association is accepting applications for its 2009 scholarship awards. NARFE scholarships are available to the child or grandchild of any NARFE member. All applicants for the \$1,000 scholarships must be current high school seniors with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Deadline for applications is April 30. For more information, call 536-6057 or 519-3327.

### Military family grants

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association conducts an annual community support grant program. Local tax exempt organizations



that qualify under Section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code may apply for one of the grants. The grant is designed to support organizations and activities directly contributing to the education, health or social welfare of Soldiers and military families. Representatives of eligible organizations may request a grant application from ADAA Grant Committee chairman Ron Sumera 774-6029. The deadline is April 8.

### Commissary sale

A Commissary On-Site Sale will be held April 17-19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Birmingham ANG Base, AASF No. 2 Hangar, 5700 East Lake Blvd., Birmingham. "The Commissary - it's worth the trip," a prepared release said.

### Infantry reunion

All veterans of the 88th Infantry (Blue Devil) Division and Trieste U.S. Forces (TRUST) are invited to join the Southeastern chapter, 88th Infantry Division Association, at its 56th reunion April 2-5 at the Holiday Inn North in Columbus, Ga. For more information, call Robert L. McCall 881-6325.

### Earth Day celebration

Redstone Arsenal will celebrate the 39th annual Earth Day on April 22 with an event for local schoolchildren from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Path to Nature. For more information, call 876-3977.

### Last Supper event

Bicentennial Chapel will present "The Living Last Supper," an hour of drama, music and worship, April 8 at 7 p.m.

Admission is free.

### Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on April 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone as outlined in Commander's Letter 005-08. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breedon, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop has received a large donation of new toys and jewelry. It's open Tuesdays from 9-4, Wednesdays 9-4, Thursdays 9-5 and the first Saturday from 10-2.

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## New employees

The New Employee Orientation for civilian employees is June 9 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. Participants will receive training to orient them to federal employment and the installation. For more information call Latoya Davis Ragan 313-0286 or Jessie McCray 876-4803, CPAC human resources specialists. To obtain a space in this course, you must register by June 8 in TIP at <https://tip.redstone.army.mil>.

## Ballet concert

Huntsville Ballet will present two performances at the Von Braun Concert Hall on Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Military receives half-price tickets to this "Discover Dance." Ticket prices are \$15, \$18 and \$20. For more information, call Phillip Otto 539-0961.

## National Guard concert

The 40 members of the Alabama National Guard 151st Army Band, commanded and conducted by Chief Warrant Officer Mark Mills, will perform a free public concert at the north end of the Bridge Street Town Centre on Saturday at 2 p.m. The band will play an arrangement of jazz, patriotic and modern pieces.

## Stress relief

A Stress Management Class with a humorous slant will be offered free at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road, on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class will be taught by Rick Stock, health promotion educator at Fox Army Health Center. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Cookies will be provided. Please register by calling 876-5397.

## Defense association awards

The Redstone Arsenal community is invited to a National Defense Industrial Association awards dinner hosted by the association's Tennessee Valley chapter on

April 20 at the Huntsville Marriott. This year's Medaris Award will be presented during the dinner to retired Army Maj. Gen. James Snider. Several other awards, including the Defense Leadership Awards, Defense Management Awards, Defense Technology Awards, scholarships for local university students and fellowships for Tennessee Valley graduate students, will also be presented. The event begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person or \$400 for a corporate table for eight. To register online go to <http://www.ndia-tvc.org>. For payment via credit card, call Sigma Services 533-6986. If paying by check, make payment to NDIA-TVC, 2610 Artie St., Huntsville, AL 35805.

## Tech writers workshop

The UAH English Department and the Huntsville/North Alabama chapter of STC will hold an all-day workshop on Extensible Markup Language for Tech Writers on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at UAH's Salmon Library. The workshop is the first in a series of two on XML, both open to the public, and requires some experience with XML. The second in the series is XSL for Technical Writers on April 11. Cost for each workshop is \$100 for non-STC members, \$60 for members and UAH faculty, and \$40 for students. Reservations are required by today and can be made by calling 824-6321.

## Career fair

The Redstone Arsenal Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Fair will be April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711 (corner of Patton and Aerobee roads). More than 20 employers and recruiterse from the government and industry will participate in this event. The career fair is only open to job seekers that already have access to the military installation (Military ID or CAC Card), that have a federal security clearance and that have experience in the

information technology, technical, communications, aerospace, engineering, scientific, military, government, contractor and intelligence fields. Attendees can pre-register by creating a Job Seeker Account Profile at <http://www.TransitionCareers.com>, posting their resume to this profile and selecting the Redstone Arsenal career fair. The career fair is hosted by Redstone Arsenal, Army Community Service, and Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation.

## Pets benefit

Nothing But Noodles is joining the animal rescue group, A New Leash on Life Inc., to raise money for homeless and abandoned pets in Madison County. Every time you eat at either Madison County Nothing But Noodles during April, the restaurant will donate 10 percent of your order to A New Leash on Life. Restaurant locations are 6125 University Drive and 4800 Whitesburg Drive. You must submit the benefit flyer every visit. You can print the flyer and obtain more information about this event by visiting [www.anewleash.org](http://www.anewleash.org). Please share this flyer with co-workers, friends, family and anyone else who wants to support homeless and abandoned animals.

## Military spouses

The Department of Defense is implementing the Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Program, providing educational and training resources and assistance to spouses of active duty servicemembers, and Guard and Reserve Soldiers currently on orders. The resources and assistance are provided to assist spouses in their pursuit of a successful, long-term, portable career. This centralized, virtual program, accessed through Military OneSource, will provide counseling and funding, up to \$6,000, to assist with licensure,

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certification or education opportunities leading to portable employment opportunities. Interested spouses should call the Military OneSource Center at 800-342-9647 to speak with a career and education consultant, and to choose a career goal and determine a career plan. Once the plan is approved, funding will be provided for education, training, certification or licensure. Program specifics are available at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).

## Car show benefit

"Cars and Camouflage" car show, benefiting Army Emergency Relief and Honor Flight, is April 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bridge Street Town Centre, on the corner of Research Park Boulevard and Old Madison Pike. The host is Vets with Vettes and Corvette Owners. Pre-registration is \$15 by April 10, or pay \$20 the day of the show. For more information, call Ted Whitney 679-2055. Pre-register online at [www.vetswithvettes.us](http://www.vetswithvettes.us).

## Acquisition careerists

Applications are being accepted through April 30 for the 2009 Senior Service College Fellowship Program-Huntsville which begins July 27. Eligible applicants are Department of the Army civilian Acquisition Corps members who occupy permanent positions in grades GS-14 and 15 or broadband equivalent. Persons interested in applying for the 2009 SSCF Program must respond under this announcement. The official announcement can be accessed at [https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/SSCF\\_09.pdf](https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/SSCF_09.pdf). Eligible applicants are encouraged to contact their Acquisition Career Manager before submitting an application to ensure application criteria is met. ACM contact information can be found at <http://asc.army.mil/organization/western/default.cfm>.