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Saluting our military children

Month of the Military Child
celebrated Armywide in April

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With April comes spring — and the Army's Month of the Military Child.

This year's month-long awareness of military-connected children kicked off April 1 with a ribbon cutting at the Child Development Center, followed by a parade and an impromptu dance festival for all the children and their teachers.

"For the last 23 years, the month of April has been used to provide us an opportunity to pay tribute to our nation's youngest heroes," said Kara Pleasant, president of Redstone Arsenal's Parent Advisory Council, who spoke at the kickoff ceremony.

"This is our time to recognize the unique challenges and struggles they face as well as acknowledge their contributions and unconditional support of our troops."

When a Soldier is deployed, his whole family must endure the separation. But that separation often falls hardest on the youngest members of the household, said Andre Terry, chief of Child, Youth and School Services.

"The Month of the Military Child is more than a recognition of our children. It's also a reflection of the strength of our families, and the support roles families, and especially children, have when their Soldier is deployed," Terry said.

"We have all come to realize that if we are family strong then we are Army strong. Family members, and especially youth and children, are affected by deployments and multiple deployments. We must work to keep families strong during a time of big sacrifices."

Children don't have a say in whether a parent will be deployed, and that makes them very special heroes, Pleasant said.

"They accept and understand there is a job to be done," she said. "So, if you have children and they have a deployed parent during this month, give them all the hugs and kisses they are missing. Give them understanding when they cry ... praise when they do something good ... but above all give them love because our children have the biggest and bravest hearts of all."

While the Month of the Military Child does put the focus on military-connected children, the children of DoD civilians, contractors and NASA civilians are also welcome to participate in the month's special



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SOLDIER DAD— Master Sgt. Rick Bauer enjoys some warm hugs from his children, 4-year-old twins RaeLeigh and Coleman, during the April 1 kickoff celebration for the Month of the Military Child at the Child Development Center. Bauer works at Fox Army Health Center.

activities on Redstone Arsenal.

"We are all a family here on post," Terry said.

Besides the kickoff parade last week, the month's activities included a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new School Age Services Center on Friday. There are several other upcoming events.

This Friday, April 10, children will participate in Olympics Day at the soccer field off Goss Road.

"It will be a fun day of obstacle courses

and physical activity for the children," Terry said. "They'll run, play, crawl and jump. It's sort of an organization day for children."

Although Olympics Day is focused on the children of CDC, Terry said it is also open to home-school children or children not associated with CDC who would like to participate with their parents.

This Saturday, April 11, the annual Redstone Arsenal Easter Egg Hunt will once

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An open lane random survey

What is the best thing you ever found
in your Easter basket?

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Larry Keel
Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation
"The best thing I ever found was three
candied apples and a candied pear. My
grandmother used to make them."

Mike Ackerman
FMWR

"The Whizzer – it was a top back in the
late 1980s. You could stack them and
pull the string."



Pvt. Steve Phillips
Alabama National Guard
"Money eggs were always great."

Sgt. Gilbert Romero
832nd Ordnance Battalion

"I found a card from my wife and son
last year."



Quote of the week

'They have Easter egg hunts in Philadelphia,
and if the kids don't find the eggs, they get
booed.'

— Bob Uecker

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for remembering veteran

Last month, I took on the responsibility of disinter-
ring and reintering the body of Vietnam War vet-
eran Blendon "BJ" Jones, who had recently been
buried in a pauper's grave. I was not alone in my efforts
to give this veteran the burial he deserved — a burial
with full military honors. This task was an honorable
one and those listed below stood with me throughout
this situation. I wanted to take a moment to tell the
folks at Redstone Arsenal how much I appreciate their
assistance in this difficult time.

Some of you had money, some of you had time, all
of you cared. My heart is on my sleeve as I express
my appreciation.

In my eulogy at the graveside service, and with the
permission of the spouse and before the people of Alaba-
ma, I thanked you then and I thank you now for standing
with me to support our veterans. I know that none of you
do this for thanks and none of you do this for recognition.
I know that. I must tell you that, working with many vol-
unteer organizations; building wheelchair ramps for
CASA; working with our warrant officer scholarships;
working with Honor Flight, etc., that I always see the
people that have all the talk ... I often don't get to see
people like you guys ... the people who actually walk the
walk. What an honor to walk with you.

I know you don't look to be recognized, but ... this
was my team, those that actually made it happen. I salute
the following people and organizations for their support:
Lee Marshall, WAFF, Channel 48; the Patriot Guard Rid-
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wood; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; Veterans of Foreign
Wars, Post 5162; former Huntsville Mayor Loretta
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Gardens; Joe Ausfahl, our Honor Flight bagpiper; Sgt.
1st Class Beier, our Army bugler; the Military Order of
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Honor Guard dispatched by Redstone Arsenal Casualty
Assistance; the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal
Organizations Coalition; the Redstone Arsenal Chapter
of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association; and all
the people who stood vigil on shifts in honor of Blendon
Jones outside the funeral home.

May God bless you and keep you for all you do.

Max Bennett

president of Redstone Arsenal Chapter,
Army Warrant Officers Association

Getting to know you

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Implementation team member

Where do you call home?
Savannah, Ga.

What do you like about your job?

The challenge. It's a good
challenge every day. The
implementation team assists
the program managers for all
of our aircraft, including the
Kiowa, Chinook, Black
Hawk, UAS. We assist them
with equipping the aircraft
with condition-based mainte-
nance. We assist once we're
done with the installs. We
monitor them, check out the
training and help manage the
install program. We assist
PEO Aviation with taking care of the aircraft.



What do you like to do in your spare time?

I ride a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Sometimes I
ride with a few partners, sometimes with HOG
(Harley Davidson Group). On weekends, I like to take
off and go out 150 miles in any direction. I like riding
the country roads and seeing the scenery. It's great to
be free for a little while.

What are your goals?

Professionally, to assist the aviation units with getting
the most modern aircraft. We help the Soldier by giv-
ing them the best equipment possible to do their job.
I'm a retired aviation branch command sergeant major
still serving Soldiers. Personally, I want to ride cross
country on my motorcycle. I want to plan a trip to the
Blue Ridge (Appalachian Mountains) and ride down
through the Dragon Trail that has 318 turns in 11 miles.
I also want to ride the Natchez Trace in Mississippi.

What's your favorite type of music?

Soft rock.

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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for March 26 through April 1:

March 27: Four subjects unlawfully used and possessed controlled substances. Investigation continues by CID.

March 28: A motorist at Gate 10 did not have a driver's license with him. An NCIC check revealed his license had been suspended. He was issued a violation notice and the vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

March 28: At Gate 1, a motorist did not have a driver's license with him. An NCIC check revealed his license had been suspended. He was issued a violation notice and the vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

March 29: At Gate 10, another motorist had a suspended license. He

received a violation notice and the vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

March 30: A Soldier was transported to Crestwood Medical Center after he drank a tainted beverage.

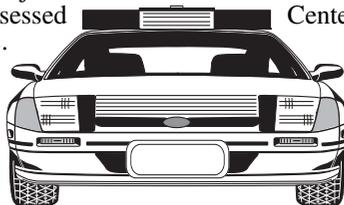
March 31: A civilian reported that his vehicle was damaged while it was parked in the Sparkman Center parking lot.

March 31: A Soldier reported that someone unlawfully used his credit card.

March 31: At Gate 3, a civilian accidentally ran over stop sticks, damaging a tire.

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

Violation notices issued: 9 speeding, 3 driving while suspended, 2 handicap parking, 3 traffic control device.



Artillery launcher shows versatility

Both the Field Artillery Launcher and the Surfaced-Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile Product Offices successfully launched two SLAMRAAM missiles off a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System on March 10 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

This demonstrated the capability to launch air defense missiles from a field artillery launch platform. The flights also validated the feasibility of adapting the HIMARS into a common launch plat-

form for both select Air Defense Artillery missiles and traditional Field Artillery munitions.

Col. David Rice, project manager for Precision Fires Rocket and Missiles Systems, said HIMARS is being considered as a common launcher mainly because of its transportability in a C-130 aircraft.

"A common launcher would give commanders and Soldiers a more efficient and versatile platform with which they can engage both ground and air targets," he said.

Aviation Rockets teams work to boost efficiency

The PM JAMS Aviation Rockets Product Office, managed by Lt. Col. Derek Long, officially implemented a Lean Initiative through the signing March 11 of integrated product team charters.

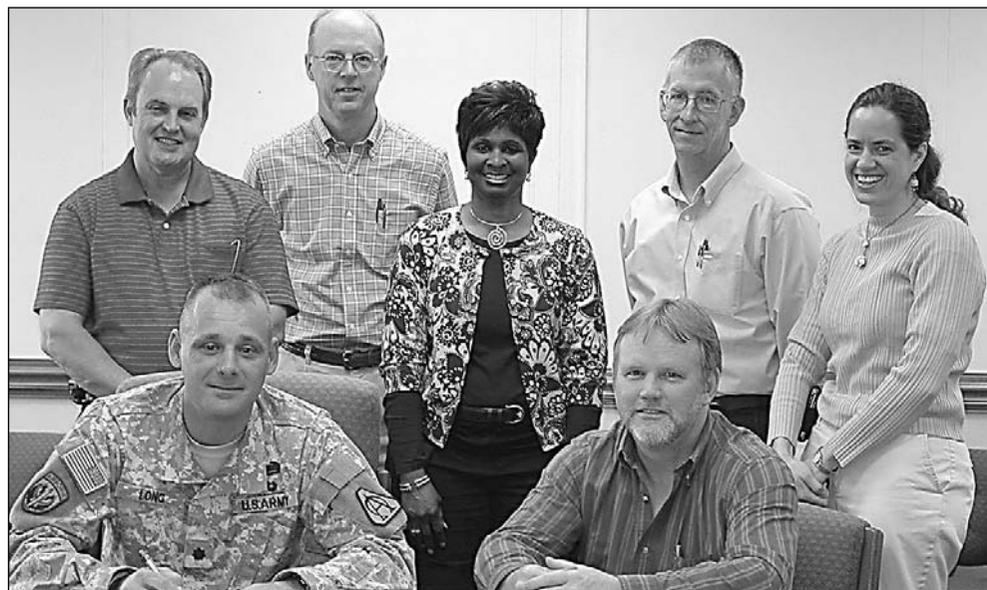
This initiative resulted from the PEO Missiles and Space green belt certification project of Gina Gastler, the Aviation Rockets All-Up-Round IPT lead.

Gastler was frustrated with the inefficiency of the decision process and realized after taking the Green Belt Course, there was a method for corrective action. The charters, one for each Aviation Rockets Production IPT — AUR, Propulsion and Payload — establishes

and identifies the mission, role, membership, responsibilities and authority of the integrated product team.

The charters will foster teamwork and leverage combined government and industry resources and expertise in the production of Hydra 70 rockets.

Gastler's green belt project indicates there will be a projected first-year savings of approximately \$25,000 and ultimately provide the war fighter with a more valuable product. The follow-on projects will be the creation of an Aviation Rockets Senior IPT charter and possibly charters for design IPTs. (Aviation Rockets release)



Courtesy photo

SIGNING EVENT— Seated are Lt. Col. Derek Long, left, Aviation Rockets product manager; and Mark Shackelford, GDATP Hydra program manager. Standing are Bill Wharton GDATP AUR IPT co-lead; Larry Ingram, GDATP Payload IPT co-lead; Daphne Henry, Propulsion IPT co-lead; Stacy Walbridge, GDATP Propulsion IPT co-lead; and Gina Gastler, AUR IPT co-lead.

Activities planned throughout month for Arsenal children

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again take place at Vincent Park. This community-wide event will begin at 11 a.m.

Other events include the CDC open house on April 16 from 4:30-5:30 p.m., a visit by Spiderman at the CDC on April 17 beginning at 9:30 a.m. and at the SASC beginning at 3:30 p.m., and a visit to the CDC by the Bob Jones Drumline on April 27. During the week of April 19, which is the Week of the Military Child, special activities are planned for each day for the

children at the CDC, with parents invited to a barbecue lunch on April 24. The month-long recognition will end on May 2 with the annual block party beginning at 1 p.m. outside the Youth Center on Vincent Road.

"Everything at the block party is free," Terry said. "There will be vendors, games, entertainment, food, arts and crafts, face painting. It is free and open to anyone who can get on post. DoD civilians, contractors and NASA employees — we'd love for them to bring their children."

Besides planned activities, families might also want to take time out to recognize the Month of the Military Child by

organizing their own special activity.

"Families should think about doing something special that they don't normally do," Terry said. "There are a lot of things right here on the Arsenal that families can enjoy. They can go for a walk on one of the nature trails, bowl at the bowling center, enjoy a book at the library, have a picnic at one of our parks, any number of things."

In recognition of the children of Redstone Arsenal personnel, Terry said Child and Youth Services has now waived all registration fees for children who want to sign up for one of its many programs.

"Children can now register for free to participate in our sports program, any of

our instructional programs, participation at CDC or SASC, summer camp and other activities," Terry said.

"We are doing this because we recognize that keeping all our families strong supports our Soldiers. That's important to fulfilling the mission of our Army covenant. A lot of families, especially these days, can't afford \$30 or \$40 per child to register them. If you want to get your kids involved in our outstanding programs, now's the time to do it. We can provide all employees the luxury and convenience of bringing their child on post to participate in our programs, especially during the summer months when many older children are left home alone."

School Age Services has new center for growth

Building dedicated in honor of the late Myra Garriott

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There's nothing like sitting around a table eating pizza and drinking punch with your buds.

And that's exactly what six young boys were doing Friday during a reception following the grand opening and dedication of the Myra M. Garriott School Age Services Center.

As they sat in the atrium of the new multi-functional, 23,160-square-foot building, the boys talked about their old SAS facility and the new center. All around them were the physical signs of the Army's commitment to children – a gift that includes four activity rooms, an arts and crafts room, a computer lab and homework center, two youth education rooms, a youth demo kitchen and a gym/multi-purpose room.

"It's better than the old building," said 8-year-old Joseph Gordon.

Although his friend John Reid liked the playground better at the old building, he did concede that the new center had both outside and inside play areas, and plenty of room to spread out.

"Dude, we've got game station here," Joseph told John.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

IN MEMORY OF MYRA— Redstone Arsenal leaders applaud after unveiling a plaque in memory of Myra Garriott that will be displayed on the front exterior wall of the new School Age Services Center. Unveiling the plaque are, from left, Andre Terry, chief of Child, Youth & School Services; retired Garrison deputy commander Darrell Brewer; Larry Garriott, husband of the late Myra Garriott; Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles.

"We've got a Wii, a playground and lots of board games," added Kamardi Humphrey.

And the new building has something that will always be a draw for these boys – lots of friends to hang out with.

"I'm friends with almost everybody who goes here," John said. "We have a whole bunch of friends."

Making lots of friends is just one of many perks these boys enjoy as part of the Child Youth and School Services program. The new center, at a cost of about \$6 million, will add to the quality of care school age children receive during the time before and after school, and during the summer and holidays. It is a major improvement over the previous SAS building, which



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FUN PLACE— Cristobal Santos-Burgos, Randy Owens and Tyriq Haywood share a laugh after the SASC dedication ceremony which they attended with their pre-kindergarten class from the Child Development Center.

was a renovated enlisted club.

The center was a dream of Myra Garriott, who led Child and Youth Services in the late 1990s and early 2000s before she died of cancer. Work on the building was taken over by Andre Terry, who is now chief of Child Youth and School Services.

Garriott's name is showcased as part of the building's name on the high exterior wall facing Goss Road, and a plaque honoring her efforts will be posted to the front of the building, accessible from Vincent Road. The plaque reads "Dedicated in

Record turnout for FMWR library's open house

By AMELIA FLANIGAN
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The international flavor of this year's Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Library Open House was a big hit March 31.

Active duty, civilians and contractors

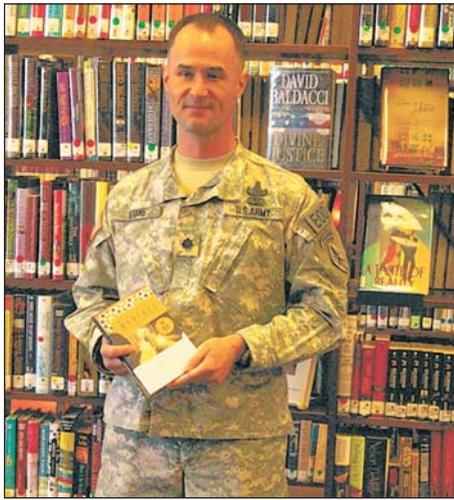


Photo by Amelia Flanigan

GOOD READING— Lt. Col. Mike Evans helps himself to a book during the FMWR Post Library open house March 31.

began pouring into the facility shortly before 10 a.m. to get their free copies of "The Thief and the Dogs" by Egyptian Nobel Laureate Naguid Mahfouz. The novel is the featured work for the 2009 Big Read in Madison County.

"I'm impressed how enthusiastic our community is to embrace a writer from such a different culture," Post Library director Gail Alden said.

Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, gourmet coffee and tea while they read by the fire in the library's sitting area or just browsed through the stacks. Many had their names printed in color hieroglyphics by the library staff. Upon entering, each attendee was given a door prize ticket which gave them the opportunity to choose another free novel to take home with them courtesy of the library.

"This is the best turnout I've seen since I've been with the library, there were a lot of people here that had never been before. It's great!" said Laura Howell, library staff member.

The Big Read Egypt/U.S. is a collaborative Global Cultural Initiative project of the U.S. Department of State and the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Post Library participated as an invited partner with the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library.

"We are so honored to have been invited to participate by the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. This has been a wonderful partnership," Alden said.

Many newcomers were impressed by the library's collection of works and friendly staff.

"The RSA Library is the most user friendly that we have seen since we have been in the Army," said Lt. Col. Mike Evans, whose wife has become a volunteer at the library. "The staff is incredibly

helpful and welcoming. Our children feel very comfortable there and I am sure that it has contributed to their love of reading."

Near the close of the event, guests ate pizza from Papa John's and cookies for dessert. The Post Library has many books and movies about Egypt available for checkout and information on the Tut Exhibit currently being shown in Atlanta.

For more information on the Post Library, call 876-4741 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

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:

Easter Sunday brunch

Sunday at the Officers and Civilians Club. The Easter Bunny will be hopping by. Call 830-2582 for tickets.

Easter Egg hunt

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

FMWR and Whistle Stop

For the first time ever, FMWR will be selling tickets to the Whistle Stop Barbecue event in downtown Huntsville. FMWR will also be competing in the competition, so come down and see your FMWR "Barbecue" at this year's Whistle Stop. Tickets are being sold at the Recreation Center Ticket Office on the corner of Patton and Aerobee Road, 876-4531; the Officers and Civilians Club, 830-2582; and the FMWR Membership Office, building 1500, on Weeden Mountain Rd.

Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Fair

FMWR and Army Community Service are hosting a career fair April 30 on Redstone Arsenal where job seekers with any federal security clearance can meet with more than 20 different employers and recruiters from government and industry. Anyone with an information technology, technical, engineering, aerospace/missile, communications, military, government, contractor or intelligence background is encouraged to attend. The April 30 event is 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.

PGA Free Fitting and Trade-Up Month

During PGA Free Fitting and Trade-Up Month, PGA professionals Jon Samuelson and Dave Atnip from The Links at Redstone will provide free 15-minute equipment fittings sessions to help golfers, regardless of skill level. The fittings will help golfers trade up to more distance by determining their proper fit. Players who get fit by a PGA professional can expect to potentially consistently drive the ball straighter and longer, hit all shots more accurately, have noticeably better distance control and save strokes with better short game execution. For more information, call 883-7977

Rumba Dance Classes

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

GSA Vendor Show

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

CYSS Little Tennis

For ages 3-10, Saturdays from April 18 to May 23 at the CYSS Tennis Courts on Goss Road. \$35 per child. Call 313-3699 for info.

US Jr. Olympic Competitions

The U.S. Junior Olympics will bring their basketball, track and field, tennis and soccer competitions to the Youth Center, building 3148. Children ages 8-13 can join CYSS for basketball on April 27, track and field on April 29, tennis on May 4 and soccer on May 6. All events begin at 4:30 p.m. Call 313-3699.

50 Games of Bowling for 50¢ each

May 1-31 get your 50-50 cards at the Bowling Center for \$25. That is only 50 cents per game. Call 876-6634.

Summer Bowling Leagues

Summer Bowling Leagues are now forming at the Redstone Bowling Center. Call 876-6634.

CYSS Block Party

May 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. on Youth Center Road. This event is free and is open to all of Redstone (including MSFC/NASA and contractors). Call 876-3704.

Golf Tournament

Join the Links for the Millie Moore Backward Scramble May 2 at 11 a.m. The cost is \$45 per person. Call 883-7977.

Mother's Day Brunch

May 10 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Treat mom to a wonderful brunch on her special day. Call 830-2582 for tickets.

Health Fair

May 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Redstone Fitness Center. Free testing, goodies and more. Call 842-2574.

Sugarland concert

May 16 on Redstone Arsenal. Open to the public. Visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Center is product of visionary who believed kids are future

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honor of Myra Garriott, a devoted mom, wife, friend and patriot whose selfless service and diligence became the cornerstone of excellence for Child Youth and School Services throughout the Army and civilian family community."

"She was passionate about building future leaders," said Darrell Brewer, who, as the former deputy Garrison commander, hired Garriott.

"She believed the future of our great country and the foundations of our freedom began with the youth, and it was her responsibility to mold our youth and develop them along the right growth path ... She was better at doing this than anyone I met in 32 years" of service.

Calling the naming of the building a "fitting payback" for her service, Brewer said "with this building her legacy will live forever."

Though the building was long in coming and experienced several construction delays, the opportunity actually to dedicate it during this year's Month of the Military Child is very appropriate, said Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

"There's not a better way to celebrate the Month of the Military Child than with this dedication and celebration today," he said.

Besides beginning the work on the School Age Services Center, Garriott accomplished many milestones while working at Redstone

Arsenal. During her first year at the Arsenal, Garriott got the CYS up to Army standards and received national accreditation, receiving the highest marks of any Army Materiel Command CYS program. She increased families involved in CYS by 280 percent and the number of children served by 530 percent.

"She made our Child and Youth Services one of the top three in the Army," Pastorelli said. "We have never diverted from the standard she set so long ago ... We are the benefactors of her passion."

The colonel said the new state-of-the-art facility will "facilitate growth and learning for our kids ... It is a testament of the commitment to the Army family covenant and to the community covenant ... We are witnesses of a dream come true for simply a lady who loved Army kids."

Although most of the attention at Redstone Arsenal goes "to the other side of the hill" to the missile and aviation systems developed here, AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles said "the center of gravity is this building and our kids. We've now got a world-class facility for our kids."

Myles thanked several community leaders who attended the dedication, including Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and representatives of several congressional offices.

"This is about bringing everyone together here to make a difference," he said. "It's what we do and what we teach our children who will be the future of our country."

Noncommissioned officer won't let words stop him

Staff sergeant progresses with speech impediment

By Spc. RYAN STROUD

59th Ordnance Brigade public affairs

Overcoming obstacles is a major part of growth in the Army. Triumphant over fear and hindrance helps develop a Soldier's desire to strive toward greatness. Sometimes you have to battle every day to excel in your career.

Such is the case with Staff Sgt. David Miron of the NCO Academy who battles a stammer when he speaks.

It's something he has been dealing with since childhood and something he refuses to let stop him from achieving his goal in the Army and in life.

"I think when I was about 4 or 5 is when I started seeing a speech therapist, and continued seeing the therapist for most of grade school," said Miron, looking back to when he first noticed his stammer.

"She was making great progress with me, but she ended up moving. The next speech therapist I had wasn't making as much progress with me, so I plateaued in progress," the Cadillac, Mich., native said. "(My condition) is more of a stammer than a stuttering. Stuttering is more saying a word again and again until it comes out, where with stammering, I just lock up inside. The harder I try to say something, the more it doesn't want to come out.

"It's very frustrating to stammer," Miron said jokingly. "I'm a very smart guy and I feel others might look at me differently. A lot of times, there's words I can't



Staff Sgt. David Miron

say or there's a mental block in saying, like certain words that start with vowels, those words I have a really hard time saying. To be honest, I really have a fear of those words and I try to avoid them. I really have a very good vocabulary but I have to say different words that are easier to say."

In Miron's final years of high school, he made a decision which would alter the course of his life.

"My brother was in the Army and I thought that was really cool, so from my junior year of high school, I knew I was going to join," Miron said. "It was 1995 and I joined as a 94Y, Integrated Family of Test Equipment."

Thrust into a new world where others would yell at you for the littlest thing, Miron headed into basic training confident and ready.

"The hardest time I had in basic was standing in the chow line and saying my meal card number," he said laughing. "Sometimes I got it and others, my friends would say it for me. It sounds strange but that was the hardest thing for me.

"But I never really had any issues with (the cadre in basic training) because most of the questions in basic ended with a 'yes drill sergeant' or 'no drill sergeant.' Because of that, I really didn't have a problem with the drill sergeants. I don't think it was a big deal for them."

One big challenge for Miron was his promotion board.

"Back in 1999, that was my first board and I really did well," he said. "My sergeant major also was a stutterer. He was on the board and helped me out. Because of that, it wasn't so bad.

"My second board, my first sergeant tried to make it a little easier for me. He went first and said he had no questions for me because I was such a good guy. That made me so nervous, I knew the rest of the questions were going to be so hard after that. The others on the board thought I was a superman or something, so they really made it harder. It was a good experience though."

Through his entire military career, Miron's biggest issues with his stammering weren't from other Soldiers, but more from himself.

"The biggest problem with stammering in the Army is my own mental block," he

said. "A lot of times I think someone is going to get upset with me if I stutter but that's never happened. The Army has been very receptive of me but the fear still never goes away."

One of Miron's challenges with his job is use of the phone.

"I really don't like talking on the phone, I just really hate it," he said. "In 2006, I was supposed to go to recruiter school. I went for a week and I stuttered and stammered so bad because I was so nervous, they strongly suggested I not do the whole recruiting thing. I was actually pleased with this decision. I'm just not good on the phone. I don't think I would have done a good job for the Army when it came time to make phone calls.

"Other than that, stammering hasn't really stopped me from achieving my goals in the Army. In 2004, I was a small group leader at the Warrior Leaders Course. I was there for two years and that was probably the best experience of my life. I would be there with a bunch of E-4s and E-5s, and for the most part, I wouldn't stutter. I was the Instructor of the Cycle three times and Aubrey Red Newman Leadership Award (recipient). It was just great, the very best assignment in my life."

While on assignment at Fort Drum, N.Y., Miron met the woman of his dreams.

"I've never really been nervous with the ladies and never stammered too much in front of them," Miron said laughing. "When I'm at home with my wife, it just

Garrison intern gives back to nature

Forester grew up in great outdoors

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Greg Hicks spent his childhood in love with the Alabama outdoors. Now working as a forester with the Garrison Intern Program, he is helping preserve the beauty and resources of the state he grew up in.

"I was always in the woods," he said. "That's where I grew up. I love my job in forestry."

Hicks graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's in forestry in 2004. Although he is an Alabama Crimson Tide fan, he said that attending a rival university wasn't as bad as one might think.

"There were other Alabama fans there, we didn't have to meet in secret or anything," he said laughing. "Auburn football was good at the time and Alabama wasn't, so they were happy to have us around."

After graduation, Hicks took a job with the state of Florida's forestry division. He spent two years there working with the community of Marianna in the Florida panhandle.

"I was a kind of liaison. If you had a question about your trees, I would come out," he said.

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After a brief stint in Georgia with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Natural Resource Conservation Service, he came to Redstone in 2007 under the now retired post forester Jesse Horton. He is thrilled to be so close to home again. Hicks is an Arab, Ala., native.

"My goal when I left college was to come back home," he said. "I wanted to be in public land management. There are two places you can do that. One is Bankhead National Forest and the other is here at Redstone."

As a forester on post, Hicks keeps a watchful eye on Redstone's trees. Part of his job includes managing prescribed burning of underbrush.

"I'm the one putting the smoke up," he said. "We do it on a three years cycle. With the ranges, we do it for hazard reduction to get some of the fuel off the ground. They're going to start fires; we try to keep them from becoming wildfires. We also improve wildlife habitat. We open



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

ON THE JOB— Garrison intern Greg Hicks is keeping an eye on Redstone's trees.

up the understory and make it easier to walk around."

He also manages tree harvesting. When a construction project calls for the clearing of trees, Hicks puts together a bid package so that contractors can not only remove the trees in question, but also use the lumber they provide.

"We want to use our resources, not waste them," he said.

Hicks isn't confined to the woods. He goes out to housing and organizational areas to check out damaged or sick trees in an effort to minimize the spread of tree diseases. A small portion of his job also

involves monitoring pest control efforts on the installation.

When Hicks isn't outdoors at work, he is outdoors at play. He's an avid golfer, but not a great one, he said. He simply enjoys the game and the time outdoors it provides. He's also a recreational fisherman. He's not picky about what he catches, as long as it cooks up nice.

"I like anything I can eat – bass, crappie, whatever," he said laughing. "Catch and release is fun, but I'd rather eat it if I can."

■ Soldier battles stammer when he speaks

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flows naturally. I really don't stutter or stammer as much unless I'm talking about work or something I have a hard time with. At work, I try to think about the easiest route to take when talking."

Miron says his wife has been a huge support to him.

"She helps me best by pretending it's not even there," he said. "Some people will try and rush me with my words, but she always waits patiently."

Soon, the Miron family will be extending with the birth of their first child, a girl.

"Isabelle Rose is her name. Of course it's a vowel name, so it's hard for me to say," Miron said laughing. "I'm going to try to be very fluent with her."

While looking back, Miron felt his stammering might have begun within his own family.

"I think my speech issues might have come from my father stuttering. Since it's only during certain situations and times, I don't think I'm a medical stammerer or stutterer, I think it's more of a social stutter."

Looking to the future, Miron has high hopes for further success in the Army.

"I like the atmosphere here on Redstone. I like the Soldiers and helping out with training and trying to develop the future of the Army," he said. "My plans and goals are to go past 20 years and see where it takes me. I love the military; I want to be a part of it as long as I can."

Miron also plans on submitting a Warrant Officer Candidate School packet soon.

He had some words of encouragement for those in the Army who might also stammer or stutter.

"If someone stutters, just slow down and relax. Try and remember you're speaking with someone who will be patient and is not going to be mad at you for your stutter," he said. "For someone who doesn't stammer or stutter, just know we're smart people who just have a hard time getting stuff out. Just relax a bit with us and show that person it's OK. If they make the situation less threatening or hostile, things run a lot smoother."

Vehicles get extra protection from enemy explosives

Tobyhanna depot builds steel bracket prototype

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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Tobyhanna has partnered with Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., to build a device that will help protect war fighters against the threat of improvised explosive devices.

The RG-33 IED Roller Interface Bracket prototype passed a fit test in February just months after engineers and employees here started working on the project.

Preliminary drawings of the prototype were received in November. Once a few minor design modifications were approved, and a plan was in place, workers set about fabricating parts, and assembling and finishing the bracket.

“It took employees in several shops just two weeks to complete the job,” said Joseph Bianco, logistics management specialist, Production Management Directorate. “Upon acceptance of testing, Tobyhanna will continue to fabricate an additional nine brackets.”

The 643-pound steel bracket is used to attach Self-Protection Adaptive Roller Kits to combat vehicles.

Roller kits provide contact with the ground, causing pressure-sensitive triggers to detonate an IED on the roller, forcing as much of the blast down and out as possible, as opposed to underneath the vehicle.

Before SPARK, there was no IED roller kit available to Soldiers for a tactical wheeled vehicle platform, according to an article published last year by Lt. Col. Karl Borjes. Borjes is the product manager for IED Defeat/Protect Force at Picatinny. He described the SPARK as a modular IED roller system designed to be mounted on tactical wheeled platforms. SPARK was first fielded in March 2007.



Army photo

ON THE MOVE— A Humvee equipped with SPARK – Self-Protective Adaptive Roller Kit — and a Rhino IED detection system is put through its paces at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz. The Tobyhanna-manufactured RG-33 IED Roller Interface Brackets will be used to attach the SPARK to each vehicle. SPARK has undergone endurance testing at both Yuma and Aberdeen Test Center, Md., to ensure it was field ready for deployment to the theater of operations.

Corpus Christi Depot installs targeting system

Apache helicopter receives upgrade

By **BRIGITTE RODRIGUEZ**
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CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT, Texas — An exciting upgrade has arrived at Corpus Christi, marking a revolution in attack helicopters within the past five years.

An AH-64 Apache, equipped with a new sighting and targeting system, caused a bit of a stir in the Directorate

of Aircraft Production as depot employees tested the technological marvel. This is the first Modernized Target Acquisition Designation Sight/Pilot Night Vision Sensor installation completing Crash Damage Overhaul at the depot.

Corpus Christi Army Depot, located in South Texas, specializes in helicopters seeking overhaul, maintenance and repair. Previously, all Apaches getting serviced at Corpus Christi came with the older sighting system, Target Acquisition Designation Sight/Pilot Night Vision Sensor. The MTADS was delivered to Corpus Christi where installation and operation training was conducted

and signed off.

Designed for safe flight in day, night or bad weather missions, its visionics design is impressive, being considered the most advanced targeting and piloting system on Apache helicopters. The system is comprised of two separate subsystems: one for targeting and one for pilotage. MTADS is replacing the legacy system, TADS/PNVIS.

“The old TADS was like looking through vision with cataracts and now it’s clear and modern,” Larry Simone, director of aircraft production, said. “The gunner pilot can see enemies better and be real effective covering a convoy.”

Barracks furniture order filled in record time

Huntsville Engineering Center meets need for troop move

By JO ANITA MILEY
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While it usually takes six to eight months to process an order for barracks furniture, under emergency conditions, Furniture Centralized Management professionals at the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville have proven they can respond.

The furniture team met one such challenge when they received an order Jan. 30 to provide barracks furniture to 92 Soldiers from the Army's 160th Special Operations Command "night stalkers" relocating to Hunter Army Airfield Feb. 20.

"Savannah District's Commander, Col. Edward Kertis, contacted Col. Larry D. McCallister, Huntsville Center commander, to ask if our team could expedite the order. Our commander then talked with Alicia Allen, our program manager, about the requirement," said Heather Holder, a contract specialist with Spectra Tech. "By the time the commander got involved and contacted our program manager, we were already working the request with Troy Funk, a resident engineer at Hunter. We actually responded within 24 hours."

Gail Hodge, a contracting officer for



Photo by Jo Anita Miley

FURNITURE TEAM— Members of the Huntsville Center furniture team include, from left, architect Larry McIntosh, contracting officer Gail Hodge, program manager Alicia Allen, Spectra Tech contract specialist Heather Holder and contract specialist William Sugg. Not pictured is Spectra Tech contract specialist Melody Hinkle, who was also part of the furniture product delivery team that supported the effort at Hunter Army Airfield.

the furniture program, said the team was able to respond so quickly because they'd already done their market research, and knew which vendor was capable of handling the order and producing the furniture by the date it was needed.

Hodge said the phone call from the customer came late in the afternoon Jan. 30, requiring her to work over the weekend to ensure the necessary processes were taken to handle the requirement.

"It's always a challenge for us to get the job done, in a short time frame. It's normal to work late to make sure the information gets to the GSA website, and out to the public as soon as possible — it just happened to be on a Friday afternoon," she said. "By Monday morning, the information was already public view."

The normal turnaround time for a furniture order is much longer, Hodge said. It takes 30 days to announce the procurement through public channels, three to four months to be delivered, and six to eight weeks for the furniture to be built on site.

"We usually get at least one expedited request per year, and we are always able to accommodate them," Hodge said. "One of the approved vendors from the quick ship program that we have used in the past said they could produce in the time needed. It's always a challenge for us to make it happen — working on the weekend is a given when you are trying to get the job done."

Another challenge faced the contract vendor, Rodco Brandt, as they prepared to deliver the furniture. They had to use multiple shipment dates because of the volume of furniture needed. To start shipping as

early as Feb. 17 and having Feb. 18 as a final delivery date was the only workable option available to them. In spite of the apparently stringent deadline, all the furniture was delivered and installed on time.

"This is a great example of our product delivery team rising to the challenge to meet the needs of its customers," said Alicia Allen, program manager for Furniture Centralized Management at the Huntsville Center.

"Getting furniture ordered and delivered to furnish a critical barracks facility in less than 20 calendar days is an amazing example of our ability to respond to true emergencies," she said. "Our product delivery team worked with the contractor to get the furniture ordered, delivered and installed. Without teamwork, this would not have been possible."

Hodge said she was also pleased with the contractor who performed the services, citing the team felt confident because this contractor had helped the team with emergency orders in the past.

"We can usually expect to receive these requests at least once a year, and we know that we can expect good results from them," Hodge said. "In this case, we met the deadline a day earlier than was expected. Our customer was happy, and the value to the Soldiers was priceless."

The Furniture Program procured more than 500 furniture contracts with the Army in 2008.

Grilling home advice for fire prevention

Outdoor grilling is popular throughout the year. Whether you use a charcoal or propane grill, it's important to be careful around the grill to prevent fires, burns and property damage.

In 2005, according to the National Fire Protection Association, fire departments responded to an estimated 8,300 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues. The majority of these fires involved leaking or broken gas grills. The other charcoal grill-related fires were due mainly to the grill igniting

something nearby.

Do your part by following these safe grilling tips:

- Use your grill outside only.
- Periodically clean the grill to remove grease or fat buildup in the trays underneath.
- When your grill is in use, it should be kept in an open space, away from anything that might catch fire, including siding, deck railings, eaves or tree branches.
- Keep your grill away from play

areas or places with high foot traffic.

- Never leave a lit grill unattended.
- Using long-handled cooking utensils will help prevent burns.
- Each year, check your propane cylinder hose for leaks. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. Bubbles will reveal escaping propane.
- If you suspect your grill has a leak, through the bubble test or by smell, and there is no flame: Turn the tank and the grill off. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced. If the leak doesn't stop, call

the fire department.

- If you use a charcoal grill, be sure to store starter fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
 - Never add charcoal starter fluid to coals or kindling that you've already ignited.
 - Allow charcoals to cool before disposing in a metal container.
- Follow a few simple tips and you'll be on your way to safer grilling. (*Garrison fire prevention release*)

Special custodian honored by many

AMCOM G-3 conference room
named in memory of Nellie Gay

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Nellie Gay liked to bake fruit cakes.

And she liked to share them with all the people she came into contact with while working as a custodian for AMCOM's G-3 Operations.

"Nellie always had a smile on her face. She was always caring and giving, and she loved to give pieces of fruit cake to everyone she knew," said Gary Nenner, director of G-3 Operations.

Gay, who was a contractor with Phoenix Service, died from a medical condition in November at age 78. G-3 Operations employees honored her service by dedicating the G-3 Operations conference room on the fourth floor of the Sparkman Center's building 5308 in her name. It is now known as the Nellie Gay Conference Room.

"It's incredible. What an honor this is to name a conference room after a custodian. It speaks at lot about the people who



Photo by Kari Hawkins

REMEMBERING NELLIE— The G-3 Operations conference room on the fourth floor of Building 5308 is now dedicated in the honor of custodian Nellie Gay, who died in November at age 78.

work here," said Tim Stickley, vice president of Phoenix Service. "I knew Nellie was popular. Special custodians build special relationships with their customers. But I've never seen anything like this dedication today."

During the brief ceremony and reception, the conference room was packed with G-3 Operations employees as well as IMMC workers and employees of Phoenix Service, which provides janitorial services on Redstone Arsenal.

"I'm amazed at this. I'm amazed so many people came out for this," said Gay's son, Mike McBride. "I thought there would only be a handful of people. She really liked it here. She'd still be here if she was alive. I guess the people here really liked her, too."

Quoting a Randy Travis song, Lisha Adams, principle deputy of G-3 Operations, said Gay's life is representative of the lyrics "It's not what you take with you but what you leave behind when you go."

"Your presence here means she left a lot behind," Adams told the ceremony attendees. "She showed us that to be a friend you have to be a friend, to give love you have to show love."

Gay began working at AMCOM in 1997-98, when G-3 Operations was known as DCSS (Deputy Commander for System Support). She worked at the Integrated Materiel Management Center in the mid-1990s and the NCO Club before that.

"She'd been doing this for a long time," Nenner said. "I know she touched everybody. She cared deeply for everybody."

Attendees laughed when Nenner referred to Gay's fruit cake.

"She loved to bake and most of the stuff she brought in was great," he said. "Some of us didn't care for fruit cake. But we couldn't tell her that, so we ate it anyway."

Nenner also read a letter from retiree John Chapman of IMMC in which Gay was described as an "angel on Earth" and her kindness, gentleness and cheerful smile were noted. In a letter from Maj. Gen. Roger Nadeau, formerly of DCSS and now of Army Test and Evaluation Command, Gay was described as "a super person and friend to all."

Brenda Ford of Phoenix Service told those attending the dedication that Gay had "taught me to see myself in ways I didn't see myself. She was one of the sweetest persons I've ever met. I looked to her as a friend, as a sister and as a mother. I miss her every day I walk into this building ... She was a wonderful person who reached out and touched others in many, many ways."

Aerospace engineer serves U.S. on tip of spear

AMRDEC civilian deployed in Iraq

For Nathan Sandmeyer, an aerospace engineer in the Aviation Engineering Directorate, serving his country as an associate liaison engineer in Iraq, keeping helicopters in the air and supporting America's war fighters, is challenging, busy and rewarding.

Soon after graduating from the University of Alabama-Huntsville in 2006 with a bachelor's in mechanical and aerospace engineering, Sandmeyer began his career in the AED's Cargo Division as a local intern and quickly took steps to improve his future.

"I was able to become Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering Level 2 certified in the Defense Acquisition Corps, and to become registered as an engineer intern with the state of Alabama, which



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BRIGHT FUTURE— Nathan Sandmeyer, an aerospace engineer in the Aviation Engineering Directorate, relaxes in an Apache helicopter during his service in Iraq as an associate liaison engineer.

allows me to pursue professional licensure," Sandmeyer said.

New to the organization, the young engineer was eager to

learn more about its mission and opportunities for professional development. One program he discovered was the Liaison Engineer Program where volunteer engineers serve temporary duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"In Iraq, there are two such LEs, a lead and an associate. The lead is usually a full-time LE that works stateside, or a senior engineer at AED. The associate position was created for young engineers to deploy, and gain field experience under the guidance of a lead LE," Sandmeyer said.

The LE Program sounded both exciting and personally beneficial all while providing an experience he had never imagined and giving him great responsibilities.

"I volunteered to be an associate LE, as I neared the end of my internship, because I wanted the chance to learn, and to see, things that we only get to read about back in the States. The ability to pay off student loans is nice, too," Sandmeyer said.

As often happens, good work is rewarded and Sandmeyer was soon promoted and on his way overseas.

"In December of 2008, I was promoted out of my internship in the Cargo Division. Coincidentally, my promotion came through at the same time as I deployed to my duty station in Iraq to work with the Theater Aviation Maintenance Program," he said.

Forward deployed in support of Overseas Contingency Operations, an LE serves as the eyes and ears of AED by investigating airworthiness issues and witnessing repairs performed in the field and utilizes a network of reach-back capabilities in AED.

"LEs are sometimes referred to as AED's 'Tip of the Spear,' which was a difficult concept for me to grasp while in the States. It wasn't until I deployed, and was able to interact with the Soldiers, that I understood what this

Army Family Action Plan is wheel in motion

Grassroots process shares quality of life issues

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More than 25 years ago, the Army began to change from one of mostly short-term, unmarried Soldiers with a low re-enlistment rate, to an all-volunteer force of career-minded professionals with families.

Gen. John Wickham, the Army chief of staff at that time, embraced this profound change and recognized the impact an all-volunteer force would have on how the Army viewed and treated family members. According to the Army Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Command, "Wickham and his staff knew a healthy family environment would allow Soldiers to focus fully on their mission."

On Aug. 15, 1983, Wickham



Photo by Vanessa Peeden

TOTAL FAMILY— Karen Butler discusses AFAP issues with members of the Army Kwajalein/Reagan Test Site community during a recent trip to the island. The residents asked about the possibilities of a commissary on Kwajalein, which the SMDC/ARSTRAT commander is pursuing.

and (then) Secretary of the Army John Marsh, signed the white paper, "The Army Family,"

paving the way for the Army Family Action Plan, or AFAP, and the accompanying increased

funding and oversight of vital programs such as child development centers, family counseling, suicide prevention, increased Soldiers' Group Life Insurance, and more recently, the Wounded Warrior Program.

Since that time, delegates attending AFAP conferences Armywide have huddled over and deliberated on more than 600 issues.

Karen Butler is the AFAP coordinator for the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. "As a direct result of the AFAP over the past 25 years, 173 programs or services have been improved and/or funded, and 154 DoD or Army policies have changed; as well as 107 legislative, or legal, changes," she said.

Suggestions for these changes germinate at every echelon — from the foot Soldier's foxhole to the Army family's living room.

"The Army is the only branch

of the military that solicits suggestions from the field from the lowest level," Butler said. "But the other branches benefit from the changes made through the AFAP because many of those changes are legislative, or at the DoD level."

Butler has been the command's AFAP coordinator for three years but said she has been involved in the program for more than 20 years as a spouse, volunteer and Army employee.

The AFAP process is a cyclic, year-round wheel in motion. "Our garrison or unit AFAP conferences across the command are usually October through January," Butler said.

From there, identified issues go to the mid-level or command headquarters conference.

"Our next (command) conference is in June, here in Huntsville, where all issues forwarded from our subordinate elements will be addressed," Butler said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Deputy program exec

Rusty Weiger takes the oath as the new deputy program executive officer for aviation April 2 from program executive officer Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby. Holding the Bible for Weiger is his wife, Debra. In his new position, Weiger will be a member of the senior executive service and will serve as second in command at the Program Executive Office for Aviation. Crosby said Weiger, who has worked at PEO Aviation for several years, steps into a "new realm of leadership" with "an understanding of our strengths and weaknesses." Weiger thanked his wife and children, Jennifer and John, for their support and PEO Aviation employees for "letting me be part of this team ... I've never wanted to work anywhere else but PEO Aviation."



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Personnel honorees

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center workers are recognized for supporting employment opportunities for members of the Army's National Guard and Reserve. From left are CPAC director Don Dixon, AMRDEC branch supervisor Marva Tibbs, LaTrish Jones of the National Guard, and staffing and classification division chief Larry Sargent. Dixon, Sargent and Tibbs received the Patriot Award and lapel pin recognizing employers support of the Guard and Reserve. Jones nominated them; and the award was approved by executive director L. Gordon Sumner Jr. and chairman James Rebolz of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Barracks project keeps Soldiers connected

Quarters become Wi-Fi hotspot

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Keeping in touch with family and friends back home can be difficult for Soldiers. Many turn to the Internet and e-mail to reach their loved ones. Thanks to the new Wi-Fi installation in Redstone's barracks, staying connected just got easier.

The project was a direct response to Soldiers' requests, said Francine Stone, information technology director/business development for Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation.

"About a year ago, a few Soldiers came to me complaining about Internet connectivity in the barracks. They asked for support from MWR to bring the latest information technology solutions," she said. "So, I did some homework and found out that MWR could team up with ARMP to bring wireless to the Soldiers."

The Army Recreation Machine Program helps to fund

MWR programs through arcade machines, Internet service and online gaming. They also have first right of refusal for such projects. After site surveys and the necessary reports were submitted, the organization accepted the project. ARMP provided the funding needed, as well as planning, purchasing, engineering and configuring the project.

The process to make Redstone's barracks Wi-Fi hotspots began in August 2008. By March 2, physical installation of equipment had begun in barracks 3410, 3411 and 3413, with the remaining buildings following just a few weeks later. Usually projects like this take much longer to complete.

"Teamwork from DOIM Mutual Telecom Services players such as Jerry Hyatt, Ronnie Eastwood, Sam Freeman and Rick Sharp helped to expedite this project making it happen in seven months while other installations have taken up to three years to complete this project," Stone said.

"We had an awesome MWR POC (point of contact) that was able to coordinate the ground logistics, as well as a great



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TEAM EFFORT— Sam Freeman, Rick Sharp, Jerry Hyatt, Gerald Sumner, DeAndre Kimbrough, Paula Pierson, Francine Stone, Walt Surles and Mike Alter joined to get the job done during the barracks Wi-Fi installation.

DOIM who performed the requested services way before we were ready to proceed with the install," Paula Pearson, operations manager for Army Recreation Machine Program at Fort Benning, Ga., said. "Other intricate elements included getting the Internet circuit delivered on time and having ARMP's networking team and the wiring crew available at the same time. Other departments (Acquisition and Support, and IT Support)

also played a key role."

Contractors from Mutual Telecom Services working with the DOIM and Alltech Systems contractors from ARMP ran the cables and installed the hardware necessary to create the wireless Internet network that now enables Soldiers to connect from the privacy of their rooms and use the programs they already have. It was a project the contractors felt strongly about.

"Having several team mem-

bers who served in the Army and seeing what MWR and the ARMP program are doing for the Soldiers, it is a honor to provide a little bit of R&R back to our fighting men and women," said Rick Sharp, MTS. "Hopefully what little MTS did for them will help them excel in their lives and careers."

Now that the system is up and running, ARMP is making sure it stays that way.

"Our networks are monitored very close, and we also have a 24/7 network that assists end users with just about any connectivity issue," Pearson said. "If an outage takes place, we do whatever it takes to restore services to our customers in a timely manner. We also perform on-site monthly preventive maintenance. The Fort Benning field office oversees the Redstone operation."

The benefit to the Soldiers is not limited to the walls of Redstone. ARMP wireless is also available at 30 other installations worldwide.

"The wireless access they get can travel with them as they get sent to other bases that have ARMP wireless," Stone said.



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SWEET SALE— Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems held an AER bake sale in which employees prepared and donated baked goods and sold them in building 5250. Working at the sale are Casey Braswell and Katie Moskel.

Fund-raisers under way

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- Basketball free-throw contest Thursday 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 Thursday 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

annual 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.

Engineer's tour in Iraq proves busy, rewarding

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meant," Sandmeyer said. "Here in Iraq, the LE is able to solve a problem with an aircraft in a matter of hours; the same problem would take several days if the Soldiers had to send it back to the States."

For Sandmeyer, life in Iraq is busy but there is personal time including some, but not all, of the comforts of home.

"The Soldiers here do a very good job protecting the civilians that come over to help. In the LE office, the typical work day out here is about 12 hours, but it doesn't start work until around 8 a.m.," he said. "We usually go to the gym right before lunch, to break up the day. A good workout is almost a necessity here. In addition to the food and gym, we have

access to the other MWR facilities, so I try to catch an occasional movie at the Balad Theater."

Nearing the end of his deployment, Sandmeyer realizes that while serving his country and its service men and women, he has learned a great deal about himself and those with whom he served; memories he will keep forever.

"So far, my deployment has been a rewarding experience, and I have at times wondered why I waited so long to volunteer," he said. "The people I work with, both Soldiers and civilians, are among the most kind-hearted, and the hardest working, that I have ever seen. It makes me proud to be able to associate myself with such a group. I have learned an immense amount in the short time that I have been here, and I can only imagine what I have yet to learn." (AMRDEC release)

Vajentic and Green spring win at bass tournament

Amid tornado watches and foul weather predictions, the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America held its Spring Bob Vlasics Classic Bass Tournament on March 27-28. The tournament was headquartered at the Elk River Group Lodge near Joe Wheeler State Park and Rogersville. The weather

cooperated with the exception of minor rain and the wind, but the chocolate water and floating logs and debris made navigation and fishing tough for some of the 24 boats that launched that Friday.

Day one totals were 69 bass, 10 limits and 127.25 pounds of bass. The big bass of the day was 4.30 pounds. Big bass winners (a tie) were boat 6 Tom Vajentic and John Green; and 26 Jim Hawkins and Steve Foster. The evening was topped off by a traditional fish fry with the trimmings.

Day two started with a light rain and yielded 68 bass, 11 limits and 137.5 pounds of bass. Vajentic and Green of boat 6 doubled up on big bass with a 5.55 large mouth. Taylor Vinson and Travis Tidwell of boat 25 weighed in a 5.3 pound small mouth plus four others for a day two total weight of 17.15, all small mouth bass. This was accomplished while dealing with fuel and battery problems that limited their fishing time fewer than five hours.

The tournament was won by Vajentic and Green, boat 6, with a two-day total weight of 29 pounds and two limits. Vinson and Tidwell, boat 25, parlayed their small mouth catch and day one limit and



Photo by Jack Bequette

TOP ANGLERS— Tournament director Tom Geoffroy, left, presents the first-place prize to Tom Vajentic and John Green, who is holding Garrett Green.

weight of 10.05 pounds to a second place finish. With 24 pounds and limits both days, Chuck Hemm and Rusty Strickland, boat 9, were third.

The awards were followed by distribution of attendance prizes and raffled door prizes provided by corporate sponsors Southwest Research Institute, Yulista, Westar, Westwind, Dynetics, Avion,

SAIC, Alloy Wheel Repair, Dick's Sporting Goods, FabriTech, Dynamic Research and Boaters' World and Aerodyne. The evening was capped with a steak dinner. The weekend food and refreshments were due to the generosity of Tennessee Valley Chapter of AAAA, Aerodyne and VT Aepco. The Spring 2009 Bob Vlasics Classic was deemed a success.

Great day for a children's parade

Child Development Center kicks off military child month

The weather was picture perfect for the kickoff of the Month of the Military Child on April 1 at the Child Development Center.

The center's children – from 1-year-olds rolled in wagons to happily marching pre-kindergarteners – participated in a ribbon cutting, parade and impromptu dance festival to celebrate the month-long recognition of the Army's youngest supporters.

The event began with remarks from Kara Pleasant, president of the Parent Advisory Council. It included the Pledge of Allegiance performed in sign language by several preschool and pre-kindergarten children. They also sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" before the ribbon was cut officially beginning the Month of the Military Child.

The Redstone Arsenal police force and fire department supported the event. A fire truck led the marchers from the CDC around Bicentennial Chapel and then back to the CDC. Sparky the Fire Dog and the roving fire truck also participated.

After the parade, the children and their teachers enjoyed an impromptu dance festival to children's music.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FRIENDS STAY TOGETHER— Jacob Martin, Marshall MacBride and John Gavigan hold hands to keep up with each other as they parade around Bicentennial Chapel and back to the CDC during the Month of the Military Child parade.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HUG FOR SPARKY — Kevin Baldwin gives Sparky the Fire Dog a big hug.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

SING FROM HEART— Curtis Collins, Charstel Walsh, Alena Godwin, Mia Killingsworth, Laura Counts and Caden Leebern get some help from Child Development Center director Deborah Nickles with singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

ALTOGETHER NOW— Andre Terry, chief of Child, Youth and School Services, and Linda Guster of the Child Development Center help their young charges with cutting the ribbon that officially began Redstone Arsenal's recognition of April as the Month of the Military Child.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

LITTLE STEPS— Child Development Center teachers help the smallest children along as they parade around Bicentennial Chapel during the Month of the Military Child parade.

Law covers use of copyright protected materials

Legal Office offers advice on preparing public presentations

By **JACK K. GREER**

Legal Office patent attorney

It is spring and a favorite time of the year for many sports fans. Imagine you have been tasked to prepare an inspiring public presentation for one of the following events: a graduation ceremony for a training course at Redstone Arsenal; a retirement sendoff for a military officer or an Army civilian; a conference with Department of Defense contractors; or a meeting with representatives of DoD, including civilians and contractors.

You hope to incorporate an appropriate song, cartoon or video clip of some scenes depicting a notable baseball or basketball game in the public presentation, but it appears to be copyright protected. The following questions and answers apply to use of the copyright protected materials.

Can you legally incorporate all or part of a copyright protected song, cartoon, written article, computer program or film clip display without obtaining the copyright owner's permission to use prior to the presentation?

Probably not, although limited exceptions do exist relating to 'fair use' for educational purposes, or relating to the original song or publication previously produced by a U.S. government employee while performing within the scope of his or her employment.

Please contact the Intellectual Property Law group of the AMCOM Legal Office for more information.

Can you contact the copyright owners and ask for permission to use?

Of course, but please obtain the permission to use the copyright material in writing, received by you or your office. The written permission should be signed by someone with authority to grant permission to use the material. Verbal approvals may be offered over the phone, but mean nothing at a later time if verbal approval is not confirmed in writing (fax, email, or formal letter).

Will it cost your office money to use the copyright material in your presentation?

It may, and use of federal funds for purchase of a copyright license should be related to government missions. In addition, there are certain limitations for local authority to purchase copyright licenses. Not all copyright owners or assignment entities who manage copyright licenses will give free permission to use materials, even if users or recipients are Army representatives, and use is for a 'good cause.' Contact IP Law group for more information.

Can you incorporate all or part of a copyright protected song, cartoon, written article or video clip without obtaining approvals from Public Affairs, Operational Security, Intelligence and Security, and the Legal Office at Redstone Arsenal, and without receiving, from the copyright owner, prior written approval and a license for use?

You could, but the public presentation will violate copyright law, and undoing the violation after the fact is not possible. If your office receives a "Notice of Intent to file suit" or other notices from a copyright owner or lawyer alleging infringement, payment of monetary damages is one legal remedy allowed by copyright law. In such a case, immediately contact the IP Law group of the AMCOM Legal Office.

Let us consider the laws and regulations for copyright protection of a song, film clip, written article, book, computer program or visual display. The laws relating to copyright protection are found at U.S. Code, Title 17, section 101, and specifically at sections 101 (Definitions), 102 (Subject Matter), 106 (Exclusive Rights), 107 (Limitations on Exclusive Rights, Fair use) and 501 (Infringement of Copyright). Basically, a copyright subsists in original works of authorship when fixed in any tangible medium of expression, whether registered or not with the U.S. Copyright Office. The copyright belongs to authors of the original work. Permission to use copyright material is provided only by the creator/author, or by authors' representatives, except for statutory exemptions, one being "fair use." A determination of what qualifies as fair use is neither simple nor easy and legal analysis should be completed by the IP Law group. Notably, under 17 U.S.C. section 105, copyright protection is not available for any work of the U.S. government.

The Army policy regarding use of copyright protected materials, as stated in AR 27-60, Chapter 4, section 4-1, is that, "As a general rule, copyright works will not be reproduced, distributed or performed without the permission of the copyright owner unless such use is within an exception under U.S. Copyright Law, 17 U.S.C., or such use is required to meet an immediate, mission-essential need for which noninfringing alternatives are either unavailable or unsatisfactory. Use of a copyrighted work by the Army without permission of the owner must be approved by the IPCA." IPCA stands for Intellectual Property Counsel of the Army, Office of the Judge Advocate General.

What time frame should you expect for a review by the Public Affairs Office, Operational Security Office, and the Legal Office at Redstone Arsenal of a proposed use of copyright material?

It is advised that you request review of the proposed presentation as early as possible before the date of the public presentation. It may take a week or more for completion of the internal approval process, and three months or more, in any given case, to obtain all copyright owner approvals from each corporate entity representing the owner. Some popular recording artists have assigned the copyright rights for the words and the music in each song, and any accompanying video to two or more corporate entities. In such

Advance document avoids confusion

At some point in your life, you will be faced with the prospect of end of life issues for yourself or a loved one. During a medical crisis it can become overwhelmingly confusing to know what to do. Without an advance directive, you or a loved one may be forced to guess about the other person's final wishes.

You might also become involved in bitter court proceedings to determine who has the legal right to make decisions for the person unable to communicate on his or her own behalf. Accidents can occur at any age so it is important to be prepared and an advance directive should be a part of that preparation.

April 16 will be the second annual National Healthcare Decisions Day. Last year's event, which was formally recognized by Congress and numerous state and local governments, included participation by 76 of the most prominent national healthcare, religious, and legal associations and organizations as well as nearly 400 local and state organizations throughout the country. At every level, the goal of this nationwide initiative is to ensure that all adults with decision-making capacity in America have both the information and the opportunity to communicate and document their future healthcare decisions. The first year's results were impressive — more than 250,000 people obtained resources to make their healthcare decisions known — but there remain millions of Americans to go.

While making healthcare decisions is often difficult in the best of circumstances, making decisions for others is even more complicated. You have the ability to guide your healthcare providers and your loved ones about what you want.

Advance directives give you the ability to document the types of healthcare you do and do not want, and to name an "agent" to speak for you if you cannot speak for yourself. As Terri Schiavo's situation vividly revealed, having an advance directive can be valuable for all adults, regardless of current age or health status.

The National Healthcare Decisions Day Initiative is a collaborative effort of national, state and community organizations committed to ensuring that all adults with decision-making capacity in the United States have the information and opportunity to communicate and document their healthcare decisions. You can visit www.nationalhealthcaredecisions-day.org for a variety of free information (including free advance directives forms for every state) and tools to assist you with thoughtful reflection on healthcare choices and ideas on how to get involved. Additionally, watch for events in your community honoring National Healthcare Decisions Day. Finally, share this information with your loved ones and colleagues. "Your decisions matter" so use April 16 to decide, discuss and document your wishes, whatever they may be.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Redstone Arsenal will participate in National Healthcare Decisions Day. On April 16 staff members will prepare living wills and healthcare power of attorneys on a walk-in basis for eligible clients, including active duty servicemembers, retirees and their dependents. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and from 1-4 p.m., to prepare these documents. Worksheets will be available in the office, but you can prepare a worksheet in advance on its website, which is located at <http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal/lao.html>.

Editor's note: The Office of Staff Judge Advocate adapted this release from an article by Denise Pabon.

Legal advice on selecting popular names, songs for projects

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cases, the recording artists individually cannot give permission to use the song. The entity seeking permission/license to use must obtain approvals from each corporate entity holding a portion of, or all of the rights to various components of each song.

Good luck in preparing that inspirational presentation. Please submit a presentation having copyright protected music or video clips to Public Affairs Office, Operational Security Office, Intelligence and Security Directorate, and Legal Office at least two weeks prior to the date of the presentation. When you obtain copyright licenses yourself before the date of presentation, please obtain all licenses from each copyright owner or corporate representative in the form of a written approval notice, and provide a copy of each to AMCOM Legal Office. You can read more about frequently asked questions regarding

copyright in CENDI's Copyright Task Group document on copyright issues, available at, <http://www.cendi.gov/publications/04-8copyright.html>.

Regarding a slightly different topic relating to trademark issues, a recent recurring theme observed locally is an interest in selecting an interesting and descriptive 'Popular Name' for major items of equipment including aerial vehicles. A preferred tactic is not to utilize trademark protected names which are registered and owned by contractors or non-federal entities. After selection by Army project managers or other appropriate government personnel of one or more potential names, the IP Law group can assist by completion of searches of trademark registration databases in order to comply with Army Acquisition Policy 70-1 (section 3-7), and Army Acquisition Procedures 70-3 (section 1-10). Questions regarding the aforementioned topics should be directed to AMCOM Legal Office, IP Law group, 876-8922 (Anne Lanteigne), or 876-1123 (Jack Greer).

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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.dtlaphia.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.

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.

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 today. 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 or 585-2616 or visit the MCEC website at www.militarychild.org.



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 Thursday 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.

Veterans group

VFW Post 5162 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American

gion building on Triana between Bob Wallace Avenue and Governors Drive. For more information, call Robert Davenport 679-3180.

Admin professionals

The International Association of Administrative Professionals invites all civilians and contractors in any type of admin field to attend its meeting held every third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Alphadella McRae 313-1957.

Engineer society

The Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers meets April 16 for a guided bus tour on Redstone Arsenal. Space is limited to 40 people. To reserve a seat, call Dan Foran at Shearer and Associates, 830-1031 ext. 130, or e-mail dforan@shearerassociates.us. Tour attendees will meet at 11:15 a.m. at the Visitor Control Center at Gate 9. Reservation deadline is April 13. Please indicate if you will require visitor access to Redstone Arsenal. There will be no meal provided.

Women's summit

The Women of Wealth Summit Conference is April 18 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westin Hotel in Bridge Street Town Centre. Topics for the WOW summit include time management, motivating, tax expert, owning your own business, spiritual and having a plan B. Cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, call Madonna Buckner 651-7732 or 858-0058.

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. Attendees will be briefed by military leadership, learn about the latest cyber threats from computer security experts, meet IA vendors, view the latest IA products, and receive IA training. This year's conference theme is "Providing Electronic Force Protection for the Warfighter." For more information, call 876-2291. There is no registration fee. Register at <https://www.technologyforums.com/9RE>.

Toastmaster clubs

Anyone interested in improving their public speaking ability is invited to attend the Lunar Nooners Toastmasters Club 9783, which meets Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the building 4610 cafeteria. For more information, call Paul Pickett 544-6078. The Research Park Club 4838 meets Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30 at the Sentar offices, 315 Wynn Drive, Suite 1. For information call Valerie Cortez 313-9753.

Civil War discussion

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday 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.

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.

Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will have a networking luncheon program meeting April 16 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Topics of discussion will center around BRAC organizations moving to Redstone Arsenal and the implications on employment opportunities; items of interest about equal employment opportunity. The public is invited. Lunch can be purchased at the grill or buffet line at the club. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.

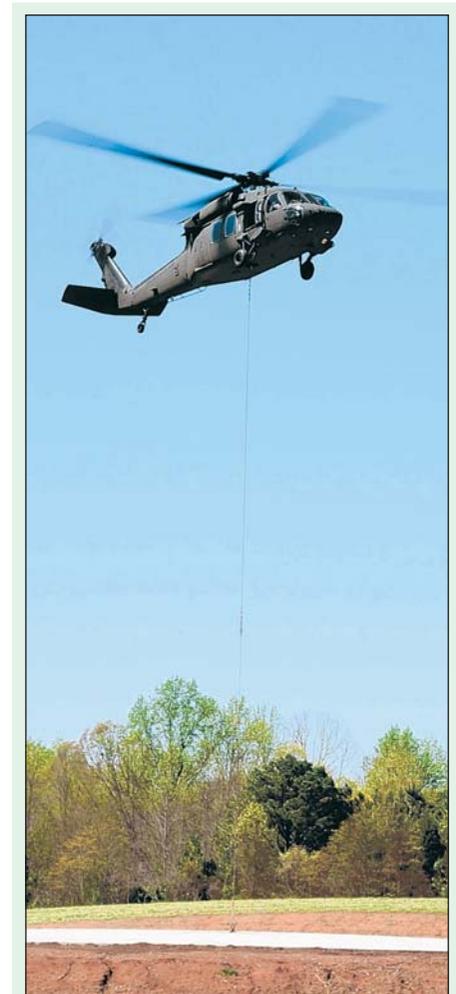


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Tethered hover

Redstone Airfield can now test helicopters through a calibrated and instrumented load cell. With varied torque settings, an aircraft can simulate various loads, including maximum airframe loads, to monitor aircraft performance.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Group will meet Saturday at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. The meeting starts at 9:15 a.m. with the Windows/Internet Special Interest Group on a topic of general interest. The general meeting will start at 10:45 with speaker Andy Karabinos on "The Process of Editing Wikipedia." Visitors are welcome. For information call 534-4324.

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.auvsi-pathfinder.com/symposium.html.

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. It is expected to draw more than 200 logistics professionals interested in growing their knowledge and expertise as well as taking advantage of the tools and software LOGSA has to offer. 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 Workshop and Users Group," catalogue number F93LCLT. For more information or to register, visit www.logisticsengineers.org.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Thursday 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 Friday at www.logsa.army.mil/wltw_2009/index.cfm.

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Courtesy photo

Birthday decor

John Andrews, deputy product manager for field artillery launchers at Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems, got a 40th birthday surprise March 31. He arrived at work and found his office had been decorated.

Tech writers' workshop

The UAH English Department and the Huntsville/North Alabama chapter of STC will hold a workshop on XSL for Tech Writers on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at University of Alabama-Huntsville's Salmon Library. Registration is 9-9:25 a.m. The workshop is the second in a series of two, both open to the public, and requires some experience with XML. Cost is \$100 for non-STC members, \$60 for members and UAH faculty, and \$40 for students. Reservations are required today and can be made by calling 824-6321.

Technical communicators

Dr. Jo Mackiewicz from Auburn University's Master of Technical and Professional Communication program will be the guest speaker at the Society for Technical Communication's Huntsville/North Alabama chapter meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. at UAH's Shelby Center, room 301. Cost for dinner is \$5 for students, \$10 for STC members, and \$12 for nonmembers. Reservations are required today and can be made by calling UAH at 824-6321.

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.

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

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the University of Alabama. Registration deadline is April 14. To register go to 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 supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

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.

Motorcycle safety

To permanently register a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal, the DoD requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. There are two programs offered free of charge to Army personnel and on a space available basis to others authorized access to Red-

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

Reserve unit

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

Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School. If you are a college graduate with a four-year degree or higher from an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an Army officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the active Army and the Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Stacy Hopwood and 1st Sgt. Brian May 539-6511 or 539-6512.

Pilots wanted

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking qualified applicants to apply for Warrant Officer Flight Training School. Applicants must have a high school diploma and age 18-33. Age waivers will be considered. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Stacy Hopwood and 1st Sgt. Brian May 539-6511 or 539-6512.

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



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Parents planning

Members of the Parent Advisory Council review agenda points involving activities for military children following a recent meeting of the PAC. The council is involved in supporting programs sponsored by Child and Youth Services, and in assisting with activities at the Child Development Center, School Age Services Center and Youth Center. PAC members include, from left, Kristi Bagwell, secretary; Trudy Brown, treasurer; Kara Pleasant, president; Jamie Godwin, Pre-K room parent at the Child Development Center; and Sandy Hanna, Toddler 1 room parent at the CDC.

and make a significant contribution to the readiness of the Army. The 1st BCTG conducts continental U.S. pre- and post-mobilization computer simulation based Battle Command Staff Training exercises. It trains and validates Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout the Southeast in wartime readiness. It offers CONUS mobilization opportunities training and preparing USAR and ARNG units for deployment. Unit benefits include Fragmented Annual Training, and opportunity to travel throughout the Southeast. It encourages and supports attendance at Army professional development schools. For information call 1st Sgt. Larry King (205) 987-8443 ext. 4410, Capt. John Walker (205) 444-5208 or Lt. Col. Anthony Escott (205) 444-5163.

Interactive feedback

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

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.

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. As in the past, they accept donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotape. They can receive donations until April 29. If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 876-8563 to arrange delivery or pickup of those items.

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

Mr. Man Premiere

The 2009 "Mr. Man Premiere" is scheduled Sept. 19 at the Marriott Hotel near the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. "This premiere event will reveal each male contestant's character through personality, finesse and style," a prepared release said. A panel of

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judges will decide who will win the title of Mr. Man. "SB Productions is making the final selection on the caliber of men who possess the completeness of what a true gentleman, father, husband, mentor and role model should portray to complete the 10 contestants in the Mr. Man Premiere," the release said. Eight contestants have been selected through a screening process with two left to fill. More than 150 men have gone through the screening process with a selection result of eight. SB Productions is also placing a female Model Call for the final two models sought to complete the five needed to escort the contestants onto the runway and take part in this event. For those selected, runway and etiquette preparation will be given. 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.

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.

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. "This is a time to educate the children about taking care of the Earth, including recycling, endangered species and preserving our cultural heritage," said Shannon Allen, ecologist and NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) support in the cultural and natural resources branch, Environmental Management Division of the Directorate of Public Works. For more information, call 876-3977.

Last Supper event

Bicentennial Chapel will present "The Living Last Supper," an hour of drama, music and worship, tonight at 7. Admission is free.

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 today.

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.

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>.

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. 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.

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 recruiters 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

The Big Tease Hair Salon is teaming with the animal rescue group, A New Leash on Life, Inc., to raise money for homeless and abandoned pets in Madison County. Join them April 18 for a chance to pamper yourself and raise money for the pets. The salon will donate 10 percent of your services to A New Leash on Life. You can make an appointment by calling 772-8525, or just walk in for a cut, color, tan, wax or any services you choose. A New Leash on Life will be there with some

adoptable pets. For more information, visit the website www.anewleash.org or stop by 411 Hughes Road from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 18.

Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection invites you to "All That Jazz" guest night April 23 from 6-8 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Tempe Brown, former blues and jazz nightclub singer, tells her story. Dinner buffet costs \$20 inclusive. Reservations are due by April 16 with tickets to be picked up at the door. Send a check payable to HCWC, P.O. Box 1561, Huntsville, AL 35807; and include the names of those to be seated with you. Call Mary 883-9765 if you have questions.

Army children's contest

To celebrate the Month of the Military Child, Ready Army is launching the Prepared Kids Competition with the theme "Prepare Strong!" Army Ready is the Army's proactive campaign to encourage emergency awareness. The competition is open to any child under 18 with a connection to the Army. Entries can be any original work - such as song lyrics or a poem, short video, poster, essay, public service announcement, games, drawings, sculptures, music, computer software or science project - related to preparing for a natural or manmade hazard. Children can enter as individuals or in groups. Submissions must be received by Aug. 12. Winning entries will be included in the 2010 Ready Army campaign. For more information, check out www.ready.army.mil.

Historic homes tour

Huntsville Pilgrimage Association is sponsoring its annual Historic Homes Tour and Cemetery Stroll the weekend of May 2-3. Proceeds from the tour and stroll are used to restore the grounds and grave markers in the historic sections Maple Hill Cemetery. Since its inception, the Pilgrimage Association has donated more than \$195,000 toward this purpose. Six historic homes will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. May 2. For more information, call 1-800-772-2348 or visit the website www.huntsvillepilgrimage.org.

Acquisition careerists

Applications are being accepted through April 30 for the 2009 Senior Service College Fellowship Program-Huntsville which begins July 27. Eligible applicants are Department of the Army civilian Acquisition Corps members who occupy permanent positions in grades GS-14 and 15 or broadband equivalent. Persons interested in applying for the 2009 SCSF Program must respond under this announcement. The official announcement can be accessed at the following web address: 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>.

