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Aviation leaders honored by defense association

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It was an evening for Army aviation at the annual awards dinner April 20 hosted by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association.

The local NDIA chapter presented its more prestigious award – the Medaris Award – to a retired major general who brought the Army's Program Executive Office for Aviation to Redstone Arsenal in 1997 and who continues his work as a civilian leader in the Army's aviation field.

Described as a man of integrity, a Soldier warrior, an excellent boss and mentor, a scholar and an intellectual, and a friend, retired Maj. Gen. James Snider was presented with the 2009 Medaris Award by longtime friend and Redstone Arsenal executive Gary Nenninger. The Medaris Award is named in honor of the late Maj. Gen. John Medaris, commander of the Army Ordnance Missile Command during the early years of space exploration. It is presented to individuals who have demonstrated technical excellence in promoting the nation's defense preparedness.

As the Medaris Award recipient, Snider follows in the footsteps of 25 previous awardees, six of whom were present at the awards dinner at the Huntsville Marriott. Those awardees present included retired Lt. Gen. Jim Link, a commander of the former Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal; Dr. Julian Davidson, an early pioneer of the nation's space, missiles and missile defense programs; George Williams, a former program executive officer for the Army's Tactical Missile Programs, retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, a former program executive officer for the Army's Air and Mis-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE— Retired Maj. Gen. James Snider, center, the associate director for aviation technology at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, holds the prestigious Medaris Award following the presentation at the annual awards dinner for the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association. With him are the government winners of the Leadership Excellence Award – Patricia Martin of AMRDEC and Air Force Lt. Col. Kenneth Reiman of the Missile Defense Agency. The Medaris Award is named in honor of the late Maj. Gen. John Medaris, commander of the Army Ordnance Missile Command during the early years of space exploration. It is presented by the local NDIA chapter to a leader in the nation's space and missile defense community who has demonstrated technical excellence in promoting the nation's defense preparedness.

sile Defense; Dr. Bill McCorkle, longtime director of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center; and Dr. Rankin Clinton, a member of the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame.

"You've joined a very unique and special group," said NDIA president Ed Stone, directing his comments to Snider during his remarks as emcee.

In accepting the award, Snider said he has enjoyed the challenges of nearly four decades in Army aviation. A West Point graduate, Snider's work with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and with the

Cobra, Apache and Comanche helicopter programs in his early years led to promotions that brought him to Redstone Arsenal in 1997 as the program executive officer for aviation. In 2002, he retired from the Army. Although he is employed with the University of Alabama-Huntsville as an associate vice president and director with its mechanical and aerospace engineering department, Snider is currently on leave from UAH and serving as the associate director for aviation technology at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

Telling the audience that the night belonged to aviation, Snider's comments focused not on his own accomplishments, but on the evolution and successes of the Army's aviation programs.

Snider said the Army's combat aviation brigades "are one of the premier force multipliers on the battlefield." In May, when the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade of Fort Bragg, N.C., is deployed to Afghanistan there will be a total of six Army aviation brigades serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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An open lane random survey

What features would your
fantasy car have?

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*Staff Sgt. Richard Sayat
LOGSA Conference attendee*
**"It would be really cool to press a
button and have shades come
down on all sides on the inside to
keep the car cool when it's hot out-
side."**

*Chief Warrant Officer 4 Sandra Pack
LOGSA Conference attendee*
**"I just want a place to put my
purse."**



*Matthew Hand
B.L. Harbert contractor*
**"I'd want a hands-free feature with
electronic navigation."**

*Leslie Duncan
Space and Missile Defense Command*
**"I want a top-of-the-line radar
detector and a NASCAR engine."**



Quote of the week

'A banker is a fellow who lends you his
umbrella when the sun is shining, but
wants it back the minute it begins to
rain.'

— Mark Twain

Letters to the Editor

Help wanted at crossing

Help! Those of us who work in the 6-wide trailers in the 5250 parking lot have to walk to 5250 regularly. We have a yield sign for cars coming from our area and turning right onto Hellfire and we were told we have to yield to that row coming into and out of Hellfire. Straight across is a lifting gate so cars can't continue to drive in front of 5250. This is a big parking lot and not a through street. However, people on the row that are lined up with Hellfire constantly speed through the area ignoring the fact that people are crossing to get to the trailers.

The row leading into Hellfire needs to have a stop sign and people don't need to be speeding through that area. Is it going to take someone getting hurt or killed before something is done?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for bringing this to our attention. DPW (Directorate of Public Works) will consult with Provost Marshal Office and facility managers at building 5250 to investigate feasible options to monitor and regulate vehicle traffic in this area. Eventually however, it is everyone's responsibility to obey traffic regulations, keep alert and remain vigilant to maintain the safety of all employees on our installation."

Challenged by limited access

Physically challenged visitors to the PEO Aviation building 5681 are met with no provision for handicap parking. The only provisions are behind a limited access gate for the people who work or regularly visit in the building.

Occasional visitors with needs must locate an open space in general parking and then maneuver down a set of concrete steps (no ramps seen) and then to the southern end of the building to the receptionist. This appears to be a clear violation to the Americans with Disabilities Act and I haven't been able to locate the person who would be responsible to respond to my need.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Americans with Disabilities Act accessible parking spaces at building 5681 are located in the controlled access area in order to provide direct access to ramps and ADA-compliant entry to visitors and employees with physical challenges. Employees and visitors who require ADA accessible parking can enter the controlled parking area by proceeding to the audio call box at the gate and identifying themselves as requiring handicap parking access. Security personnel in the building will raise the control gate to allow entry to handicap parking area. Thank you for your interest in making Redstone Arsenal a safer place for everyone to work."

In tribute to the Soldier

Do you know why the military is so important? They make sure that the U.S. is safe. Every Soldier has a heart of gold. The Soldiers are great role models for kids. The military is important to the United States because they risk their lives every day just for the citizens of America, they protect our country, and they show us what pride and justice is really about.



Kacy Hudson

The first reason the military is important to the United States is because they risk their lives every day just for the citizens of the U.S. Every day the Soldiers have their game face on. The military has very brave Soldiers fighting a heroic battle. People in the military are as tough as steel and as strong as an ox. America is truly blessed to have such brave Soldiers.

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PX explains change at gas station

Why did they close the outside pay window at the gas station? Now people have to go inside and wait in line to pay. I realize that the cars should be moved before you go inside but no one does this and the line waiting to gas up gets longer. What will be done to fix this problem?

J. Lessor

retired sergeant major

Editor's note: Post Exchange general manager Carl Carpenter provided the following response. "Thank

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Thanks to Redstone community

Iam stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., with 18th Airborne Corps. In January 2008, I was told I was going to deploy for 15 months to Iraq. I entered the military fully aware of my duties and responsibilities. You never think you will go to war, but in the current time it is a reality for every Soldier.

I have served in many capacities of the military from an enlisted Soldier, an Army recruiter and now as a warrant officer. The reason I had mixed emotions on deploying was because I was a wife and a mother. My husband is also military but didn't have to deploy. My son, Denzel, was 9 months when I left for Iraq. I was

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Omaha, Neb.

What do you like about your job?

I like talking to Soldiers and hearing about the experiences they've had. I like being a sounding board for them and being able to help them with issues. You never know how you can impact people in what you do. This job is never the same wherever I go. I like providing training that focuses on improving human relations. I make a lot of site visits all around the world to provide equal opportunity to SMDC's Soldiers. There are about 965 SMDC Soldiers with 60 of those in Huntsville. So, I get to travel to places like Califor-



nia, Colorado, the Marshall Islands, Germany, Korea and Japan to train Soldiers.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Anything I can to make my kids happy (sons ages 16 and 9, and daughter age 8). They are very engaged in sports. They are really into basketball, soccer and baseball. My daughter is playing softball. We are really active in the Huntsville Eastern League. My oldest son is also into karate and guitar lessons, and my daughter likes us to go shopping together.

What are your goals?

I've been in the Army for 18 years. I plan on continuing my career with the Army for the next four years in the Human Resources Management military occupational specialty. I am working on my bachelor's degree in Public Management and hope to finish that next spring. Eventually, I will mainstream into a civilian HR job or stay in the career field of equal opportunity.

What's your favorite type of music?

R&B. I really like Brian McKnight and Jennifer Hudson.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for April 16-22:

April 16: A Soldier reported her estranged husband was sending her harassing text messages.

April 16: A taxi driver approached Gate 9 with a military member requesting a visitor's pass, but an NCIC check revealed his driver's license was suspended. He was cited and released. The taxi was removed by another driver.

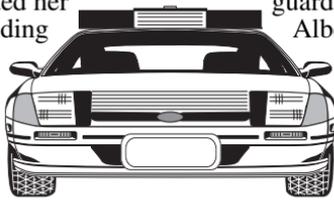
April 16: Two quarters occupants became involved in a verbal confrontation that escalated into a physical altercation. Both occupants were cited for domestic assault. One of the occupants voluntarily left the installation.

April 17: A civilian driving off-post lost control of his vehicle, damaging a portion of the Zierdt Road fence line.

April 18: A civilian approached Gate 9 asking directions to Birmingham. A strong odor of alcohol was detected. Redstone police were summoned and the driver was arrested for suspected DUI. His blood alcohol content was 0.18. He was held overnight and released the fol-

lowing morning with a citation.

April 20: A civilian approached Gate 1 in an erratic manner. She told the gate guards she thought she was in Albertville. Redstone police were summoned when a strong odor of alcohol was detected. Her blood alcohol content was 0.16. She was held overnight and released the following morning



with a citation.

April 20: A civilian employee entered Gate 3 requesting a visitor's pass. The gate guard's instructions were misunderstood and she ran over the stop-sticks, damaging the vehicle's tires.

April 22: A military family member approached Gate 10 requesting a visitor's pass. The gate guard's instructions were misunderstood and he ran over the stop-sticks, damaging the vehicle's tires.

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

Violation notices issued: 12 speeding, 2 suspended license, 2 driving under the influence, 2 no insurance, 1 inattentive driving, 1 following too closely, 1 no driver's license, 1 failure to stop.

Month of the Military Child takes to the streets

Annual block party culminates events

How many schools have you been to in your life? How many times did your parents move you to a different country with little or no warning? Did your parents ever leave you for a year to 18 months at a time for work?

This is the life of our youngest members of the military community; the children. All around the world April has been designated as the Month of the Military Child to honor these brave young people.

“We tend to forget that when a family serves their country it’s more than the Soldier and the spouse,” said Andre Terry, Child Youth and School Services division chief. “It’s also the children who have to

change schools and leave friends behind as their mother or father is transferred from assignment to assignment. And these days, this recognition is even more significant because with deployments of active and National Guard, Reserve and civilians we are seeing more children making sacrifices.”

Begun in 1986, the Month of the Military Child is an annual celebration held each April at all military installations worldwide. Internationally, the purpose is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families, and to support military childhood programs to meet those needs, especially education.

The month was kicked off with a parade at the Child Development Center,

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Courtesy photo

FUNNY FACE— A youngster gets his face painted during a past Block Party, which will make its return May 2.

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:

Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Fair

FMWR and Army Community Service are hosting a career fair Thursday 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. Thursday's event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center on Patton Road, building 3711.

Whistle Stop competition

For the first time ever, Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation will be selling tickets to the Whistle Stop Festival in downtown Huntsville. FMWR will also compete in the competition, so come down and see your FMWR Bar-B-Crew at this year's Whistle Stop. Tickets are sold at the Recreation Center Ticket Office on the corner of Patton and Aerobee roads (phone 876-4531), the Officers and Civilians Club 830-2582 and the FMWR Membership Office, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road.

PGA Free Fitting and Trade-Up Month

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

Rumba Dance Classes

Register 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.

US Jr. Olympic Competitions

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

begin at 4:30 p.m. Call 313-3699.

50 Games of Bowling for 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.

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.

Summer Bowling Leagues

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

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 wonder-

ful 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.

Redstone launches new river docks



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

RIVER VIEW—Tom Pyburn, Outdoor Recreation, points out the new walkway and docks installed at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area.

Recreation area receives facelift

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Boating at Redstone just got easier and nicer. Docks at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area along the Tennessee River have been replaced and a new walkway added.

"It was completed in March," Bill Moreland, Outdoor Recreation manager, said. "There is a floating dock, a dock where you launch and tie up, and then a new walkway to the dock with a sidewalk and hand rails."

The project once more gives boaters a proper place to launch, tie up or arrive. Weather conditions and water levels had damaged the previous docks beyond use.

"They were old. They had been in a state of disrepair for a year," Moreland said. "It's significant in that this is the only launch on Redstone. The one at the Easter Posey Recreation Area has been torn down."

While only those with installation access may use the area to launch, the docks also serve as a faster way to reach emergency services should any boater on the river run into trouble nearby.

"If people have emergency situations they can pull in there from the river," Moreland said. "Anybody can pull in if they have an emergency and need help. The ambulance people can get to you for medical attention."

The recreation area is open from sunrise to sunset. No registration or permit from Outdoor Recreation is required to use the dock. It gives those renting a boat from Outdoor Recreation, among others, a handy place to launch.

"Not all of our boats are launched there, but some are. Especially Soldiers looking to do some fishing or boating," Moreland said. "People who use our storage to store their boat on post use it a lot, too."

Boats are available from Outdoor Recreation starting at \$20 per day for canoes to \$125 for pontoon boats. Reservations for rentals can be made up to 60 days in advance. Outdoor Recreation offices are located at building 5138 on Sportsman Drive. The Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area is located just off Patton Road south. For more information, call 876-4868 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

Movin' on up

Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation now has two 24-foot trucks available for rental. Rates for trucks are \$27.95 for a 24-hour period with an additional 49 cents per mile. Moving dollies and blankets are also available. For reservations or more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 876-4868.

Month for preventing child abuse, sexual assault

April has been designated as both Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles expressed his support for the observances in Commander's Letters to the post community.

"Child abuse numbers have actually declined in the Army but child neglect seems to increase with lengthy and multiple

deployments," Myles said. "The harm done to children through neglect can be serious. It can lead to chronic problems that endure into adulthood. Neglect in certain forms can even result in the death of a child.

"The Army and this installation are committed to the prevention of child abuse in all its forms. Prevention of child abuse/neglect requires being alert to the warning signs.

Troubled relationships, breakdowns in family functioning, signs of mental health problems, behavior problems in our children; all of these are serious warning signs. April 2009 is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Army and throughout the U.S. At this installation, we are dedicating this month to an increased emphasis on the prevention of all forms of child maltreatment

with a special focus on child neglect. The theme for the campaign is 'Act Now – Prevent Child Abuse/Neglect.'"

In his letter on sexual assault awareness, Myles said, "During April 2009, the Army will observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month for the fifth consecutive year. SAAM presents an opportunity to focus our efforts on sexual assault awareness and prevention. This year's DoD

SAAM theme is: 'Our Strength is for Defending.'

"It is intended to highlight the fact that our mission not only involves national defense, but the defense and safety of the Americans who voluntarily risk their lives in our defense. Every servicemember, starting with senior leadership, must understand the importance of safely intervening and preventing the crime of sexual assault."

Commentary: Taking medicine isn't a stigma

Everyone can use extra help at times

By Spc. RYAN STROUD
59th Ordnance Brigade public affairs

When I was around 5, I can remember standing on a chair in timeout and screaming at everyone. I was mad I was there, it wasn't my fault. The teachers and the other kids were out to get me.

As I grew older, they were still out to get me. Everyone — and I really do mean everyone.

Though I was roughly a happy child and teen, and I had plenty of friends, I was still pretty angry and I really didn't know why.

While in the Army, I was set to deploy with my unit to Iraq. I was angry at the Army at the time for sending my wife to Germany and me to Texas, which led me to Iraq. I was married for two and a half years before I was able to actually live with my wife.

My time in Iraq was hard. Just months after arriving, a friend of mine was killed. My job as public affairs had me covering his memorial service, taking pictures and writing a story about him. This was one of the hardest things I have ever had to do. I was crying throughout the entire ceremony to the point that I fogged up my camera lens.

Things just kept getting worse over there and my anger level just kept rising and rising. I was reaching a breaking point when a friend and doctor of mine (he was also our unit's surgeon) told me I needed to start taking medication to help calm myself down. I was appalled that he would suggest this. Only freaks or crazy people with real problems take meds.

It wasn't until another leader in my unit saw how things were affecting me and he sat me down one afternoon. He told me his son was on meds and needed to be to properly function. If he wasn't on them, he would tear through

their house, destroying everything. He then asked me if this sounded like me. I said yes because it was true.

Both these two men helped shape me the next few weeks and through the rest of my deployment. Later as I returned from Iraq, I got off my medication to see how things would go. I was off for about a month and in that time, while still dealing with the issues I had from Iraq, I angered my wife so badly she was about ready to leave me. The truth was I needed the meds to function.

What I've come to learn is this is not at all my fault; some of it is, like letting everything get to me, but other things, I really had no control over. At times, my brain will not let me control the things like anger that others can control. When something would bother me so badly, it might just make someone else turn the other way. My brain, whether chemical or not, was not letting me deal with these issues in the proper way. The medication was adjusting levels in my head and allowing my mind to act and think clearly.

My previous thoughts about freaks and crazy people with real problems are the only ones who need meds has gone out the window. I have learned that there are things I cannot accept without the help from medication. I am a successful writer in the military who has been published in every major publication, newspaper and magazine, out there. I have conducted interviews and press conferences with CNN and Fox News, plus many other networks. I am walking proof that people on medications are not freaks or horrible people. We are just like you.

So, to those out there who might think they need a little extra help, seek it. These meds don't make me a zombie; they help me stay calm so I can move forward with my life instead of hitting a wall every time I have issues.

Medication might not be the right thing for you, but just remember, if you are taking meds, there's nothing wrong with you. We are just like everyone else.

Recycling funds benefit local programs

By JENNIFER CAPRIOLI

Tobyhanna public affairs office

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — When we were young, the 3Rs defined the most important subjects in school: reading, writing and arithmetic. Today, a new trio of Rs defines the waste management strategy: reduce, reuse and recycle.

The 3Rs routine follows a “waste hierarchy,” meaning that you shouldn’t have excess, but if you do you should try to reuse it. Then you recycle, explains Lauren Pond, environmental specialist and recycling program manager in the EMD. “We’re required to recycle, but it’s the last option,” she says, noting that excess depot materials are often reused by other installations.

Last fiscal year the government’s recycling requirement aided depot employees in generating enough recyclable materials to equal a gross total of over \$1 million. Pond notes this amount is calculated before expenses were considered. Those expenses include, but are not limited to, recycling program costs, and energy efficiency and Morale Welfare and Recreation projects.

When all was said and done, a net gain of about \$500,000 was realized after all projects, disbursements and sales were considered.

The depot’s recycling program began in 1990. Today, each mission and administrative area sports a bin for white paper, magazines and newspapers, and glass, plastic and aluminum cans.

■ Station closed pay window to stay competitive

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you for the opportunity to respond to your concern about the pay window at the Redstone One Stop Shoppette.

“In the mid-1990s when the facility was originally built, self-serve gas without attendants on the fuel island was the industry standard. As part of that standard, pay windows with manually operated gas consoles were used in the industry to operate the fuel island, eliminating attendants thus reducing personnel costs. AAFES, like the rest of the industry, adapted the technology and removed the

attendants, allowing us to remain competitive with the market while passing these savings back to the consumer in reduced product margins.

“About this same time the Exchange started accepting credit cards for gasoline purchases. By the late 1990s our point of sale software was customized to handle gasoline transactions and pay at the pump technology was deployed by AAFES. Today over 70 percent of all gasoline nationwide is sold by credit card on the island. The deployment of this technology eliminated the need for gas consoles, pay windows, and the dedicated personnel necessary to operate the combination. These changes are driven by a highly competitive

industry and are necessary for AAFES to make in order to stay competitive in the gasoline/convenience store business.

“The recent upgrade to the facility, including the removal of the pay window, is the current industry standard for convenience stores with gasoline. AAFES made these changes to keep our stores modern and efficient. These efficiencies allow AAFES to compete in the local market, offering you competitive prices while allowing for profit margins necessary to sustain the business now and into the future, contributing to our mission/obligation of capital support to MWR.

“I trust the above explanation will give you new insight as to why the pay window was removed during the recent renovation.”

■ Soldier parent appreciates Redstone Arsenal

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sad that I had to leave my young son. My husband and I had only been married for 15 months. I felt guilty for not wanting to deploy at that time. But I also felt excitement that I would be involved in making a difference and being a part of history.

As most military personnel will tell you, the things that most concern you while getting ready to deploy and the actual deployment is your family’s health and wellness. I was stationed at Redstone Arsenal in 1996 and had great experiences and met wonderful people

that provided positive influences in my military career. So, when I deployed, I sent my son to be with his Nana and Papa because I knew he would be well taken care of at RSA, and mom and dad could spend valuable time with their grandson. My mom and dad made sure that I webcamed with my son weekly and sent me pictures which I would put up in my cubicle. My office got used to seeing the new “Denzel” pictures. They made comments at the end of our deployment that we all saw Denzel grow up and go from an infant to an energetic happy toddler. I may not have been physically there to see him grow up, but I was involved in his development.

During my deployment, my son attended the Child Development Center at Redstone Arsenal. The CDC workers at RSA greatly eased my mind so I could give my full attention and energy to my leadership and my job. Words can’t express how grateful I am to the entire CDC for the wonderful care they provided my son. I wanted to express to my mom and dad, Denzel’s uncles and aunt, the CDC and the Redstone Arsenal community that you definitely were the village that raise my son while I was away and I am forever indebted and appreciative of your tireless efforts. Thank you all very much for all that you done!

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ramona Campbell

Annual car show raises an estimated \$6,500

Event benefits AER
and Honor Flight

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The Cars & Camouflage Charity Car Show on April 18 saw entrants and attendees of all makes and models gather to support two worthy causes, Army Emergency Relief and the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Honor Flight.

This year's event was held at the Bridge Street Town Centre, just off Old Madison Pike. The shopping center is quickly building a reputation for strong support of community events, said car show founder Tom Perkins.

"They've really been great," he said. "They've thrown their full support behind us for this."

As did local law enforcement. The Huntsville Police Department was on site with their SWAT truck and equipment for the public's viewing pleasure. The Madison Police Department sent out their showpiece as well, an American Flag vinyl wrapped SUV with a few surprises inside. Local sponsors have packed the truck, used as the department's school resources vehicle, with all the



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

CLASSIC RIDE— Tom Pearson's 1923 Ford Model T garners attention from passersby during the Cars & Camouflage car show April 18.

electronic gadgetry a kid of any age could want – sound system, television and video games.

"We take this out to schools. It really gets the kids' attention," Ed Sason, school resources officer, said. "They see that we're not scary. We're not the bad guys. Friendship

between the kids and the police can change where their lives may be headed."

Turnout for the show was big. People moved in and out of the event throughout the day, taking advantage

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Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Fund-raisers
under way

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

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

- Disc Golf Tournament on Thursday at the Links. Call 842-9408.

- Silent auction of gift baskets Thursday at building 5400, room S108. Call 876-5197.

- 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.

- Cutest baby contest May 5 voting in building 5400 outside cafeteria. Call 876-4573.

- Barbecue, sponsored by PEO for Missiles and Space's Lower Tier Project, May 7 at the Sparkman Center.

- White elephant sale May 7 at SMDC/ARSTRAT.

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

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

- CSD bake sale May 21 at building 5400, SELA lobby. Call 876-5197.

- 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.

NCO of Quarter competitors pushed to limit

Williams wins honor after two days of tests

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They are our leaders and teachers. They are the first to arrive to work and the last to leave. They are the best at what they do. And for this quarter, they met at Redstone to see who would become the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter.

Four of 59th Ordnance Brigade's best NCOs across the Army battled April 16-17 to see who would take home this quarter's top honor. In the two days, these NCOs were pushed and weathered. They were tested on their leadership skills, basic Soldier skills, marksmanship, simulation training and fitness.

Staff Sgt. Scottie Williams, advanced individual training platoon sergeant with B Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, and Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Orozco, EOD instructor with 59th, were the top finalists. After the formal board competition, Williams was announced the winner.

"I feel great right now," said Williams after winning the competition. "The entire event was challenging and full of great competitors. The NCOs in this competition, they really push you to be your best. One minute you think you're out, and they push you back in. Everyone challenged each other and we really had a great competition because of that."

"I did all right. I'm the runner-up, so that's pretty good," said the slightly disappointed Orozco. She will represent 59th during the post competition in the next few months.

The competition began bright and early on the 16th with the NCOs' first task, the EST 2000. After they completed their mission, they went on to the next few events, testing the mind and body of each competitor.

"We went over basic marksmanship



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

CONGRATS— Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Clark-Davis, 59th Ordnance Brigade command sergeant major, congratulates the NCO of the Quarter, Staff Sgt. Scottie Williams of 73rd Ordnance Battalion.

and land navigation," Williams said. "And after your body is completely sore, you take a (physical training) test and a written exam, followed by a formal board with the respective sergeants major of our units. It was tough the whole way through."

"I thought the hardest part of this competition was the board and the PT test," Orozco said. "The questions for the board were different and the sergeants major on the board took the time to see who we were and questioned us on our positions, which made things interesting."

When competing against the best NCOs of 59th, the Soldiers had to go above and beyond to study for these tasks.

"I drilled my chain-of-command for as much information and insight that they could give me and studied everything that

I could," Orozco said.

"I had my Soldiers quiz me, other platoon sergeants quiz me, and anyone who would stop by, I would hand them my book and say, 'hey, throw me a question,'" Williams said. "It was constant training and studying."

As the new NCO of the Quarter, Williams will head back to his unit at Fort Gordon, Ga., as a hero to his Soldiers.

"By going back to (my company as the NCO of the Quarter winner), it shows my Soldiers you should always try to be better than the next person," he said. "We have great leaders before us, but we must strive to accomplish what they did and even more. This shows my Soldiers that even at my rank, you never stop learning and achieving in the Army. The best thing



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

WRITTEN EXAM— Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Orozco of 59th Ordnance Brigade and Staff Sgt. Scottie Williams of 73rd Ordnance Battalion, take a written test during the NCO of the Quarter competition April 16-17.

I have taken from this competition is the knowledge to say you can accomplish anything you put your mind to and hard work pays off. You can achieve anything in the Army with hard work."

Orozco agreed with Williams. "This shows our Soldiers that we are just like them," Orozco said. "We have to go to boards and we get drilled just as much as they do. But this also shows them we are leading by example and anyone can prevail."

As for now, Williams and Orozco will return to their jobs and begin studying for the next competition. They both admit it is tiring, but worth the efforts.

"The most challenging part of these past few days was going through all the tasks and trying to be on top of them all," Williams said. "Knowing the person right beside you wasn't slowing down one bit, it kept your head in the game. There's so much going on, it gets a little crazy and very exhausting, but well worth it."

Regional recruiters help disabled vets find jobs

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With today's economic challenges, many people are looking for work. One advantage veterans have is there's help available, especially for those seeking employment within the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Nearly 200,000 servicemembers separate from the military to

re-enter the civilian work force each year. As an initiative to continue supporting and honoring the service of heroes, the department established the Veteran Employment Coordination Service. The VECS staff helps to attract, recruit and assist in the hire of veterans into VA, particularly the most severely injured servicemembers returning from the Global War on Terror.

The VECS program was established in 2008 and offers 10 regional offices to advocate on behalf of veterans. It provides a host of hands-on services to assist those seeking employment in the VA; help them avoid many of the common mistakes applicants make when applying for federal employment; assist veterans in measuring existing competencies by assessing military

occupational qualifications, skills and experience; and serve as coaches, case managers and one-on-one peer counselors to assist them in adjusting to their new work environment.

Veterans comprise approximately 30 percent of VA's 287,000 employees, and 8 percent are service-connected disabled veterans, according to the VA website. The VA also ranks

first among non-defense agencies in the hiring of disabled veterans; second only to the Department of Defense in overall number of veterans.

For more information on career opportunities in VA or to locate the regional coordinator in your area, visit www.va.gov/vecs or send an e-mail message to Dr. Annette Taylor, regional VECS coordinator, at annette.taylor@va.gov.

■ Snider enjoys the 'sound of freedom' at Redstone

Aviation

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Army aviation's key role on the battlefield has evolved since Vietnam based on two concepts – Air Assault and Air Maneuver. Vietnam was the first war where Army "helicopters were moving Soldiers quickly to the battlefield ... Helicopters were bringing the war fighter as close as possible to the conflict," he said.

Large air maneuver helicopters, such as the Chinook, carried Soldiers to the battlefield. But to be successful in their mission, they needed protection from enemy ground fire. And that's where air assault came into the battlefield picture with the Huey, Cobra and Kiowa helicopters.

"They were aerodynamically faster. They became the attack helicopter," Snider said. "Air assault was used so effectively in Vietnam that aviation became a true member of the war team."

Then, in the 1970s, the Army introduced the Apache helicopter.

"The Apache really changed everything for Army aviation," Snider said. "All of a sudden we had an aircraft where the missile went where the pilot was looking. The Apache fired the first shots of Desert Storm and it went deep in maneuver operations to take out the Iraqi radar network."

Today, Army aviation continues to team with infantry to be a formidable force in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Together, they are "one of the true force multipliers in both arenas," Snider said.

"The Army relies on technology so our Soldiers are at an advantage over our adversary. We are working to make our aircraft more survivable, affordable and

capable."

Looking 10 to 20 years into the future, Snider said technology will improve on vertical lift system capabilities and will make Army aviation systems "hard to see, hard to hear. We need to protect against invisible attacks. We want to make our systems invisible. We know that Army aviation will continue to be in great demand."

Bringing PEO-Aviation to Redstone Arsenal 12 years ago was a good move, Snider said, because of the synergy created between PEO-Aviation, Fort Rucker, the Aviation Technical Test Center and the Redstone Technical Test Center due to close proximity. That synergy will become even more beneficial with the move of ATTC to Redstone Arsenal.

"What does that mean for us? It will mean a new airfield and a lot more helicopters in the air," Snider said. "It will be a little bit loud. But that's the sound of freedom ... as we work to keep our Soldiers strong and keep our Soldiers safe."

Although Snider took the top award at the NDIA awards dinner, other Redstone Arsenal government employees and industry contractors were also recognized for their contributions.

"All those nominated for NDIA awards exhibit teamwork, hard work, dedication and service to their respected organizations as well as to the nation," said Dr. Steven Messervy, deputy to the commander for research, development and acquisition, Space and Missile Defense Command/Armed Forces Strategic Command.

"Most prefer not to be singled out for an award. But the NDIA awards are a meaningful and excellent means of recognizing individual achievement. This is such an excellent forum for recognition."

The government awardees of NDIA's Leadership Excellence Award were Air Force Lt. Col. Reiman of the Missile Defense Agency and Patricia Martin of AMRDEC.

Reiman is a widely recognized leader in U.S. space and missile operations with experience spanning both materiel acquisition and technology base development that includes testing, launch operations, technology development, acquisition and missile defense. Most of his 23-year career has been in either direct or indirect support of the Missile Defense Agency. He has most recently supported MDA's Ballistic Missile Defense System testing program.

Martin has served as director of the AMRDEC Engineering Directorate since July 2006, providing leadership for the 800-employee organization. She is the co-chairperson for the Team Redstone Industrial Base Enterprise and serves as a senior executive for the Army Materiel Command transition to the Logistics Modernization Program at Redstone Arsenal. During her tenure, the engineering directorate's Prototype Integration Facility has provided more than 200 products to support Soldiers in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. She also leads AMRDEC efforts for Condition-Based Maintenance, the AMC Quality Forum and the standards executive for AMCOM and PEO-Aviation.

The industry contractor awardees for Leadership Excellence were retired Col. John Burke, program manager for the Lakota Light Utility Helicopter, and Wallace Kirkpatrick, chief executive officer and chairman of DESE Research.

Other nominees for the Leadership Excellence Award were: Government – David Furtwengler, MDA; Richard Fisher, UAH PO; Ronald Newby, NASA; Ray

Sellers, PEO-Aviation; and Julia Williams, SMDC; and Industry – Richard MacNealy, S3.

Winners of the Management Award were: Government – Jennifer Koury, MDA, and Ivan Romero, SMDC; and Industry – Raymond Joe Maier, BAE and Richard Sorell, S3. Other nominees were: Government – Richard Fisher, UAH PO, Charles Hall, NASA, Marty Martin, SAMD, and Brandy Wiseman-Goff, SAMD; and Industry – Stephen Cayson, SMDC, David Hemingway, DESE, and Nancy Shumate, SAMD.

Winners of the Technology Award were: Government – John London, SMDC, and James Richard, NASA; and Industry – Brian Patrick, NeXolve, and Bruce Tully, DESE. Other nominees were: Government – Gary Mayes, SMDC, and Jason Williams, MDA.

In addition, NDIA awarded several college scholarships for students in science and engineering fields.

In closing the awards dinner, president Stone urged members of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of NDIA chapter to publicize the efforts of the military and industrial partners to keep the nation's defenses strong. The local chapter, which has been a model chapter since 2001, actively supports the national defense and national space industry in North Alabama, southern Tennessee and Mississippi.

"The Tennessee Valley region has developed into one of the most strategic assets of our nation ... in maintaining the peace and restoring the peace," Stone said. "Tell our story. Tell your family. Tell your friends. Tell you neighbors. Tell them how and why what you do is important to America, our allies and our future security. They won't know if you don't tell them."

School brigade undergoes command review

59th Ordnance Brigade commander confident of TRADOC accreditation

During this week, the 59th Ordnance Brigade and Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School will undergo a comprehensive evaluation from the Training and Doctrine Command. The brigade has been working diligently since October to ensure its standards meet TRADOC's new guidelines.

Col. Thomas Keegan, the brigade commander, said he is confident the 59th will meet the TRADOC standards. The brigade has already achieved accreditation from two major education councils this year.

"We are an education institution, so being accredited is important to our schoolhouse," Keegan said. "We actually already have been accredited by the Council of Occupational Education and the American Council on Education accreditation. Those accreditations allow us to award college credit, just like any other college in the United States, to Soldiers attending our courses.

"Now, what we are going through is our TRADOC accreditation. The purpose of this one is to make sure we meet all the Army standards on policies, regulations and procedures. It doesn't just check us; it checks our higher headquarters to make sure all the Ordnance schools are meeting the same standards."

From April 27 to May 1, a team of 32 individuals, experts in their field, will venture to Redstone to begin the accreditation process.

"With 32 people coming, they're going to get a good 360 degree look at us," Keegan said. "They'll use a wide range of techniques to judge us like observing training, conducting interviews with key personnel and perform-



Courtesy photo
SOLDIER SKIT— Members of HHC 59th perform a skit April 15 about what not to do in preparation for an evaluation.

ing focus groups with instructors, students, platoon sergeants and squad leaders. They're going to work from the ground up."

This will be the brigade and school's first TRADOC accreditation since December 2006, but that one was under less comprehensive standards.

"They will be looking at everything from how we resource training to how well we provide the training and to whether or not we are meeting the military's specific requirements," Keegan said. "If anything is changing in the doctrine arena or if anything is changing in the new techniques Soldiers are using in the fight, we are being

checked to see if we are taking these lessons learned and incorporating them into our training. For example, the Contemporary Operational Environment affects all military operations. We need to be sure we are examining the impact of this environment on the areas we teach here in the school.

"We've been preparing several months. One of the challenges is TRADOC published new standards for accreditation. A lot of the old standards have been updated and now there are 31 standards we will be graded on. We have reviewed each of them in great detail and have designated, in the school, a lead individual for each standard area. The permanent party cadre will also benefit from the preparation for the accreditation. They'll have something to measure themselves against to know where they should be, if not already there. With looking over this for the last few months, I think our entire cadre is already where they need to be."

The 59th Ordnance Brigade will find out June 1 the formal results from TRADOC. Keegan is secure about what he will hear.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we will be accredited by TRADOC," he said with a smile. "By far, this is the best school I've seen that does everything from resourcing to making sure we have enough money or have the right equipment — I've never seen a school do it so well.

"We've received many compliments from field commanders that tell us the Soldiers they are receiving from this institution come already equipped with a lot of the tactics, techniques and procedures they need. I wouldn't say we're ahead of the curve, but we are certainly where our customers expect us to be."

Redstone thanks volunteers for their selfless service

Positive impact realized throughout community

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It can be kind of fun being the youngest person to be recognized at a volunteer awards luncheon.

First, there's all the attention that comes from having a million-dollar smile and being the shortest in the bunch. And then there's also getting out of school, spending time with your mom, a certificate of appreciation, a photo with a general and all the great food prepared by the staff at the Officers and Civilians Club.

But the thing 8-year-old Ahmahd Basham liked the best about the 25th annual Installation Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon hosted by Army Community Service on April 21 was the commander's coin that Maj. Gen. Jim Myles slipped into his pocket.

It was also kind of neat for the second-grader to be honored at a luncheon that included his friend — 9-year-old, third-grader Imani Walker.

"We're like brother and sister," Imani said.

Ahmahd and Imani were among 30 volunteers — called Helping Hands — and 23 volunteer agencies recognized at the luncheon for the services and programs they provide to enhance the Redstone Arsenal community.

So, what did the two kids do to deserve so much recognition and appreciation?



Photo by Kari Hawkins

IT TAKES TWO— Jean and Leon Dussault are recognized by Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and his wife, Alice, for their many hours of volunteering at the Thrift Store. They have both volunteered at the store for three years and contribute up to 60 hours a month in many retail areas, including receiving, tagging, donations and registration.

"I pick up the trash and show some kids around," Ahmahd said of his volunteer work at the School Age Services facility. Those words were echoed by Imani.

But the two children do so much more. They are Promise Passport members who are active in weekly community service projects, they attend monthly planning meetings and they help with small everyday tasks. Like all volunteers, they do things to help out of the goodness of their hearts and without thinking about it.

"I was really surprised about the recognition," said Ahmahd's mother, Staff Sgt. Crystal Basham. "I think it was good for him to see that there can sometimes be a payoff for being helpful. He's a good kid."

Both Basham and Imani's mother, Staff Sgt. Loumiser Walker, are single moms.

"I'm so proud of both of them. It's great to see our kids doing good. As single parents, we do our best to set an example for them. It's nice to see it rubbing off on them. I hope they always find ways to volunteer,"

Walker said.

Recognizing the efforts of Redstone Arsenal volunteers is important because of the value they bring to the community, said Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command.

"I want to thank those of you who have done so much to make our community an excellent place to live, work and play," he said. "I am honored to have the opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate your involvement."

The luncheon was scheduled during the 25th anniversary of National Volunteer Week. There are an estimated 109 million people who volunteer in communities throughout the U.S.

During the past 12 months, it is estimated that Arsenal volunteers donated more than 50,000 hours to the community. The Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network value those volunteer hours at more than \$1 million.

"Volunteers are the conscience of society, weaving compassion into its social fabric," Myles said.

"It is important that we take this time to recognize those who keep our communities and families safe, healthy and able to carry on. It is you who are the face of people helping people and I want you to know I value the work you have done."

From Army Community Service to the Redstone Arsenal Girl Scouts and from Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers to the Flying Activity Program, the Redstone Arsenal community relies on volunteers to provide

services through its many social and quality of life programs.

"Some of you focus on making life easier for our families to live with life's challenges or to make a positive connection with each other. Some of you guide our children through Scouting and sports programs. Others help decorate and beautify our surroundings," Myles said. "Many of our agencies are supported by volunteers, and our private organizations raise funds for scholarships, special events, disaster relief and community well-being. You all help in some important way to make life better for all of us."

Volunteers give to their communities their most precious asset — their time. Just as Soldiers pledge their selfless service to the nation, volunteers give of their time to help others and make a difference in their communities, he said.

Myles went on to mention two special groups who also serve as volunteers in their day-to-day activities. The first included Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and Madison Mayor Paul Finley, both who were present during the luncheon. The second included all the military spouses "that keep families together" despite deployments, and other stresses and burdens related to military service.

"When something breaks, when someone is sick, when someone dies, when someone is born" military spouses are there and are the "most selfless people I know," he said.

Following his comments, Myles and his wife, Alice, presented

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certificates to Arsenal volunteer organizations and volunteers.

The following volunteer organizations were recognized for enhancing the quality of life for the Redstone Arsenal community: Redstone Arsenal American Red Cross Volunteer Program; Army Community Service Volunteer Program; Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers; HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade Family Readiness Group; Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation volunteer programs, including Arts and Crafts, Child Youth and School Services, Youth Services, School Age Services, Youth Sports, Library, Links Golf Course, Outdoor Recreation, Recreation Sports and Fitness, and Flying Activity; Thrift Shop Volunteer Program; Redstone Arsenal Girl Scout Program; Officer and Civilian Women's Club; Redstone Arsenal Military Retiree Advisory Council; Military Officers Association of America; Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association; the Redstone Arsenal U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla; Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program; and Warrant Officers Association.



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YOUNGEST CONTRIBUTOR— Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and his wife, Alice, thank 8-year-old Ahmahd Basham for his volunteer work at the School Age Services facility. Ahmahd was the youngest of 30 volunteers who were recognized and thanked as the Arsenal's Helping Hands during the 25th annual Installation Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club on April 21.

The following volunteers were recognized as Helping Hands to the Arsenal community: Ahmahd Basham and Imani Walker, School Ages Services; Perry Cupples and Dee Thonus, Links at Redstone Golf Course; Lori Debron and Penny Koger-Thomas, Army Community

Service; Jean and Leon Dussault, Thrift Shop; Pandora Economy and Teresa Lee, Officer and Civilian Women's Club; Michele and Mike Gray, Military Retiree Advisory Council; Chris Hamner and Lewis Spencer, Flying Activity; Kurtrell Jackson, Youth Sports; Johnnie Keeter, Warrant Officers Association; Joshua Kelly and Larry McFall, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; Lancelot LaTouche and Ernie Williams, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance; Chester Marty, American Red Cross; Lt. Col. Cheryl McAuley and retired Col. Ed Uher, Military Officers Association of America; Bill McConville, Library; Phillip Nichols and Dr. Claude Thibault, Arts & Crafts Center; John Perry, Sergeants Major Association; Tamara Richardson and Bradley Williams, Youth Services; and Janie Waddell, Girl Scouts.

In closing, Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli thanked the volunteers for their countless hours of service.

The Garrison "benefits greatly from the outstanding services that you have provided over the last year to our Soldiers, family members, retirees, civilians and contractors," he said. "We truly could not accomplish our mission without you. Through your hard work and spirit of service, you have made a difference to those who live, work and play at Redstone Arsenal."



Photo by Patrick Howard

Welcome home

Logistics Support Activity budget analyst Pam Webb, second from right, is greeted April 15 at Huntsville International Airport by her family after a six-month assignment in Southwest Asia. She volunteered to provide direct support to the war fighter. The family members from left include her stepfather and mother, Jim and Martha Moffet, and her sister, Mary Phillips, her niece and nephew, Mary Lou and Sam, and her husband, Michael Webb.

Sun shines on day kids visit workplace



Photo by Kari Hawkins

AT THE CONTROLS— Wearing a uniform similar to his dad's Army ACUs, 4-year-old John Gavigan strikes a Soldier pose at the controls of a Black Hawk Medevac helicopter during Bring Your Child to Work Day. He is the son of Capt. John "Jay" Gavigan.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE— Children and parents alike gathered early to make sure they didn't miss the police dog demonstration by the Redstone police.

Moms, dads enjoy sharing Army story

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"It's a lot of fun!" said Jensen Call when asked about all the military hardware he got to sit in, climb on, look through and play



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TRYING ON HELMET— Daboys McGhee, 6, tries on the helmet of a Chinook helicopter pilot with the help of pilot Maj. Jennifer Lynn Newsome. Daboys is the son of Reserve Master Sgt. Daboys McGhee Sr. of the 13th Battalion.

with during Thursday's Bring Your Child to Work Day.

Those simple words were repeated again and again by girls and boys who came to work with their moms and dads. Their day began at the post parade field where Team Redstone put on a show of military hardware displays and demonstrations. For many, the day concluded with a visit to mom's or dad's workplace and special organizational activities. A total of 1,075 children participated in Bring Your Child to Work Day, an annual event organized by the Aviation and Missile Command.

With sunny skies overhead, there was plenty of educational fun for youngsters of all ages at the parade field. The Redstone police provided their always-popular police dog demonstration. There were also demonstrations by the Hazardous Devices School, Environmental Services, the Redstone Fire Department and many other organizations. But the military hardware displays seemed to be the biggest hit with kids.

Brothers Ryan and Trent McAdams really got into driving the Avenger air defense weapon system, making the chassis spin to and fro with a remote control. Their mom, Sherry McAdams of the Chinook office, escorted them

around to see all the hardware at the parade field.

"I like everything! I'm not picky," said Trent while his older brother was a bit more selective, preferring the Avenger and High Mobility Artillery Rocket System over the other displays.

"It's really interesting," their mom said. "This is our third or fourth year. We really enjoy it, especially this year. They have a pretty good display out here."

Across the parade field, 8-year-old Mason Branhof was throwing a toy rocket in the air, a souvenir he received at one of the demonstration areas.

"I loved the M1 Abram tank," said Mason, the son of Bob Branhof of the Advanced Science Technology Directorate. "I wanted to come here today because I got a day off school."

For some parents, Bring Your Child to Work Day was like a day off for them, too.

"The thing I like best about this is I get to bring my kids to work. I like being with my kids," Jon Kilpatrick of AMRDEC said.

"I like being with you, too!" said his son, 5-year-old Liam, as he hugged his dad's legs. His sister, 7-year-old Shelby, jumped up and down, nodding her head in agreement.

One fun hands-on exercise for the day was a rigging display that showed the mechanical advantage of using a pulley to lift a 50-pound container of gravel and sand.

"I think that's heavier than you are," Hank Hubbard of the Hazardous Devices School, who was manning the demonstration, said to 5-year-old Tabitha Arnell as she tried to lift the container.

"Let's see if you can lift it with the rope," he added.

With a little help from her dad, Erick Arnell of the Cruise Missile Defense Project Office, Tabitha used the pulley to get the container high into the air.

Over at the Chinook helicopter display, pilot Maj. Jennifer Lynn Newsome of PEO for Aviation was helping children try on a helicopter's helmet. Yet, some of the children, such as 3-year-old Brady Fisher, son of Staff Sgt. James Fisher of OMEMS, weren't about to give up the fire hats they received at the Fire Department demonstration tent to try the pilot's helmet.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TAKE A LOOK— Josh Call of AMC Headquarters helps his son, 5-year-old Jensen, look through the Humvee Mounted Improved Target Acquisition System during Bring Your Child to Work Day. In the background is Staff Sgt. John Rankin.

Earth Day 2009 plants success

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Fourth- and fifth-graders from Priceville Elementary and from Monte Sano Elementary converged on the Outdoor Classroom at Redstone's Path to Nature to celebrate Earth Day on April 22.

The day began with 145 kids from Priceville and 40 from Monte Sano gathering under a tent to have a little chat with Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

"We do this every year. It's our 15th year doing this on Redstone Arsenal," Pastorelli told the crowd. "I have an environmental division at the Garrison that works hand-in-hand with the community. They do our outreach and make sure we're doing what's right for the environment."

Before gathering around the site chosen to plant a tree this year, Pastorelli gestured to the mature trees around the clearing.

"We've got some other trees here that we've planted and you can see that over time, they grow," he said. "Just like yourselves."

After this year's planting of a black walnut specimen, the kids divided into groups to rotate throughout the planned activities. Five groups had something to show students about how they interact with nature and the environment.

The Army Corps of Engineers staged a mock chemical spill so that students could don real protective gear and aid in cleanup. Teams of three had to identify, contain and neutralize "Methyl Ethyl Sue Goo" before it could damage the plants, animals and people who could be exposed to it. The team would then proceed to a decontamination area where fellow students removed all traces of the "chemical" and pronounced them safe to go.

Post archaeologist Ben Hoksbergen



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

BRIDGE TO LEARNING— Priceville Elementary students spot wetlands wildlife in the Tupelo swamp.

shared his love of experimental archaeology with students and took them on a tour of the full-scale model of a Native American mud hut constructed on the site.

"When we find things or pieces of things, we don't always know how they were used or how they were made," he said. "We have to try and recreate what they did to really understand."

Flint knapper Tim Baker made arrowheads before the children's very eyes using hand tools and rocks. He also passed around animal bones found with pieces of Indian arrowhead still embedded in them.

Wildlife biologist Christine Easterwood led groups on a wetlands walk, discussing what lives within its murkiness and its larger impact on the environment. "Food chains start with microscopic organisms and plankton," she said. "Bigger fish eat little fish. It goes all the way up to people."

There were a few feathered, furred and scaled visitors as well. Falconers Curt Cearly and Rick Schell brought along a horned owl, Harris hawk, peregrine falcon and native snakes for students to check out up close. After lunch, the North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitators entertained the kids with assorted baby animals.

At the end of the day, students boarded their buses and headed home, talking about nature, recycling and how to do their part. The memories will last way beyond a single Earth Day.

Children's day at work brings rave reviews

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"It seems the fire hats are winning over the helmets," Newsome joked.

"That's all he wants to do is the fire truck stuff," Fisher said of Brady, whose older brother, 4-year-old Houston was very much into the Abrams tank.

Lt. Col. Scott Reed of the AMCOM Operations Center had a great time taking his sons — 14-year-old Avery, 10-year-old Luke and 9-year-old Jonathan — around to all

the displays. Jonathan particularly enjoyed sitting in the helicopters.

"This is awesome today," he said. "Jonathan likes anything to do with the Army. His blood runs green."

Whether or not the kids are in their future didn't seem to stop the kids from having a lot of fun and learning a little bit, too, at Team Redstone's Bring Your Child to Work Day. Each child who attended the event left with memories of a day at work with their mom and dad, and a certificate of participation signed by AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles.

Garrison intern continues her journey

Ex-summer hire joins program

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While many teenagers were trying to get into a certain college or prom dress, Mary Johnson was trying to begin a career at Redstone. Years later she has begun that career in earnest as a Garrison intern.

Johnson began working on post as a summer hire during her high school years in 1987. Since the death of her mother, the way she thought about her future had changed.

“I wanted to build a career and pursue my degree,” she said. “I had to grow up fast. I knew I wanted to better myself.”

Johnson spent seven years as a summer hire, continuing through college as she worked on a bachelor’s in business administration with a logistics concentration from Alabama A&M University. As she worked and went to school, the people she worked for on Redstone helped guide her along.

“I had strong mentors. Jackie Bennett just tried to give me the strength to keep on going,” she said. “She and Walter Pickett were great. They helped me so much.”

Johnson’s first rotation is under way. She is working as a program and management analyst. Her next rotation will land her in Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation. She has no idea yet where the intern program will ultimately take her,

but she’s excited about the journey to get there.

“I’m just keeping my options open,” she said. “I’m eager to learn about everything. There’s a lot to learn, but it’s worth it.”

Garrison interns

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Johnson said she has about a year left before she receives a master’s in business from Alabama A&M. She has found through her studies that she has a real interest in logistics.

“I always wanted to work in supply,” she said. “I want to get into contracts and contract writing.”

Outside Redstone’s walls, Johnson’s life revolves around her family. Her husband, Kelvin, is a lineman for Huntsville Utilities. She has two sons, Keon, 8, and Kez, 12. Their sports and activities garner a large portion of her time. They also like to work together as a family to help battle the disease Keon is fighting. Since her youngest child is living daily with juvenile onset type 1 diabetes, raising money for research is dear to Johnson’s heart.

Her passion has translated into dollar signs for the American Diabetes Association. The Johnson family team has raised thousands in contributions for their cause. At a Diabetes Walk last fall, Johnson was recognized by the American Diabetes Association for the \$2,000 she had raised for that event alone.

“My family is everything to me,” she said. “We want to find a cure for Keon and others like him.”



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

ON THE JOB— Mary Johnson is back at Redstone where her career aspirations began.

Corpus Christi future leaders gain Redstone experience



Courtesy photo

STAFF RIDE—These Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, workers participated in a three-day staff ride to Redstone Arsenal.

Leadership program deployed at depots

The Aviation and Missile Command is taking steps to ensure it has the bench strength to fill its civilian leader positions in the future, not only at Redstone but also at its depots.

Beginning in fiscal 2008, the AMCOM G-1 began deploying a customized version of Leader Investment for Tomorrow to the depots. Key to participant success is developing leadership skills and competencies that can be applied in the workplace.

The program focuses on such leadership competencies as Army values, leading change, emotional intelligence, leading across the generations, decision making, goal setting, stakeholder management, time management, communications, briefings and ethics. Learning occurs through a mix of learning methods to include assessments, mini-lessons with group interaction, guest speakers, application with a depot-specific class project and a staff ride.

As a part of depot LIFT, Corpus Christi program participants attended a three-day staff ride to Redstone Arsenal. The staff ride purpose was to familiarize the program participants with AMCOM headquarters and Redstone Arsenal, as well as spotlight the leaders from AMCOM and Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas.

Program participants had the opportunity to network with counterparts, tour featured areas within the Arsenal, and participate in a

leadership panel comprised of AMCOM and depot leaders.

Participants gained leadership insight in understanding integration of people, technologies and facilities are all part of understanding the larger picture. (AMCOM G-1 release)

■ Cars & Camouflage cruises through another year

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of mild weather and the shopping center's amenities. Some 170 cars were on display, encompassing a wide variety of styles, decades and tastes. Quite a few of the entrants were retirees and veterans themselves. Wally Olszewski brought his 2006 Pontiac GTO, despite a few dings from hail damage the week before. He wasn't worried about winning a prize, just helping the cause.

"I'm just an old Army guy who likes to hang out with the fellows," he said.

Between entrant fees and donations from attendees, Perkins said the show had taken in an estimated \$6,500 at the end of the day.

"I'm extremely appreciative of Bridge Street Town Centre, the Vets with Vettes and Corvette Owners, and our sponsors for making this possible," Perkins said.

National Guard seeks softball three-peat

Guardsmen open season with doubleheader sweep

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The National Guard entered the 2009 softball season as the two-time defending champion.

And the Guard looked like the team to beat on opening night April 21 at Linton Field.

The Guard won both ends of a doubleheader, beating Headquarters & Alpha 14-4 and Charlie Company 14-1. The Civilian Welfare Fund beat the NCO Academy 18-5 in the nightcap.

“I think our odds are real good,” National Guard pitcher Joe Cox said. “We’ve got a good solid core back. We’ve got our starting shortstop, Rodney Henshaw, back. We’ve got some new guys that are good quality ballplayers. I just don’t see anybody beating us.”

In Thursday’s games, National Guard beat NCO Academy 16-4, Headquarters & Alpha won by forfeit over HHC 59th, and Bravo defeated the Marines 24-4.

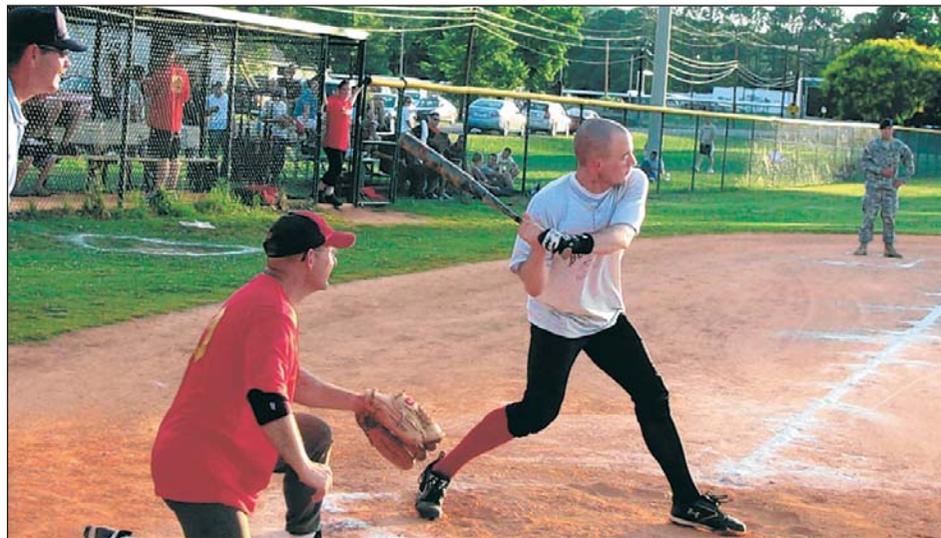


Photo by Skip Vaughn

2008 POSTSEASON— Bravo second baseman Terry Spangler doubles against the Marines on June 10, 2008. The National Guard beat Bravo the following night for its second straight title.

Standings entering this week had National Guard (3-0), Bravo (1-0), Civilian Welfare Fund (1-0), Headquarters & Alpha (1-1), Marines (0-1), Charlie (0-1),

HHC 59th (0-1) and NCO Academy (0-2).

The season continues through May 21. The postseason tournament is scheduled May 27 through June 4.

Obama honors winning Navy football team

By DONNA MILES

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama presented the winning U.S. Naval Academy football team the Commander-In-Chief’s Trophy during a White House Rose Garden ceremony April 21.

Obama extended congratulations to the midshipmen from Annapolis, Md., who bested both the U.S. Military Academy “Black Knights” 34-0 and the U.S. Air Force Academy “Falcons” 33-27 during the 2008 season.

The wins earned Navy the coveted Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy – and a trip to the White House to receive it — for the sixth consecutive year.

“By now, you guys know your way around here better than I do,” Obama said at the ceremony, evoking laughter from the group.

Exchanges salute moms of deployed troops

DALLAS – Troops unable to make it home for Mother's Day this year can enter to win one of 500 personalized art canvases that will be given away as part of Canvas on Demand's "Operation: Hi Mom" campaign.

"Deployed Soldiers, airmen, Marines and sailors can simply click on the Canvas on Demand link at the Exchange Online Mall and upload a favorite photo for a chance to send mom one of the 500 free 16-by-20 'Pixel Painting' canvases set to be given away," said the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's chief marketing officer Mat Dromey. "These personalized keepsakes, which will be sent on servicemembers' behalf,

can be hung in a place of honor and cherished forever."

Photos submitted for "Operation: Hi Mom" consideration can be viewed online by logging on to the Exchange Online Mall, navigating to Canvas on Demand and clicking the "Operation: Hi Mom" banner.

Five hundred pictures will ultimately be selected, at random, on or before April 30 to ensure the personalized art is delivered in time for Mother's Day.

Canvas on Demand is one of 117 vendor partners offering exclusive discounts to military shoppers through the Exchange Online Store's Exchange Online Mall. (AAFES release)

■ Soldiers 'some of the best people ever'

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The second reason the military is important to the United States is because they protect our country. The military protects us so that our flag can still wave with pride. Soldiers do a fantastic job at protecting the United States of America. Soldiers are protective and caring. I am so grateful that our Soldiers are so protective.

The third and most important reason the military is important to the United States is because they show us what pride and justice is really about. Soldiers

remind people to never give up. The military has courage, strength and determination. Also, Soldiers always have hope when they're feeling down.

In conclusion, Soldiers are some of the best people ever. Our military is amazing!

Kacy Hudson

Editor's note: Kacy Hudson, a student at Monrovia Elementary School, wrote this award-winning essay after her school was visited by Eric Edwards, executive director of AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center.

■ Block Party promises fun for entire family

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complete with fire trucks and safety officers. The grand opening of the new Myra M. Garriott School Age Services building was held April 3 and the FMWR staff was joined by command and local dignitaries to dedicate the facility to the late Myra Garriott, former division chief of Child Youth and School Services who initiated the project.

The big finale to this month's special events is the Month of the Military Child Block Party on May 2 from 1-4 p.m. on Youth Center Road. The road is blocked off to make room for a day of free food, fun and prizes.

"This event is open to the whole Redstone community," Kevin Frankson, direc-

tor of Youth Services, said. "You can live on Redstone Arsenal or work on Redstone Arsenal. It's open to everyone. It's a great way for us to give something back to our active duty community as well as those civilians who support the war fighter every day. Block Party is a great day of family fun at no charge."

Activities featured at the Block Party include free food from several different vendors, inflatable playground, face painting, karaoke, demonstrations, bingo and more.

The Block Party is sponsored by Verizon Wireless, Coca Cola, Turner Beverage Company, Papa John's Pizza, Honeybaked Ham, Association of the U.S. Army, Warrant Officers Association, the Commissary and the Officer and Civilian Women's Club. (Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation release)

Sharing the life of a happy little boy

JJ's legacy continues through family support

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Two-year-old Matthew Lipski knows his big brother only through photographs and the memories of his parents.

Matthew was only 3 weeks old when his brother JJ died from a tumor on his brain stem, a condition known as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma or brainstem gliomas. JJ's sister, Nikki, was only 2 when her brother died.

The siblings and their parents, Diana and Jim Lipski, are the family JJ left behind on Jan. 31, 2007, 16 months after being diagnosed with the inoperable brain tumor. Since then, the family has shared their story, hoping to increase awareness of this deadly pediatric cancer and to provide support for other families living through the pain, suffering and loss of a child to cancer.

"This cancer is so rare that you are pretty much all alone," Jim Lipski said. "And when we would go on the web for information we found it was limited and what we did find we didn't like reading. We want to encourage correspondence among parents whose children have pediatric cancer, especially brainstem cancer, so that they don't feel all alone."

The Lipski couple has established a foundation — I Could Be Your Child — to increase awareness, to raise research funds for pediatric brain tumors, primarily DIPG, and to provide support for children and families diagnosed with a pediatric brain tumor.

The family will also participate in two American Cancer Society Relay for Life events — one this Friday and Saturday in Madison County at John Hunt Park and the other on May 8 in Limestone County at the Athens SportsPlex. The family will light a special candle in JJ's memory at the May 8 event.

JJ, whose full name is John Joseph, was born in 2000 in the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., when both of his parents were serving in the Army and stationed in the D.C. area. Diana Lipski left the Army with seven years of service in 2001. Jim Lipski later left the Army after 16 years, six overseas assignments and multiple

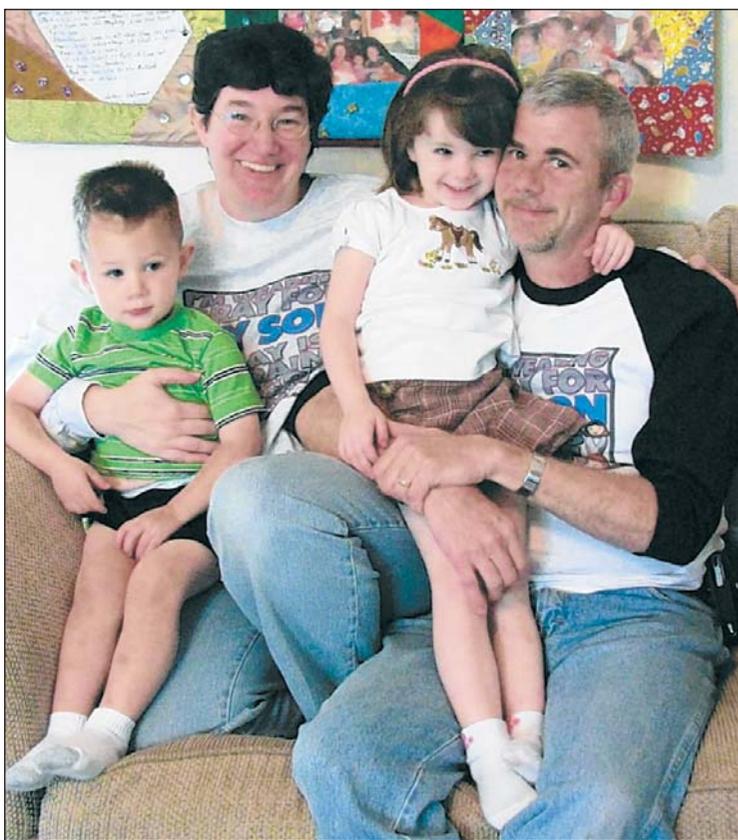


Photo by Kari Hawkins

JJ'S FAMILY— Although JJ is no longer with them, Diana and Jim Lipski see reminders of their son in the faces of their two other children, Matthew and Nikki, and in the lives of other families who have endured the loss of a child to pediatric cancer. JJ died from Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, also known as brainstem cancer, when he was only 6 years old. On the wall behind the family is a quilt made in JJ's memory.

deployments, taking a job with Homeland Security that eventually brought them to Madison and closer to family.

"JJ was 4 at the time of our move," Diana Lipski said. "We were starting to see a few problems that would later turn out to be symptoms of his cancer. His speech was not where it should have been. But at the time we thought it was because he wasn't in a preschool program."

So, they enrolled JJ in preschool. But, following his preschool graduation, Jim Lipski noticed in a graduation picture that one of JJ's eyes was very much turned in. An eye doctor diagnosed lazy eye and prescribed glasses for JJ.

But still problems persisted. "Jim's sister-in-law is an occupational therapist and she was brave enough to tell us that his speech should be further along," Diana Lipski said. "So, JJ had speech therapy over the summer and wore glasses. We took him to an ENT (ear, nose and throat specialist) who said his palate wasn't moving, and

that can cause problems with speech."

In August 2005, after Hurricane Katrina, Jim Lipski spent a month along the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, where he worked in relief efforts and assisted his brother's family, who had lost their home in the hurricane.

"While he was gone, I started doing research," Diana Lipski said. "I was researching key words, trying to figure out what was going on with our son, and then JJ started losing his balance. That is a real big flag for a pediatrician."

Two days after Jim Lipski returned from hurricane relief efforts, JJ underwent a CAT scan at Huntsville Hospital that revealed a mass in his brain. He was rushed to Birmingham Children's Hospital, where JJ was examined and the Lipski couple was given the news no parent wants to hear.

"When you are told 'Sorry, your son has a brain tumor,' your eyes just glaze over and everything just fogs up," Diana Lipski said.

"But JJ was fine. The neurosurgeon was giving us this news and JJ was crawling on the furniture, having a good time and doing things 5-year-old boys do. The doctor was amazed and said JJ should have so much pain that he should be in the intensive care unit."

The Lipski couple believe JJ was born with the brain tumor and that he had a high tolerance for pain. They remembered only a few occasions over the previous summer when JJ complained of his head being hot, which could have been an indication of headaches caused by the tumor. But those headaches should have been excruciating, not mild as they were in JJ's case.

Under close examination, doctors discovered JJ could only lift his chin slightly. The Lipski couple thinks JJ had avoided lifting his chin from a very young age to avoid pain.

Although JJ seemed like a healthy boy on the outside, inside his body was losing control.

"The brain stem controls everything," Jim Lipski said. "It controls breathing, swallowing, speech and it sends out messages to the parts of the body."

"A tumor in the brain stem is inoperable. Doctors don't know what causes them. There is no cure. Children with this kind of tumor don't live longer than two years after diagnosis."

The couple also believe the "normalcy" of JJ's condition was affected by the power of prayer, the support network of friends from their church — St. John's Catholic Church in Madison — and the will of God.

"As soon as we knew there could be a problem — on the way to Birmingham Children's Hospital for the first time — prayers started going out and friends were doing research for us," Diana Lipski said. "There's a group of ladies at church who I call our brain trust. They reached out to us with meals, helping my mom take care of Nikki and doing little things for us."

The family also received hundreds of cards and gifts from friends and people they didn't even know. JJ's schoolmates at Creekside Elementary School sent him cards and little surprises.

"I don't know if there was a day, certainly not a week, when something didn't show up in the mail or on our doorstep that helped us get through this," Diana Lipski said. "People would just send us stuff to try to

make things better for us. There are a whole lot of strangers out there who truly care."

JJ's diagnosis of DIPG meant traveling to Birmingham Children's Hospital and eventually to the National Institutes for Health in Washington, D.C. JJ underwent brain surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. He was enrolled in clinical trials for both evaluation and treatment. The family got into the habit of thinking of a "medical trip" as a "mini-vacation" with an overnight stay at a hotel with a pool.

They took JJ to DisneyWorld, and managed to keep him in school through kindergarten and the beginning of first grade. JJ was able to play in his second season of T-ball.

But in November 2006, JJ's disease progression indicated there was not much more that could be done to keep him alive. Steroids kept some of the tumor swelling at bay and the family managed a second trip to DisneyWorld. On Jan. 31, 2007, JJ died.

"We kept life as normal as possible for JJ," Jim Lipski said. "He did all the little boy stuff. He played T-ball, he practiced his water skills and he went fishing. He did all the things that a little boy likes to do."

During his treatment, the Lipski couple met other couples with children suffering from DIPG. That helped them in their journey with the deadly disease. For that reason, they are working to connect families with children suffering from brainstem cancer. There are about 300 children in the U.S. currently diagnosed with DIPG, with about 40 of those families linked to the I Could Be Your Child website the Lipskis have established.

The Lipski couple also hope to increase awareness and raise funds through the website so more research is done on childhood cancers.

"The earliest diagnosis of cancer in children was in 1964," Jim Lipski said. "Not much has changed with treatment since then. The problem with pediatric cancers and childhood brain tumors is that very few families agree to putting their children through medical trials, and very few adults get brainstem cancer."

Cancer, as a whole, is underfunded, Jim Lipski said, but funding for children's cancer is at an extreme low. There are 120 different pediatric cancers and

Reserves celebrate their 101st birthday

Retired general officer says
expect more deployments

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On the day of the Army Reserve's 101st birthday, a retired brigadier general told a gathering of Reserve Soldiers and local community leaders that, despite the deployments and sacrifices of Reserve Soldiers since 9/11, even more will be demanded from the Army's Reserve and National Guard Soldiers in the years ahead.

"There is a tough road ahead for the next two to three years in Afghanistan," said retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet at the local Reserve's April 23 birthday breakfast at the Heritage Club.

Drolet, who serves as the state president of the Association of the U.S. Army, said he applauds the efforts of the Reserves since 9/11. He and other leaders at the breakfast, including Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, pledged their support for local Soldiers and families of National Guard and Reserve units that are currently serving or are being deployed during occupational contingency operations. Recently, 180 Soldiers of the Huntsville-based 375th Engineer Company were deployed to Iraq.

Despite improvements in Iraq, Drolet thinks the U.S. military's involvement in the Middle East will continue.

"I wish I could say we've seen the end," he said. "Iraq is winding down, but Afghanistan is winding up. In some ways war in Afghanistan is even tougher than the war fought in Iraq."

He said the conflict in Afghanistan will be more difficult to bring to a peaceful conclusion because terrorists in Iraq will apply lessons they've learned while fighting U.S. Soldiers to the war in Afghanistan, there is a historical connection and experience in Afghanistan that has been developed in wars with the former Soviet Union, and terrorists in Afghanistan are better prepared and better trained.

"The National Guard and the Reserves have pulled a tough shore of duty during this war on terrorism," Drolet said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CUTTING THE CAKE— The youngest and oldest Soldier who attended the 101st Birthday Breakfast for the U.S. Army Reserves at the Heritage Club on April 23 use a saber to cut the Reserve birthday cake. The Reserve Soldiers are, from left, Spc. Phillip Tverberg and Sgt. Maj. Ed Rudolph. With them is retired Reserve Lt. Col. Louis Durnya and, to the right, retired Reserve Command Sgt. Maj. John Perry, who served as emcee for the AUSA-sponsored birthday event. Behind Durnya is veteran Jim Rountree of AUSA.

"We've called on the Guard and Reserves in order to produce the number of Soldiers we need."

Since 9/11, Drolet and other military leaders have seen a significant change in the way the Army and the National Guard and Reserves work together.

"For years, we'd been trying to figure out how to create a total force," he said. "We didn't do well combining the Army, Reserves and National Guard. After 9/11 and during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we've become a total force through necessity. The service of the three has been no less than spectacular."

Even so, Drolet said deployments and tempo activity within the National Guard and Reserve ranks is more difficult because the active Army is more prepared to handle such situations.

"For the active Army, the commitment has been made. It's a way of life and fam-

ilies are accustomed to it," he said. "But for a National Guard Soldier or Reserve Soldier, they have to balance their commitment to their community, family and job with periodic service and deployments."

Mike Howell, president of the Redstone-Huntsville chapter of AUSA, told the breakfast gathering about the history of the Reserves, which was started by Congress to provide the Army with a medical reserve corps.

"The Reserves brought in 160 doctors that the Army could call on when they were needed," Howell said. "Today, there are 175,000 Army Reserve Soldiers. It is one Army, one fight. We still look to you Reservists to bring in some very unique skills, like those doctors, to our fight, to our Army."

As a 30-year-career Reserve Soldier, retired Col. Bryan Dodson told the gathering that the Army gets a lot of "free time" from the Reserves.

"You are part-time Soldiers with full-time jobs," he said. "There are few full-time

Reservists, and yet your standards are the same as the active Army ... People will ask you which weekend are you in uniform. They don't understand that you spend hours each day doing your job. If you are a senior leader, NCO or officer, you spend that time because you are committed to your mission and to your Soldiers.

"And the most admirable thing about it is you don't care if we don't know the time you've spent because you are all about selfless service."

In his comments, Dodson quoted the words of William J. Bennett, chairman of Americans for Victory over Terrorism and a former secretary of Education, from a lecture he gave to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1997. Bennett told of an old retired colonel who compared most people to sheep who are preyed on by wolves (the enemy) and protected by the sheepdog (servicemembers, police officers and other emergency personnel).

"Here is how the sheep and the sheepdog think differently," Dodson quoted from Bennett. "The sheep pretend the wolf will never come, but the sheepdog lives for that day. After the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, most of the sheep, that is, most citizens in America said, 'Thank God I wasn't on one of those planes.' The sheepdogs, the warriors, said, 'Dear God, I wish I could have been on one of those planes. Maybe I could have made a difference.' When you are truly transformed into a warrior and have truly invested yourself into warriorhood, you want to be there. You want to be able to make a difference ..."

"Some people may be destined to be sheep and others might be genetically primed to be wolves or sheepdogs. But I believe that most people can choose which one they want to be, and I'm proud to say that more and more Americans are choosing to become sheepdogs."

Dodson said Soldiers have "chosen to walk the warrior's path. You equip and prepare yourself for the moment when the wolf comes to the door. The military only asks for a smile and a 'thank you' to fill their emotional tank."

As part of the birthday breakfast, Battle gave a public "thank you" to local Reserve Soldiers with a proclamation declaring April 23, 2009 as Army Reserve Day in Huntsville.

"Every day is Army day in Huntsville. Today is Army Reserve day," he said.

■ Pediatric cancer took life of young child

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the U.S. government only provides \$26 million annually for pediatric cancer research. In comparison, breast cancer research receives more than \$400 million annually from the U.S. government.

"People reading this will think this is a sad story. They will think something like this won't happen to their child or their grandchild," Jim Lipski said. "But a child can wake up one day with a slight turn in

their eye or suddenly have difficulty swallowing or have a morning variety headache, and all those symptoms can all lead to pediatric cancer.

"There is a distinct possibility, as slim as it might be, that the child of a friend, a church member, a family member or even your own could get this cancer."

Editor's note: For more information on the I Could Be Your Child foundation and pediatric cancer support networks, visit the Lipski's two websites at jjsmiracle.com and www.icouldbeyourchild.org.

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

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.

Golf tournament

The John Stallworth Foundation golf tournament is June 19 at Hampton Cove Golf Course. Four man scramble format. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the tournament at 8. Team registration deadline is June 12. For more information, call Freddie McDowell 536-8050.

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.

Walk at lunch day

Preventive Medicine at Fox Army Health Center is encouraging all Redstone Arsenal employees to lace up their walking shoes and get moving during their lunch break as participants in the today's second

annual National Walk at Lunch Day. The event begins at 11 a.m. and concludes at 1 p.m. National Walk at Lunch Day is a workplace walking program that encourages people to take time during their lunch breaks to start walking toward better health.

Free football camp

The fifth annual Walter Jones Football Camp is June 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jones Estate, 2699 Jeff Road in Harvest. Walter Jones, an offensive tackle with the Seattle Seahawks, has recruited coaches and players for this free football camp who have exhibited the experience, leadership, enthusiasm and ability to teach football. Registration for the camp is May 16 at Dicks Sporting Goods, 6275 University Drive. Parents must accompany their child for registration. Enrollment is limited to 200 players age 8-13 and 200 players 14-18. Walk-ons on the day of the camp will be limited to 20 per age group.



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.

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.

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.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Drenda King, Alabama director of human resources, Madison County. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter will have its annual picnic meeting May 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NASA picnic grounds. Tickets are \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members. There will be bingo, cake walk and lots of door prizes. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$1 each for additional drawings. For tickets call Kim

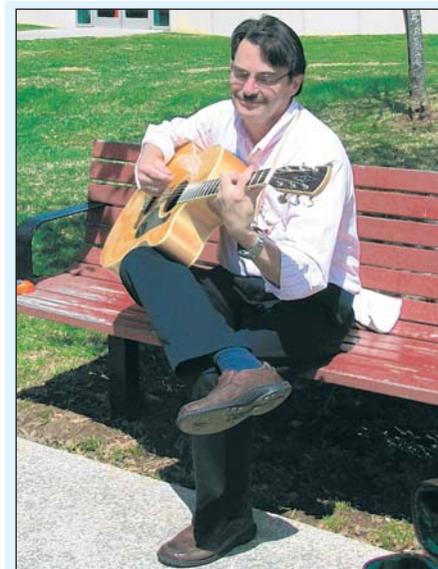


Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

Sunny strummer

Joe Bruno passes time and entertains Sparkman Center co-workers during his lunch break. Bruno and his guitar found a sunny spot in the central courtyard just outside building 5300 on April 16.

Ouattara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer User Group will meet May 9 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. An Internet Special Interest Group starts at 9:15 a.m. The general meeting will start at 10:45 and the speaker will be Gwen Smith from the Huntsville-Madison County Library. Smith will show how to use the Digital Media Zone to download free digital books, music and videos from the library. Bring your laptop, library card number and your password and you can download the necessary software during the meeting. For more information, call Eunice 658-9175.

Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table meets May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. The Olde Towne Brass will present a program on "Civil War Music" with an emphasis on music that was played during the 1864 Union occupation of Huntsville. The music will come from the band books of the Union Bands, including the 1st Brigade Band, which was stationed in Huntsville during 1864. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.

Air defenders

The Air Defense Artillery Association, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, will have a luncheon May 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Bob Woods, commander of 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Bliss, Texas. Cost is \$15 per person or



Photo by Chuck Cannon

Lakota leap

A Fort Polk, La., Soldier jumps from a Lakota LUH 72A helicopter during high altitude, low open airborne operations April 8, while another Soldier prepares to jump. The event marked the first time a Lakota was used in airborne operations on Fort Polk and just the third time Armywide.

120 for a corporate table of eight. Reservations are due by noon May 11 by calling 837-5282, ext. 1524, or e-mailing janett.beasley@sparta.com.

Test Week tutorials

Test Week 2009 Conference, June 2-4, is now in TIP, catalog number F93TESTW. The ITEA-sponsored tutorials in conjunction with the week include Unmanned Systems Autonomous Testing, F93USAT; Surviving and Striving with Customers in Downtown Economy, F93STC; Distributed Testing Lessons from JMETS and TENA, F93DTLJT; and Metrics for Managing and Improving T&E Capabilities, F93MMITEC. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715 or visit www.test-week.org.

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.

Tactical missiles conference

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



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 employment

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

Surplus sales

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

Motorcycle safety

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

Reserve unit

If you have several years invested in your

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

Officer candidates

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

Pilots wanted

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

Rockwell Announcements

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

Butler High reunion

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

Cadet program

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

Army training

Do you want to be on the cutting edge of Army training? The 1st Battle Command Training Group offers the opportunity for promotion while simultaneously enhancing your professional management, training and leadership skills. It has immediate openings for sergeant first class through lieutenant colonel – specialty and branch are immaterial — who want to transfer and make a significant contribution to the readiness of the Army. The 1st BCTG conducts continental U.S. pre- and post-mobilization computer simulation based Battle Command Staff Training exercises. It trains and validates Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout the Southeast in wartime readiness. It offers 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.



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Spring fashion

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers showed off the latest styles for spring at their luncheon meeting April 9 at Trinity Methodist Church. The show featured fashions from Belk's and were modeled by ASMC members. From left are Becky Lake, Carolyn Thomas, Lisa Sparks, Lindsey Harper, Linda McKinney, Omar Williams, Corey Carter, Bob Hirschbuehler, Warren Powell and Clif Gordan.

Rocket Announcements

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.

Sugarland concert

Redstone Arsenal's Family, Morale Welfare and Recreation presents the 2009 Army Concert Tour featuring Sugarland with special guest Billy Currington and introducing Matt Nathanson. The concert is May 16 at the Activity Field off Patton Road. Tickets are \$30 through May 15, and \$35 on the day of show. Premium tickets, which cost \$70, are available at the FMWR Ticket Office and the Officers and Civilians Club. For ticket locations and more information, call 876-4531 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Mr. Man Premiere

SB Productions has completed the selection process for the final two exceptional men needed to complete the lineup and compete in this year's Mr. Man Premiere. The 11 contestants selected include two doctors, an Army officer, Navy officer, Air Force reserve recruiter, Madison police officer, Madison fireman and Marine, research analyst, minor league baseball player, engineer, and an engineer student from abroad. The Mr. Man Premiere has been produced since 1981 on both a local and international level. The 2009 competition is scheduled Sept. 19 at the Marriott Hotel near the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Seating is limited and tickets will become available June 1. For more information, call SB Productions 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 Thursday. For more information, call 536-6057 or 519-3327.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop offers everyday discounts of 50-75 percent. New merchandise comes in daily. This week's special: Buy one get one free romance novel or magazine. Visit building 3209 on Hercules Road on Tuesdays from 9-4, Wednesdays 9-4, Thursdays 9-5 and the first Saturday from 10-2.

Career fair

The Redstone Arsenal Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Fair will be Thursday 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 gov-

ernment and industry will participate in this event. The career fair is only open to job seekers that already have access to the military installation (Military ID or CAC Card), that have a federal security clearance and that have experience in the information technology, technical, communications, aerospace, engineering, scientific, military, government, contractor and intelligence fields. Attendees can pre-register by creating a Job Seeker Account Profile at <http://www.TransitionCareers.com>, posting their resume to this profile and selecting the Redstone Arsenal career fair. The career fair is hosted by Redstone Arsenal, Army Community Service, and Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation.

Volunteers sought

Volunteer opportunities are available at the Thrift Shop. For more information, call 881-6992.

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>.

Voices of men

Army Community Service will host "Voices of Men," a multimedia play dealing with issues related to male-related violence, today from 4-5:30 p.m. at Heiser Hall. This event is free to the Redstone community. For more information, visit www.voicesofmen.org.

Historic homes tour

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

Acquisition careerists

Applications are being accepted through Thursday for the 2009 Senior Service College Fellowship Program-Huntsville which begins July 27. Eligible applicants are Department of the Army civilian Acquisition Corps members who occupy permanent positions in grades GS-14 and 15 or broadband equivalent. Persons interested in applying for the 2009 SSCF Program must respond under this announcement. The official announcement can be accessed at https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/SSCF_09.pdf. Eligible applicants are encouraged to contact their



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OCWC contributes

Officer and Civilian Women's Club honorary president Alice Myles, left, and Demy Robley, right, chairperson of the OCWC Community Assistance Committee, present a check to Girl Scout Troop 465 leader Laurie Taylor. The committee has donated \$19,000 to organizations in Huntsville, Madison County and the Redstone community. Eighty-two requests were received this year from various organizations. Each application was reviewed by the committee and 32 were approved for grants. Monies for these grants were generated by OCWC members at fund-raising events. OCWC is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

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>.

Job resumes/interviews

Many employers are changing how they screen resumes and conduct interviews. Come learn what employers expect and how you should prepare. The Resume Tips session is designed to help you identify key skills and how to focus on the needs of the employer. It will be held May 5 from 10-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. The Interview session will help you to present yourself with confidence and ace the interview. It will be held May 7 from 9-11 a.m. at ACS. Seating is limited and military spouses have first priority. To reserve a seat, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Public speaker

Judge Roy Moore is guest speaker May 8 at 7 p.m. at The Olive Branch, 175 West Park Loop in Huntsville. For more information, call Pastor Reggie Whiddon 895-9550.

Charities day

The first Rag Tag Day is May 2 from 8 a.m. to noon at Christmas Charities Year Round, 2840 Jordan Lane. "Spring cleaning is in full swing. Bring in your old worn out, faded, stretched out clothing which can be recycled into rags," a prepared release said. "Please identify them in a separate bag. We will also take gently used clothing for clients. We especially

need children's clothing." For more information, call Christmas Charities Year Round 837-2373.

Interpreter wanted

The Huntsville City School System seeks a volunteer who speaks Gujarati to assist in communicating information to a family. If you can assist with this request, call Constance Tiller James 539-7797 for more information.

Children's camp

Camp "I Can" Underwater Adventure, offering sensory experiences through play and exploration for children ages 5-10, is June 15-19 and again July 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon at 2075 Max Luther Drive. Cost is \$250 per week. To register call 852-5600.

Respite care program

The Army, through its Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Command, is offering respite care to exceptional family members who meet one or more of the eligibility criteria. A medical provider must indicate whether the EFM meets one or more of the following criteria, for medical or educational purposes: little or no age appropriate self-help skills; severe continuous seizures activity; ambulation with neurological impairment that requires assistance with activities of daily living; tube feeding; tracheotomy with frequent suctioning; apnea monitoring during hours of sleep, if another family member must remain awake during monitoring; inability to control behavior with safety

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																							
SCBK09353266	Lead Interactive Electronics Tech	29-Apr-09	LOGSA	GS-0301	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X															
SCBK09384801	Manual Spec	29-Apr-09	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	46,291 - 105,993																
SCBK09366537D	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Apr-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	2	3	31,204 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09407783	Electronics Engr	30-Apr-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X														
WTST09342696	Aerospace Engr	30-Apr-09	PEO, TSMO	GG-0861	7	9	43,521 - 65,519	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09429084	Staff Asst (OA)	30-Apr-09	LOGSA	GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249						X										
SCBK09423757	Staff Asst (OA)	30-Apr-09	LOGSA	GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249						X										
SCBK09405362	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Apr-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X														
SCBK09330362R	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	30-Apr-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0203	6	6	33,442 - 43,476						X										
SCBK09198225	Civil Engr:Elect Engr:Mech Engr	1-May-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0810, 0850, 0830	2	2	58,000 - 105,993						X	X									
SCBK09391400	Lead General Engr	2-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X														
SCBK09356128	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	4-May-09	LOGSA	YA-0346	3	3	90,331 - 131,518						X										
SCBK09427944	Supv Prgm Mngr	4-May-09	LOGSA	YA-0340	3	3	90,473 - 154,699						X										
SCBK09396337	Computer Engr	4-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
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SCBK09424521	Electrical Engr	4-May-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0850	12	12	68,564 - 89,128						X										
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SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	4-May-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X													
SCBK09286906	Logistics Mgmt Spec	5-May-09	SAMD	GS-0346	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X														
SCBK09429071	Staff Asst (OA)	5-May-09	LOGSA	GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X														
SCBK09424966	Project Mgmt Dir	5-May-09	TSMO	NH-0301	3	3	68,564 - 105,993			X	X												
SCBK09224157R	Logistics Mgmt Spec	5-May-09	SMDC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128			X	X												
SCBK09382784	Supv Prgm Analyst	6-May-09	ACQ SUPP CTR	YA-0343	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X	X														
SCBK09444607	General Engr	6-May-09	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	81,532 - 105,993																
SCBK09434228	Equip Spec (General)	6-May-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,701						X										
SCBK09440803	Info Mgmt Spec	6-May-09	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X														
SCBK09447903	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-May-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X														
SCBK0917060R1	Force Protection Spec	6-May-09	SMDC	GS-0301	11	11	57,204 - 74,360			X	X												
SCBK09136900	Admin Supp Asst (OA)	6-May-09	AMCOM, TMDE Activity	GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09426206	Secretary (OA)	6-May-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0318	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X										
SCBK09426206D	Secretary (OA)	6-May-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0318	5	5	31,204 - 40,567	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09453767	Secretary (OA)	6-May-09	AMCOM, G8(Resources Mgmt)	GS-0318	7	7	38,653 - 50,249			X													
SCBK09435867	General Engr	7-May-09	AMCOM, G4 (Cmd Internal Log)	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254		X														
SCBK09435867D	General Engr	7-May-09	AMCOM, G4 (Cmd Internal Log)	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09449871	Logistics Mgmt Spec	7-May-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X														
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SCBK09418991	Equip Spec (General)	7-May-09	IMMC	GS-1670	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X	X													
SCBK09345452	Opers Research Analyst	8-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-1515	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09399736	Lead Aerospace Engr	8-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	96,346 - 147,332						X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09399736D	Lead Aerospace Engr	8-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09394768	Attorney (General)	8-May-09	SMDC	YA-0905	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09341841OC	Contract Spec	11-May-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YA-1102	2	2	45,014 - 101,912						X	X									
SCBK09437977	ADP Acq Spec	12-May-09	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X														
SCBK09324177	Electrical Engr	13-May-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	64,828 - 105,993						X										
SCBK09324177D	Electrical Engr	13-May-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	64,828 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09356078	Lead General Engr	13-May-09	LOGSA	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254						X										
SCBK09424407	Computer Engr	14-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X														
SCBK09339526	Supv Architect, Supv Civil Engr, Supv Mech Engr, Supv Elect Engr	14-May-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YF-0808, 0810, 0830, 0850	2	2	58,141 - 113,908						X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09423208	Attorney Advisor (General)	15-May-09	AMCOM Legal Ofc	YA-0905	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09356025	Lead General Engr	18-May-09	LOGSA	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254																
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X										
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X										
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X	X	X												
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567		X	X													
SCNAFBK0920	Lead Lifeguard	31-Aug-09	Swimming Pools, Outdoor Rec	NF-0189	2	2	7,99 - 14,59	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0919	Lifeguard	31-Aug-09	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	6,55 - 11,41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913						X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701						X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740						X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X										
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X										
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X	X	X												
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567		X	X													
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X													
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SCBK09366537D	Electronics Engr	30-Apr-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	2	3	31,204 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
WTST09342696	Aerospace Engr	30-Apr-09	PEO, TSMO	GG-0861	7	9	43,521 - 65,519	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09396337D	Computer Engr	4-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09424521D	Electrical Engr	4-May-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0850	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09224157R	Logistics Mgmt Spec	5-May-09	SMDC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128			X	X												
SCBK0917060R1	Force Protection Spec	6-May-09	SMDC	GS-0301	11	11	57,204 - 74,360			X	X												
SCBK09426206D	Secretary (OA)	6-May-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0318	5	5	31,204 - 40,567	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09399736D	Lead Aerospace Engr	8-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09394768	Attorney (General)	8-May-09	SMDC	YA-0905	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09423208	Attorney Advisor (General)	15-May-09	AMCOM Legal Ofc	YA-0905	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																							
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																							

Rocket Announcements

issues requiring constant supervision; life threatening or chronic condition requiring frequent hospitalizations or treatment encounters, which require extensive family involvement in caregiving. School-age children on a Individualized Education Program who have at least a moderate disability are eligible for Respite Care funding, as are infants and toddlers on an Individualized Family Service Plan who have a moderate disability or developmental delay, including a high probability for a developmental delay. Respite care funds do not substitute for services provided by your local or state educational institution for medically related services. For more information on the Respite Care Program call Natalie Taylor, exceptional family member program manager at Army Community Service, 876-5397.

Youth orchestra benefit

The Huntsville Youth Orchestra members invite everyone to join them at the Cheeburger Cheeburger Restaurants on May 7. "While you enjoy your meal, you can also enjoy beautiful live music performed by some of our area's most talented young musicians," a prepared release said. "At various times throughout the day and evening, small groups and soloists from the Youth Orchestra will be playing some of their favorite pieces. As a special treat this day, the Huntsville Youth Orchestra's Novice and Intermezzo String Orchestras will be holding open rehearsals on the

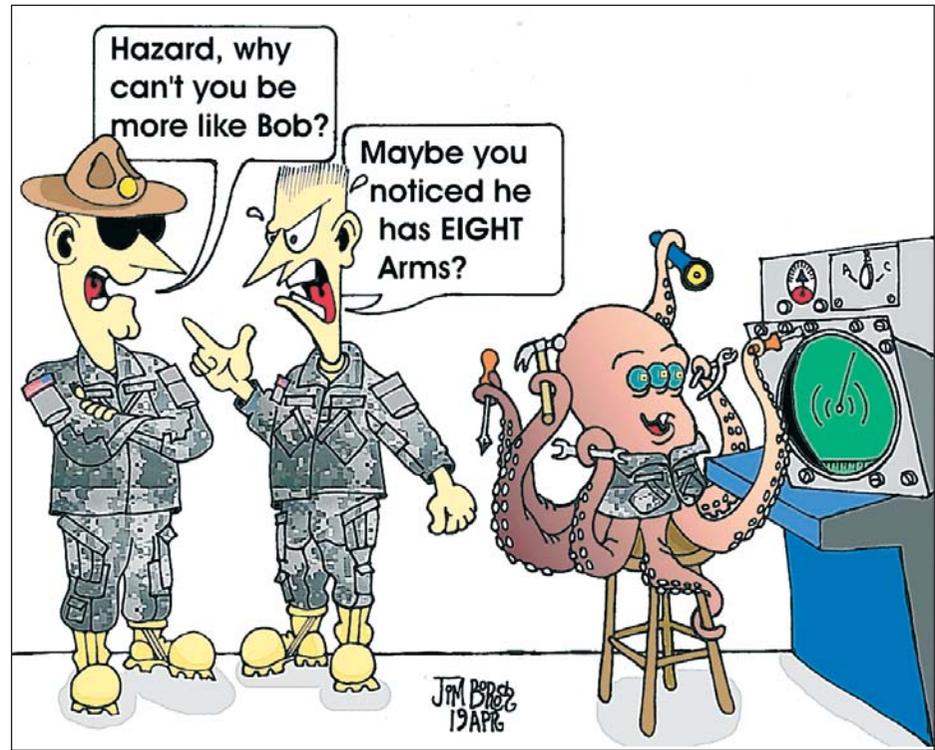
patio of the Providence Cheeburger restaurant from 5-7 p.m. Come and listen to the fun our students have playing with their friends in the orchestras." On May 7, Cheeburger Cheeburger is donating a portion of all profits from both its restaurants to support the Youth Orchestra. Cheeburger Cheeburger has two locations: 5000 Whitesburg Drive in south Huntsville (at the corner of Airport and Whitesburg), and 7 Town Center Drive in northwest Huntsville (just north of 72, in Providence Town Center). They are open from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Family aviation

Indoor radio-controlled and free flight aviation, rain or shine, will be held May 17 from 1:30-4 p.m. at Madison United Methodist Church Christian Life Center Aerodrome, 127 Church St. in Madison. There will be free buddy box flight training and also loaner Vapor airplanes and MCX helicopters available to fly. For more information, call Jim Marconnet 876-5323 or e-mail jim.marconnet@us.army.mil.

Personal effects

Lt. Col. Detlef Rost is authorized to make disposition of the personal effects of the late Lt. Col. Sheldon White, who was assigned to the Missile Defense Agency, as stated in AFI 34-244. Any person having claims for or against the deceased should call Rost of MDA/DFP at 450-2404 or e-mail detlef.rost@mda.mil.



Aviation open house

Team Redstone personnel and their family members are invited to the Aviation Technical Test Center open house at Redstone Airfield on May 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In addition to aircraft displays and facility tours, the test center will provide a one-hour presentation on current and future test capabilities at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. A deli sandwich lunch will be available for \$8 per person. For lunch

reservations, call 842-9520 by May 11. For interested family members, the aircraft displays will remain available until 3 p.m.

Breakfast with boss

The AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will host a Breakfast with the Boss on May 13 featuring keynote speaker Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, the program executive officer for aviation. Call 721-8755 for reservations and more information.