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# Honoring those behind the Soldier

Retired general officer thanks families, supporters of Army

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Although the members of the Third Region of the Association of the U.S. Army do a lot to support the Soldier, a retired member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told those attending the region's annual awards dinner that they don't "truly understand" how important that support is to Soldiers and their families.

And, he added, support for the Soldier within the Third Region is strongest in the area represented by AUSA's Redstone-Huntsville chapter.

"What this great community does for Soldiers and their families here ... I don't think you truly understand what it means when you put your arms around these Soldiers," said retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, whose 36 years of service culminated with his role as the 32nd chief of staff – the senior general officer in the Army – and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is now the AUSA president and chief operating officer.

"The third region is a proud region," Sullivan continued. "It's the largest region in AUSA. And this chapter has five times been awarded the best chapter. That's a major accomplishment ... You also have the greatest number of corporate members right here in this region ... Thanks a lot. Thank you. That means a lot."

Sullivan's comments came during an awards dinner April 4 attended by about 300 AUSA supporters at the Westin Hotel. The dinner brought to a close the week-long AUSA Third Region annual conference. The dinner included presentations of the Third Region's Soldier of the Year Award, Ms. Brenda Dougherty AUSA Lifetime of Service Award and Maj. Gen. Robert F. Cocklin Award along with a military ball with entertainment by the 151st Army National Guard Band from Montgomery.

Looking around the room at the mix of Army officers, retirees and their spouses, Sullivan said "there have been times in the lives of many Soldiers in this room when that support wasn't there."

He described Soldiers as "courageous, loyal and in a category that is truly special. Less than 1 percent of the 330 million people in the U.S. are Soldiers. That's less than 3 million who are serving. So when you reach out to them it's a big deal."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**HAVING A BALL**— The saxophone section of the 151st Army National Guard Band from Montgomery takes center stage after the Third Region AUSA awards dinner to play dance music for the AUSA Army Ball. About 300 people attended the event at the Westin Hotel.

Sullivan talked about Huntsville, mentioning its high-tech capabilities and the synergy between Army civilians and contractors that makes it possible for Redstone Arsenal to provide "innovative and immediate capabilities" to war fighters so that the nation can accomplish its goals. For that reason, Redstone Arsenal and the local defense industry will "continue to grow in profound ways."

One indicator of growth is the relocation of a four-star general – Gen. Ann Dunwoody – and the Army Materiel Command to Redstone Arsenal.

"She is a profound Soldier, a courageous Soldier ... It's a big deal to have the first female four-star. You will like the leadership she brings to the community," Sullivan said.

During his travels throughout the nation, Sullivan said he has witnessed the "resilience of our Army and the strength of their families. Without the support of the spouse, this thing would fall like a deck of cards. Over 70 percent of the military is married."

He said military families face "enormous pressures" and military children "shoulder a heavy load" and he asked his audience to say a prayer every day for Soldiers and their families.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**GIFT FROM NATIONAL AUSA**— Retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, president of AUSA, holds a ceremonial check proclaiming the \$25,000 gift from the national AUSA organization to the Madison County Veterans Memorial Foundation. The gift, presented during the awards dinner for the Third Region AUSA in Huntsville on April 4, will be used to help fund the building of a memorial in Veterans Park. With Sullivan is retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, chairman of the fund-raising committee for the Veterans Memorial.

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# An open lane random survey

What are you going to do with  
your tax refund?

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**Kathy Bray**  
SMDC/ARSTRAT  
"We bought stone to put a wall around  
our patio, so home improvements."

**Pat Anderson**  
RAID Product Office  
"I'm probably just going to pay some  
bills."



**Carl Reister**  
Retiree  
"I'm not getting a refund, so I'm waiting  
until the last minute to pay my taxes."



**Patrick Nelson**  
AMCOM  
"My wife takes care of all spending deci-  
sions, so I don't know yet."



## Quote of the week

'B'aseball is 90 percent mental, the other half  
is physical.'

— Yogi Berra

# Letter to the Editor

## Heartfelt farewell from manager

I am resigning my position here, as manager of the Redstone Arsenal Base Supply Center, as of April 10. Let me say from the bottom of my heart, that it has been a privilege and an honor to work with each and every one of you.

**Morris Burbank**  
Redstone Base Supply

## Commentary: Reflections from ex-school bully

*Fifth-grade incident  
no laughing matter*

By **Spc. RYAN STROUD**  
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Recently I began reading the self-help book "Please Stop Laughing at Me" by Jodee Blanco. It's technically a biography about her life growing up and her struggles with bullying.

For me, I share some of her pain of being bullied. But at the same time, I was just like many of the children in her book, making fun of others and torturing people I found different or was jealous of.

I had one experience in my life, back in fifth-grade, which changed who I was then and still affects who I am today. It all started with my best friend at the time – David.

David was a good kid, nay, great kid! He was smart, funny, talented in basketball and a winner with the ladies. It was all these things that first brought our friendship together. We would listen to music by Green Day and stay at his house overnight to watch scary movies like "Puppet Master" and "Nightmare on Elm Street."

Unfortunately for David, it was these traits which eventually lost me as a friend. It was not his fault at all, it was all mine. We had a girl in our class, Amanda. She was amazing, beautiful and well-liked by everyone. I rode the bus to school every day with her and had the biggest crush on the little flower-power girl.

But while I had a love for Amanda, she had a thing for David. My first lesson in life came when both David and Amanda broke the news to me that they were boyfriend and girlfriend. I was hurt so bad. How could my friend do this to me?

The fact was I never told David I liked Amanda so it really wasn't his fault. And if I would have listened and looked closer, I would have noticed that Amanda always liked David over me. But I was young and foolish.

The two of them together eventually brought the end of my and David's friendship, and thus brought on the torture. I was

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Jason Berlin

**Job:** Assistant fire chief of prevention

**Where do you call home?**  
Nashville

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

The satisfaction of having a safe community for everyone who works on Redstone Arsenal. Knowing that when people call 9-1-1 they will have fire professionals there to help them. We do a lot of training, and we stay on top of the changes in codes and regulations. We're starting an intensive public awareness campaign to promote fire safety.



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

I like to go to the gym, usually Pagano Gym. I like hanging out with my wife and kids (daughters, ages 16 and 7). We like to ride bikes around our neighborhood.

**What are your goals?**

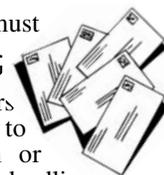
To further my education and gain more job knowledge. I want to attend a Lean Six Sigma class.

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

I really like all kinds, but I like Christian rock the best.

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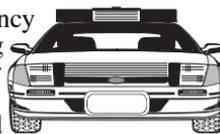
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# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for April 2-9:

**April 2:** A Soldier reported that someone fraudulently used her government issued credit card.

**April 4:** The emergency barricade system was deployed at Gate 9 damaging a Soldier's vehicle, after the Soldier misunderstood the gate guard's command to stop.



**April 8:** A civilian contractor was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license at Gate 9. His vehicle was removed by a licensed driver.

**Traffic accidents reported:** two without injury, none with injury.

**Violation notices issued:** 19 speeding, 4 failure to stop at a stop sign, 3 failure to yield, 1 driving with no driver's license, 1 parked in a handicapped spot.

## Heavy drinking risks health, readiness, even life

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Did you know that according to the latest results of DoD's "Survey of Health-Related Behaviors Among Active-Duty Military Personnel" (2005), the rate for heavy drinking (five or more drinks on one occasion once a week) in the Army increased at a statistically significant level from 17.2 percent in 1998 to 26.8 percent in 2005? Among Soldiers age 21 to 25, the rate was 35.7 percent.

Another study in "The Science of Health Promotion" (2008) estimated that heavy alcohol consumption costs DoD \$425 million in excess medical costs each year. The Defense Department pays another

\$677 million in alcohol-related costs associated with early separation, replacing non-deployable Soldiers and alcohol-related legal issues.

Just think of the dangerous behaviors associated with heavy drinking — suicide, spouse abuse, physical assaults, sexual assaults, motor vehicle accidents and injuries at work, to name some serious high-risk behaviors. As well, heavy drinking is associated with diseases such as pancreatitis, hepatitis and various cancers, to name just a few.

Heavy drinking and associated behaviors and illnesses affect readiness and pose a serious challenge to Army leaders, not to mention their effects on individual Soldiers and those close to them.

## ■ Memory of bullying incident brings remorse

### Reflections

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hurt and wanted David to feel my pain. I approached him one day in the boy's bathroom, ready to bring the pain. We had a substitute teacher that day, so things around our class were a little lax. I figured this was the perfect time to start something with my former best friend. With a sub, there was no way I would get into trouble.

In the bathroom, I started to push David and yell at him. "You think you're better than me? You think you know me, you don't know anything!"

"I don't think I'm better than you, Ryan. Stop pushing me, it hurts."

I pushed David really hard one last time. And just as I did, our substitute teacher walked right behind him. David's head slammed right into the unsuspecting man's face, breaking his nose.

Blood rushed everywhere, spilling onto his shirt. David panicked and ran out of the bathroom. I stood there in shock. I pleaded with the sub, telling him I was so sorry for what happened. But I knew deep down, my bullying got me in deep trouble.

Things changed after that day. I got into so much trouble with the school, with my family, with David's family and with the sub. There were rumors flying around that I was going to be arrested for assaulting the sub. I was scared. I realized right

then my bullying got me no pleasure, just deeper pain for the torment and trouble I had caused.

I became paranoid about getting in trouble and did a complete 180. I started performing better in school, getting higher marks. All my friends abandoned me, not wanting to be labeled a troublemaker. I don't blame them at all. My school life eventually became much better and more enjoyable once I stopped bullying. I ended up having many friends and leaving high school happy.

Years passed and David and I eventually spoke again about the incident. He was really cool about it, saying it was no big deal. Me, I still hold guilt and remorse for my actions. They still haunt me. My anger has placed me in so much trouble throughout the years. It's something I still work with to this very day.

I can never truly express how sorry I was and still am for my actions, I just hope I didn't hurt David in the long run. I haven't seen him since high school. But, knowing him, I'm sure he is excelling somewhere out in the real world. He always was a great guy.

The book "Please Stop Laughing at Me" has opened the doors of my life again, in a good way. The pain of my past has refreshed me into trying to be a better person and not stepping back into that former light ever again.

I highly recommend everyone read this book. You will be happy you did.

# Redstone Arsenal gates entering modern era

*Ongoing renovations add to safety, security*

By KARI HAWKINS

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On the surface, the changes taking place at Redstone Arsenal's gates may look to drivers like a move toward modernization.

Although modernization is certainly one objective of the renovations, for security personnel working for the Directorate of Emergency Services the changes also represent a move toward additional safety and security for the entire Redstone Arsenal community.

With this week's opening of the new Gate 1 on Martin Road, Arsenal employees will get a driver's view of the new gate house, guard booths, overhead canopy, curbing, speed humps, truck bypass and emergency traffic signals. What they won't see is the steel cable grab-it net that has



Photo by Charles Kiplinger

**NEW TOOL—** The new grab-it net security system allows security personnel to raise a steel cable grab-it net barrier to stop an offending driver either entering or leaving the Arsenal. When not in use, the grab net is hidden in the road. When in use, an emergency traffic light will warn drivers to stop.

been installed just underneath the road surface that can be instantly activated to stop vehicles from entering or exiting the Arsenal.

"All of our gates will eventually have this modern new appearance," said Phil Harrell, director of Emergency Services. "It is a standard Department of

the Army design that has been used by our Directorate of Public Works and its contractors, and certified by the Corps of Engineers."

The opening of the new Gate 1 is good news for Redstone Arsenal employees who have endured additional traffic con-

gestion caused by the cumbersome serpentine security barriers that have existed at the temporary Gate 1 entrance for several months. Instead of barriers, drivers now only must contend with speed humps as they enter the gate area. In addition, trucks will not be required to re-enter Gate 1 traffic after being processed for entry, but will instead enter through a truck bypass and merge into Martin Road traffic beyond the gate.

Yet, drivers are still having to contend with additional traffic congestion at Gate 10 on Patton Road because of the closure of Gate 8 at Goss Road, which is under construction and set to reopen June 9 with its existing guard house renovated, a new canopy and other modernization features installed.

Once Gate 8 reopens, plans call for closing Gate 10 at Patton Road in July. The closure is expected to last four months as Gate 10 undergoes a complete upgrade.

"Gate 10 is the only gate we

have right now that does not have an overhead awning. It will get an entirely new gate house, awning, guard booths and all the other features," Harrell said.

Other changes at Gate 10 will include the closing of Hercules Road that connects Zeus and Patton roads in front of Redstone Lanes. That segment of the road will be closed to accommodate space needed by the gate's new grab-it net and emergency traffic lights.

Future plans call for the renovation of Gate 7 on west Martin Road, but those plans will not be executed until widening plans for the road are finalized.

"It's a project that is being worked out right now between the local government and Redstone Arsenal," Harrell said. "It's all based on getting funding. There is no timetable right now."

While Gate 9 at Research Park Boulevard/Rideout Road was the first gate to be modernized, future plans call for it to be

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moved further south to accommodate changes created by the enhanced use-lease program that will put some Arsenal land under commercial development.

Because of the commercial development, security fencing will be moved so that the developed land is outside the Arsenal's secured area. That will also result in the move of Gate 9, the construction of a new visitor's center and the creation of an additional gate at the west end of Goss Road. A timetable for this project has not yet been determined.

The Arsenal's other accessible gate — Gate 3 on Redstone Road — has already undergone renovation.

Harrell and Police Chief Arthur Riley are especially pleased with the new gate security measures. While Gate 10 and 7 are still using road blades that work as a deterrent by slashing car tires of offending drivers, the new gates are all equipped with grab-it nets.

"The net is made of steel cables two inches thick at the top and bottom," Harrell said. "They are designed to have some give to cushion the blow but still stop and hold a vehicle."

Once they are used, the grab-it nets can be lowered and driven over. But some maintenance is required to fully secure them back into place.

"We raise and lower them every day to

test them," Riley said.

"If they get hit, they won't always lay back down properly. So, maintenance has to do some minor adjustments to make them lay smooth."

The emergency traffic lights being installed at the new gates will be used to notify and stop drivers when the grab-it net is being used.

In addition, the installation of speed humps is a necessary safety measure designed to get drivers to slow down going in and out of the gates, Harrell said.



Photo by Charles Kiplinger

**GATE 1 OPENS—The new Gate 1 makes its debut this week as it opens to Arsenal traffic on the east end of Martin Road. It replaces an old rundown gate and a cumbersome serpentine security barrier system that caused traffic delays. Every entry point on Redstone Arsenal will eventually be equipped with a modern gate system that is designed to Department of Army standard.**

Besides providing safer access to the Arsenal, the new gates offer security guards a professional and efficient working environment.

"The working environment at the new gates is much better for our security guards," Harrell said. "At Gate 1, they have a wide area of glass that makes it easier to see traffic approaching the gate. The guard booths are heated and cooled."

Harrell and Riley caution drivers to be patient and cooperative while gates are under construction. Traffic surveys are done often, and changes are made when needed to improve traffic flow. They are aware of congestion hot spots on the Arsenal.

"We don't have unlimited resources to open up every gate," Harrell said. "We all have to cooperate to ensure we have the proper amount of security for this installation. When a gate is closed on Redstone Arsenal, it affects other gates."

Recently, complaints have been received concerning the congestion at Gate 10 on Patton Road.

"Right now, we are seeing congestion at Gate 10 during the afternoon hours when drivers are leaving the Arsenal," Riley said. "Some of that is caused by drivers on Hercules Road trying to turn left into the traffic flow. It's causing a little back up or slow down. But that is to be expected anytime you are doing a lot of construction. Drivers have got to expect that it's going to be slow."

Riley suggests drivers trying to get access to Patton Road near Gate 10 should use the traffic light at Aerobee Road to

make the traffic flow. Another alternative would be to use Honest John Road.

The Garrison is currently reviewing the possibility of using Hansen Road, Gate 5, to alleviate traffic concerns.

With 48,000-plus cars coming and going on Redstone Arsenal every day, there will be some delays at the gates. But there are some things drivers can do to speed up entry to the Arsenal.

"Have your badge ready, don't stop to talk to the guards and move on when you are directed to. The slightest delay affects everybody," Riley said.

"Some people wait until the last minute to get to work. You need to plan for the time it takes to get in the gate. You need to limit your lane changes."

There are a number of things that create slow downs at the gates, Riley said. The current need for security, major construction at one or more gates, the addition of on-site conferences and training programs, traffic accidents both inside and outside a gate, drivers not being prepared to show a badge, drivers who are lost or confused, and drivers who don't follow directions can all cause gate delays.

"Drivers have to be patient and just accept that it's part of the post-9/11 world. It used to be you could easily drive right onto the Arsenal. Those days are gone," Harrell said.

"Because we are a DoD installation, we're a terrorist target more so than other areas in North Alabama and we have to take precautions. We can't be complacent."

## Costumed dentist makes visit fun for children

As many parents know, it can be a difficult trip taking your child to the dentist. The staff at the Child Development Center brought in a special guest to teach the toddlers and preschoolers the importance of dental hygiene and how to brush their teeth.

A dentist for 15 years, Staff Sgt. Charles Hollingshed brought some fun instructional tools to help him demonstrate different techniques to the children.

He gave information in a friendly and enthusiastic way that everyone could understand, even talking about “sugar bugs” or cavities.

After watching a video called “Dudley Visits the Dentist,” each child was given a toothbrush and sticker. Hollingshed participated in a question and answer session in the hope that next time the children will look forward to seeing their new friend at the Dental Clinic. *(Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation release)*

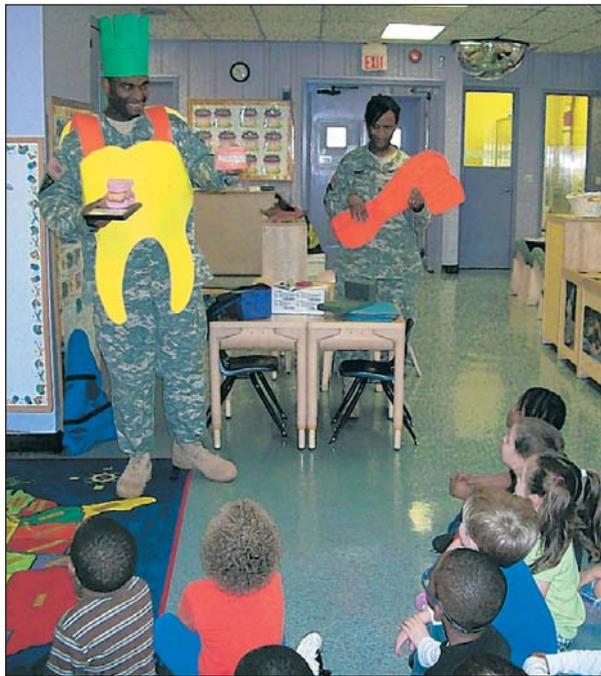


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**LESSON IN CLEAN TEETH—** Staff Sgt. Charles Hollingshed and Staff Sgt. Diana George, both of the Dental Clinic, give a fun presentation on teeth cleaning to children from the Child Development Center.

## 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:

May 4 and soccer on May 6. All events begin at 4:30 p.m. Call 313-3699.

### Rumba Dance Classes

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

### CYSS Little Tennis

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

### 50 Games of Bowling for 50c 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](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### 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, Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy refreshments from Papa John's Pizza, tour the facility and meet the faculty.

### 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.

### PGA Free Fitting and Trade-Up Month

During PGA Free Fitting and Trade-Up Month, PGA professionals Jon Samuelson and Dave Attrip 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

### 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

# Arsenal welcomes children of employees for annual event

*Bring Your Child to Work set for April 23*

Redstone Arsenal is once again welcoming children of employees to its annual Bring Your Child to Work Day, an event that includes demonstrations, hardware displays and hands-on experiences for kids of all ages.

Bring Your Child to Work Day is slated for April 23 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Parade Field on Patton Road near Gate 10. Employees are required to escort their children at all times during this event.

Online registration for this event is now open at [https://ams8.redstone.army.mil/bctw/bctw\\_home](https://ams8.redstone.army.mil/bctw/bctw_home). Employees must register their information along with their children's names prior

to April 23 to participate in this event.

To register, employees must possess a CAC and an AMCOM Portal Account. An AMCOM Portal Account may be requested or verified at: <http://www.amcom.redstone.army.mil>, select the option "Request AMCOM Portal Account" at the top of the page and follow the directions provided.

For those who do not have access to the AMCOM Portal Account, contact Alfreda Alexander at 876-7830, e-mail her at [Alfreda.alexander@us.army.mil](mailto:Alfreda.alexander@us.army.mil) or contact the organization point-of-contact.

Bring Your Child to Work Day will begin with sign-in at 7 a.m. on April 23. It will include an opening ceremony at 8 a.m.

and demonstrations and static displays from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Children may then participate in afternoon sessions at their par-

ents' organizations.

Employees should periodically check the Bring Your Child to Work Day web site for updates

on the event.

In case of severe weather, this event will be canceled.

## Exchange program assures lowest price

DALLAS – While a recent Army & Air Force Exchange Service survey found that the second most important customer service item for shoppers is price matching, AAFES' same survey found that only 52 percent had ever taken advantage of it at a base or post exchange.

"While the exchange is com-

mitted to offering the best possible value, there may be times when a shopper finds a lower price elsewhere," AAFES senior enlisted adviser Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helm said. "We'll Match It!" is simply a last line of defense in our ongoing effort to deliver the lowest price to troops and their families." (AAFES release)

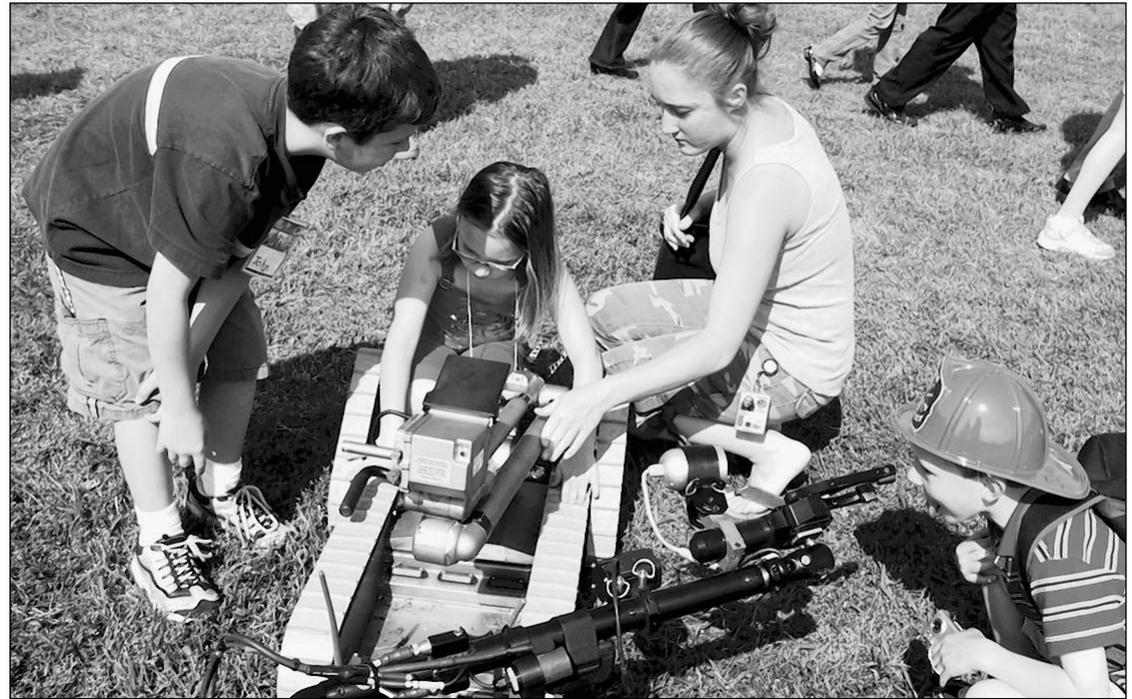


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**ROBOT SHOW-N-TELL FOR KIDS**— Seven-year-old Trinity Downey takes a close look at a robot on display at 2008's Bring Your Child to Work Day. With her is her mom, Lindsay Kodelya of the PEO Missiles and Space Program Office, and two other curious children.

## Commissaries promote food safety awareness

The Defense Commissary Agency considers food safety such a priority that its 259 stores will be highlighting awareness of proper food handling and cooking measures throughout April.

The April campaign is part of DeCA's yearlong efforts to demonstrate what the commissary does to be a source of safe food, said Rick Page, DeCA acting director and a staunch advocate of food safety throughout his three decades as a military grocer.

"Recent events in foodborne illness outbreaks have caused many consumers to wonder if their food supply is safe," Page said. "Our customers can be confident that we employ higher standards of safety and security to protect the food sold in commissaries.

"Nationwide, food safety awareness is observed in September," he added. "However, DeCA's emphasis on food safety is such that we want to do this twice a year

– it's that important."

Throughout April, customers will see displays and demonstrations with store personnel and military food safety inspectors on hand to answer questions about the food supply chain – how products are safeguarded during delivery to the store, and how customers can protect themselves and their families when they take products home.

Also in April, DeCA will announce its participation in Be Food Safe, a government program involving a group of nearly 30 retail grocery chains, to help educate consumers about the four steps of preventing foodborne illnesses in the kitchen: cleaning, separating, cooking and chilling foods. Customers will begin seeing Be Food Safe posters in the stores and information linked to DeCA's Food Safety web page at <http://www.commissaries.com>. (Defense Commissary Agency release)

# Thanking civilians for joining the war effort



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**CERTIFICATES FOR HEROES**— David Bethke's deployment in theater to assist with the Command Missile Warning System makes him a hero to AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj Gen. Jim Myles. Bethke was among 150 Redstone Arsenal employees who were recognized at the Team Redstone Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony in Bob Jones Auditorium on April 7.

## AMCOM commander cites 150 at ceremony

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Crispin Banda has deployed to Iraq three times.

But that's not enough. He has just volunteered to deploy a fourth time. He will leave in June for a 179-day deployment to Balad.

Although he is very much a part of today's war effort, Banda no longer wears a uniform. The retired sergeant first class deploys as a civilian, representing the Logistics Support Activity and the logistics information warehouse.

What motivates Banda to volunteer to travel to a war zone?

The eyes of the Soldiers.

"I've traveled all through Iraq training Soldiers," he said. "It's all about the war fighter. I can see it in their eyes. I want to be there to help them. I feel our mission is important to the war fighter. I'm a

DA civilian teaching them. I don't carry a gun. I carry the weapon of knowledge."

When Banda made his first trip to Iraq in 2005, Soldiers were using a time-consuming and often frustrating manual system to get damaged equipment – primarily rolling stock – in the repair chain. Banda changed all that by teaching them how to use the more efficient and faster automated reset management tool.

"Our mission is to save lives and save government money," Banda said. "When we took the ARMT to Iraq, all the FOBs (forward operating bases) requested training. I trained at 20 different FOBs in 24 days.

"Reset is a big thing because of the shortage of equipment. The training I provided allowed units to get equipment back to the depot to get repaired at a quicker rate. The goal is to get equipment repaired or refurbished and brought back up to full combat capability."

The civilian work force volunteering to deploy to the war zone in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world was the central focus of the third Team Redstone Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony in Bob Jones Auditorium on April 7. Banda was among 150 employees – most civilians, a few Soldiers – who were recognized by AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles.

"You do the Lord's work to help keep the Soldier alive," Myles told the work force gathering. "You guys are inside 30 miles of Baghdad. You guys are getting closer to the city in terms of the support you provide in this overseas contingency operation. You are so important to our Soldiers."

Myles talked about the innovative measures civilians are taking to address problems on the battlefield. He mentioned recent developments to put the Avenger gun on

# Workers honored for volunteering in theater

The following Redstone Arsenal employees were recognized at the April 7 Team Redstone Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony. While most have returned from deployments, some are currently deployed and were represented by family at the ceremony.

David Acevedo, Garrison; Catherine Adams, USATA; Don Allgood, USATA; William Alvarez, Aviation Engineering Directorate; Ellis Atkinson, LOGSA; Mona Augustus, AMCOM LMP;

Crispin Banda, LOGSA; Andrew Barrientez, AMRDEC/PIF; Lt. Col. Gregory Bayuga, IMMC Readiness Directorate; Kevin Beck, PEO Missiles and Space; Daniel Beck, PEO Aviation; Staff Sgt. Lakethia Bell, 59th Ordnance Brigade; Roderick Bellows, PEO Aviation; David Bethke, CMWS; Wray Bloxson, PEO Missiles and Space; Samuel Boller, USATA; Douglas Boody, SSSI; Michael Boyajian, PEO Aviation; Timothy Brimeyer, AMCOM/IMMC; Rona Brownridge, DIA/MSIC; Bernard Bryant, PEO Missiles and Space; Rodney Bryant, PEO Missiles and Space;

Maj. Andrew Carter, Joint Contracting Command; Alfred Chapmon, LEADS; Harold Charette, SSSI; Oswaldo Chavez; Kristine Combs, LOGSA; Rex Connor, GRD; John Courtney, USATA; James Cox, Acquisition Center; Nora Crawford, AMCOM; James Curry, USATA;

Robert Dahlman, USATA; Bryant Dalton, SSSI; Jack Dodge, LOGSA; Michael Drylie, LOGSA; Rebecca Duncan, MSIC; Willard Dunn, USATA; Lt. Col. Gerald Dwyer, PEO Aviation; Bruce Evans, USATA; Emery Fehl, FAHC; Earnest Forbes, PEO Missiles and Space; Christopher Ford, Engineering Directorate; Bianca Foreman, LOGSA; Nathan Foreman, LOGSA; Michael Gainey, IMMC; Lt. Col. Craig Gardunia, Joint Contracting Command; Jessie Graves, LOGSA; Gary Gunther, PEO Missiles and Space; Maj. Steve Gutierrez, Joint Contracting Command;

Diane Hamilton; David Hart, FLIR; Phillip Herndon, Aviation Engineering Directorate; Robert Herndon, USATA; Ed Hewitt, PEO Missiles and Space; Staff Sgt. William Hickman, FAHC; Jessie Hollings, LEADS; Margaret Hopkins, IMMC; David Hunnicutt, Aviation Engineering Directorate; Carolyn Hutchinson, LOGSA; Richard Hutson, SSSI;

Ngozi Ihediwa, PEO Missiles and Space; Maj. Andris Ikstrums, AMCOM; Maj. Christopher Johnson, AMC; Staff Sgt. James Journigan, PEO Aviation; Shannon Kenster, FAHC; Brian Kicklighter, LOGSA; Maj. Nick Kioutas, PEO Aviation; Steve Knight, PEO Missiles and Space;

Joe Lane, PEO Aviation; Master Sgt. Jeffery Lang, PEO Aviation; Dave Lanpher, GE; Jamehl Law, LOGSA; Jonathan Lawrence, LEADS; Jeffrey Legowski, PEO Command Control and Communications Tacti-

cal; Mike Lewis, PEO Aviation; Donna Lewter, AMCOM; Daniel Lindsey; Chief Warrant Office 4 Mark Little, UH-PO; Roy Longino, PEO Aviation; David Lonowski, PEO Missiles and Space; Staff Sgt. Adrian Lopez, 59th Ordnance Brigade;

Dan Machado, LOGSA; Booker Malone, LEADS; Alfred Martin, PEO Aviation; Chris Martin, PEO Aviation; Rodney Mathewson, IMMC; Judith Mayhew, LOGSA; Maj. Dan McCarthy, UH-PO; Glen McDonald, AMCOM; Josh McKay, LOGSA; John Moore, AMCOM; Mark Moran, SSSI; Jason Morris, PEO Missiles and Space; Wesley Mullins, LEADS;

Ted Nelke, USATA; Gary Newsom, PEO Aviation; Keith Nichols, PEO Command Control and Communications Tactical; Michael Nickel, LOGSA; Bruce Norman, USATA; Bob Orr, contractor, PEO Missiles and Space; Chavez Oswaldo, USATA; Tom Owens, PEO Missiles and Space;

Eric Palmquist, USATA; Phillip Parker, PEO Aviation; William Parsons, FLIR; Robert Perez, SSSI; Shane Pettit, FLIR; Rick Phelps, SSSI; Chris Pittman, Garrison; Carolyn Poma, AMCOM; Richard Potvin, AMCOM; John Powers, FLIR; Roy Primeau, PEO Command Control and Communications Tactical;

Craig Ravenell, Joint Contracting Command; Graham Ray, LOGSA; Reese Reinhardt, PEO Command Control and Communications Tactical; Yvonne Renne, PEO Missiles and Space; Donald Roberts, FLIR; Steve Roemer, PEO Command Control and Communications Tactical; William Ross, Garrison; Chris Rumell, PEO Missiles and Space; Lt. Col. Lisa Ryder, AMRDEC;

Peter Saemisch, Aviation Engineering Directorate; Mike Sams, PEO Missiles and Space; Jerry Scott, AMCOM; Spc. Kenster Shannon; Daniel J. Shields, SSSI; Eugene Simpson, USATA; James Sinclair, USATA; Steven Slocum, USATA; Patrick Smith, PEO Missiles and Space; Scott Solverson, SSSI; Susan Spurlock, SSSI; David Stamm, PEO Command Control and Communications Tactical; Maj. James Stepien, PEO Missiles and Space; Col. Michael Steves, PEO Missiles and Space; Warren Stewart, FLIR; Wayne Stoops, LOGSA; Lance Cpl. Michael Suedmeyer, Marine Corps Special Forces; Nicki Swindle, 59th Ordnance Brigade;

Maria Taylor, SAMD; James Thompson, PEO Aviation; Lt. Col. Redus Tittle, IMMC; Thomas Toledo, LEADS; Richard Vaca, SSSI; Keith Vincent, Readiness Directorate; Kellie Wade, LOGSA; Michael Washington, Engineering Directorate; John Watson, IMMC; Paul Williams, AMCOM; George Williams, Engineering Directorate; Michael Williams, LOGSA; Larry Williams, USATA; Timothy Wright, Aviation Engineering Directorate; and Mark Zull, PEO Command Control and Communications Tactical.

# Obama praises troops during surprise visit to Iraq

By Sgt. 1st Class MICHAEL J. CARDEN  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — In a surprise visit to Iraq on April 7, President Barack Obama declared to troops in Baghdad that now is the time for Iraqis “to take responsibility for their country.”

Obama’s stop to visit some 1,500 troops, government civilians and contractors at Camp Victory’s Al Faw Palace in Baghdad was his first to Iraq as president.

Obama promptly thanked the troops for their service and personal sacrifice “under enormous strain ... through controversy and difficulty and politics.”

“You have performed brilliantly in every mission that has been given to you. You’ve kept your eyes focused on just doing your job,” Obama said. “You have given Iraq the opportunity to stand on its own as a democratic country.”

The next 18 months will be critical for the Iraqis to make political accommodations and resolve their constitutional differences, he said.

The United States is committed to Iraq’s success, and will continue to work with Iraq’s security forces and government to ensure Iraq remains stable. The U.S. military still remains an important aspect to Iraq’s stability, and Obama said he hopes Iraq will continue to be a “good neighbor and a good ally.”

“We can’t do it for them,” he said. “But what we can do is make sure that we are a stalwart partner; that we are working alongside them.”

# Army aims to reduce greenhouse gases

By C. TODD LOPEZ  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — The Army has embarked on a service-wide effort to measure its carbon footprint, with the aim of reducing the effect it has on the environment while at the same time optimizing its use of fossil fuels.

The Army recently completed a proof-of-concept study at 12 installations to measure the amount of greenhouse gases it puts into the environment as a result of its activities.

The study looked at emissions that included water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, ozone and chlorofluorocarbons. The most predominate of those emissions are carbon dioxide and then methane, said Tad Davis, the deputy undersecretary of the Army for environment, safety and occupational health.

The greenhouse gas proof-of-concept study was conducted at different kinds of installations including Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa.; Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; Fort Drum, N.Y.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Rucker, Ala.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Hood, Texas; and Fort Stewart, Ga.

# Education outreach aimed at inspiring future workers

*Volunteers share story in community schools*

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Recruiting for civilian jobs at Redstone Arsenal can start at an early age.

While high school students would naturally be the primary target for Army employees involved in AMCOM's Education Outreach Program, they are also talking to children in local elementary and middle schools in hopes of inspiring younger students who have an interest in science and math to someday look to the Arsenal for employment.

BRAC and the decline in the number of young people entering science and math fields has caused "concern about having enough people to fill jobs," AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister said. "This is an opportunity for mission failure. We want kids in high school and college thinking they have an opportunity for a career at Redstone Arsenal."

To that end, volunteers with the Education Outreach Program are "getting out in schools at all levels" to share career opportunities. Recently, the following Aviation and Missile Command employees were presenters at local schools. They are listed with their topic and the school where they



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ARSENAL AMBASSADORS—** Members of AMCOM's Education Outreach Program receive recognition from deputy commander Ronnie Chronister, third from right, for their recent efforts to share the Arsenal story and career opportunities with children of all ages. With Chronister are, from left, Vern Spearman, Barry Beavers, Brenda Forte, John Severn, Dr. Tom Pieplow, Dan Parker, Jan Robinson, Brandy Goff and Lt. Col. Greg Bayuga.

presented: Vern Spearman, Careers In Science, Randolph School; Barry Beavers, Our Nation, Rolling Hills Elementary School; Brenda Forte, Our City, Rolling Hills Elementary School; John Severn, Our City, Rolling Hills Elementary School; Dr. Tom Pieplow, Careers with a Purpose, Sparkman High School; Dan Parker, Financial Literacy, Madison County High School; Jan Robinson, Financial Literacy, Madison County High School; Brandy Goff, Careers with a Purpose, Sparkman High School; Lt. Col. Greg

Bayuga, Leadership Development, Monrovia Elementary School; and Deborah McEmore Baugh, Women's History Month, Oakwood University.

While offering information about future Army careers is the top priority of the Education Outreach Program, it is also hoped the program will make the community more aware of the work performed on Redstone Arsenal.

"Besides giving them an understanding that there are career opportunities

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# Defense agency does Math Challenge Week

The Missile Defense Agency is preparing tomorrow's work force for careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through educational outreach.

This week the MDA is holding Math Challenge Week at Lacey's Spring Middle School and Huntsville Middle School. The MDA is providing speakers along with engineers and scientists who have volunteered to educate students on math, science and engineering as it directly relates to the MDA's mission to defend the United States, its deployed forces, allies and friends against ballistic missile attack.

Volunteers from the agency and local industry are mentoring students as they compete in classroom-based teams. Students are applying mathematical and scientific skills to determine launch point coordinates of a rocket and ultimately to simulate intercepting a target.

The math challenge is only a small part of the Missile Defense Agency's Educational Engineering and Science Student Outreach program. The goal of this program is to increase student interest in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

EESSO is a newly-implemented program within MDA's Advanced Technology Innovations directorate striving to assist the agency in acquiring and maintaining a world-class team of engineers and scientists to promote creative and innovative thinking and foster partnerships with industry, academia and other government agencies. *(Missile Defense Agency release)*

## Effort

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Kiowa helicopters to solve a reliability issue. Those developments involved Soldiers and civilians working both in theater and at Redstone Arsenal.

“Employees at PEO Missiles and Space and PEO Aviation married together to come up with a solution,” Myles said. “That put them real close to the Soldiers in making a difference.”

Regardless of whether a civilian is a comptroller, logistics engineer, trainer, reset engineer or any number of other positions, “you are making a significant impact to our Soldiers,” he said. “Every one of you makes a difference. It takes a team.”

Although civilians are making a difference in overseas contingency operations, Myles said they often don’t want to be honored for their support.

“There are some heroes among us ready to go in the theater of operations. They say ‘Send me. Let me go in.’ They step up and do the mission. And that makes you a hero,” the general said.

“We know who you are and where you are. It’s important to us to make sure you don’t think we don’t appreciate what you do.”

Following his comments, Myles took the time to shake the hand of every employee honored at the ceremony and to tell the audience what each has done for their nation. Supporting various logistics efforts, developing software in the field,

analyzing helicopter readiness, establishing C-RAM capability to locate and destroy enemy rockets and mortars, fielding aviation ground systems, building infrastructure, gathering data and information, maintaining aircraft and countering the threat of improvised explosive devices are all jobs that civilians have undertaken in theater.

For many civilians, deploying means venturing into unknown territory, both personally and professionally.

James Cox of AMCOM’s Acquisition Center was the first civilian contracting officer in theater when he deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2003.

“At that time, the military did not like civilians working with them,” Cox recalled. “I had to work with these Soldiers as a team member. I was successful because I did my job and remained the person I was.”

Cox proved he could do the job and, along the way, dispelled many of the anxieties Soldiers had with working closely with Army civilians.

“They thought I was going to take their job. But we all had our own jobs to do,” Cox said. “A lot of times a contracting officer has to say ‘no’ and no one likes to hear that. But I found ways to work with them.”

In his job, Cox managed acquisitions for things such as large rocks needed to create landing pads for helicopters in the sand, gravel for walkways, and materials for building schools and clinics, and digging water wells. He handled acquisitions for the first compound built for the Provin-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**MOM WITH SENSE OF HUMOR—** Rebecca Suedmeyer runs circles around Maj. Gen. Jim Myles with her motorized mobility scooter while on stage to receive a deployment certificate in honor of her son, Marine Lance Cpl. Michael Suedmeyer, who is deployed with the Special Forces along the Syrian border. Her antics drew laughter from Myles and the audience.

cial Reconstruction Teams in Kandahar.

And, yet despite all the projects he worked on in Afghanistan, Cox kept a low profile after he returned from his deployment. He didn’t feel his accomplishments were appreciated or understood. Myles’ ceremony has changed that perception.

“The ceremony was great,” Cox said. “It shows what the general says. He is concerned about the Soldier and those who support the Soldier.”

Nora Crawford of AMCOM G-8 got that same impression from the ceremony. She deployed as a resource manager for six months in 2008 in support of the 3rd of the 401st Army Field Support Brigade in Afghanistan. She will deploy again in early May, this time to Iraq.

“The first time I went it was really a call from God,” Crawford said. “I was leaving work and I felt I was instructed to go back into my office, turn my computer back on and to volunteer. So, I did that.”

“This second time, I was requested. It’s an honor to be asked to serve. I get a lot of direct gratification knowing I’m serving my country as well as the war fighter team.”

During that first deployment, Crawford received the commander’s combat war fighters award. Her capabilities with managing a \$64 million program for the AFSB proved she’s a valuable asset to any military unit.

As the first woman to deploy from her organization, Crawford has set an example for her co-workers. She has coached three other female employees interested in deploying.

Crawford, who is married to a 23-year Army retiree, is deploying again with the blessing of her husband. And although she appreciated the deployed work force recognition ceremony, she said she does not need accolades to continue her mission.

“I don’t serve for this kind of recognition. I serve for the self-gratification knowing I support the war fighter,” she said.

And, in Myles’ words, that combination of service and humility makes Crawford a hero.

## Education outreach volunteers visit local schools

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at Redstone Arsenal, our volunteers also work as ambassadors,” Chronister said, as he spoke to the volunteers during a special recognition ceremony April 7.

“It’s good to see you in our schools. The feedback is phenomenal. It’s surpassed our wildest expectations. You are ambassadors for Redstone Arsenal.”

Chronister said all Redstone Arsenal

employees should find ways to share the Arsenal story and to volunteer within their communities.

“It’s your responsibility as leaders and employees here to get out in the community,” he said. “We have to pay attention to the things happening outside our gates. We need to encourage community awareness and community support.”

“We are very, very appreciative to all of you because this program takes your time. It says a lot about you as leaders. You are having a tremendous impact.”

## Annual car show contributes to causes

### Cars and Camouflage lined up for Saturday

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The Cars and Camouflage Charity Car Show is celebrating its seventh year. Scheduled for Saturday, the event will call Bridge Street Town Centre home this year.

"They're fully supporting the event," event founder Tom Perkins said. "It's going to be a great show and a great venue."

Traditionally an Army Emergency Relief fund-raiser this year's show, hosted by Vets with Vettes and Corvette owners, will benefit another worthy cause as well. The proceeds from the show will be divided between AER and Honor Flight Tennessee Valley.

"The WW II vets gave so much. They spent years fighting away from their families. For their memorial to be the last built is a shame," Perkins said. "For them to be dying without ever seeing it is just unacceptable."

The event is free for attendees, with a nominal \$20 fee for car exhibitors. There

will be raffles, door prizes, a poker run and a silent auction. Military displays are also planned.

The event will be located at the rear of Bridge Street, alongside the movie theater. Perkins said Bridge Street is also helping with entertainment.

"They are coinciding events to piggy-back us," he said. "They'll have live bands and promotions not just at our site, but throughout the center."

Show organizers are hoping to double last year's 120 cars entered. While many entrants will showcase their fully customized and restored vehicles, Perkins said perfection is not a requirement.

"This is a car show of support, not just a car show," he said. "Come out and support the cause no matter what kind of car or what shape it's in."

The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with exhibitor check-in beginning at 8. The first 200 entrants will receive a goody bag and dash plaque. Staying all day isn't mandatory, however.

"There's a lot to do at Bridge Street," Perkins said. "Come by and get set up, then go see a movie, shop or go eat."

For more information, contact event organizers by e-mail, [getracing@aol.com](mailto:getracing@aol.com), or call Perkins at 755-7335.



Photo by Ken Ille

**READY FOR REVIEW**— The Cars and Camouflage Charity Car Show to benefit Army Emergency Relief and Honor Flight will be held Saturday at Bridge Street Town Centre.

# Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

## Fund-raisers under way

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- Bake sale, sponsored by the Garrison, on Thursday from 8-10 a.m. at room 121 in building 111 and the building 4488 lobby.

- Cars & Camouflage charity car show, hosted by Vets with Vettes and Corvette Owners, on Saturday 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.

- Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale continues 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.

- IMMC Maintenance Sup-

port 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 build-

ing 4488 lobby.

- The Acquisition Center is sponsoring lunch or dinner at Five Guys or Nothing But Noodles on May 21. A flyer is needed to participate. Call 842-4946.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**BAKED GOODS—** Kerry Sims of IMMC's Depot Program and Budget Office pitches in to buy some baked goods at an Army Emergency Relief bake sale sponsored by AMCOM's Lead AMC Integration Support Office. The bake sale was organized by, from left, Vikki Kelley, Becky Funderburg, Joanna Southerland and Terry Pelkey.

Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

## Straight shooter

AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister, second from left, sinks another basket at the IMMC Basketball Free Throw competition April 9 at Pagano Gym. He won top honors with 34 baskets in the allotted three minutes. The event raised nearly \$1,000 for Army Emergency Relief.



# Defense logistics workers gather for summit

## Huntsville support team travels to Richmond

By CATHY HOPKINS  
DSCR public affairs

RICHMOND, Va. — More than 80 Defense Supply Center Richmond forward deployed employees spread across the United States returned home to Richmond for a 3-day summit April 1-3.

Col Victor Wager, director of Aviation Customer Operations, opened the summit in the Lotts' Conference Center.

"Getting people moved forward has been a long journey that we have worked hard," he said. "It started 18 months ago under (Navy) Rear Adm. Mark Heinrich (former DSCR commander). He told me to 'move them forward; get in the customer's backyard.'"

DSCR's forward presence support team at Huntsville is part of the movement, working now alongside Aviation and Missile Command employees to support the mechanics performing depot-level maintenance at Redstone Arsenal. To better serve their Army customers, the team traveled to the summit to gain an awareness of new business tools, of Aviation Customer Operations' core business processes, and of how to elevate issues to DSCR and Defense Logistics Agency.



Photo by Amy Clement

**FORWARD DEPLOYED—** Mark Witt, DSCR forward deployed logistic management specialist, traveled with his team from Huntsville to Richmond, Va., April 1-3 for summit meetings to learn core business processes to better support customers.

"Our primary goal is readiness," Wager said. "Get the part to our customers. We have to get out of firefighting and do more planning to get parts on the shelf."

AMCOM forward presence team members include Mark Witt, logistic management specialist; Richard Wojda, customer account specialist; and customer logistics site specialists Timothy Bowers, Ruby Lunz, Murrey Vedel and Victoria Reynolds.

The core processes used in customer operations are order fulfillment, demand planning, and customer service management.

# French ministry of defense team visits Redstone

## Nation interested in Javelin system

A French Ministry of Defense team of acquisition officials and Soldiers visited Redstone Arsenal from Feb. 9-13. The purpose of the visit was to meet with Army officials to discuss a possible cooperative development effort for the Javelin weapon system.

“Collaborating with France on an anti-tank missile program will result in closer relations with the French Army and Special Forces. The U.S. Army is seeking to build upon the longstanding cooperation between our forces to strengthen the military-to-military partnership that goes back to the founding of the United States,” said Charles Wray, director of policy for security cooperation, resources and exports, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation. “French and American troops are today serving beside each other in Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan, where France has committed 700 troops to Operation Enduring Freedom. It is increasingly

important now, as France moves to integrate into the NATO military structure, that the United States and France take steps to increase the compatibility of our weapon systems to enable our troops to continue fighting beside each other effectively.”

The French Délégation Générale pour l’Armement has initiated a program to replace the MILAN weapon system, an anti-tank, guided missile system. The DGA, the “General Delegation for Armaments,” is the French government agency that conducts development and evaluation programs of weapon systems for the French military.

The Javelin weapon system is the first “fire-and-forget” shoulder-launched, anti-tank missile fielded to the Army and Marine Corps. This close combat missile system is capable of defeating armored vehicles, fortifications and soft targets in full spectrum operations. Man-portable, Javelin consists of a missile in a disposable launch tube and a reusable Command Launch Unit, which houses the daysight, night vision sight, and controls. The CLU allows for battlefield surveillance, target acquisition, missile launch and battle

damage assessment.

Since full-rate production of Javelin began in 1997, over 25,000 missiles and 6,600 CLUs have been sold to the Army, Marine Corps and international customers. Javelin has been selected by the armed forces of 11 allied nations: the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Norway, Lithuania, the Czech

Republic, Taiwan, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, and the Sultan of Oman. These purchases are valued at almost \$1 billion. In addition to France, another five nations are considering the Javelin system at an estimated value of more than \$600 million.

A final decision by the French DGA on the purchase is expected in July.



Courtesy photo

**POTENTIAL CUSTOMER—** Members of the French Ministry of Defense delegation receive hands-on experience with the Javelin weapon system during their visit to Redstone Arsenal.

# Garrison intern returns to her childhood roots

*Traveled the world in military family*

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Candra Buchanan knows a lot about support for Soldiers and their families because she grew up as a military child. Now as a member of the Garrison Intern Program, she wants to do what she can for future generations.

Born in Huntsville, she traveled as a military family member.

“We lived all over the world,” she said. “I grew up on military bases.”

The experience helped mold Buchanan’s personality.

Buchanan graduated from Tennessee State University with a bachelor’s in business administration. After years working in her uncle’s dental practice in Atlanta, she decided to go on her own. Returning to her military roots, this time as a Garrison intern, has helped the transition.

“I wanted a new start,” she said. “I decided to come back to my beginnings. I

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“I’m laid back,” she said. “I’m more of an observer. Going to different countries and always meeting new people, I learned to sit back and watch a little at first. I like to kind of assess the situation before I jump in.”



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**HEADSTART—** Candra Buchanan is off to an enthusiastic start with the Garrison Intern Program.

# Safeguard your outdoor items during spring

## Report theft losses to Claims Office

By JAMES E. FRIDAY JR.  
 Claims Office

The following information is provided to help you understand the importance of safeguarding your property while residing in government assigned quarters. With spring's arrival, it is time to bring out the lawn furniture, lawn mowers and barbecue grills.

Theft of lawn decorations and other property, such as barbecue grills, lawn mowers, lawn furniture and your favorite outside items, which are kept outside of quarters, should be protected from theft. Claimants are expected to exercise a degree of care commensurate with the risk of loss. And at an installation such as Redstone where the risk of loss is more than expected, claimants are expected to secure items of any significant value to reduce the possibility of theft. Barbecue grills and lawn mowers should be either secured with a chain and lock to a fixed item, or stored within a shed if one is provided.

**Thefts from quarters:** As stated above, family quarters must also be secured so that a thief must force an entry leaving behind visible signs of force entry. This includes storage areas such as sheds. Do not leave expensive jewelry in plain sight where it can be seen through a window. Secure your expensive jewelry even if you are going to the PX or Commissary and will only be gone for a short time.

**Theft of bicycles and motorcycles:** With spring and summer upon us, bicycles will be a favorite target for thieves. Claimants are expected to keep bicycles, motorbikes or motorcycles in the garage

or to chain such items to a fixed object (such as a rack, pole, post, or tree) outdoors, if one is reasonably available to prevent the item from being stolen. Locking handlebars or locking the wheels together normally does not provide sufficient protection. Also, because motorcycle helmet chinstraps can be easily cut, securing a helmet to a motorcycle by the chinstraps or a lock run through the chinstraps does not provide sufficient protection. Similar to motor vehicles, bicycles must be registered on post through the Provost Marshal's Office. Unregistered bicycles are not considered properly on the installation and are therefore not payable under the claims system if they are stolen.

Care should also be exercised to reduce thefts in barracks rooms: Cameras and similar expensive items, such as laptops, should be secured in a wall locker or unit supply room. Stereos and other similar electronic items should be secured in a wall locker or unit supply room when the Soldier is going on extended leave or will be absent. Soldiers must also ensure that a high value inventory of all high value items is conducted and that both the unit and the Soldier maintain a copy of the inventory. A barracks room is not a proper place to store cash and valuable jewelry. Normally, however, \$100 is a reasonable amount of cash to have on hand. Soldiers should bank amounts greater than \$100 or store it in a safe.

Soldiers are expected to take extra measures to protect cash, valuable jewelry, and similar small, easily pilferable items. Such possessions should be kept in a locked container within a secured room. Soldiers are also expected to secure their barracks windows and doors, and other

storage areas. In addition, unit commanders must promptly secure and inventory property belonging to Soldiers who are hospitalized, AWOL, imprisoned or on emergency leave.

Bottom line, if you suffer a loss while in government quarters, you have the right to file a claim for compensation. There are, however, a few things you should know prior to filing.

You should remember three things about the Military Personnel Claims Act.

First: It is not insurance, therefore, it does not provide full-insurance protection. If you have private insurance that will cover your loss or any part of your loss, you must first file a claim with your insurance company before this office can process your claim.

Second: It does not alleviate your obligation to substantiate the ownership and value of the type of property involved, or the fact of loss, damage or destruction in the manner alleged.

Third: Report the theft or incident to

the Military Police within 24 hours of the theft or incident. Reporting the incident to the Military Police is essential. A Military Police report, however, does not guarantee the payment of your claim. Normally, a Military Police report cannot substantiate the ownership, value or fact of loss in the manner alleged. This responsibility belongs to you. Although you have two years from the date of the alleged incident to file your claim, do not wait. Failure to file within this two-year period will result in the denial of your claim. Early filing helps the Claims Office resolve any problems that might arise. Additionally, unresolved questions about your claim may delay any payment to you or result in your entire claim being denied.

If you follow these guidelines, they should go a long way in helping you receive fair compensation for your loss and may save you some money. If you have further questions, call 876-9006 or visit the Claims Office at building 111 and ask to speak with a claims examiner.

## Tricare proposals draw group's ire

SPRINGFIELD, Va. – The president of the National Association for Uniformed Services, retired Maj. Gen. Bill Matz, wrote a strongly-worded letter to President Barack Obama urging him to personally step in and stop any efforts by the Defense Department and others in the administration to raise the out-of-pocket costs paid by the military's Tricare health care system beneficiaries. The letter was sent as the administration is completing work on its 2010 budget.

Matz's letter cites disturbing reports that the Defense Department plans to raise Tricare premiums for military retirees and to increase pharmaceutical copayment fees for family members of active duty, reserve and Guard service-members, as well as Tricare For Life (Medicare-eligible) participants.

"It is inconceivable that the administration would recommend proposals that would virtually destroy a major career incentive by shifting the costs onto the shoulders of those brave men and women who sacrificed to earn the benefit," Matz

wrote. "Instead, we should look to improve Tricare ... rather than shift the financial responsibility to those who have already sacrificed so much for our nation." (*National Association for Uniformed Services release*)

# City's first female mayor lauded for troop support

## Loretta Spencer receives prestigious AUSA award

By KARI HAWKINS  
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One of Redstone Arsenal's staunchest supporters received the prestigious Maj. Gen. Robert F. Cocklin Award during the Third Region AUSA awards banquet April 4.

Loretta Spencer, who served three terms as Huntsville's first female mayor from 1996-2008, was recognized with the Cocklin award for "dedication to fostering the unique and special relationship that exists between the Huntsville community and the activities at Redstone Arsenal," according to the award dinner program.

Spencer was the first mayor to win the award. Previous award winners have included congressmen, Army generals, a judge and a civic leader. Alabama's Sen. Howell Heflin, Rep. Bill Dickerson, Rep. Bud Cramer, Rep. Terry Everett and Anniston civic



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**NIGHT TO REMEMBER— Retired Col. John Rogers, AUSA's Third Region president, and John Spencer hold up the flying eagle statute presented to Loretta Spencer at the annual awards dinner of AUSA's Third Region on April 4. Spencer received the award for her support of Redstone Arsenal and local Soldiers during her three-term tenure as Huntsville mayor. She is the first mayor to receive the award in its 20-year history.**

leader and businessman Gerald Powell have all been past recipients of the award, which has been presented in the Third Region since 1989.

Spencer was presented the award by retired Col. John Rogers, Third Region AUSA president and civilian aide to the secretary of the Army.

"There was no single Army event that she was invited to that she did not attend," he said. "She has an exhausting list of public service and personal achievements."

Spencer's two children – John Spencer and Sarah Chappell – were with their mother when she received the award.

"We love having Redstone Arsenal here and the Redstone Arsenal AUSA chapter," she told the audience. "This chapter gives back and makes Huntsville what it is."

During her tenure as mayor, Spencer was heavily involved in supporting Base Realignment and Closure Committee activities that brought new Army organizations, programs and employees to Redstone Arsenal. She was also present at Huntsville ceremonies to say "goodbye" and "welcome home" to deployed local National Guard and Reserve units. Some of those Soldiers were city employees.

"When they were activated, I could see the fear in their eyes. But this community supports its Soldiers 100 percent. It was

always hard to say 'goodbye.' I loved seeing those buses come back home," Spencer said.

Always supportive of the military, she didn't hesitate to tell the Third Region audience that she is solidly behind support for the Veterans Memorial to be built in downtown Huntsville.

"This memorial is important so we can remember our history," she said. "It is very, very important that we support the families and the Soldiers."

Spencer received the Cocklin award during a program that also included the announcement of a \$25,000 donation from AUSA to the Veterans Memorial.

Other award winners of the evening were retired Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Whiteford of the Redstone-Huntsville AUSA chapter, who was presented with the Third Region Soldier of the Year Award for his volunteer work with AUSA; and Larry Dadrige of the Charleston, S.C., AUSA chapter received the Ms. Brenda M. Dougherty Award for his lifetime of dedicated service to AUSA through his volunteer efforts.

## ■ Military families face enormous pressures, says retired general

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"In my view the Army is too small, the active Army is too small," Sullivan said of the 480,000 Soldiers now serving on active duty. Today's Soldiers average three tours.

"It's too much to ask ... That's a lot to ask of anybody and we are going to keep at it because this isn't going to end," he said of the deployments and overseas contingency operations.

Often, the chief of staff and the secretary of the Army are forced to choose between equipment and personnel when

determining annual budgets. And, while all military branches are essential, Sullivan said the Soldier who is "trained, courageous, tough, innovative and possesses American values" is the "coin of the realm" in the war fight.

It is up to AUSA to "ensure the men and women who continue to serve are treated with dignity and respect, and get the support they need to do their jobs," Sullivan said.

Mentioning benefits, training and equipment, he said the Soldier survives because they are "provided with the most lethal conventional weapons we can get our hands on."

In closing, Sullivan talked about the

Year of the Non-Commissioned Officer, noting that every recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor since the end of the Cold War has been an NCO. He mentioned the late 1st Sgt. Bill Bainbridge, a World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veteran who was instrumental in developing the NCOs leadership training program, and four recipients of that training program — medal of honor recipients Master Sgt. Gary Gordon and Sgt. 1st Class Randy Shughart, who were killed while responding to a helicopter crash during the Battle of Mogadishu; Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith, who was killed in Iraq while holding enemy forces at bay, allowing the wounded to be carried to safety; and Spc. Ross McGinnis, who was killed in Iraq

when he dived on a hand grenade thrown into a Humvee, thus saving the lives of four other Soldiers.

"Every one of those Soldiers was trained and developed through a very specific system, the leadership development system" created in part by Bainbridge, Sullivan said.

While the leadership development system molds an NCO into a courageous and effective leader, it is their family and their civilian support system that gives them the strength to "marry" themselves to an "institution devoted to selfless service to the nation."

"When you reach out," Sullivan said to his audience of AUSA members, "you are putting something in their very soul. I have two words for you – thank you."

# Occupational health nurses have their week

By RHONDA LAMBERT  
Fox Army Health Center

National Occupational Health Nursing Week is April 17-23. At Redstone Arsenal, your occupational health nurses and staff are working this week – as each and every week – to champion your

health and safety on the job.

Here are some of the specific things that we are doing to encourage a safer, more healthful work environment:

Promoting Health and Work-site Wellness — As our country struggles with economic recovery, many of our workers are

struggling as well. Elevated stress levels are just one of many causes of decreased productivity and lost work days. OHNs are a valuable resource in achieving optimal employee health, working to reduce absenteeism, improve productivity, and lower rates of job related injuries. OHNs are in the unique position to: identify health risks for employees in all occupational groups, promote healthy lifestyle choices for employees, serve as health advocates, and engage employees to take charge of their health. In addition, OHNs are in the best position to align occupational health services with organizational goals, facilitate communication and collaboration among management, and employee groups, and foster a community of wellness.

Supporting Safety on the Job — Safety audits, hazard assessments, work site visits and treatment of work-related injuries are just a few of the ways our OHN's are watching out for your safety. OHNs are trained to identify and address potential health and safety hazards in the work environment. Army OHN's are uniquely

trained for Department of the Army and Department of Defense missions. At Redstone Arsenal, we work in coordination with other members of the health and safety team, including safety officers, industrial hygienists and ergonomists, to identify employees at risk, place those employees in appropriate surveillance programs, and treat or assist with referrals if exposures occur.

Complying with Laws and Regulations — Did you know that there are hundreds of laws and regulations that govern health and safety in the workplace? Whether it's the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, worker's compensation laws, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, or Army regulations and policies, OHNs and other occupational health professionals know the ins and outs of these laws and regulations. We work with the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center management, union officials, safety officers and others to interpret and adhere to these guidelines so that the work force is as safe as possible.

As the largest group of health

care providers serving employees in the workplace, occupational health nurses positively impact the health and safety of the millions of people who work every day. During National Occupational Health Nursing Week, we encourage you to join Fox Army Health Center, and the Occupational Medicine staff, in celebrating the contributions these nurses make to a healthier, safer workplace.

*Editor's note: Rhonda Lambert is chief of occupational medicine at Fox Army Health Center.*

## ■ Huntsville native likes supporting military families

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knew it would be a new experience, the environment is familiar.”

Already working in her first rotation with the Plans Analysis and Integration Office, Buchanan is looking ahead. She hopes that each of her stints in the Garrison's directorates will help her find her niche as an Army civilian.

“Right now, just starting out, I'm leaning towards direct support for families and Soldiers because I've lived that,” she said. “As I go farther in the program I may find something else that is a perfect fit for me.”

With those rotations comes a lot to learn. Buchanan looks forward to learning about how each piece adds up to the whole, but she knows the volume of information will be challenging.

“I'm ready to tackle it though,” she said.

Buchanan is a movie and theater buff. She likes films of all kinds, but said her favorite movies are the romantic comedies. She's also happy about the entertainment options in Huntsville.

“I like drama, comedy and I'm a big horror fan, too,” she said. “I also love going to the theater. I like musicals. The last one I saw was ‘The Color Purple.’ It was really good.”

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## Sports & Recreation

### Golf fund-raiser

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

### Basketball tournament

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

### Roller derby

The Dixie Derby Girls will have their season opener Saturday at the Von Braun Center South Hall against the Indianapolis Tornado Sirens. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; and the action starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. The first 50 kids get in free with a paid adult. Proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Club. For tickets visit [www.dixiederbygirls.com](http://www.dixiederbygirls.com).

### Benefit 10K

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

### MCEC golf classic

The first Military Child Education Coalition Golf Classic will be April 20 at The Ledges beginning with a welcome and registration at 11 a.m. and a shotgun start tournament at noon. There will also be a light lunch, a putting contest, and dinner and awards. The tournament fee is \$400 per player and \$1,600 for a foursome. There are also corporate sponsorship opportunities that include golf teams. Funds raised from the golf classic will provide financial support for MCEC's programs and initiatives to support highly mobile military-connected children and their families, both nationwide and in Madison County. For more information about the golf classic or MCEC, contact Nancy Jones at [nancy.jones@militarychild.org](mailto:nancy.jones@militarychild.org) or 585-2616 or visit the MCEC website at [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org).



## Conferences & Meetings

### Sergeants major

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

### Bible studies

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

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## Scholarship winner

Columbia High senior Christopher Dickerson receives an academic scholarship from the North Alabama National Society of Black Engineers. He is the son of retired Sgt. 1st Class Henry Dickerson of the Acquisition Center and Janet Dickerson of the Program Executive Office for Aviation. He will attend Tuskegee University on an academic scholarship this fall.

## Genealogy group

Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet April 20 at 7 p.m. at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library on the third floor in the Madison County Records Room. Annwhite Fuller, manager, will speak on "Researching your family in the Heritage Room: resources available and how to use them." For information call 883-5650.

## Veterans group

VFW Post 5162 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion building on Triana between Bob Wallace Avenue and Governors Drive. For more information, call Robert Davenport 679-3180.

## 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.

## Women's summit

The Women of Wealth Summit Conference is Saturday 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.

## Electronics association

Huntsville Chapter Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will have a luncheon meeting April 21 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Check in starts at 11 a.m., and the lunch at 11:30. FBI special agent Jeff Dowdy will speak on "The Iran Threat." Reservations are due by Friday. Call Chris Downing 799-1520.

## 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.

## Fleet reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting April 25, 2009 at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For information call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Jim Sutton at 650-5748.

## 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 today.

## Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will have a networking luncheon program meeting Thursday 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.

## Engineer society

Former pro football player John Hannah is the scheduled speaker for this month's SOLE luncheon April 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For reservations call Jane Campbell 544-1001 or Dave Welch 450-1620.

## Project institute

Project Management Institute, North Alabama Chapter will have a luncheon April 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Parkway Place mall. Terry Langley and John Hopkins will present a program on "Challenges and Successes With NASA's Transition to Agile Project Management Using Scrum." Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 non-members. For more information, visit [www.northalabamapmi.org](http://www.northalabamapmi.org).

## Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. April 29 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Drenda King, Alabama director of human resources, Madison County. The chapter's monthly

breakfast will be 8 a.m. April 25 at the Madison Square Holiday Inn. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

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

## 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

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registration and information, call Tom Newberry 922-9300 ext. 131 or e-mail [tommie.newberry@irtc-hq.com](mailto:tommie.newberry@irtc-hq.com).



## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators. The unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the areas of database management, programming, networking and/or telecommunications. A minimum of a secret clearance is required, and you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SSBI background investigation for upgrade to top secret soon after unit entry. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class Scott Ambrose 655-9435 or Chief Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

### Civilian deployment

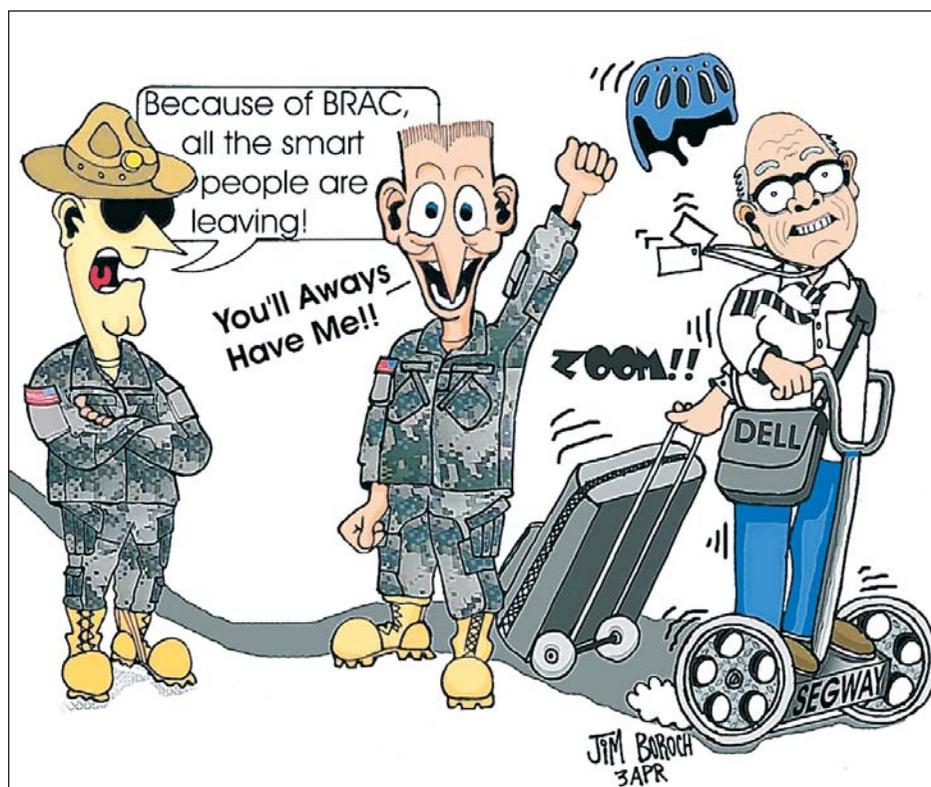
Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations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

### Surplus sales

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

### Motorcycle safety

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



**Reserve unit**

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

**Officer candidates**

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

**Pilots wanted**

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

**Butler High reunion**

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

**Cadet program**

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

**Army training**

Do you want to be on the cutting edge of Army training? The 1st Battle Command Training Group offers the opportunity for promotion while simultaneously enhancing your professional management, train-

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

**Interactive feedback**

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

**Tax assistance center**

The 2008-09 Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center is open through today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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 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 continues 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



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**University lecturer**

**Debbie McLemore-Baugh, center, executive officer to the AMCOM deputy commander, was guest lecturer March 30 for Women's History Month at Oakwood University. From left are Dr. Habtalem Kenea, chairman of Oakwood's Department of Business and Information Systems; business professor Dr. Faye Brathwaite, McLemore-Baugh, business professor Dr. Theodore Brown and senior marketing student Leon Bryant Jr.**

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](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

**Mr. Man Premiere**

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

man/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 Friday through Sunday 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.

**Thrift shop**

Springtime has dropped into the Thrift Shop. Plants, spring and summer clothes



and thousands of baseball cards are for sale. Visit building 3209 on Hercules Road on 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 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person or \$400 for a corporate table for eight. To register online go to <http://www.ndia-tvc.org>. For payment via credit card, call Sigma Services 533-6986. If paying by check, make payment to NDIA-TVC, 2610 Artie St., Huntsville, AL 35805.

### 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 infor-

mation 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 Saturday 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](http://www.anewleash.org) or stop by 411 Hughes Road from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

### 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 Thursday 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.

### Car show benefit

The seventh annual Cars and Camouflage Charity Car Show is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bridge Street Town Centre. There will be a \$20 entry fee for vehicles to be judged. The first 200 cars will receive a dash plaque and goodie bag. Proceeds from this event benefit the Army Emergency Relief fund and Honor Flight Tennessee Valley. This event is free to the public. There will be door prizes, music and activities available for kids. "Bridge Street Town Centre offers many activities and locations to eat," a prepared release said. "Come enjoy a fun day with us and support two great causes."

### Barbecue fund-raiser

The 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion Family Readiness Group will hold its first barbecue fund-raiser April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their new home in building 3435 on Honest John Road (across from Pagano Gym). Plates of one-half chicken, potato salad or chips, baked beans and soft drinks are \$5 each. Hamburgers and hot dogs are \$1 each. Advance orders are welcome and can be made by calling 450-9600 or 450-9611. Donations are also welcome.

### Latin dance

Saborlatino invites everyone to the Latin dance Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave. DJ

Ed will be mixing Latin music. Cover charge is \$10 per person and \$5 for a friend. You must be at least 18 to party, 21 to drink. To reserve a table, call hostess Yvonne 783-5756.

### Bring child to work day

Bring Your Child to Work Day is April 23 at the parade field off Patton Road. For more information, call Alfreda Alexander 876-7830 and visit [https://ams8.redstone.army.mil/bctw/bctw\\_home](https://ams8.redstone.army.mil/bctw/bctw_home).

### Talent show

The Whole Backstage Theatre in Guntersville is accepting applications for the 2009 Take the Stage talent competition. Applicants can either participate in live auditions at the theater on April 18 and May 2 from 1-5 p.m. or they can submit a DVD of their performance by May 9. The Take the Stage talent competition will take place June 4-7, with preliminary rounds June 4-9 and the final competition June 7. The competition is open to amateur performers age 8 through adult. Talent can be any type of entertainment suitable for a family audience. Cash prizes will be awarded. The audition form and contest rules can be viewed at [www.wholebackstage.com](http://www.wholebackstage.com). Additional information is also available at 582-7469 or [takethestage@wholebackstage.com](mailto:takethestage@wholebackstage.com).

### Software speaker

Former Pentagon CIO Bill Vass will present "The Case for Open Source Software" on April 22 from 1-3 p.m. at the Marriott Huntsville. Vass, president of Sun Microsystems' Federal Division, will discuss the growing adoption of open source software in the federal government. For more information, e-mail Mary White at [mary.white@sun.com](mailto:mary.white@sun.com).

### 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](http://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 SSCF Program must respond under this announcement. The official announcement can be accessed at [https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/SSCF\\_09.pdf](https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/SSCF_09.pdf). Eligible applicants are encouraged to contact their Acquisition Career Manager before submitting an application to ensure application criteria is met. ACM contact information can be found at <http://asc.army.mil/organization/western/default.cfm>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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