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Serving Army in civilian clothes

Rogers reports area's interests
to the Secretary of the Army

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In local protocol arenas, Huntsville's John Rogers holds the rank of a three-star general.

He is also considered a personal representative of the Secretary of the Army.

Yet, Rogers doesn't spend his days wearing an officer's uniform. Although he is a retired colonel, Rogers often dons civilian dress for local Army ceremonies and events.

Since May 2003, Rogers, a Vietnam veteran, has served in the volunteer position as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA). He represents the interests of the Army in north Alabama, promotes good relations between the Army and the local community, and uses his experience in weapons technology and air defense missile systems modernization to the benefit of Redstone Arsenal. In late April, Rogers agreed to represent north Alabama as a CASA volunteer for another two-year term. He also recently attended the annual CASA conference in San Antonio.

"It was probably the best meeting that we've had," Rogers said. "We had visits to Army headquarters (at Fort Sam Houston) and to Brooke Army Medical Center. We had a day trip to Fort Hood, Texas. We were able to witness a Purple Heart ceremony and a brigade deployment to Iraq. And we had a very active and engaging time with the secretary himself."

The CASAs discussed among themselves and with Secretary of the Army Pete Geren several key Army issues, including the rise of suicide among Soldiers, Army awards programs, impact of deployments on Army families, and the effects and progress of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations.

"I stay close to what is happening with BRAC in north Alabama," Rogers said. "The secretary is very interested in BRAC developments. I report to him on issues and activities associated with BRAC."

Rogers' military career included numerous command and staff positions and five years of Army command experience culminating with commander of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, a 2,500-person Army tactical air defense organization located at Fort Bliss, Texas. He retired in 1991,



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SOLDIERING ON— Retired Col. John Rogers no longer wears a Soldier's uniform, but he continues to serve the Army as a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army. Rogers represents north Alabama as a civilian aide, communicating the interests of the Army to local civilians, promoting good relations between the Army and north Alabama, and using his military experience to benefit the missile defense industry at Redstone Arsenal. He recently agreed to serve in the volunteer role for another two-year term.

and continued his career in the air and missile defense industry with local defense contractors.

With 26 years of service, it was hard for Rogers to leave behind his Army association. His role as CASA keeps him close to the heartbeat of the Army.

"I like being a part of the CASA network because it keeps me involved with the Army. I like the information exchange that goes on between myself and the secretary's office, and that is beneficial to the local community. I like being a liaison between the community and the Army," Rogers said.

"I am so blessed to be part of a community in which I don't have to sell the Army because the community is such a strong supporter of the Army and Army activities."

Like other CASAs, Rogers is monitoring the developments in the search for a replacement for Geren, who has announced that he

will leave the post sometime this summer.

"He has been one of the best secretaries," Rogers said. "He has been instrumental in transforming the Army from a foreign-based Cold War kind of Army into what it is today as a result of changes in Congress and 9/11. I'm awed with how much the Army has had to deal with while still getting the job done."

The Secretary of the Army has a vital role in a military unlike any other in the world.

"The military operates under civilian leadership," Rogers said. "It's the best model that mankind has ever had. The roles are set and the military operates at the command of the president. Whatever role the executive wants the military to have, then the military, in good conscience, has to execute that role and salute that role. Whatever the policy is, the military has to follow it."

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An open lane random survey

How worried are you about swine flu?

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Karla Ray
Phoenix Service
"I'm not really worried about it. I don't think I'm going to get it."

Greg Barth
Aviation and Missile Research
Development and Engineering Center
"I'm not worried at all. I think we've all probably overreacted a little bit. At first, (health officials) took the conservative approach because it's the first time we've seen it. They handled it smartly. Now we know more."



Rashad Cylar
Aviation Engineering Directorate
"I'm not worried. I think it's being made into a bigger deal than it really is."



Thor King
AMCOM Integrated Materiel
Management Center
"The flu is the flu. If you're strong, you're strong and you make it."



Quote of the week

We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing.

— *George Bernard Shaw*
playwright/author

Drivers, please slow down

I have been driving, working on the Arsenal since 1989, except for a seven-year stint we spent in the D.C. metro area. Over the past year I have noticed a sharp increase in inconsiderate, rude, downright law-ignoring drivers, (tailgating, failure to yield, speeding, running traffic lights, general discourtesy) and I also recognize where these behaviors are coming from. This is confirmed when I see the offenders turning off Martin Road onto Burose, Lindner, Mills or at the headquarters building across from 4663.

I hope the Provost Marshal's Office plans to make a drivers re-education course mandatory for all incoming BRAC transfers from the D.C. area. They need to learn that here in Alabama we drive cooperatively, we merge gracefully and with courtesy, we stop and help motorists in distress and we obey posted speed limits at work because the MPs strictly enforce all these rules and laws and aggressive driving on post will simply not be tolerated.

We just got the gates secure to correct faults that led to the death of Darren Spurlock. Let's not allow another threat to our safety come in to replace it.

Rebecca Farr

Stopped by sign on trail

There is now a gate and authorized personnel sign at the bottom of the road up the mountains near the Pagano Gym. Is this sign only intended to keep out POVs or does it include those of us who exercise daily by running or walking up those mountains? If it does include us, are the trails under the power lines also off limits?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Due to recent events, both here and overseas, the Garrison has been forced to take measures to upgrade and strengthen our security here on post. This resulted in the reclassification of certain areas located within the Arsenal boundaries. One of the areas reclassified was the Madkin/Weeden mountain area. We felt it was necessary to increase the level of security at these locations which resulted in this area being classified as 'off limits to unauthorized personnel.' We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused with individuals using this area as a 'recreational area.' Redstone offers many alternatives in lieu of the Madkin/Weeden area, such as our running/walking trails, bike path and several outdoor nature paths and tracks that may be utilized."

Calling attention to safety concern

Many intersections on Redstone Arsenal are a safety hazard. The hazards are certainly increased for two-wheeled modes of transportation but I believe they are hazardous to all forms of transportation. More than that, I am appalled that having waited so long some of the main and most obvious hazards have not been cleaned up.

We know we need motorcycle safety training and I would guarantee we know we need to keep sand and gravel out of intersections as best we can. I am most specifically referring to the clover up and down ramps of Patton Road and Martin Road. Gravel was applied to these areas quite a while back during the ice/snow scare we had; and after all this time it remains, on the side, in the middle and generally everywhere. I find it unacceptable, as a driver, as a rider and as someone concerned with safety.

This is an instance where roads and grounds crews intentionally applied this for the purpose of safety but with no clue, no plans and no forethought of future safety or removal of the same.

I truly believe that it has been "an accident waiting to happen" and not just for motorcycles but autos and auto windshields as well. It still is.

I find it gross negligence! With all the safety items and techniques and training, we allow applied gravel in the roadway to remain for weeks creating such a safety hazard?

The hazards are not limited to this particular exchange. Gravel and road use buildup of stones is in many intersections and interchanges and built up as high as 4 inches in some places. I would argue with anyone as to the relevance of the hazard imposed on all forms of vehicular traffic by neglecting this issue.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for calling this to our attention. Directorate of Public Works and its maintenance contractor do not apply gravel and/or sand on roadways to mitigate hazards of winter weather. Gravel and crushed limestone is applied to roadway shoulders in locations of 'rutting' pavement edges which presents a hazard to vehicles that may veer off the roadway. This is a serious condition in which vehicle tires fall into the rut causing possible loss of control. The disadvantage of this maintenance measure is that gravel eventually spills into the roadway surface. While not a perfect solution, the benefit to fill the rutting outweighs the disadvantage of occasional gravel in the roadway. DPW will continue to weigh the safety concerns and maintenance requirements of applying fill material to rutting shoulder locations. Maintenance crews have been tasked to inspect, clear debris, and sweep these locations more frequently. Thank you again for helping make Redstone a safe place for everyone to work."

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Getting to know you

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Name: Robert Johnson

Job: Fire prevention inspection, Garrison Fire Department

Where do you call home?

Independence, Mo.

What do you like about your job?

It's a job where there really is no repetition from day to day. We inspect fire extinguishers and fire safety measures everywhere on the Arsenal, from parking spaces for aircraft at the Airfield to residential housing and dormitories to office buildings and new and renovated construction projects, such as new plumbing or new electrical wiring. We inspect to make sure buildings have the right fire protection features and if those features are being maintained. When steps have to be taken to correct deficiencies, then we have to make sure everything is brought up to standard. If it affects life safety or fire safety, we are involved.



What do you like to do in your spare time?

My job is really my focus right now. I came on board in October (2008) from Fort Rucker. I spent 22 years in the active Army and Reserves, and during that time I concentrated 16 and a half years on being an Army firefighter and the last years of my Army career on deployments to places like Iraq and Afghanistan, where I led a company of Soldiers responsible for generating electrical power. Now, I'm spending my time learning about my job in the civilian world of fire prevention and fire safety. When I do get a chance, I like to watch sporting events, travel and spend time with my family.

What are your goals?

I've reached many of my goals – to serve in the Army, to be a firefighter, to fly in a helicopter (at Fort Rucker as a crew member of a crash rescue team). Now, my goal is to establish myself in the civilian fire prevention career field. I may go back to school to be a fire protection engineer or I will stay on my current career path and work to get promoted.

What's your favorite type of music?

Classic rock-n-roll and country. I like a wide variety of music.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for April 30 through May 6:

May 1: A vehicle approached Gate 9 without a left-front tire. The driver was determined to be intoxicated. He was arrested and had a blood alcohol content of .16 percent. He received a violation notice and his car was towed from the installation.

May 4: At Gate 9, a driver had a suspended license. She was issued a violation notice.

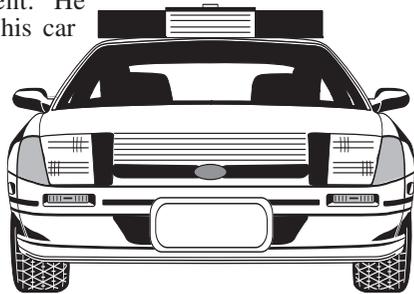
May 5: When a motorist was stopped for speeding on Mauler Road, he had a suspended license. He was issued a violation notice.

May 5: A motorist was found to be driving with a revoked license. He received a violation notice.

May 6: Approaching a gate while driving on the wrong side of the road, a motorist was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested and had a blood alcohol content of .26 percent. He received a violation notice and was later released.

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

Violation notices issued: 24 speeding, 2 driving under the influence, 3 suspended or revoked driver's license, 3 no driver's license, 1 open container, 1 trespassing, 1 expired tag.



Teamwork brings home AMC honor for executive

Parker among outstanding personnel of the year

By KARI HAWKINS

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Teamwork. Dedication. Preparation. Persistence. Inspiration.

Those are the attributes that make any team successful. For James D. "Dan" Parker, deputy director of the Security Assistance Management Directorate, those attributes apply to the team of SAMD employees and organizations working to ensure a thriving foreign military sales program for the Aviation and Missile Command and its lead organization, the Army Materiel Command.

And, when the team is successful, so is its leadership.

Parker recently was awarded the Louis Dellamonica Award for Outstanding AMC Personnel of the Year for 2008. The award was presented by Gen. Ann Dunwoody at AMC headquarters May 1.

"I was extremely lucky, fortunate and blessed," Parker said. "At first, it was a little bit intimidating because it's such a big honor. It's a big honor to represent this command. I was the only one from AMCOM nominated for the award."

Parker was nominated for the award by SAMD director Dr. Tom Pieplow. Parker's 28 years of service at Redstone Arsenal has included positions in contracting, contract negotiations, acquisition planning and management in AMCOM's Acquisition Center. He has also served as assistant director for contracts and director of international affairs for the deputy of System Acquisition. At SAMD, he served as chief of the aviation systems division before taking his current position.

As SAMD deputy director, Parker assists in managing the transfer and sustainment of 25 AMCOM aviation and missile systems to more than 70 foreign nations and organizations. SAMD employs about 275 government specialists and contractors that oversee annual foreign military sales totaling several billion dollars.

Parker's responsibilities have included working closely with the governments of several countries, including Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Egypt, Luxembourg, Republic of Georgia and most European countries.

"We provide a service to our U.S. Soldiers by assisting with the sale of helicopters and missile systems to our allies. By making our allies stronger, we make our Soldiers' missions more successful," he said. "To do our job, we



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TOP AWARD— Dan Parker, deputy director of the Security Assistance Management Directorate, recently was awarded the Louis Dellamonica Award for Outstanding AMC Personnel of the Year for 2008. Although awarded to a single individual, Parker said, for him, the award recognizes the successful teamwork SAMD and other organizations demonstrate when managing the day-to-day demands of foreign military sales.

have to understand the requirements of our customers and work with AMCOM organizations to meet those requirements. We truly work under a team concept."

SAMD works closely with employees of the Security Assistance Command, the AMCOM Acquisition Center, and program executive offices for Aviation and Missiles and Space.

"This is not a one-man recognition. It's a true team recognition," Parker said. "We lock arms with the organizations we work with to get the job done. Our team at Redstone Arsenal, including the support we get from Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and his deputy Ronnie Chronister, is the best in the world. And I've been all over the world, so I know what I'm talking about."

When Parker is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Leslie, an elementary school teacher, and their three children, 12-year-old Sutton, and grown children Matt, who is a certified public accountant, and Angie, a school teacher. Parker is a native of Gunterville, where he was a standout quarterback on the high school football team and went on to play football at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. He is a member of the Marshall County Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and he served on both the city council and the school board in Gunterville for several years before moving to Madison.

Child center has roundup for military children

'Yee Haw,' cowboy hats part of Western Day fun

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The Week of the Military Child was celebrated with a big "Yee Haw!" by children and staff at the Child Development Center on April 26.

The staff grilled hamburgers for their young charges and parents who visited during Western Day. Great weather kept the kids outside, where they pretended to be in the Wild West. Most wore cowboy hats and some even wore cowboy boots.

Western Day was one of several activities planned for CDC children during the Week of the Military Child. The special week of activities occurs during the Month of the Military Child in April.

Debra Johnson, who works for the Directorate of Information Management, Kelly Counts of Precision Fires, Ricardo Santos of the Acquisition Center and Alexandria Jackson of Cargo Helicopters were among the parents who were able to get away from work to enjoy eating lunch with their children on Western Day. Counts also brought her 9-year-old son Kent, who was taken out of school at Providence to enjoy the lunch with his sister, 5-year-old Laura.

"Kent attended the CDC when he was young and now Laura is finishing up here," Counts said. "This is Laura's last Western Day at the CDC because she will be going to kindergarten in the fall. So, Kent and I both wanted to come out and celebrate this milestone with her and thank her wonderful teachers."



RIDE 'EM— Cowboy Shaun Green takes a spin on a tricycle through the playground at the Child Development Center after eating a big lunch of barbecue hamburgers on Western Day.



HOWDY— Toddlers Alondra Castro and Jatavian Wilson are caught by surprise while eating cake by Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli during his visit to the Child Development Center on Western Day. The event, held during the Month of the Military Child, included barbecue, visits from parents and lots of playtime. Pastorelli made a special visit to thank the CDC staff for taking care of military-connected children.

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:

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 today for Intermediate

Rumba Dance Classes at the Recreation Center. Call 876-4531 for info.

CYSS Little Tennis

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

50 Games of Bowling for 50¢ each

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

Summer Bowling Leagues

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

Sugarland concert

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



REAL RODEO— Raiko Golden, Catalina D'Ambrosio-Rivera and Kalea Connolly hang out together on the monkey bars during Western Day. The cowboy and cowgirls had a great time pretending to be in the Wild West.

Workshop readies families for deployments

Community group open to all of Team Redstone

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When a family member deploys, the people left behind can have a tough time emotionally, mentally, financially and physically. In order to better meet their needs, Army Community Service is partnering with community organizations and national agencies to hold Family Readiness Group workshops, the first of which is May 20 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel.

“Our community is coming together to provide what our people need,” Kathleen Riester, Financial Readiness/Mobilization and Deployment program manager, said. “It’s a comprehensive overview.”

On many installations, Sol-



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

PLANNING SESSION— Community members of the Family Readiness Group meet to discuss workshop offerings.

diers deploy in large groups. Their units or battalions have support systems in place for their family members. Due to its unique makeup and population, those stationed at Redstone have a different experience.

“Our people tend to go in ones and twos,” Riester said. “They can feel isolated because there isn’t that big group around them.”

Reservists and National Guard members also deploy

from the area. Because they are not traditional active-duty deployments, their needs, and those of their families, are different. Redstone’s community FRG wants those people to feel connected to the military they

are serving as well.

Many deployments from Redstone are not Soldiers at all. Civilians from organizations on the installation deploy often in support of their mission. Because they are not servicemembers, many don’t know what support is available for their loved ones or where to get it.

“It’s so important to get that support,” Riester said. “A small issue at home can be huge for a family during a deployment.”

The FRG workshop hopes to address many of the issues and concerns of anyone deploying. Topics to be discussed include financial readiness and savings, community and national resources/services, legal, security, and wellness and reintegration. Sections are also planned focusing on civilian deployments and the Red Cross.

For more information or to RSVP for the workshop, call Riester at 876-5397 or e-mail kathleen.riester@us.army.mil.

Freeman supports her extended Army family

Secretary of the Army's Kentucky representative

By **SOPIA BLEDSOE**
For the Rocket

When her husband returned home from his first tour in Vietnam, Clarissa "TC" Freeman was disappointed and saddened by the reception. They were shunned by some, ridiculed by others. The people's lack of support and anger for the Vietnam War at the time was directed back to the servicemembers when they came home. It was an image and experience that was etched in her mind forever. She vowed, never again will she let this happen and has given her full commitment to helping Soldiers and their families since then.

Freeman serves as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Kentucky, and was appointed in February 2008. Representing Kentucky, she is the Army's special ambassador and interfaces with Army commanders and the Secretary of the Army on issues affecting her region.

"I've been serving the Army and doing CASA work for over 40 years that I guess they decided to just give me the title," Freeman said during a recent visit to Redstone Arsenal.

She is a life member of the Association of the U.S. Army and is an active member of several military affiliations such as the Kentucky Military Affairs Commission, Fisher House volunteer, honorary member of the 327th Infantry Regiment, distinguished member of the 502nd and 187th Infantry Regiments, and honorary member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

Freeman is involved with taking care of wounded Soldiers. She plans "welcome home" events with families of Soldiers who are deployed. She sponsors luncheons once a month at the Fisher House. She is on the forefront of working Base Realignment and Closure issues with local, state and national representatives. She attends and supports various military and military-affiliated events. She arranges free concerts to be



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

ARMY COUPLE— Clarissa "TC" Freeman serves as civilian aide to the secretary of the Army for Kentucky. Her husband, retired Col. Bobby Freeman, is a Vietnam veteran.

given for Soldiers at the Warrior Transition Battalion. She works on housing and ID card issues at Fort Campbell, Ky. She has never served in the Army but has the Army's best interests at the top her mind.

"The first Army family I took care of was mine," she said. Through this experience, she saw how important it was for people outside of the Army to understand the Army. "They didn't understand how important our Army was," she said. "I always feel the need to give something back to our Soldiers and to their families."

As the wife of Vietnam aviator veteran and retired Col. Bobby Freeman, she knows exactly what other spouses go through while their husbands or wives continue to serve their country across the globe. Freeman said she often views her role as a CASA as simply "being there" for the Soldier and the family.

"One time during a welcome home, while other Soldiers had their spouses and their children to greet them and hug them, I saw a single Soldier who did not have anyone greeting him," she said. So she walked over to the Soldier

and said, "I just want to give you a hug," and gave that Soldier the reception he deserved.

Freeman found out early in her career as a volunteer and military supporter that sometimes Soldiers and their families need someone to be there for them — to give them a hug, send greeting cards or pass along a message.

"This goes a long way in making that Soldier appreciated and loved," she said.

She often calls family members of deployed Soldiers and offers her support whether it means taking food or other items they need while their Soldier is away, or attending one of their family parties. She also calls the Soldiers' units to find out whether their families can make it to the welcome home celebration. "And when they can't, I stand in for them."

While she is often one of the VIPs or special guests at an event, Freeman always tries to put the focus back on the Soldier. At the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion ribbon-cutting ceremony on Redstone in April, post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles spoke about Freeman's contributions to the military. Myles described Freeman's role as providing direct input to the Secretary of the Army on how the Army is doing.

"I've watched CASAs like TC make a difference in Soldiers' lives in ways green suiters couldn't do," he said.

Myles went on to describe how Freeman has always been

there for Army families of the 101st Airborne Division when their Soldiers have been lost. "I consider you a national treasure and a hero," he said.

"It's all about the Soldier, not about me," Freeman said after the ceremony. "I'm the beneficiary of everything that happens."

Freeman continued that nothing can replace the intrinsic reward of seeing Soldiers swell with pride when they come home from deployment and see family, friends and crowds of different people greet them. "They feel good about what they've done," she said.

She has two sons who served in the Persian Gulf. Her daughter's husband is a retired sergeant major; and both serve as Army civilians in Iraq. Retired Col. Bobby Freeman served two tours in Vietnam. His last assignment was at Fort Campbell, where he served as chief of staff before retiring in 1986. The family moved to Hopkinsville, Ky., and has lived there ever since.

Originally from Killeen, Texas, Freeman was involved as an AUSA volunteer at Fort Hood, Texas. No matter where she and her husband went, Freeman made many lifelong friends.

"I've always been involved with the Army," she said. "I take the needs of Fort Campbell to our congressional delegation, talk to the legislators, staffers and with the approval of Fort Campbell, move things up to meet the needs of Fort Campbell. The job is really what you make of it."

CASAs from across the nation gathered recently in San Antonio for an annual conference to interface with the Army secretary on behalf of their states and territories. At the Army Aviation Association of America convention in Nashville, Freeman and her husband reunited with many friends. "We have so many friends here on Redstone and across the country," she said.

"There is a lot that can be done to help our Soldiers," said Freeman. "The job is very gratifying. There are no boundaries to what goodness one can contribute for the benefit of the Soldiers. My family is pretty small, but I've got one big Army family."

Duties defined for aides to Army secretary

The roles of the Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army include the following:

A civilian aide is an adviser, a key communicator and an advocate for Army issues. He or she is not a government employee.

Civilian aides explain and interpret Army programs, positions, and problems to other key local communicators through personal contact and correspondence, and to the general public through public statements, appearances and speeches.

Civilian aides provide ideas and feedback to advise the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff, and Army commanders about how missions can best be accomplished in their geographic areas and about public attitudes toward the Army and Army activities in their areas.

Civilian aides are provided timely, pertinent information on subjects of general Army interest, especially subjects which have particular application in a civilian aide's local area. This information is provided through civilian aides' conferences, information materials, correspondence and telephone conversations.

Civilian aides work with the Secretary and the Chief of Staff of the Army, commanders in the continental U.S., commanders of Army installations, commanders of major U.S. Army Reserve commands and state Army National Guard forces. Civilian aides often serve as a civilian interface between the Army and the civilian community. Activities and areas of assistance are limited only by the imagination of the civilian aide.

Rogers

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Rogers was first asked about the possibility of serving in a functional role as a CASA.

"Originally, when Secretary of the Army Thomas White was serving, the proposal was to have a civilian aide for missile defense. If I had been appointed in that way, I would not only represent Alabama interests, but I would also have a functional mission for all missile defense," Rogers said. "At that time, there were issues in missile defense involving fielding and testing. It was proposed that as a civilian aide in north Alabama, that I would be an ombudsman for missile defense issues."

That proposal never became reality. But a retirement soon gave Rogers the opportunity to step into the role of CASA for Alabama. Though eager to accept the responsibility of being Alabama's CASA, the needs for representing numerous Army interests in the state soon became daunting for a man who wants to give himself 100 percent to a job.

"I quickly realized that Alabama is a big state," said Rogers, smiling. "I tried to stay engaged with south Alabama, but I had not been active at Fort Rucker and the demands in north Alabama, where I live, made it hard to visit Fort Rucker as

often as I wanted to so that I could be in sync with their needs. Now we have a CASA for Alabama-South and Alabama-North."

Richard Allen of Montgomery is the CASA for south Alabama. Although Rogers and Allen have divided the state, both serve as the state's CASA in the Birmingham area.

"Depending on our schedules, activities and interests, we decide between ourselves who should be involved with events in Birmingham," Rogers said.

CASAs represent each state and the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Most have only one CASA representative, but based on population and interest to the Army, additional aides can be appointed per state. CASAs meet together twice a year, with one of those meetings serving as the organization's annual meeting.

There are more than 80 CASAs, and most are business or civic leaders who bring to their position an interest in the Army. They do not have to be of military background.

"Our makeup as a group includes everything from Hollywood actors to famous governors to businessmen. There are publishers, lawyers and stockbrokers," Rogers said. "The mix creates an interesting discussion and dialogue because we have all points of view. There is no true common denominator for selection other than a strong public com-

mitment to the Army and the Soldier."

Besides the annual spring conference, CASAs gather together in the fall at the annual meeting of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Rogers' work as north Alabama's CASA involves several Army-related activities.

"I report to the Secretary of the Army about the Army and community activities I support in north Alabama. I also keep him informed on issues of relevancy in the community as they relate to the Army," he said.

"I stay connected to the Army. Redstone Arsenal is my serving command. I'm invited to all the ceremonial activities, retirements, promotions and luncheons related to the Arsenal."

Rogers enjoys representing the Army in the community, and particularly with ROTC programs at Alabama A&M and the University of North Alabama, his alma mater. He enjoys talking to groups about the Army and his experiences as both a Soldier and a CASA volunteer.

"In my position, I've been asked to talk 'boots on the ground' as part of recruiting. I've been asked to give speeches about the Army and its needs and issues, and talk with community influencers. I've been asked to stay connected with chemical demilitarization activities in Anniston," Rogers said. "And all CASAs are involved in the Army's wounded warrior program. I also get notifications of the loss of Soldiers and I attempt to always represent the secretary at Soldier funerals."

Rogers is also active with the Association of the U.S. Army, currently serving as the Region Three president for AUSA.

"As a uniform officer, you can't lobby Congress," he said. "But as a civilian AUSA member you can be the voice of Army issues in Congress. We support the Soldiers and lobby for things like military pay raises and health-care related issues. One of my mission activities as a CASA is to speak for the Army, so my involvement with AUSA fits right in with that mission."

Each CASA molds their role and responsibilities to fit the needs in their state as they pertain to the Army. One duty Rogers took on was the creation of the CASA seal, which his son Scott, who served as a photojournalist during Operation Desert Storm, designed before his untimely death in a car accident.

"We have a lot of freedom to make it what we want it to be," Rogers said. "We have some CASAs who have a real strong involvement in certain areas, like marksman activities or ROTC activities. Some CASAs are well-connected politically to elected officials. Everybody has their own predisposition of what they want to do based on their own background and ideas.

"In north Alabama we had never had a civilian aide from Huntsville. So in some respects it was a big deal when I was appointed to serve as a CASA for Alabama-North. This job is a labor of the heart. It's an opportunity to stay connected to the military. The military is a profession of Americans who are very noble and selfless in character, and I am very proud to be associated with that."

Garrison customers encouraged to share comments

Customer Management Services is a process that provides garrison commanders with the “voice of the customer.”

This management structure is designed to collect and analyze customer feedback through the Interactive Customer Evaluation, Community FIRST quarterly issue resolution process and by annual customer service assessments at Army installations.

Customer Management Services programs are managed by the customer service officer working in the Garrison Plans, Analysis and Integration Office at most Army installations.

The three tiers of Customer Management Services are designed to give a 360-degree view of delivery and receipt of services provided by Army garrisons and a number of tenant activities, such as the Defense Commissary Agency. By analyzing the feedback gathered through this process, installations can take actions to ensure that services meet the needs of customers and are delivered in a timely and professional manner.

If you have a comment or concern regarding services from a specific provider, start with the Interactive Customer Evaluation. This is a service provider resolution process that promotes direct and rapid interaction between customers and service providers. If you have a comment about the service you received somewhere on

post, log onto <http://ice.disa.mil> or fill out a paper comment card about your experience. If you want a response, make sure to indicate “response requested” and provide your contact information so the manager can get in touch with you.

The Community FIRST (Feedback, Issues, Resolutions, Solutions Today) process gathers issues from the community that may be larger than the scope of

Interactive Customer Evaluation. The customer service officer announces dates for focus groups of constituents — single Soldiers, spouses, retirees, teens, veterans or civilian employees — who identify issues needing attention at the installation level. Participants work the issues and offer recommendations on how to address them. Those issues go before a council who determines at what level

they can be solved, and forwards issues with Army- or Defense-wide impact to the Army Family Action Plan. Contact your customer service officer for information about your installation’s focus group schedule.

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General overview

Providing a briefing at last week’s Army Aviation Association of America convention in Nashville are, from left, Brig. Gen. Walt Davis, Army aviation director in the Pentagon; Maj. Gen. James Barclay, commander of the Army Aviation Warfighting Center and Fort Rucker; Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal; and Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, program executive officer for aviation. The senior leaders emphasized that current force structures are tailored to meet combatant commanders’ requirements as overseas contingency operations continue.

Area native grows up as NCO in Army

Looking forward to home after second deployment

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Sgt. David Christian takes a practical approach when it comes to his military career.

The Soldier, home recently on leave from a 12-month tour in Iraq, saw an opportunity in the Army that a high school graduate couldn't find anywhere else.

"I was going to Calhoun Community College. But I wasn't college bound at that time. I just wasn't into it. So, I decided to go into the military. The Army was the branch that offered me more than any other," Christian said, recalling his 2002 decision.

"My parents weren't happy about it. My mom called my (high school) JROTC instructor, Lt. Col. Anthony Barnhill (now retired), right off the bat. He always promoted college first and then service."

And yet, Christian thinks his Army service was his destiny, although in a round about way.

"9/11 made me mad. I knew I was going in the Army. Besides being in JROTC, my grandfather and other family members had served in the Army," Christian said. "But it took me awhile to figure out that's what I needed to do. I decided I wanted to leave Alabama and see places. Now, I've been around the world twice and the place I want to be is in Alabama."

Christian deployed in October with Charlie Company, 21st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, out of Fort Riley, Kan.

"I'm a chemical NCO in an engineer-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HOMEcomings— Sgt. David Christian recently spent his two-week leave from the war zone in Iraq to buy a house with his wife, Shelley. The couple, who are both from Madison County, plan to settle down in the Huntsville area when Christian returns from Iraq and leaves Army service. Christian, who is the father of a 15-month-old daughter, said the Army has taught him discipline and responsibility, and has helped him learn what it takes to be successful.

ing unit," he said. "I give them chemical support. But right now there is no threat in that arena. So I do a lot of rock clearance instead. I'm turning into an engineer.

"I'm also involved in a lot of show of force maneuvers around forward operating bases. I assist with bomb threats and go on guard duty. I provide support with supplies so others can do their job."

This is Christian's second deployment. His first was in 2006-07, when he was in Kuwait with the 101st Chemical Area

Reaction Force. During that deployment, he assisted with training Kuwaiti chemical forces.

It was on a visit home after his first deployment that Christian met someone who changed his life.

"Shelley and I went to rival high schools. I went to Buckhorn and she went to Hazel Green," Christian said. "But we knew each other through friends."

The couple have been married two years. They have a 15-month-old daughter, Kendal Cheyenne. Shelley Christian works as a lab technician with Huntsville Hospital.

During his leave, the Christians have been busy buying a house in Hazel Green and making plans to move in. Christian, who will leave the Army after returning from his deployment in October, has also spent time networking in search of potential employment opportunities in Huntsville's emergency operations field. He plans to go back to college and study hazardous materials management, and obtain certificates in hazardous materials and emergency management.

"It's time for me to move on. I've had my fun in the Army," Christian said. "It's time for me to settle down and try some other things. I plan on using the training I've gotten in the Army and apply it to civil service."

Though he is leaving the Army behind, Christian said the lessons he's learned as a Soldier have made him a better person and will always stay with him.

"It made me grow up," he said of the Army. "It changed my outlook on life."

"The Army gives you stability and direction. There's no pampering. You either can get the job done or you can't. There are no excuses and no 'maybes.'

You learn to be responsible for yourself and you learn what it takes to be successful in life. And you make great friends that you will have for a lifetime."

The Army helped Christian grow from a soft-spoken, "kind of goofy" high school kid to a man with self-confidence and the ability to speak his point of view.

"I like the Army. I think everyone should go into military service for at least three to four years," he said. "It especially helps males grow up and can help anyone dealing with a broken home or financial problems. Most Soldiers will meet one NCO who pretty much doesn't give them an inch and straightens them up so they can be successful. The Army will change you or send you on your way. It was the best fit for me. But now I want to come back home. Being away from family — that's what kills me the most."

Christian is proud of his service in Southwest Asia. While the Army changes its Soldiers for the better, Christian also believes the Army has that same positive effect in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

"In Iraq, the people have a better attitude. They are hopeful and they are happy that we're there," said Christian, who is stationed at Camp Liberty in Baghdad. "They have more national pride. The Iraqi police are flying the nation's flag. The Iraqi people are always willing to learn and to do better."

He is stationed in Iraq at a time when more and more control is being given to the Iraqis to govern the country.

"The Iraqis are taking over their own country pretty much," Christian said. "We are training the Iraqis and as they get better at their jobs we pull back. Most of our work now is police oriented. We're helping the Iraqis keep the peace."

Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Fund-raisers under way

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- Hot dog sale, sponsored by the Garrison, is Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the building 4488 lobby.
- The Logistics Data Management and Maintenance Branch is sponsoring a golf tournament Sunday at the Redstone Links. The tournament, in Scramble format, has a shotgun start at 8 a.m. For more information, call David Newton 876-2585 or Robert Bray 876-5919.
- Hot wing/barbecue, sponsored by IMMC Depot Maintenance, is May 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside building 5302.
- 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.

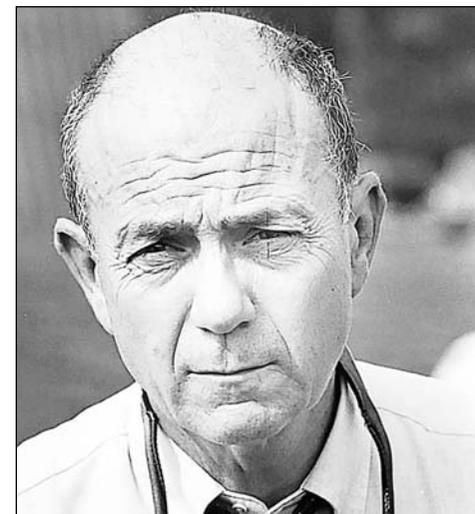
Public Affairs Hall of Fame inducts Harris

WASHINGTON — After a career of more than 30 years, the longtime voice of the Army's missile programs has been inducted into the U.S. Army Public Affairs Hall of Fame.

The late Dave Harris was chief of public affairs for Redstone Arsenal and a spokesperson for the Army and NASA from 1962-95.

The U.S. Army Public Affairs Hall of Fame was established in 2000 to recognize Soldier and Army civilian public affairs professionals who made lasting, significant contributions to the profession, history and traditions of Army public affairs.

Harris was the voice and the face of the Army and NASA through many controversial and highly-visible issues such as chemical contaminant discoveries and cleanups; the Vietnam War and anti-war protests; desegregation and social unrest; layoffs and cutbacks; and weapon-system successes and failures. (Army public affairs release)



Dave Harris

Chaplain encourages everyone to stay prepared



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

MESSAGE— Garrison Chaplain Lt. Col. James Benson speaks during the prayer breakfast May 5 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Benson recalls heroism of 4 chaplains in WWII

By **SOFIA BLEDSOE**
For the Rocket

In every instance when evil can lurk at anytime, one must ask the question to oneself, "Am I prepared?"

That was the question Garrison Chaplain Lt. Col. James Benson asked his audience during the Garrison Prayer Breakfast May 5 at the Officers and Civilians Club. People should be prepared for all eventualities, at home and at work. "Do not assume," Benson said.

His sermon was a solemn but straightforward challenge to every work force member on Redstone Arsenal.

"You make sure your family is clothed, that you have health insurance, and you have money to pay for your child's college," he said. "What are you doing at work to help Redstone Arsenal?"

To help explain his point, he told of the story of four chaplains on the USS *Dorchester* during World War II, how they acted bravely in the midst of adversity and provided leadership and direction to the crew, and how poorly the crew was prepared to face impending disaster.

It was Feb. 3, 1943 at 1 a.m., and a German U-boat fired on a convoy of six ships headed to Greenland. One of them, the USS *Dorchester*, was hit midsection on the right side and started to sink.

"Everything went black and all the lights disappeared. People

started to panic and were frantic," Benson said. "They were all completely caught by surprise and didn't even have on their life preservers."

The ship's four young chaplains — including a Catholic priest, a rabbi, and two Protestant ministers — were among the first on deck and began handing out life vests to sailors.

"Many men were frozen in fear, and they did not know what to do," Benson said. "When the jackets ran out, the four chaplains removed their own life jackets, and gave them to the sailors so that they could possibly survive the ordeal."

Benson then showed a video clip titled "Four Chaplains at Sea" to illustrate his story.

"Only 230 crew members were saved out of 900," he said.

"Most died in the water due to hypothermia. The four chaplains did their jobs. They did what was right. It's the price they paid for freedom."

Erica Hobbs, wife of retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs, concluded the breakfast with a hymn. She also sang the national anthem at the beginning.

Benson will retire at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and is looking forward to moving to Windcrest, just outside of San Antonio.

He gave some final advice. "I've remained focused on my own commandments. One, serve your commander. Two, find out the mission of the unit and the guidance of the commander. And three, if you want to get things done, run it by the CSM (command sergeant major)."

Logistics specialists set standard, save millions

By **JACQUELINE BOUCHER**
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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Logistics Support Activity and Defense Logistics Agency employees teamed up to win the 2008 Defense Standardization Program Achievement Award for helping the Department of Defense save millions in repacking and repalletizing costs.

As members of the joint Army/DLA team they spearheaded a project that converted a military handbook to a standard, saving the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, New Cumberland, an estimated \$4.1 million annually. The reinstated military standard that outlines techniques, methods and materials for palletizing military supplies — MIL-STD-147E, Palletized Unit Loads — was published in May 2008.

The five winning team members were Tom Kozlowski, industrial engineer, Joe Wolak, distribution facilities specialist, Ken Hill and Ann Podrasky, packaging specialists from LOGSA, and Timothy Keller, product specialist, from DLA.

Since 1987, the Defense Standardization Program Office has recognized individuals and organizations that have effected significant improvement in quality, reliability, readiness, cost reduction and interoperability through standardization.



Photo by Steve Grzezdinski

HONOREES— From left, LOGSA employees Ken Hill, Ann Podrasky, Joe Wolak and Tom Kozlowski earned accolades for their participation in a project that converted a military handbook to a military standard.

Tobyhanna finding ways to save energy

By **JENNIFER CAPRIOLI**
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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — In fiscal year 2008 Tobyhanna spent \$3,791,131 on electricity, expended \$7,870,236 worth of depot utilities, and consumed over 601 billion British thermal units. A Btu, which is the basic measure of thermal heat, is the amount of energy needed to heat one pound of water to 1 degree Fahrenheit.

All of that energy consumption and usage adds up to almost 1 percent of the depot's rate (the cost of what the depot charges the customer).

"One of the primary goals, in terms of energy, has been trying to comply with Executive Order 13423 (Strengthening Federal and Environmental Energy and Transportation Management), which sets the goal for us to reduce our energy use by 3 percent, each year, beginning in 2003," said Brian Decker, mechanical engineer in the Industrial Risk Management Directorate's Environmental Management Division.

Although the depot has not been successful with meeting this goal, Decker notes employees have remained consistent with the amount of energy consumption from year to year.

"Part of the reason the depot is unable to meet the goal is because mission work hours have increased 110 percent since 2003," Decker says, explaining that more people are working on different shifts, so equipment and lights are more active.

Because employees use various forms of energy, such as electricity, natural gas, oil, propane and gasoline at the depot, personnel in EMD, and the Public Works, and Productivity, Improvement and Innovation directorates are looking at different energy initiatives that will help the depot to "go green" and comply with the executive order.

AMC workers share career journey with students



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BIG THANK YOU— Vergus Davis of the Equal Employment Office at Headquarters AMC Forward is happy to receive a big “Thank You” from the fifth-grade students at the Academy for Science and Foreign Languages. The students’ teacher, Jeanne Maddox, at left, and principal, Tammy Summerville, made the presentation at the Leaders of Tomorrow program May 7.

Fifth-graders encouraged to think about their future

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Fifth-grade students at the Academy for Science and Foreign Languages have been talking a lot these days about the careers they someday want to have thanks to the help of employees at Headquarters Army Materiel Command Forward at Redstone Arsenal.

Vergus Davis of the Equal Employment Office at Headquarters AMC Forward has been working with the fifth-graders as part of his organization’s Adopt-A-School program. During a Leaders of Tomorrow program in the school’s media center May 7, Davis was thanked by the students with a “thank you” sign and an ASFL T-shirt, indicating the school and its students had adopted him as one of their leading volunteers.

Davis was proud of the students’ work in searching out different career fields.

“We’ve improved,” he told the students. “I am so glad you took this seriously and have really looked at all the different careers you can have.”

The fifth-graders have chosen career fields – such as linguistics, banking, psychology, construction, emergency services, coaching, management and journalism – and have looked at what it will take for them to follow their favorite career path.

“This is the time to start planning your decision,” Ron Lewis, deputy of G-3/5

for enterprise integration for AMC, told the students during the program. “It’s not too early to start achieving what you want to do in your lives. It’s not too early to start working toward your dreams.”

Lewis commended ASFL teachers and Davis for promoting a program that included parents who shared information on their own careers.

“It’s so great to have this opportunity to share and learn about different jobs,” he said.

Lewis told the students about his own three children, and how they searched out career fields as they grew up. His oldest has completed college and is a speech pathologist.

He encouraged the students to “look at different things and start sorting it out for yourselves. Look into things and ask questions. You have time to make a decision. Continue to look toward the highest mark you can achieve.”

Lewis also talked about his career as an Army civilian. He told the students that he graduated from college with an education degree, but joined the Army’s civilian corps in a job training position because there were no teacher jobs available at the time. That change in his career path has led to nearly 35 years with the Defense Department.

“You don’t sometimes know what kind of paths will come into your life,” he said. “The key is to work hard now and get a good education so that you can take advantage of the doors that open to you. The habits of working through challenges and not getting deterred start right now.”

Finds the Garrison great place to start

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Shannon Lott is a smart shopper. When she compared the opportunities for recent graduates with those available to Army civilians, she knew the best deal for her – the Garrison Intern Program.

“I always dreamed of doing an internship in some big corporation,” Lott said. “This is different, but it’s better for me. It’s a great start.”

Lott grew up seeing firsthand what the Army offered for its people, both civilian and military. Her father was a servicemember. When the family moved to the Redstone community during her childhood, her mother took a job at Fox Army Health Center.

“I saw her working here, plus my dad is prior military,” she said. “I saw the benefits they had. The Army treats you really well.”

While in high school, Lott worked as first a summer hire then a co-op student on post. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Alabama A&M University in business administration, logistics concentration, in 2008.

“I immediately applied for the intern program,” Lott said. “I was blessed to get a job so quickly. I know people who graduated with me who haven’t found one. I’m very grateful to be here.”

Garrison interns

Part 10 of series

Lott spends much of her free time at the mall, local and in nearby cities. She prides herself on her smart shopping skills. Working within the Garrison, she hopes to put the patience, persistence, budgeting and comparison skills to work for Redstone.



Shannon Lott

“Shopping, I’m all about the accessories,” she said. “I’m into details. They can change the whole picture.”

She is also excited about seeing how her classroom instruction translates to the real world.

“I’m very interested to see what they do here with logistics,” she said. “Learning about logistics is different than actually doing logistics. I want to see what the practical applications are here for what I’ve learned.”

Her first rotation has her spending time in each of the segments of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, trying them on for size. She knows she will find a perfect fit within one of the Garrison’s directorates, even if she doesn’t know where that will be.

“It’s very exciting. We’re going through all the directorates,” Lott said. “I’m hoping God will give me a sign where I belong. I’m just open to whatever. I’m very interested in resource management, too. I want to see how things work on Redstone.”

Her big sister, Erin, is also a big influence in her life. They are very close.

“She’s tough,” Lott said laughing. “But she’s my best friend.”

AMCOM will begin managing the Army’s aviation and missile commodities using the Logistics Modernization Program on Thursday.

The deployment of this new system required the retirement of the legacy systems — Standard Depot System and Commodity Command Standard System. The program was initially deployed in 2003 to CECOM and Tobyhanna Army Depot. The program’s second deployment includes the Aviation and Missile Command, Corpus Christi Army Depot and Letterkenny Army Depot.

Program expert users are positioned in 22 separate locations throughout the command to assist in the transition and to address problems in real time. These experts are on the front line for program issues as part of an extensive support system at AMCOM.

As issues arise, the end users notify the expert user in their area for guidance. If the issue cannot be resolved at this level, the expert user contacts the

Redstone Arsenal program Site Command Center.

The mission of the command center is to ensure rapid and effective 24-hour support to the AMCOM community and to serve as the primary interface with the program Operations Center in Marlton, N.J.

The command center team combines the expertise of subject matter experts with the technical support of Team CSC and Deployment 1 personnel to evaluate and resolve the command’s program problems. If resolution cannot be reached at the command center, the issue is escalated to the program Operations Center in Marlton for resolution. The program Operations Center maintains an open communication bridge for real-time problem solving with all site command centers. AMCOM, TCSC and PMO LMP management participate in daily situation report calls for issue status and effective sustainment of the system. (*Logistics Modernization Program release*)



Courtesy photo

FIRST CALL— AMCOM LMP integrator/project manager Cathy Dickens, in foreground, takes the first call at the Redstone Site Command Center.



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

Partnership afloat

Commodore David Maul, left, presents Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli a certificate of appreciation for the Garrison’s support of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Eight District Eastern Region May 7. Maul, Eighth District commander, told Pastorelli to call on the Coast Guard anytime Redstone Arsenal needs support. The Auxiliary’s Redstone Flotilla established a joint partnership this year with the Garrison Safety Office to provide Recreational Boating Safety training on Redstone Arsenal.

Redstone to neutralize leftover chemical agents

Disposal operation has proven history

Redstone Arsenal will neutralize its stockpile of World War II-era chemical agent identification sets May 17-18.

The Army Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project, part of the Army Chemical Materials Agency, uses transportable treatment systems to safely treat and neutralize chemical warfare materiel. Established in 1992, the project maintains transportable assessment and treatment technologies with proven track records of efficiency and success.

One successful treatment system, the Single CAIS Access and Neutralization System, treats and neutralizes small quantities of chemical agent identification set items. This method of destroying sets began in December

2003. Redstone Arsenal has enlisted the support of the Chemical Management Agency to destroy the sets and will conduct operations May 17-18. The schedule was determined by the project’s availability.

The Single CAIS Access and Neutralization System will treat and neutralize any agent contained in the bottles and will safely transport the neutralized containers to Greenbrier, Tenn., for final incineration. All such operations in the past have been 100 percent successful. These include operations at Fort McClellan in 2003; Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., in 2004; Fort Benning, Ga., in 2006, and Fort Bragg, N.C., in 2007.

Redstone Arsenal was established in 1941 by the Army as a chemical munitions manufacturing and storage plant. The Army used chemical agent identification sets from 1928-69 to train Soldiers in the safe handling,

identification and decontamination of chemical warfare agents. The sets consist of chemical agents placed in glass ampoules, vials and bottles then packed in metal shipping containers or wooden boxes. In some cases, after use in the training, the Army buried the sets. This was the approved and acceptable way of disposing of the chemicals in the past.

Many sets have been discovered periodically in storage and at burial sites. In the early 1980s, the Army destroyed approximately 21,000 sets, the entire quantity left in storage. Periodically, a recovery of additional sets occurs.

In 1994 and 1995, Redstone Arsenal discovered from 26-32 set K941 bottles left over from World War II demilitarization efforts. They were found during investigation of hazardous

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Iraqi Police step up as Coalition forces step back

Neighborhood's transition represents mission change

By Staff Sgt. PETER FORD
 Army News Service

BAGHDAD — A transfer of authority ceremony took place at Joint Security Station Muthana here April 29. The ceremony gave the Iraqi Police primary control of the facility and the security of the community as the Coalition forces step back out of Muthana.

After years of training, the Iraqi Police in Muthana took a major step toward independently protecting their own community.

Soldiers of B Troop, 5th Battalion, 73rd Cavalry Squadron, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, shared the JSS with the local Muthana Police while preparing them to take the lead in the security of the community.

“Because the IP of Muthana have demonstrated the ability to

take the lead in the security of their neighborhood, the Coalition forces will take a lesser role,” said Capt. Andrew Rohrer, commander of B Troop, 5th Bn., 73rd Cav. Sqdn. “This doesn’t mean the (Coalition Forces) will be pulling back from the actual mission.”

The transfer of authority is an indication of the changing mission in Iraq — as the Iraqi Security Forces step forward, the CF will step back.

“This is an important move for democracy because of the (Security Agreement) which states we will be responsible for our own security and it feels good to take control of our own security,” said Col. Abdulhussain Feng Gumaa, acting commander of the Muthana Police Station. “Because of the difficult circumstances, we have to do our best to protect our territories and stop crime.”

According to Rohrer, although the CF is moving to a nearby security station, they will

be close enough to assist if needed. The IP are more than ready to take control of security and they are proud that they can take the lead in their community, he added.

“This is a blessed day,” Abdulhussain said. “The CF came and helped us stabilize security within our area, now it is time for the IP to do our part and keep our communities safe from terror and crime.”

“Each transfer of authority conducted between the ISF and the CF is a step toward a return to normalcy for the Iraqi people,” said Lt. Col. David Buckingham, commander, 5th Bn., 73rd Cav. Sqdn.

The CF will have less of an impact within the community as the IP will be building more relationships within their community. The TOA is a small step that signifies the return of the community security responsibility to the Iraqis and the American Soldiers eventual return home.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Peter Ford
TRANSFER— Capt. Andrew Rohrer, commander of B Troop, 5th Battalion, 73rd Cavalry Squadron, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, signs transfer of authority papers to transfer Joint Security Station Muthana into the hands of the Iraqi Police on April 29. The signing of the transfer of authority papers is indicative of the changing mission of the Coalition forces in Iraq.

Joint probe launched into Afghanistan incident

By DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

KABUL – U.S. and Afghan officials here have launched an investigation into a May 4 engagement in Afghanistan's Farah province to determine the validity of claims of high civilian casualties – claims that the senior military officer here said don't initially appear to add up.

Gen. David D. McKiernan, commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan, said the joint investigation team hopes to "have at least the initial truth of what has happened out there" within the next few days.

Some information emerging about the incident "leads us to distinctly different conclusions about the cause of those civilian casualties," he said, but declined to share details until they're confirmed.

McKiernan walked reporters through the events leading to the investigation, as known at this point. A large group of Taliban operatives entered the area, beheading three civilians in a village in the province's Bala Bulak district.

The Afghan police responded, which McKiernan said "might have been a trigger to ambush the police." The contact between the two groups grew, with the police calling in the Afghan army for reinforcements.

"Eventually, it got to the point where the governor asked for U.S. support," McKiernan said, so U.S. forces provided close-air and other support during an operation he said "went on for hours."

When it was over, about 25 Taliban were dead. What's not so clear is the civilian casualty toll – a number the investigation will help to determine.

Casualty numbers being reported by the media "fluctuate wildly," McKiernan said, and he raised suspicion that the Taliban are generating negative U.S. publicity to their gain.

"It is certainly a technique of the Taliban and other insurgent groups to claim civilian casualties at every event," he said. "So we just have to do the right investigation on this."

The United States has a small military presence in Farah province, McKiernan said. Those operating there are conducting counterinsurgency operations in partnership with the Afghan army and police.

Stress from combat not easily left behind

By JAMES W. CARTWRIGHT
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Anger is an innate response that is useful for confronting threatening circumstances. Anger rallies Soldiers to engage in combat. "Anger keeps you pumped up, alert, awake and alive" (Battlemind training).

Anger can also stay with you after exposure to combat. On the battlefield, anger can be purposeful. On the homefront, being "pumped up" or angry and ready to do battle is an inappropriate response that damages relationships in the social environment.

After deployment, Soldiers become part of an elite group of men and women who generally share a great sense of pride and honor in having served their country. Although the experience may have been difficult, it fosters a new self-respect. For some it nur-

tured a meaningful and positive emotional growth. For most Soldiers, homecoming is a time to recover and reconnect with friends and loved ones. Many Soldiers readjust with very few difficulties. Unfortunately, for a few Soldiers, homecoming is the beginning of long, nightmarish journey to recovery and readjustment.

Exposure to combat and the atrocities of war can impair the "strongest and toughest" of Soldiers. Research shows that exposure to combat, violence and atrocities increases the risk for developing post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. Soldiers suffering from PTSD have problems shutting down the responses conditioned by the traumatic events of their deployments. Trauma experiences can also include military sexual trauma (sexual assault and sexual harassment in military settings by servicemembers).

There are specific criteria for

determining if a Soldier is suffering from PTSD. Generally, the symptoms of PTSD include the following: the traumatic event is re-experienced; things that remind the Soldier of the event are avoided and reactions are numbed; and the Soldier is keyed up much of the time.

In addition, PTSD sufferers have difficulties with regulating their moods. This could include angry feelings that can lead to impulsive behaviors such as verbal abuse and threats, or even physically violent acts. Because their brains are now wired with a short fuse, Soldiers with PTSD can be vulnerable to having conflicts with others. Since moods are difficult to regulate, anger can escalate. Soldiers succumbing to anger can unwittingly perpetrate emotional and physical harm to their girlfriends, boyfriends, spouses and children. In this manner, loved ones can become the victims of deployments too.

Month's focus on mental health

By JERRY HARBEN
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In May the Army joins the rest of the nation in observing National Mental Health Month. The mental health of Soldiers and Soldiers' families has received great attention in the news media, and Army leaders are putting emphasis on programs to deal with psychological issues.

"Soldiers are getting comprehensive training to deal with stressors which they may encounter. An example is Battlemind training, a program with modules specific to the phases of the deployment cycle, as the types of stressors that Soldiers encounter are different when they are preparing to deploy, are in theater and upon return home," said Col. C. J. Diebold, chief of psychiatry at Tripler

Army Medical Center, Hawaii, and psychiatry consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army.

"In addition, suicide prevention is a very high priority, and the Army is being very aggressive in educating Soldiers through chain teaching from the senior level on down. The central theme of the program is 'ACE,' which stands for 'Ask, Care and Escort,'" Diebold continued.

"An additional major initiative is emphasis on comprehensive Soldier fitness. It's along the lines of taking a look at the entire person and assessing what their needs are – biological, psychological, social – to maximize the ability to function well throughout their entire military careers. It's proactive and based on a prevention-type model, in contrast to waiting to treat a problem after it occurs."

Myths about suicide dispelled

The following are common misconceptions about suicide:

"People who talk about suicide don't really do it."

Not true. Almost everyone who commits or attempts suicide has given some clue or warning. Do not ignore suicide threats. Statements like "you'll be sorry when I'm dead," "I can't see any way out," — no matter how casually or jokingly said, may indicate serious suicidal feelings.

"Anyone who tries to kill him/herself must be crazy."

Not true. Most suicidal people are not psychotic or insane. They may be upset, grief-stricken, depressed or despairing, but extreme distress and emotional pain are always signs of mental illness and are not signs of psychosis.

"If a person is determined to kill him/herself, nothing is going to stop him/her."

Not true. Even the most severely depressed person has mixed feelings

about death, and most waver until the very last moment between wanting to live and wanting to die. Most suicidal people do not want to die; they want the pain to stop. The impulse to end it all, however overpowering, does not last forever.

"People who commit suicide are people who were unwilling to seek help."

Not true. Studies of suicide victims have shown that more than half had sought medical help within six months before their deaths and a majority had seen a medical professional within one month of their death.

"Talking about suicide may give someone the idea."

Not true. You don't give a suicidal person morbid ideas by talking about suicide. The opposite is true — bringing up the subject of suicide and discussing it openly is one of the most helpful things you can do. (Garrison release)

Roush-Fenway racing owner visits Redstone

Army engineers interested in motor sports technology

After competing in the Aaron's 499 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at the Talladega Superspeedway, Jack Roush, team owner and CEO of Roush-Fenway Racing, flew his P-51D Mustang onto the Redstone Airfield runway to begin what was to be a busy day including meetings with scientists and engineers of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, lunch with Soldiers, and an autograph session.

Even though this was Jack Roush's first visit to Redstone, his work with AMRDEC has made him familiar with the accomplishments and support to the war fighter.

The Roush partnership with the Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability Engineering & System Assessment Division of the Engineering Directorate began in fall 2003 when Gen. Paul Kern, then commander of the Army Materiel Command, directed the leveraging of racing technologies for use in the Army.

"General Kern learned of our qualification efforts with the wind-



Photo by Devon Smith

SIMULATOR TOUR— During their tour of the Software Engineering Directorate, Jack Roush, CEO of Roush-Fenway Racing, left, in the pilot's cockpit, and Brad Francis, head of research and development for Roush-Fenway Racing, in the gunner's cockpit, are flying an AH-64 Apache simulator located in building 6264's high bay. Assisting Roush is Jeff Sallas, SAIC, SW test engineer, America's Army Project Office. Scott Johnston, project lead, America's Army, orients Francis prior to the simulated flight.

shield tearoffs, like those used in NASCAR, on UH-60s, and he directed RAM&SA to leverage other technologies from racing. The RAM division formed a partnership with the Roush-Fenway

Racing Team to cheaply test and prove out new materials, coatings, processes and nanotechnology," said Kris Walker, RAM&SA team lead for Attack and Unmanned Aerial Systems.

The RAM and Roush partners are sharing testing and test data on windshield multi-layer tearoffs and diamond coatings for wear resistance.

"Our relationship with Jack Roush has offered us a low-cost/cost sharing methodology to prove out, test, and learn of new processes, materials and applications of technologies that improve the reliability of parts. Also, we have been able to bring in Roush expertise and have expanded the Army's prototyping capabilities through advanced materials and processes," Walker said.

In an effort to build other partnerships to more quickly meet Soldiers' needs, Jack Roush and his team from Roush-Fenway Racing toured the Software Engineering Directorate and the Prototype Integration Facility to get a hands-on feel for the latest technology, and to speak with AMRDEC employees who are focused on supporting the war fighter.

"Mr. Roush was excited to visit Redstone and its facilities and said that he was humbled by the experience. He has always been a great supporter of our Soldiers," Walker said. "During his Redstone visit,

he shared many of his experiences and ongoing projects with other government DoD organizations and even mentioned sharing some of Roush's 'green' technologies like the propane fleet conversions that Roush Industries performs on trucks and vans and electric vehicle conversions."

Another member of Roush-Fenway Racing on the visit, a person who plays a vital role and is instrumental in the continuation of the partnership through the facilitation of information exchange, technology sharing, and, on this day, serving as Roush's co-pilot, is Brad Francis.

"Brad Francis, head of research and development for Roush-Fenway, is the key reason we have such a great relationship with Roush Fenway Racing. He is a tireless worker who makes a big difference and helps to make things happen," Walker said.

After lunch with Soldiers at the dining facility, the visitors moved to the parking lot between Heiser Hall and the Recreation Center to sign a few autographs.

Team Redstone came out by the hundreds to speak with Roush, see his latest Mustang, and get an autograph. (AMRDEC release)

Aviation unit gets upgraded Black Hawks



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Troth

READY TO FLY— Lt. Col. Andrew Cole, right, 3-1 AHB commander, receives the keys and log book to the battalion's first UH-60M from Maj. Bradley Bruce, the assistant program manager for UH-60M fielding.

By Sgt. 1st Class JEFF TROTH

For the Rocket

New helicopters have landed at Fort Riley, Kan. The 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, received the first two of its 30 new UH-60M Black Hawks on April 21. The rest are scheduled to arrive before December.

The 3-1 AHB is the second active duty Army unit to receive the new UH-60M Black Hawks, which at first glance looks similar to its "sibling" L models. But open the door and look inside and the changes are very obvious.

"The entire aircraft is a digital aircraft," said Maj. Robert Keeter, a pilot and the 3-1's S3. "It has a lot of upgraded computer systems."

The old round gauges with dials have been replaced with four computer monitors that can display numerous functions to include instruments, radios or maps.

"The new Mike model has an integrated computer system that will let me pull up a map and as I am flying I can look at the map and I can see where I am," Keeter said. "The map has an integrated GPS that

moves as I am flying."

In the earlier versions of the Black Hawk helicopter pilots got a numeric location on their GPS and then had to find that point on a map to figure out where they were. The UH-60M allows the pilot to see where they are and their destination, compared to having to steer toward their destination using a needle on the dash.

"The biggest improvement is situation awareness for the pilots," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Matt Hastings, a 3-1 pilot. "We have four computer screens that will tell us exactly where we are at all times and exactly where we are going. The digital battlespace is playing in front of us and we have multiple ways to plug into that."

Besides knowing where their aircraft is in relation to the ground and their objective, pilots can also use the UH-60M's map screen to pinpoint enemy activity.

"As I am flying if I see a threat, I can put that threat on the map and e-mail it to everyone else flying and to the TOC (the tactical operation center)," Hastings said. "Now everyone knows that that threat is out there and its location."

■ World War II-era chemical agents slated for disposal

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waste sites RSA-052 and RSA-110. Some of the bottles may contain neat "liquid mustard" chemical agent, which were not chemical weapons. These were used solely for training purposes. The sets were used by Soldiers for chemical detection and decontamination. X-rays show some bottles have "liquid fill lines" while the majority appear to be empty.

The bottles have been safely stored in an interim holding facility since then. Redstone Arsenal stored the sets in sealed

containers inside. The interim holding facility is an earth covered explosive storage magazine (B-8632) with sealed entrance door and located inside a fenced-in, secure, explosive storage site. Only designated personnel are allowed controlled access into this area.

Redstone Arsenal is working closely with its neighbors, local, state and federal authorities to facilitate open and timely dialogue and address any safety or environmental concerns during the conduct of the disposal operations. For more information, call 876-4161 or visit the Redstone Public Affairs website at www.pao.redstone.army.mil. (Garrison release)

Humble Mississippian helps create history

Engineer began career with space program

By **DIANE L. GODWIN**
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The Broadway box office hit and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical “South Pacific” is an adaptation of James A. Michener’s Pulitzer Prize-winning 1948 novel, “Tales of the South Pacific.” It weaves the stories of how the American Navy and Marines’ military service and personal lives interconnected with the indigenous people while serving on the southern islands during World War II.

One of those Marines who spent time on the Solomon Islands is Mississippi State alumnus Bill Pittman. The 1951 electrical and computer engineering graduate spent exactly five years and 10 months in the Marines, part of which was on the various islands that surround the Coral Sea. However, his recollection of his time there isn’t as romantic and glamorous as the story told in the Tony award-winning Broadway production.

“The mission of my battalion was to provide perimeter defense for the construction of a new airfield to take the heat off Henderson Field. I was a communication specialist, which meant that my job involved assignment as a telephone operator and repairing communication equipment, stringing telephone lines on coconut trees and repairing those lines,” Pittman said. “That part of my career wasn’t as glamorous as Broadway and Hollywood portrayed our military service; in fact, it was pretty grueling and dull.”

It was a time in Pittman’s life where one could say he was paying his dues and gaining experience for what was to come. Growing up during the depression years in Pontotoc, Miss., Pittman was used to hard work and the concept of being frugal. It was these hard times that created that generation’s mindset of hoarding everything and throwing away nothing.

“The enticement for me to join the



Photo by Merv Brokke

SPACE PIONEER— AMRDEC engineer Bill Pittman stands before a Redstone Rocket displayed on Redstone Arsenal.

Marines was, basically, for a poor guy to get a good meal and a place to sleep,” Pittman said. “The Marines gave us our room, board and meals. That’s how we could save our money. My plan was to use it to pay for my college education.”

In 1946, Pittman enrolled at Mississippi State and used his well-deserved GI Bill to pay for his degree. As he told the story of his college days and meeting his wife Eloise on a blind date, a series of events occurred that propelled him toward his life’s purpose. His story of becoming one of the world’s most prominent rocket scientists begins during World War II; however, how he came to be at Redstone Arsenal started when he took a drive to Columbus, Miss., to visit his significant other. She worked as a secretary at the Gilmer Hotel.

“I was driving down the street in Columbus and heard on the radio that a recruiter from Redstone Arsenal was at the Gilmer Hotel taking applications for jobs in electrical engineering,” Pittman said. “I was invited to Huntsville, Ala., to interview with a gentleman named Hans Heuter. I didn’t realize it at the time, but he was the chief mechanical engineer for Dr. Wernher von Braun.”

When von Braun’s chief mechanical engineer interviewed Pittman they were in the process of building a team with American colleagues that would eventually be responsible for taking Americans into space and to the moon. However, Hans Heuter was expecting a candidate with a mechanical engineering background.

“I was waiting to see him and I overheard him dialing the phone and then saying to personnel, ‘I need a mechanical engineer and you sent me this electronics guy,’” Pittman said laughing. “I was pretty intimidated and Heuter must have realized it and felt sorry for me, so he gave me a chance and handed me a huge file of declassified V-2 documents and told me to read them and report back.”

Pittman took advantage of the opportunity and practically memorized the huge stack of papers. Impressed by his scientific ability, Heuter hired Pittman as an electrical engineer at Redstone Arsenal, and recommended that Pittman be assigned to work in the radio and telemetry group. It wasn’t long before Pittman was promoted to project leader of the group that designed the telemetry system for the Redstone Rocket — the first rocket successfully launched into space and what NASA used to launch the first Mercury capsules. Upgraded versions of those same rockets are what helped the Americans land the first man on the moon with the Apollo capsule.

“In those days, we had to turn the telemetry systems on and wait for the subcarrier oscillators to stabilize with temperature to tune them up before the launch. So, I’m tuning the equipment at the top of the rocket, which is on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral. I turned to see Dr. von Braun looking over my

shoulder. He asked me to explain the equipment. I gave him the best tutorial on the telemetry system that I could. He joked and said, ‘Too complicated for me,’” Pittman said laughing. “He wanted to see if that guy Pittman really knew what he was doing.”

What happened next made history.

“When we saw that first Redstone Rocket take off, we realized that we were in the hands of a genius and were part of a great historical event,” Pittman said.

From 1953-58, 37 Redstones were fired to test structure, engine performance, guidance and control, tracking and telemetry. Through it all Pittman’s work on the Redstone and other rockets involved studying the effects of space’s atmosphere on telemetry systems and space tracking systems.

“I’m a good example of what a good education and chance can do for young people, so my advice is don’t stop your education, continue learning throughout life,” he said.

“I’m impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm that I see in the younger engineers that are graduating today. They’re a great generation,” he said.

Pittman not only gives back in the working world, but believes in volunteering his service to the community. He is the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor and the Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Medal and Good Citizenship Medal, as well as the Martin Schilling Award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

He is active in several organizations and professional societies, including the Disabled American Veterans, First Marine Division Association, 9th Marine Defense Battalion Association, Association of the U.S. Army, Sons of the American Revolution, Institute of Radio Engineers, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

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Army nanosatellite program receives first units

The Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command took delivery of eight 4-kilogram satellites at the end of a one-year contract effort April 28. The first of the SMDC-ONE nanosatellites will be placed into orbit in 2009 and the remaining seven later.

"This marks a real milestone for the Army," said Dr. Steven Messervy, deputy to the commander for research, development and acquisition at SMDC/ARSTRAT.

The SMDC-ONE satellites each weigh less than 10 pounds and are about 10x10x32 centimeters or approximately 4x4x13 inches in size.

Each of these nanosatellites can be placed into a low Earth orbit to receive data files from a ground command and control center. The ground station for the first SMDC-ONE demonstration will be at SMDC/ARSTRAT on Redstone Arsenal. The primary objective will be to receive data from a ground transmitter and relay that data to a ground station. The intent of this technology demonstration is to build a number of identical satellites and deploy them together into low Earth orbit to simulate enhanced tactical communications capability and evaluate nanosat performance.

Messervy said SMDC/ARSTRAT commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell had announced the nanosatellite program goals at a meeting of the National Space Society in April 2008. Satellites traditionally take many years to develop and cost billions of dollars, but these were produced in under a year at less than \$1 million each.

"These are technology demonstrators, not an operational capability, that we hope will someday lead to an operational



Photo by John Cummings

ACCEPTANCE— Dr. Steven Messervy, left, Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command deputy to the commander for research, development and acquisition, shakes hands with Ivy Pinion, senior vice president of Miltec Corporation, a Ducommun company, after the delivery to SMDC/ARSTRAT of the Army Nanosatellite Technology Demonstration Program, which consisted of eight SMDC-ONE satellites. The first satellite will be placed in orbit in 2009, with the remainder placed later.

capability," said Nanosatellite technology manager and SMDC-ONE program manager John London, of the USAS-MDC/ARSTRAT Technical Center. "The cost estimate to integrate, test and prepare for flight for each satellite is in the 150-200K range."

To better meet war fighter needs, SMDC/ARSTRAT is considering mission enabling upgrade features for future nanosatellites to include on-board GPS capability for greater on-board autonomy, addition of a S-band communications link for increased data transmission, inclusion of a software defined radio for greater transceiver frequency flexibility, and modification of the communications element (radio) to increase available volume for payloads.

To better meet war fighter needs from space, an approach that holds promise is the deployment of constellations of nanosat-class satellites into low Earth orbit. Because the unit cost for a nanosat is lower (less than \$1 million), large numbers for each specific mission could be built and deployed. What a nanosat may lack in performance and reliability when compared on a per-unit basis to a large traditional military satellite, it makes up by its low cost and potential for a persistent presence over given theaters of operation through constellation proliferation.

A nanosat constellation populated by inexpensive spacecraft could be useful in humanitarian support, stability and support operations and nation building. If some satellites are lost, they could be rapidly reconstituted. Nanosats can provide coverage across specific regions, as well as globally. The use of nanosats in such a fashion will enable Unmanned Aerial Vehicle-like performance for communication from spaceborne assets that can provide data directly into theaters of operation. (SMDC/ARSTRAT release)



Photo by Lynn Moore

Adios, amigos

Nina Cox gets a festive retirement sendoff April 30 from her co-workers at AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center.

Newman finishes fourth at Richmond raceway

U.S. Army No. 39 car has strong showing

By **DAVID FERRONI**
Army News Service

RICHMOND, Va. — Ryan Newman, who was a contender for the majority of the Sprint Cup race May 2, took the checkered flag with a strong fourth-place finish at Richmond International Raceway.

It was the second consecutive top-five finish for Newman, who posted a third-place result the previous week in Talladega.

The stout performance on Richmond's .75-mile short track moved Newman from 13th to 10th in the Sprint Cup driver point standings. The U.S. Army/Haas Automation driver stood only 14 points shy of eighth place.

"We had a winning race car and I think the guy out front typically had a winning race car, but the bottom line was we didn't get out front when we needed to," Newman said. "It was a good run for the U.S. Army/Haas Automation Chevrolet Impala SS. I told the guys if we keep



Photo by Cameras in Action

CONTENDER— The U.S. Army No. 39 Chevrolet Impala SS leads a NASCAR pack around the curve May 2 at Richmond International Speedway where Ryan Newman ended up finishing fourth.

doing this we'll get what we want and obviously we want to be in Victory Lane.

"We were inspired all weekend by the

many Soldiers who attended the event and I am happy we gave them a strong performance," added Newman. "We all

feel that this Soldiers' car will eventually find its way to Victory Lane."

For the first 313 of the 400-lap race, Newman's No. 39 Chevy was either leading or stalking the leaders. Newman led four times for 45 laps and put himself in position to capture his first win of the season. But on Lap 314 he lost valuable track position after being involved in a three-car incident with Martin Truex Jr. and Mark Martin.

When the smoke cleared from the spinning cars, Newman found himself in 15th place. Though his car survived major damage, Newman was forced to play catchup for the remainder of the race.

"We had the leader strategy but got caught up in that accident," explained Newman, who qualified 10th. "We all got jumbled up and I lost track position. But we showed that we could lead and we had a car that could race with Kyle (Busch — the race winner). We persevered and made it home with a strong finish."

Newman's teammate, Tony Stewart, finished second, giving the new Stewart-Haas Racing team its first double top-five performance.

Wounded warriors do Boston Marathon on hand cycles

Training partners complete course

By Staff Sgt. CURT SQUIRES
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BOSTON — Two Special Forces Soldiers who are close friends have much in common. Both were wounded in combat — one in Iraq, the other Afghanistan. Both are recipients of the Silver Star Medal for their actions in combat. Both are single-leg amputees. And both were official finishers of the 113th Boston Marathon on April 20.

Maj. Kent Solheim from the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School and Staff Sgt. John Walding from the 3rd Special Forces Group completed the marathon on hand cycles, a type of bike in which the rider pedals with his arms instead of his legs.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Curt Squires

STARTING LINE— Special Forces Soldiers Staff Sgt. John Walding and Maj. Kent Solheim, both wounded warriors, start the 113th Boston Marathon together April 20.

Solheim finished in 1 hour, 50 minutes and 23 seconds, and Walding was right

behind him at 1:52:53, accomplishing their joint goal of finishing in less than two hours.

Solheim was wounded in Karbala, Iraq, while he was assigned to the 3rd SFG. His team fast-roped onto its target, and in the gun battle that ensued, he was shot four different times. Originally, doctors tried to save his leg, but 20 months later, he made the tough decision to have his right leg amputated. That was seven weeks ago.

Walding was wounded in Afghanistan on April 5, 2008, when a sniper's round instantly amputated his right leg. From there, Walding folded his leg into his crotch and tied it with his bootlace. With the help of his team, he later made it down the side of the mountain.

Walding spent four months at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., before deciding to return to Fort

Bragg, N.C. In February, he had to return to Walter Reed for a higher level of care.

"My rehabilitation progress has been phenomenal," Walding said. "Since returning to Walter Reed, I've gone from literally not being able to walk a full day without my back hurting to being able to run a 7 minute, 30 second mile last week."

Walter Reed has a strong team of therapists and experience that is passed down to every Soldier who passes through there, Solheim said. The rehabilitation process is a long road, but support is essential to that process.

While at Walter Reed, Solheim and Walding met up again — they had served together in Company B, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group. Both Soldiers said they know the physical therapy helped, but that their friendship pushed them further.

"I really believe God put us together for a reason," Walding explained. "If (Solheim) had not been here with me, I would not have pushed as hard as I did. I still would have hit the gym, still have done the cardio, I would have still ran and done what I was supposed to, (but) we feed off each other. It really has doubled what my intentions are."

It's huge to have a partner when you are going through something like this, Solheim said.

Ten-Miler opens volunteer registration, T-shirt contest

WASHINGTON — Volunteer registration for the Army Ten-Miler opened May 1 on the Army Ten-Miler website at www.armytenmiler.com.

A T-shirt design contest for the 25th-anniversary race is also open to the public and submissions are being accepted through June 1. Artists, designers and would-be artists are invited to submit a T-shirt design.

All those who volunteer to help with the Ten-Miler will receive an official ATM volunteer T-shirt and a volunteer pin, race officials said. They added that special

ATM 25th-anniversary door prizes will also be randomly given out during the race Oct. 4.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions ranging from packet pickup at the ATM Race Expo Presented by New Balance to start-line monitors on race day.

The two-day expo will take place Friday, Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the D.C. Armory.

For more information on volunteer shifts and positions available, click on the volunteer tab at www.armytenmiler.com.

Groups of 10 or more looking to volunteer should contact George Banker, operations manager at (202) 685-3408 or george.banker@jfhqncr.northcom.mil.

Those who submit a T-shirt design for the race will have their entries judged, after the June 1 deadline, by a blue-ribbon committee. The top five designs will be posted on the Army Ten-Miler website. The 30,000 registered runners will be able to vote for their favorite design from June 10-19. The first-, second- and third- place entries will be announced on June 24 at www.armytenmiler.com.

The grand-prize winner will receive \$1,000 and will have his/her design printed on over 30,000 official race and volunteer t-shirts. The second-place winner will receive \$500 and the third-place winner will receive \$250.

The Army Ten-Miler T-shirt design contest is open to all U.S. residents, age 18 and older. Designs must be original artwork and reflect the unique tradition and experience of the Army Ten-Miler. For design guidelines and specifications on the contest, visit www.armytenmiler.com. (Army News Service)

National Guard, CWF lead softball league

The National Guard and the Civilian Welfare Fund softball teams were unbeaten entering this week.

Last week's games were postponed because of a muddy Linton Field.

Standings entering this week had National Guard (5-0), Civilian Welfare

Fund (3-0), Bravo (2-1), Marines (2-2), HHC 59th (2-2), Headquarters & Alpha (1-4), Charlie (0-2) and NCO Academy (0-4).

The season continues through May 28. The postseason tournament is tentatively scheduled June 2-11.

Bicyclist hopes diabetes funding will break cycle

Smith to ride 100 miles for diabetes research

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Fox Army Health Center commander Col. Mark Smith is a man of passions. On Saturday, he will combine two of those — diabetes research and cycling — in the Tour de Cure event.

Smith feels strongly about diabetes, particularly juvenile onset type I. The blamelessness of its victims, coupled with the devastation it can bring to their young bodies, worries him.

“Now it’s attacking infants, kids the age of your kids and my grandchildren. It wipes out their pancreas and their ability to make insulin,” he said. “People with type I don’t have the longevity that others do.”

He is also concerned about all the other health ramifications diabetes has for its victims.

“Almost all of these chronic diseases in America that cost trillions of dollars, diabetes is in there,” Smith said. “Whether it was the initial (disease) or it evolved afterward to finish that person off.”

The 100-mile bike ride is a fund-raiser for the American Diabetes Association. The route begins in downtown Huntsville, heads



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

RIDE FOR CURE— Col. Mark Smith, commander of Fox Army Health Center, will participate in Saturday’s Tour de Cure fund-raiser.

south toward Guntersville before looping north to Scottsboro and back into Huntsville. It’s not a flat, leisurely course, either.

“There are three monster hills on this ride,” Smith said. “They are killers.”

This is Smith’s second time to participate in the event. Last year’s ride marked the first time Smith had met the 100-mile mark on his bike. He learned a lot from the 2008 ride.

“I learned that I can ride 100 miles. I had a lot of natural anxiety about it. I knew, mentally, that I could do it. I suspected, physically, that I could do it. I knew it would be painful,” he said. “I had to get that under my belt. It helped me with my training regimen. It made me a much better rider.”

The lessons apply not only to the ride itself, but also to another one of Smith’s passions, the pursuit of wellness. He urges people to not let their nervousness about beginning any exercise program stop them from reaching out to the support that is available.

“I had just started back riding two years ago. The mentality I had was that I needed to get in some kind of shape before I could impose myself upon a riding group. I was being hard on myself,” Smith said. “I could have learned a lot more and gotten stronger faster by riding with a group, which is what I’ve been doing since.”

Exercise and a healthy diet can have a big impact on a person’s wellness, particularly those with type II diabetes.

“It’s a disease of excess in America. Some people are more genetically prone to it. Others are less genetically prone to it. It is about 98 percent preventable,” Smith said. “If people learn to live well and take care of themselves, with dramatic lifestyle changes, they can reverse it.”

Last year’s Tour de Cure events in 40 states raised \$16 million nationwide. Currently, Smith’s fund-raising efforts for this year have yielded close to \$5,000 for diabetes research. With every mile he rides, that number will increase. He is pleased to be leading the charge for donations in the area.

“I’m number one in the community for donations,” he said.

For more information on Tour de Cure events, visit www.diabetes.org.

Defense contractor opens local office

SRCTec has expanded its presence in Huntsville to extend additional support for its customers at Counter-Rockets, Artillery and Mortar (C-RAM) and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle project offices.

SRCTec now has three locations: its headquarters in Syracuse, N.Y., Aberdeen, Md., and Huntsville.

The new Huntsville office space in Cummings Research Park will allow SRCTec to support its current customers, while pursuing additional opportunities at Redstone Arsenal. While SRCTec is new to Huntsville, its parent company, SRC, has more than 50 years experience in providing advanced technology solutions for the defense, environment and intelligence communities.

SRCTec offers manufacturing and full lifecycle management for complex electronic systems for the defense industry. The new office is located at 7027 Old Madison Pike. (SRCTec release)

Motorcyclists make ride to Vietnam Memorial

21st annual Run for the Wall goes through state May 19

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While we stumbled out of bed this morning and fumbled with the coffee pot, motorcyclists on the other side of the country said a prayer for the fallen and set their sights east. The Run for the Wall began today and will continue for 11 days. Part of their journey will bring them through Alabama on May 19.

For the 21st year, veterans, servicemembers and supporters are departing Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., where they have gathered for the last several days.

They will ride cross country to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. The event is not only to recognize and remember the sacrifices of fallen veterans, but also a journey of healing for those who make the trip.

"The first time you do the run, it's said that you do it for yourself. I believe that. It's a very personal thing," Steve Mozian, Vietnam veteran and Alabama state RFTW coordinator, said. "Each subsequent year, you increase the circle of people you are doing it for."

The group is not strictly military. In addition to the veterans, retirees and servicemembers that participate, there is also a large contingency of civilians. Most of them have a friend or family member that served. For Mike Luna, RFTW volunteer, having not served then makes him want to serve those who did.

"I wasn't in the military. I didn't go to Vietnam. A lot of guys I knew did," Luna said. "I never felt right about it. This is part of how I'm serving them now."

The entourage will begin with several hundred bikes and will grow to about 1,000 before it reaches the nation's capitol. Riders can choose one of two routes. Both routes go through Arizona and New Mexico, although different cities. The central route passes across the middle of the nation, stopping overnight in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana and West Virginia along the way. The southern route stops in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Riders will pass through Alabama on Tuesday, May 19.

They will spend about nine hours in this state. Most of that time will be spent in the saddle, riding along Interstates 20 and 59. Because of the large number of bikes involved, local highways aren't practical. The Alabama State Troopers will provide a police escort for the group from state border to border.

They will also take some time out of the seat to make a few scheduled visits, about two a day. RFTW participants visit war memorials, veterans hospitals and nursing homes along their route. They also talk to kids at selected elementary schools about the service that the military has given.

"We have lunch with the kids at school," Mozian said. "You have to envision 300 or so weather-beaten people in black leather sitting in those little bitty cafeteria chairs."

Naturally, they must stop for fuel as well. While fueling 300-500 motorcycles in one stop may seem daunting, organizers have it down to a science. They prearrange their arrival with truck stops big enough to handle the group. The rest is an exercise in military precision.

"Last year we pushed 350 motorcycles through a gas station in just under 19 minutes," Mozian said. "We're all a bunch of old military guys, so we put a plan together and execute."

In fact, the entire trek is a well-oiled machine. Unlike public poker runs and rallies, RFTW riders roll in tight formation. At the head of the seemingly unending column is the position of highest honor. It is the "Missing Man" formation. The five-man segment has two riders in front and two in the rear. The fifth rider in the middle rides on one side, leaving an open spot for a missing rider, symbolizing those who have fallen. Mozian has had the honor of riding alongside that empty space.

"It's a reminder of all missing in action and prisoners of war from all wars," Mozian said. "From my war, there are still 1,741 people unaccounted for, 32 of them are from Alabama."

He said the mood throughout the trip is happy, yet solemn. It is an emotional rollercoaster, bringing moments of joy and deep grief to its riders. As a Vietnam veteran, Mozian has been deeply affected by the warm reception riders get from the people whose towns they pass through.

"We never got that when we came home, and we needed it," Mozian said. "To get it now takes you right back to that time and your heart heals."

Here is the Interstate-59 overpasses scheduled May 19 for the Run for the Wall route in Alabama; all times are approximate:

- 2:50 p.m., Overpass Double Bridge Road north of Ashville, no interstate entrance;
- 2:50-2:55, Overpass 174 Gadsden;
- 2:55-3, Overpass Pleasant Valley Road, no interstate entrance, and Overpass 181 Highway 77;
- 3:05-3:10, Overpass 188 Reese City;
- 3:45-4:10, Overpass Local County Road 483 north of Collinsville;
- 3:50-4:15, Overpass 222 Wills Valley Road, and Overpass Local County Road 608;
- 4:15-4:25, Overpass Local County Road 51 south of Fort Payne;
- 4:20-4:40, Overpass Highway 40/117 Valley Head.

Marine program extends events to Army's wounded

Soldiers to enjoy patriotism, hospitality of north Alabama

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A local Marine organization is reaching out to the Army's Soldiers with its highly acclaimed wounded warrior program.

The Semper Fi Community Task Force of North Alabama, which is known for hosting a wounded warrior weekend in connection with Veterans Day activities in Huntsville, has scheduled a similar event for this weekend to recognize wounded Soldiers from the Southeast.

Twenty wounded Soldiers have been invited to participate in the program, which will include VIP accommodations at Saturday's Sugarland concert on Redstone Arsenal and a fishing tournament on the Tennessee River.

"For the most part, this program has been a Marine Corps event," said retired Marine Joe Bongiovanni. "The program that we host at Veterans Day has been for Marines with a few Army Soldiers in the group."

"We wanted to include more Army Soldiers in our program. But we didn't want to wait until Veterans Day to do that. There are a lot of Soldiers from around here and they are doing a lot of the fighting alongside Marines. We don't want to be just a Marine Corps program."

SFCTF joined forces with Fox Army Health Center to locate wounded Sol-

diers from throughout the Southeast and extended an invitation for them to visit Huntsville for the weekend program. The Soldiers will be accompanied to Huntsville by a spouse or other family member.

"This is our way of showing our appreciation," Bongiovanni said. "We want them to know the country is behind them and we appreciate their sacrifices."

The weekend will include a reception at the Heritage Club on Friday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The public is invited. They will then attend a concert by Randy Travis at the Von Braun Center.

On Saturday, the Soldiers and their guests will spend the day touring the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. That evening, they will be VIP guests at the Sugarland Concert.

On Sunday, they will participate in a Semper Fi/Army Strong Fishing Tournament based at Ingalls Marina in Decatur. The weekend will conclude with a farewell dinner and reception at Rocket Harley Davidson on I-565, west of Madison. The public is invited to the reception from 5-8:30 p.m.

"The people in this community are so patriotic," Bongiovanni said. "Huntsville is a wonderful, pleasant surprise for these young men and women. When they come here, they don't know what to expect. They are surprised by the tremendous outpouring of love, affection and support. When they leave here, they have a totally different attitude."

For more information on SFCTF's wounded warrior program or to make a donation, visit its website at <http://sfctf.org>.



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PATRIOTIC TRIP— Run for the Wall riders will travel again to the Vietnam Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

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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.

Walkathon

Walk4Hearing, sponsored by the Huntsville Delta Zeta Alumna and the Hearing Loss Association of America, will be held Saturday 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.

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 Saturday 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.

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 Freedra McDowell 536-8050.

Golf benefit

The Logistics Data Management and Maintenance Branch is sponsoring a golf tournament Sunday at the Redstone Links to benefit Army Emergency Relief. The tournament, in Scramble format, has a shotgun start at 8 a.m. For more information, call David Newton 876-2585 or Robert Bray 876-5919.



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 Alphonella 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.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter will have its annual picnic meeting Thursday 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 Ouattara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Engineer society

Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers meets May 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The lunch meeting costs \$11. Will Sims of KAYA Associates will speak on "GIS and Master Planning." For reservations call Dan Foran 830-1031, ext. 130.

Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will meet May 21 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the Loft Room. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.

Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table meets Thursday 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 Thursday 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 \$120 for a corporate table of eight.

Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will hold its monthly outreach luncheon May 19 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. Carol Shreve of Fayetteville, Tenn., a professional singer and songwriter, will tell how certain decisions can lead to amazing transformations. There's free childcare for ages 6 and under off-site. Reservations, essential for the luncheon and for childcare, are due by Thursday. Call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339.

Information security

North Alabama Information Systems Security Association will hold an Information Security Seminar on June 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dynetics, 1002 Explorer Boulevard. Keynote speaker Jonathan Pettus, Marshall Space Flight Center CIO, will present "The State of Information Security at NASA." Other topics include: FBI - Identity Theft, PKI for Dummies and Security Professionals, Hacking Demonstrations, and Healthcare Information Security. Security professional will earn 8 Continuing Professional Education credits for attendance. Cost is \$20 for ISSA members, \$25 for non-members. Fee includes breakfast, box lunch, snacks and the opportunity to win a grand prize. Space is limited to 125 attendees. For more information, e-mail infosecseminar@northalabama.issa.org.

Transportation group

A representative from the Alabama Department of Transportation has been invited to speak to the May meeting of the North Alabama Transportation Foundation. NALTF meets today at the Heritage Club, 111 Washington St. The noon lunch meeting cost is \$15 for non-members of the foundation. For reservations or more information, call executive director Kurt Furst 890-8544, ext. 14.



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Career day

Bill Walton, team lead at Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, serves as guest speaker April 23 for Union Chapel Christian Academy's annual Career Day.

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 JMETC 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.

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 deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions

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

Surplus sales

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

Motorcycle safety

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

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 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 Saturday at the Activity Field off Patton Road. Tickets are \$30 through Friday, 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



Photo by Tony Medici

Improvement workshop

Seventy-five participants from across the Department of Defense take part in the first DoD Continuous Process Improvement depot workshop April 22-23 at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa. The purpose of the workshop was to encourage Lean Six Sigma networking and best practice sharing among DoD organizations.

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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.

Thrift shop

Shop, consign or volunteer at the Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road. The shop is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-5 Thursday and 10-2 the first Saturday. Look for the waving flag. 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>.

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.

Family aviation

Indoor radio-controlled and free flight aviation, rain or shine, will be held Sunday 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.

Aviation open house

Team Redstone personnel and their family members are invited to the Aviation Technical Test Center open house at Redstone Airfield on Thursday 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. For interested family members, the aircraft displays will remain available until 3.

Call for papers

This is a call for papers for the Research and Evaluation of NEMS/MEMS Workshop Sept. 8-9 at Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, e-mail angie.cornelius@us.army.mil or visit the workshop website <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/SMAP-CENTER/Conferences/RENM09/>.

Embry-Riddle courses

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus is now registering for the summer 2009 term, May 31 to Aug. 2. Courses include Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Fundamentals of Project Management, Av/Aero Industrial Safety Management, International Business, Marketing, and Human Factors in Aviation Safety. Deadline to register is May 29. Call 876-9763, visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center building 3222 or access the website <http://www.erau.edu/huntsville>.

World trade day

The 26th annual World Trade Day luncheon, co-sponsored by the North Alabama International Trade Association and the Madison County Commission and presented by Taos Industries, is Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Huntsville. For more information, call NAITA at 532-3505.

Wild game cookoff

The Limestone Chapter of the Alabama Wildlife Federation will hold its first Wild Game Cookoff at 5:30 p.m. May 19 at Canebrake Club in Athens. "The event is

an excellent time for sportsmen and women and outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy some good ol' fashion fun and fellowship, and it is a fabulous time for backyard chefs to show off their culinary skills," a prepared release said. For more information, call Greg Lambert 998-0057 or Lee Noah 990-2095.

New Reserve unit

The Army Reserve Sustainment Command is seeking Reserve officers, warrant officers and senior NCOs to support AMC G3, AMCOM, LOGSA and DCMA missions at Redstone Arsenal. ARSC has officer vacancies for captain through colonel in Logistics, Acquisition, Intelligence, Force Protection, ORSA and Aviation career fields, as well as branch immaterial positions. Warrant officer vacancies include 151A, 154EG, 350F, 351L and 920A/B positions. NCO positions for staff sergeant through sergeant major include 31B, 35F/X, 42A, 51C, 88N/Z and 92A/F/Y. There are also opportunities to mobilize at Redstone Arsenal or deploy worldwide in support of AMC and DCMA. For more information regarding these opportunities to drill at Redstone Arsenal, call Lt. Col. Hawkins 313-9772, Lt. Col. Allison 895-1121 or Lt. Col. Williams 313-9594.

Astronomy group

Von Braun Astronomical Society holds planetarium shows every Saturday night at 7:30 at the planetarium in Monte Sano

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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																	
SCBK09401271	General Supp Spec	13-May-09	LOGSA	GS-2001	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09437314	Engrng Tech	13-May-09	AMRDEC	DE-0802	3	3	52,067 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09450546	Logistics Mgmt Spec	13-May-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
WTST09396909	Security Spec (Disclosure)	13-May-09	AMCOM, Intel & Tech Sec Activity	GG-0080	12	13	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09453431	Spt Asst (OA)	13-May-09	PEO AVN	NK-0303	2	2	31,204 - 50,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09453431D	Spt Asst (OA)	13-May-09	PEO AVN	NK-0303	2	2	31,204 - 50,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09424407	Compwr Engr	14-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	3	2	58,141 - 113,908																	
SCBK09449926	Acq Business Spec	14-May-09	AMRDEC	DE-0301	2	3	52,067 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09394806	Inspector	14-May-09	SMDC	YA-1801	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09394806D	Inspector	14-May-09	SMDC	YA-1801	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09426206DR	Secretary (OA)	14-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					
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					
SCBK09450485	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-May-09	IMMC	GS-0346	11	11	56,411 - 73,329	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09443206	Engrng Tech	15-May-09	AMCOM, TMDE Activity	GS-0802	9	11	47,280 - 74,360	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09450512	Prgm Analyst	15-May-09	IMMC	GS-0343	9	9	46,225 - 60,612																	
SCBK09356025	Lead General Engr	18-May-09	LOGSA	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254																	
SCBK09450524	Quality Assurance Spec (Aircraft)	18-May-09	IMMC	GS-1910	9	9	46,225 - 60,612																	
SCBK09464875	CBRNE Opers Spec	18-May-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0301	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09426590	CIVIL Engr	18-May-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	68,564 - 89,128																	
SCBK09426590D	CIVIL Engr	18-May-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0810	2	2	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09382727R	Mgmt Analyst	18-May-09	ACQ SUPP CTR	GS-0343	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09450517	Plans & Opers Spec	18-May-09	IMMC	GS-0301	12	12	67,613 - 87,993																	
SCBK09426031	Secretary (OA)	18-May-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0318	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09394806R	Inspector	19-May-09	SMDC	YA-1801	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09446182	Budget Analyst	19-May-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0560	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09425756	Prgm Spt Asst (OA)	19-May-09	AMRDEC	DK-0303	3	3	38,653 - 55,651	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09425756D	Prgm Spt Asst (OA)	19-May-09	AMRDEC	DK-0303	3	3	38,653 - 55,651	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09292431	Calibration Asst	19-May-09	AMCOM, TMDE Activity	GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09451159	Financial Sys Spec	19-May-09	AMCOM, GB(Resources Mgmt)	GS-0501	9	11	47,280 - 74,360																	
SCBK09435500	Lead Data Mgmt Spec	19-May-09	AMRDEC	DE-0301	4	4	81,532 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09424760R	Logistics Mgmt Spec	19-May-09	AMRDEC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09394806R	Inspector	19-May-09	SMDC	YA-1801	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09298868	Opers Research Analyst	20-May-09	USAASC	GS-1515	14	14	96,346 - 125,254																	
SCBK09361855	Deputy Product Dir	20-May-09	PEO MISSILES & SPACE	YA-0301	3	3	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09478749	Aerospace Engr	20-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09478749D	Aerospace Engr	20-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09385597	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-May-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	69,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09385597D	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-May-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	69,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09437934D	Gen Engr, Comp Engr, Elect Engr, Opers Res Analyst, Comp Science Engr	21-May-09	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	GS- 0801,0854, 0855, 1515, 1550	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09443190	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-May-09	AMCOM, TMDE Activity	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09349237D	General Engr	21-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09443219	Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-May-09	AMCOM, TMDE Activity	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128																	
SCBK09401842	Supv Info Tech Spec (PLCYPLN)	25-May-09	LOGSA	YA-2210	3	3	78,359 - 133,985	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09463003	Lead General Engr	26-May-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	92,633 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09356099	Supv General Engr	29-May-09	LOGSA	YD-0801	3	3	90,473 - 131,518	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09353404	General Engr	30-May-09	LOGSA	YD-0801	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09412434D	Lead Aerospace Engr	4-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
WTST09408048	General Engr	4-Jun-09	TSMO	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09441569	Supv Gen Engr, Supv Comp Engr, Supv Elect Engr, Supv Opers Res Analyst, Supv Comp Sci Engr, Supv Indust Engr	5-Jun-09	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	YF- 0801,0854, 0855, 1515, 1550,0896	3	3	90,473 - 153,200	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK094415491	Supv Gen Engr, Supv Comp Engr, Supv Elect Engr, Supv Opers Res Analyst, Supv Comp Scientist	5-Jun-09	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	YF- 0801,0854, 0855, 1515, 1550	2	2	67,130 - 131,518	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09388275D	Opers Res Analyst, Gen Engr	5-Jun-09	SMDC	GS- 1515, 0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09401224	Mech Engr, Architect, Civil Engr, Elect Engr, Chem Engr	5-Jun-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD- 0830,0808, 0810,0850, 0893	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09401224D	Mech Engr, Architect, Civil Engr, Elect Engr, Chem Engr	5-Jun-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD- 0830,0808, 0810,0850, 0893	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09436535D	Mech Engr	8-Jun-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK094415491D	Supv Gen Engr, Supv Comp Engr, Supv Elect Engr, Supv Opers Res Analyst, Supv Comp Sci Engr, Supv Indust Engr	8-Jun-09	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	YF- 0801,0854, 0855, 1515, 1550	2	2	67,130 - 131,518	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09441569D	Supv Gen Engr, Supv Comp Engr, Supv Elect Engr, Supv Opers Res Analyst, Supv Comp Sci Engr, Supv Indust Engr	8-Jun-09	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	YF- 0801,0854, 0855, 1515, 1550,0896	3	3	90,473 - 153,200	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09436535D	Mech Engr	6-Jul-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567																	
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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													

Rocket Announcements

State Park. Telescopes are open after the show if weather permits. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free to VBAS members. For more information, visit www.vbas.org.

Army birthday

This year the Army will celebrate its 234th birthday. To commemorate this milestone the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter for the Association of the U.S. Army will hold a celebration June 9 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the dinner at 6:30. For more information, call Keith Freitag 730-1042.

Blood drives

American Red Cross blood drives this month include the following: May 14 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Sparkman Center. May 15 from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers and 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316. May 19 from 4-8:30 p.m. at Bravo Company building 3411. May 22 from 7-noon at building 5400. May 28 from 7-noon at 4488 and 5400. May 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency.

Women's health

In honor of Women's Health Week, the Wellness Center at Fox Army Health Center will hold a class for women who want to learn how to safely begin an exercise program. Bring your lunch when a licensed personal trainer presents this session Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Wellness Center classroom. To reserve your seat, call 955-8888 ext. 1430.

Senior service college

Defense Acquisition University's Senior Service College will hold graduation of its 2009 class on May 21 at 2 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. Keynote speaker is Kathryn Condon, executive deputy to the commander of Army Materiel Command. The graduating class includes Paul Baker, Jerita Crumme, Marian Guidry, Rick Llewellyn, Richard Paul, Gordon Porter, Bill Read, Mark Reavis and Julia Vaughn.

Alabama A&M alums

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter Alabama A&M University Alumni Association Inc. will hold its third annual Picnic on the Hill and Membership Roundup from noon-4 Saturday on the Quad of A&M campus (in front of the Chambers' Building). All alumni, spouses, children and friends of Alabama A&M University are invited. "Show your school spirit, dress in maroon and white, and bring your lawn chairs," a prepared release said. "Food and beverages are free. All we need is you." Please enter the campus at the main entrance on Chase Road. For more information, call Erica McClain 679-5633 or C. Lamar Sterns 679-8961.



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Logistics honoree

Dorothy Ritter of the Logistics Support Activity received the Unique Item Identification individual contribution award April 8 at the Defense Department's UID Conference in Denver. She is a member of the LOGSA Process Integration Division serial number tracking team.

EEO awards

Nominations are being accepted for the Garrison Equal Employment Opportunity Manager/Supervisor/Employee Awards. The awards are to recognize a manager, supervisor and employee who have made a significant contribution to the accomplishment of EEO program goals. Directors, managers and supervisors are encouraged to submit one nomination for this annual award. Nominations must

be sent to the Garrison EEO office by June 5. Winners will be announced in July. For more information or to submit a nomination, call EEO specialist Woody Patrick 876-9259 or e-mail woody.patrick@us.army.mil.

Leadership awards program

The Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association Inc. announces its eighth annual Leadership Awards Program on June 6 at 11:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Big Spring Room, 800 Monroe St. Tickets are \$45 per person. Reserved tables are \$500. This event recognizes outstanding leaders in the Huntsville-Madison County community for significant contributions in their professions, to their community and Alabama A&M University. Honorees include Linda Brown, chief of human resources division, Center Support Directorate in the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center; and Irene Lloyd, assistant deputy chief of staff for resource management, Space and Missile Defense Command. A jazz luncheon featuring Dependable Music Group will be held to commemorate this year's event. For tickets or more information, call 852-4052.

