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# Logistics assistance reps lauded

Technical experts support Soldiers in war zone

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Six deployments. That's how many times Byron Lewis has been "in the sand box" with America's Soldiers.

As a Logistics Assistance Representative with AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center, Lewis has deployed to Iraq six times from Fort Bragg, N.C., since March 2003. During those deployments, he has provided support to the 117th Cavalry of Fort Campbell, Ky.; the 26th Cavalry of Hawaii; and the 16th Cavalry of Fort Carson, Colo.

On May 13, he and 138 other AMCOM LARs from across the nation were recognized for their deployments during the AMCOM LAR Conference at the Westin Hotel. Lewis was the only LAR recognized with six deployments on his resume.

LARs provide technical assistance and logistics support on Army aircraft and missile systems. For Lewis, that means sharing his maintenance and repair expertise on the 58 Delta and Black Hawk helicopters with Soldiers in theater. He assesses damages to helicopters, makes recommendations on what kinds of repairs are needed, provides technical expertise on those repairs, and assists in expediting supplies and parts needed to keep helicopters flying.

Why does this retired first sergeant volunteer to deploy as a government civilian over and over again?

"I love my job, first of all," he said. "I love everything I do with my job. It is something I feel passionate about. I told my boss that 'Anytime you need anyone to leave for a deployment at a moment's notice, I'm available.'"

Besides loving his job,



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**STANDING TALL**— AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, center, poses with logistic assistance representatives who received the Bronze Order of St. Michael for their work in the aviation field.

Lewis, who is not married and has grown children, said not having a family at home waiting for him makes it easier to deploy for six-month periods. And his love for Soldiers makes deployments worthwhile, interesting and rewarding.

"That's what drives my love for this job — my love for Soldiers," he said. "You've got to love Soldiers to love this job. It's all intertwined with working with Soldiers. The customer comes first and the customer is the Soldier."

Lewis said he often mentors young Soldiers when he's not working 16-hour or longer days.

"When I'm having trouble dealing with the stress, I will go talk to Soldiers. They always make me feel better," he said. "As LARs, we do what we need to do to succeed at war. But, as a human being, I also like to counsel Soldiers and share my experiences with them and help them work through issues."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SIX-TIME VETERAN**— Byron Lewis receives recognition from AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles for his six deployments.

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# An open lane random survey

How do you plan to spend Memorial Day?

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**Audrey Dodson**  
Vendor

**"If I can't spend time with my daughter, then I like to just stay home and do whatever I want to do."**

**Rachel Sanders**  
Retiree dependent

**"My family gets together and we barbecue. We go out shopping sometimes and then watch movies together."**



**Mariah Forrest**  
Retiree dependent

**"We spend the day with family and friends playing games and cards."**

**Anthony Taylor**  
Sigmatech contractor

**"I start barbecuing on Friday and go all the way through the weekend. I invite my friends and family to come out and I really set it off for them."**



## Quote of the week

**I**like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living. It's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do, and that enables you to laugh at life's realities.

— Dr. Seuss (1904-91)

## In spirit of cooperation

**A** letter to the editor in the May 13 *Redstone Rocket* — although seemingly crafted with good intentions — in fact does not reflect the spirit of cooperation and good feelings that exemplify what we are all about.

Specifically, we are committed to preserving a safe community for Arsenal workers and residents. Key to that commitment is the continued observance of established careful, safe and prudent driving by all motorists.

In terms of a "re-education course," it is important to bear in mind that all Team Redstone members are required to take the Army's Accident Avoidance Course.

Let me emphasize that we warmly welcome all BRAC transfers, and look forward to the contributions that our new neighbors will bring to Team Redstone.

**Col. Bob Pastorelli**  
Garrison commander

## Pointing out exit speeds

**W**hy is the exit speed 25 mph at the newly redone Gate 1, while at Gate 9 it is 35 mph? Both gates have two exit lanes. Gate 9 drivers have to deal with merging traffic from Goss Road and the traffic light for the Visitors Center while drivers at Gate 1 don't have these issues.

**Ron Bednarczyk**

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Department of the Army's recommended speed limit at all installation exit points is 25 mph. The Directorate of Emergency Services and Directorate of Public Works conducted a traffic assessment at Gate 9, which led the Garrison to implement the 35 mph speed limit for outbound traffic. When construction was completed at Gate 1, DES and DPW began a new traffic assessment to determine the recommended speed for Gate 1 outbound traffic. Garrison will make a decision in the near future whether to continue with the DA recommended 25 mph speed limit or adopt the 35 mph speed limit as was done at Gate 9."*

## Kudos to emergency responders

**A**s an intentional observer of the CERT Simulation/Training Exercise, my first response was as a "deer-stunned-by-headlights." A very exciting sensory overload initially appeared to resemble a chaotic, abstract orchestration. As my perception and comprehension came into focus, those clashing noises soon resembled wonderful verses of melody and harmony as immediate medical needs were with continually and simultaneously met with quick, careful and definitive responses. In other words, I was very amazed and pleased to see how well these professional trainers did in preparing our JROTC teens in how to effectively respond in a disaster with mass casualties. I witnessed firsthand how beneficial it is to have additional well-trained, quick thinking, well-informed decision making leaders along with cohesive teamwork in response to an emergency such as this simulation represented!

I greatly commend Grace Lundy, Ric Wilkerson, Kendall Birdwell, Chad Tillman and all of the Teen CERT trainers for doing an excellent job of training our

young cadets/students here at Columbia High School. I had the opportunity to attend and observe most of their training sessions and experienced/witnessed how professional, knowledgeable, engaging and effective (even humorous at times) these trainers were.

Through this experience, I have come to more greatly appreciate our emergency response forces, their ability to process information very quickly in order to make immediate and timely, life-saving decisions.

I highly recommend and hope to (one day soon) see all high school JROTC programs implement Teen CERT training as part of their curriculum. As a parent, a spouse of a high school teacher and local citizen, I would feel more confident knowing that our Emergency Response System would be supplemented with the additional assistance of well-trained young citizens in the possible event of disaster.

**Erica Hobbs**

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## Tax center yields big return

*Millions in savings for military families*

By **MEGAN COTTON**  
For the Rocket

This year's tax season was a busy time for Redstone's Tax Assistance Center. The volunteer staff filed 3,402 federal and state tax returns, which saved the community \$2,933,541.

"More than \$2 million was saved this year, from a combination of federal returns, state returns, and the value of service people get from using the center,"

said center manager Rachael Yeoman.

The savings were found by comparing how much money someone would have paid at an outside tax center rather than using the center's free services. The fees alone would have amounted to \$367,792.

The center which is completely run by volunteers with the exception of Yeoman and Capt. Alyson Mortier, offers tax help to all current and retired military and their dependents, free of charge.

"This is a great help especially to the younger Soldiers," Yeoman said.

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Gregory Rayford

**Job:** Supply systems analyst, AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center

**Where do you call home?**

Wilmar, Ark. (although has lived in Huntsville since 1977)

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

All the people I work with and interact with on the job. I work in depot programming where we send requirements to the depot and contractors on different systems. I deal with missile systems. Our job is to work with item managers to make sure equipment is repaired and sent back out to the field as quickly as possible in support of Soldiers. We are always busy. But right now, we are getting the new LMP (Logistics Modernization Program) system online. That is going to keep us real busy over the next four or five months.

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

I like traveling and I especially like traveling in my 2001 Corvette. I'm a member of the Untouchable's Corvette Club and we travel to all kinds of dif-



ferent places. In April, we went to the quarterly governor's meeting in Memphis and enjoyed visiting Beale Street. We've also recently been to Charleston, S.C., and to Selma for a Bloody Sunday memorial.

**What are your goals?**

To retire in three or four years. I've been with the Army since 1974 when I was a Soldier working in small arms ammunition. I left active duty in 1980 and have been at Redstone Arsenal ever since. When I retire, I just want to take it easy for a while.

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

Jazz fusion.

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for May 7-13:

**May 7:** A worker reported that his jacket was taken from the back of a chair in the Sparkman Cafeteria. The jacket contained a cell phone and \$60.

**May 7:** Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation reports that someone stole two electric Bug Zappers valued at \$240 from the Posey Recreation Area.

**May 7:** When a driver was stopped on Vincent Drive for failure to dim his lights, he had a suspended license. He received a violation notice.

**May 8:** When a driver approached Gate 3 lost, he was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and had a suspended license. He was arrested and transported to the police station where he was issued a violation notice and detained until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

**May 9:** Shoppette security observed a person leave the store without paying for two bottles of alcohol beverage valued at \$97.55. When confronted by store security, he placed the bottles on the ground and fled. He was located by Redstone Police two days later and charged with the offense.

**May 12:** A worker at the Sparkman

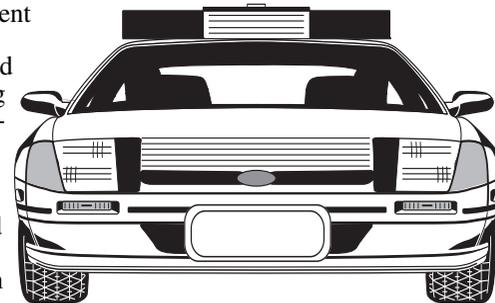
Center reported she was assaulted by another worker at the center. No one was injured.

**May 12:** A driver at the Visitors Center was found to have an arrest warrant issued by the Limestone County Sheriff Department. The subject was released to Limestone County.

**May 12:** At Gate 9, a lost driver was found to have a revoked license. He received a violation notice.

**Traffic accidents reported:** one with injury, seven without injury.

**Violation notices issued:** 36 speeding, 1 driving while intoxicated, 3 driving while suspended or revoked, 2 inattentive driving, 3 disobeyed traffic control device, 1 no driver's license, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 shoplifting, 2 handicap parking.



# Top students merit awards from women's club

**OCWC presents \$8,750 in grants**

By **SOPIA BLEDSOE**  
*For the Rocket*

At a time when many students and their parents anguish over how to pay for college expenses, one organization on Redstone Arsenal is helping to find a way to ease the burden for military families.

Culminating a year of fund-raising, the Officer and Civilian Women's Club distributed \$8,750 in merit awards during a dinner ceremony May 12 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Six students received the awards which ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

This year's recipients include Martina Kaiwi, Lauren Radzimininski and Carson Economy from the University of Alabama; Kaitlyn Brown from Bob Jones High, Christopher Romanczuk from Rice University, and Laura Macedonia from Auburn University.

Merit awards are one-time grants based on academic achievement, community activities, an essay and a letter of recommendation. The Merit Award Program is just one example of how the OCWC honors its mission to promote education and support the educational dreams and aspirations of high school students, college students and spouses of eligible military and Department of Defense civilian family members of the Redstone community.

The program has expanded to support dreams of children, spouses and those serving in the military, according to Audrey Osterndorf, merit awards co-chair.

"There are a lot of organizations that want to do good things," AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles said.



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

**STUDENTS OF MERIT**— Award recipients include, from left, **Martina Kaiwi, Kaitlyn Brown, Christopher Romanczuk, Lauren Radzimininski, Carson Economy and Laura Macedonia.**

"And then there are some who actually do good things."

OCWC puts money to help military children, which makes this even more special, Myles said. "Six young men and women are now going to be able to experience things they wouldn't have had."

Each year the OCWC opens nominations for the merit awards to the Redstone community. Applicants complete

a packet that includes a transcript, list of extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation and a 250-word essay. All identifying information is removed before the packets are given to the judges. Representatives from the education community, military and the community-at-large then review the applications. Each selection area is valued with equal points for fairness. Each of the applications this year scored from 82 to 97.6 percent.

During the second half of the ceremony Alice Myles, honorary president of OCWC, announced the new OCWC officers for 2009-10. They include Karen Stanish as president, Brenda Beale as first vice president, Teresa Lee as second vice president, Piper Worley as secretary, Terry Bradford as treasurer, and Beth Anne Eller as parliamentarian. Eller served as parliamentarian in 2008-09 but was requested to return and serve another year.

Lori Smith, president of OCWC for 2008-09, thanked everyone on the board for their hard work.

"Thank you for making it the best it can be," she said.

OCWC is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army. The club consists of spouses or adult family members over 18 of active duty, retired or deceased officers, female active duty officers, and spouses of civilian personnel who are GS-9 equivalent or higher. If interested in becoming a member, call Pandora Economy at 539-5996 or e-mail pandora334@mac.com.

## 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

### 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.

### Block party

Block Party, an annual event for April's Month of the Military Child, is rescheduled for June 27.



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

## Education luncheon

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli presents fifth-grader Molley Kiel of Monrovia Elementary with a coin for leading the pledge of allegiance at the recent Tennessee Valley Education Appreciation Luncheon. Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation and Child Youth & School Services put on the second annual luncheon to thank the Huntsville city, Madison city and Madison County schools for their support to the Army family.

# Columbia High students train for emergency

Disaster staged for JROTC cadets

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If a disaster hit their high school, most teens wouldn't know what to do until emergency responders arrived on the scene. Thanks to the Teen Community Emergency Response Team training they have completed, the JROTC students at Columbia High are prepared to assist their classmates and teachers until help arrives.

"If a disaster hit their school, roadways could be damaged. It could take awhile for responders to get here," Scott Worsham, Adult CERT program director, said. "If that happens, there will be trained people here at the school already."

Seventy-five JROTC students spent eight weeks training before putting their newly acquired skills to the test in a mock disaster May 8. The exercise had students working the aftermath of a tornado. The auditorium was the set of the drill, complete with failing electricity, debris and smoke. The occasional small fire flared up just outside.

"There is a lot of debris all over the place in the auditorium. The students have set up a command post there," Tom Cash, CERT Association volunteer, said.

Victims of the disaster were provided



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**GETTING READY—** Columbia High School JROTC students stage a mock disaster as part of their Teen Community Emergency Response Training.

by the school's theater department. Victims were assigned an injury and given basic guidelines for their behavior. Their portrayals were disturbing.

"We want this to be as real as possible," Rick Wilson, HEMSI paramedic,

Huntsville, will be stored at the school so that students will have it handy if they need it.

"A disaster can happen at any time with no warning," JROTC student Brit-tany Miller said.

said. "Some had physical injuries and some were mentally shaken."

When the exercise commenced at 9:30 a.m., the scene was chaos. JROTC students searched the scene for victims, triaged injuries and attempted basic first aid for survivors that included an infant, the elderly and a pregnant woman in labor.

The exercise lasted just under an hour. The students had put their training into action. The disaster scene was an eye-opening experience for some.

"Everyone is screaming. There is radio chatter going back and forth," Adam Goode, JROTC cadet, said. "People are running around. It's a crazy environment."

Now that their training is complete, the CERT backpacks, supplies and equipment, provided to the students by volunteer organization HandsOn of Greater

# AAFES branches into all 50 states

DALLAS – Barely a month before it marks its 114th anniversary, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service will make history as the Department of Defense's oldest and largest general retailer sets up shop at Rhode Island National Guard Air Base, Quonset Point.

"Until the Quonset Point Shoppette's grand opening in June, AAFES will continue serving troops in approximately 30 countries and 49 states," AAFES chief of corporate communications Lt. Col. William Thurmond said. "Identifying the one state we didn't have a facility in made for an interesting trivia question, but we're excited about the opportunity to support military families in the North Kingstown area as well as the troops stationed at Quonset Point."

The convenience store at the Rhode Island National Guard Air Base, scheduled to open on May 19, will begin as a modest operation, offering a variety of snacks, cold beverages as well as health and beauty items. Because AAFES has a dual mission to provide quality merchandise and services to authorized exchange shoppers and generate earnings which provide a dividend to support Morale Welfare and Recreation programs, the future growth of the exchange will be directly proportional to customer demand. (AAFES release)

# Army budget considers Soldiers, families, training

By C. TODD LOPEZ  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — For fiscal year 2010, the Army has requested in its base budget \$142 billion for a range of expenditures that include a focus on taking care of Soldiers and their families.

Also significant in the budget request, forwarded by the president to Congress, are items that have been trimmed. Portions of Future Combat Systems have been cut, for instance, as has the Army's ownership of the Joint Cargo Aircraft. And both enlistment and reenlistment bonuses have been reduced.

"One of the main themes is taking care of families and Soldiers," said William H. Campbell, acting director, Army Budget Office.

"That's a theme both the secretary of Defense, the secretary of the Army, and the chief of staff of the Army have emphasized as we built this budget."

Included in those family- and Soldier-friendly budget requests are funding for Soldier programs, wounded warrior programs, increases to child care centers and services, and an increase in family-support activities. Also included are increases in the quality of facilities, Campbell said.

The costs of providing for such things as war fighter and family services; child care and youth programs; morale, welfare and recreation; and voluntary education/tuition assistance are part of a more than \$40 billion operations and maintenance expenditure. Those

O&M funds also include recruiting, training, and maintenance of equipment, facilities and infrastructure.

The budget also includes provisions that will affect the wallets of Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians — a pay increase of 2.9 percent for Soldiers and 2 percent for civilians, said Lt. Gen. Edgar E. Stanton III, military deputy for budget.

This year there's funding in the military personnel budget for 547,400 active-duty Soldiers, 358,200 Army National Guardsmen, and 205,000 Reserve Soldiers. With the increases in Soldier funding, the Army has met its growth goals. More Soldiers in the mix translates to more time at home and more robust training, according to Stanton.

# AAFES to curtail money order program

DALLAS – Army & Air Force Exchange Service facilities will no longer offer money order services after close of business May 31.

"Fortunately, these services are already available on military installations," said AAFES chief of corporate communications Lt. Col. William Thurmond said. "These banks, credit unions and post offices will be able to meet the need for financial services

such as money orders while AAFES focuses on meeting authorized shoppers' retail needs."

Stringent anti-money laundering requirements and DoD financial management regulations that forbid "base organizations" from selling money orders when banking offices are open prompted AAFES' decision to curtail money order services at 107 of its main stores and 136 "specialty" stores. (AAFES release)

# Things to do for Army Emergency Relief

Fund-raisers under way

Army Emergency Relief fund-raisers include the following:

- Great American Adventure Silent Auction, bidding began May 19. Call AMRDEC at 842-8511.

- Hot wing/barbecue, sponsored by IMMC Depot Maintenance, is Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside building 5302. Call 842-6026.

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

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

- Silent auction for theme baskets, ends Thursday in the building 5308 lobby. Call CPAC at 876-4609.



Photo by Dottie White

**BENEFIT SALE—** The Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's White Elephant Sale raised more than \$800 May 7 for Army Emergency Relief. Lt. Col. Robert Phillips browses items before placing a bid on a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Assisting him are command AER coordinators K.C. Bertling, center, and Sarah Trial.

# Custodians honored for life-saving efforts

*Phoenix Service workers cited in two incidents*

Five Phoenix Service employees were honored by the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation and NISH for helping to save two lives and for maintaining a standard of excellence in their work.

Custodians Johnny Battle and Carlotta Howard were recognized by Phoenix Service vice president Tim Stickley for aiding a fellow Phoenix employee in building 5400 who was experiencing a life-threatening medical emergency. Stickley also honored custodian Jimmy Dunn for assisting a Redstone civilian in building 5300 who had suffered a diabetic episode. The quick actions of all three employees helped emergency medical personnel to get to the victims quickly and provide needed care.

Stickley presented Battle, Howard and Dunn with Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation commemorative coins, which feature the Phoenix logo and bird on one side and the corporate values — people, accountability, customers, ethics and safety — on the other.

“We always try to take care of people,” Stickley said about the life-saving actions of the Phoenix employees. “They saved their lives.”

Phoenix custodians James Huffstutler and Phillip Wright also were honored for their on-the-job achievements. Both men received awards from NISH, the national non-profit agency that supports Phoenix and other community rehabilitation programs around the country.

Micky Gazaway, NISH’s executive director for the South Region, made the presentations to Huffstutler and Wright.

“The quality of the employees is a reflection of the quality of the whole organization,” Gazaway said about Phoenix and its workers.

Huffstutler received NISH’s Janitor of the Year award. Wright was named the Usdane Award Regional Winner. The Usdan Award is named for William M. Usdane, an advocate for people with disabilities and one of NISH’s founders.

Both men also received commemorative coins from the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation. (*Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation release*)



Courtesy photo

## *Helpful nurses*

Members of Fox Army Health Center help with a Habitat for Humanity project May 9 on Melrose Street in conjunction with National Nurses Week. The theme for this year’s nurses week celebration is “Nurses: Building a Healthy America.” From left are Lt. Col. Irma Jackson, case manager at Community Based Warrior Transition Unit; Capt. Johanna Ramsey, case manager at CBWTU; Lt. Col. Iluminada Chinneth, deputy commander for nursing at Fox; Maj. Margaret Trimble, case manager at CBWTU; and Karen Kelly of Fox.

# Redstone destroying leftover chemical agents

Community leaders  
tour disposal site

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Community leaders and emergency services administrators were invited to Redstone on May 13 to see how the Army is disposing of Chemical Agent Identification Sets thought to contain small amounts of diluted liquid mustard chemical agent.

Two steel containers holding 25-32 glass bottles, designed to hold 4 ounces of liquid, were discovered on post in 1994 and 1995. Through X-rays, technicians have determined that some of the bottles inside still contain liquid, while others do not. The bottles date back to the early days of the Arsenal. During World War II, Soldiers used Chemical Agent Identification Sets, comprised of these small bottles, to learn about chemical identification and decontamination. After the war, the Army disposed of these in the accepted manner of the time.

“The old way of doing disposal until the 1970s was to bury it,” Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli said. “That’s not the way we do things anymore... Now we have the technology to dispose of them.”

When the containers were found on Redstone years later, they were stored in a

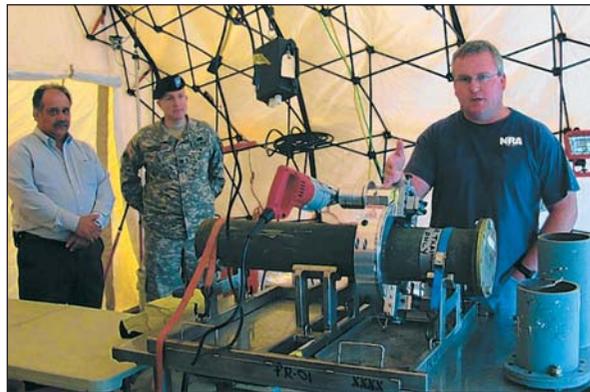


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**DISPOSAL BRIEFING— Unexploded Ordnance technician James Siegfried explains how the CAIS will be removed from the steel containers they were originally stored in before neutralization. Looking on are Gary Hlavsa, non-stockpile chemical materiel program, and Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.**

sealed container within a secure bunker until this time. The Single CAIS Access and Neutralization System was designed specifically to safely neutralize and destroy CAIS stores just a few years ago. The system uses neutralizing chemicals to render chemical agents harmless inside a sealed container. When all bottles have been neutralized, the SCAN system contains the waste until the entire thing is destroyed. The bottle’s contents are never exposed to the air and the system is destroyed along with the refuse to minimize the potential for contamination.

“This is a system that we have designed, tested, fabricated and put into service for this,” Gary Hlavsa, non-stockpile chemical materiel program, said. “The whole purpose of this device is to destroy these CAIS. Once the SCAN unit is sealed, it is never opened again.”

Empty bottles will be tested for chemical agents, neutralized and packaged for transport. All hazardous material handling precautions are taken and intensely monitored. The Chemical Materials Agency’s Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project, from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., has been conducting operations on installations in order of priority since

the implementation of SCANS. Three other installations have undergone disposal efforts to date. Now, it’s Redstone’s turn.

In keeping with the close relationship the Arsenal has with the outside community, local mayors, administrators and emergency service heads were given a tour of the facilities and equipment technicians are using for the project. They were shown everything from sample bottles, monitoring equipment and containers to the SCAN system itself. Any questions or

concerns they had were addressed openly.

“We want you to see what we’re doing and how we’re doing it,” Terry Delapaz, chief of the Garrison’s Installation Restoration Branch, told the group. “We want you to see the precautions we are taking.”

Disposal of Redstone’s items began Sunday and will continue for approximately 10 days. After the project completes, the neutralized materials, including the SCANS equipment used, will be transported to an incineration site in Texas for ultimate disposal.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**DEMONSTRATION— Gary Hlavsa, non-stockpile chemical materiel program, demonstrates how the Chemical Agent Identification Sets found on Redstone will be destroyed.**

# Intern changes suit, continues mission

*Former Soldier wants to keep helping others*

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Vera Ousley has always enjoyed helping people. After 20 years helping Soldiers as a servicemember, she is continuing the job as a civilian in the Garrison Intern Program.

“I’ve always liked working with and helping people,” Ousley said. “My interest has always been in that.”

Originally from Troy, Ousley spent her active-duty time working primarily in human resources and as an administrative assistant. She spent three years stationed at Redstone.

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“I was a human resource assistant here. I worked as a reenlistment NCO and then as an admin assistant over at the NCO Academy,” Ousley said. “Like a lot of Soldiers, I fell in love with the area.”



**Vera Ousley**

After retiring from her last duty station at Fort Rucker, she began looking for a civilian job back at Redstone. She ended up taking a human resource assistant position in the Military Personnel Office, where she has been for two and a half years now. She has loved the work. She decided to apply for the intern program at the Garrison because of the advancement opportunities.

“It’s a big organization,” she said. “In order to advance I really needed that.”

Ousley is still at MILPO for the time being. Once her replacement is in place and up to speed, she will begin her first rotation with the Garrison.

“I entered the program on 15 Feb.,” she said. “I’m waiting for my position to be filled and then train that person. Then I will begin my first rotation.”

She holds a double bachelor’s degree from Troy University in social rehabilitation and corrections. Her master’s degree in organizational management comes from the University of Phoenix.

Her free time is quiet time. She likes to spend it with a good book and a cup of tea. Her love of reading translates into a love of learning.

“I’m quiet by nature, real low-key,” Ousley said. “With the intern program, we’re doing a lot of classes. I like to read and learn new things.”

She hopes that her time in the intern program will help her find new ways to support Soldiers, and a chance to use some of the skills she has already acquired. Although she no longer wears the green suit, she still feels the people inside them are special.

“I get a great joy out of helping Soldiers. To me they are truly special people,” Ousley said. “What they do can’t be compared to anyone other than other servicemembers.”



Photo by Deborah Erhart

## *Appreciation day*

**Nguyet Borja and Kathy Campbell make the first cut in honor of Military Spouse Appreciation Day in a ceremony that was simultaneously celebrated May 8 via video teleconferencing with Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command spouses in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands. Borja is the spouse of SMDC/ARSTRAT Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja. Campbell is the spouse of commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell.**

# Holocaust survivor tells story of apathy, death

*Jewish immigrant recounts escape from Hitler's grasp*

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Even at 89 years old, Charles Stein has not forgotten how it feels to have the door of opportunity and future possibilities shut slowly before his own eyes.

He will never forget how he narrowly escaped death at the hands of the Nazis while waiting for immigration papers. He will never forget that his parents' denial of danger – the shutting of their eyes toward the hatred and injustice around them — led to their own death. He will never forget the price the world paid when the evil Hitler regime ran rampant in Europe.

And Charles Stein wants to make sure the rest of the world remembers along with him.

Sharing his memories of a stateless passport, the haunting words “Kill that Jew!”, society’s apathetic response to Hitler’s policies and his desperation to escape, Stein recounted his experience as a survivor of the days leading up to the Holocaust during Team Redstone’s Days of Remembrance Commemoration Program on May 8 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Stein, who eventually escaped to the U.S. and served as both a World War II and Korean War Soldier and a civilian intelligence expert with the Department of Defense and the State Foreign Service, had his first experience with anti-Semitism in 1938 as a medical student at the University of Vienna, Austria.

“In 1937, I entered medical school and was ready to become the greatest healer in the world,” he recalled of his young ambition. “On March 11, 1938, I went to school that morning and in the top row (of the classroom) I saw storm troopers in Nazi uniforms. Some had guns in their belts. My mind went ‘What is going on?’

“At 4 p.m., I was walking home and I heard a lot of noise behind me. I saw guys in Nazi uniforms chasing one student and yelling terrible things like “Kill that Jew!” and other things so horrible. I found an open door and went in a basement and hid there until I thought it was safe. I went home and told my parents.”

The next morning, Stein and his parents learned that Hitler had marched into Austria.

“His troops were cheered by everybody. There was no resistance and he was going to march on Vienna ... We had no idea what was happening. We had heard things about Germany. But this is before the particularly bad stuff,” Stein said.

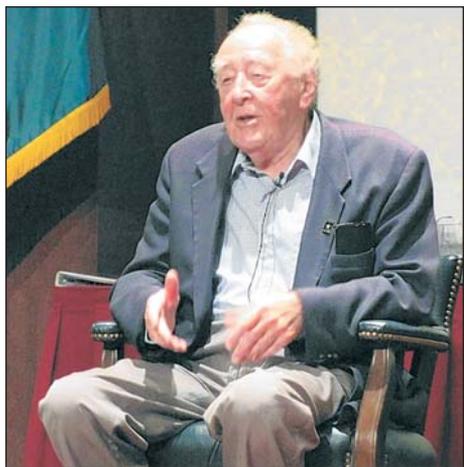


Photo by Kari Hawkins

**FIGHTING APATHY—** Charles Stein, who escaped Austria in the days leading up to the Holocaust, urges his audience to stand up for injustice and fight against apathy so that the rights of all people are protected. Stein spoke about his experience at Team Redstone’s Days of Remembrance Commemoration Program on May 8.

Curious, Stein attended a parade welcoming Hitler and his Nazi army.

“All of Vienna and half of Austria were there. Everybody was there with their hands up and cheering,” he said. “At that moment, I knew it was the end. We had to leave. I went back to our apartment and walked in and told my parents ‘It’s time to pack.’ A few days later it began.”

Stein recalled a neighborhood shoe store owned by a Jewish couple where Nazis confiscated all the shoes under the pretense that they were needed by the government.

“The family was devastated. They’d lost everything they’d worked for,” he said. “A few days later, the store owner was arrested. He was probably taken to Dachau. The clean out of Vienna had started. Employees took businesses from Jewish owners.”

Stein had a stateless passport, meaning he could not claim any European country as his home state, and he and his friends started visiting embassies.

“We’d say ‘We’d like to come to your country.’ They laughed at us and sent us on our way,” he recalled.

When the Germans came to Austria, Jewish people were no longer permitted to study at the university, dashing Stein’s dreams to be a doctor. Nazi soldiers harassed, threatened and arrested Jewish

## Missile defense division moving from Arlington

The Boeing Company will relocate the headquarters for its Missile Defense Systems division from Arlington, Va., to the company's facilities in Huntsville, starting immediately.

The move will ensure MDS remains aligned with its government customers, while adding to Boeing's presence in the Huntsville community.

Initially, Boeing will shift division management and support functions, such as Human Resources and Finance, to Huntsville, and will evaluate moving other employees currently working on MDS programs in Arlington. From 40 to 50 positions may be transferred by the end of this year.

"Huntsville is a leader in the aerospace industry, and Boeing is proud of its 47-year partnership with this community, which now includes work on defense, space and commercial programs," said Greg Hyslop, vice president and general manager for Boeing Missile Defense Systems. "Our customers have been locating more of their personnel and operations in this community, so now is the right time for us to center our missile defense business here as well. We want to remain close to our customers and the vital national-security programs Boeing employees support."

In addition, "Boeing already has 3,200 highly skilled employees and numerous program partners in Alabama," he said. "Bringing our missile defense headquarters to Boeing's Huntsville site demonstrates the importance of those operations to Boeing, both now and in the future." (*Boeing release*)

The Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation has been named a finalist in the 10th annual Alabama Manufacturer of the Year Celebration by the Alabama Technology Network and the Business Council of Alabama. Finalists are recognized by the ATN and BCA as the state's best manufacturers in one of three categories based on employee size and revenues.

HRF, which does business as Phoenix, was founded as a non-profit organization in 1973. Its mission is to help individuals improve the quality of their lives through its own manufacturing operation and job placement services. Most HRF/Phoenix employees are disabled, as are most of the clients it places with other businesses or organizations.

At least 15 percent of the burial flags the government gives to military families are made at HRF/Phoenix's 50,000 square foot manufacturing facility, as are parachute harnesses for the Army, carrying straps and equipment bags for the TOW missile, and high-quality embroidered products for businesses, churches and other organizations.

The Alabama Technology Network provides training and technical assistance to manufacturers in Alabama. The Business Council of Alabama represents approximately 5,000 businesses in the state. Winners will be announced at the annual Awards Celebration at the Alabama Activity Center in Montgomery. (*Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation release*)

## Stein was the lone Holocaust survivor in his family

### Survivor

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people. One popular practice in Vienna was to force Jewish people to clean sidewalks with a toothbrush. While they cleaned, they were kicked and screamed at. Stein relied on his student identification book to help him escape much of the abuse.

But it wasn't long before anti-Semitism caught up with him.

"Two former classmates of mine who I had gone to school with in the same classroom every day for eight years were in Nazi uniforms looking for me. They were members of the Hitler youth," Stein said. "They went to my house looking for me. I wasn't there. Later, when I was told about it, I made a decision right then. I'm not going to come home anymore.

"I had quite a few Christian friends who were not Nazis at the time and their parents would allow me to stay at their homes at night."

In August 1938, just a few months after Hitler's occupation of Austria, Stein got the chance to escape to Luxembourg.

"I went to tell my parents. My parents didn't have a passport. They decided it wasn't going to be that bad. They sent me away with my violin and a bag of clothes," he said.

"It was a tearful goodbye. Just as I stepped on the train, I heard my mother say 'We will never see our son again.' Those words are with me every day of my life, including today."

While in Luxembourg, Stein was assisted by ESRA, a Jewish organization. He eventually made contact with a distant cousin in the U.S., and received an affidavit of support that he took to the U.S. embassy in Belgium. After several delays and a month after the war in Europe had started, Stein was invited to get his U.S. visa. He arrived in New York on Dec. 18, 1939.

"I was the only one of my whole family that had gotten out," he said.

With no money or influence, Stein could not pursue his dream to be a doctor. Instead, he worked odd jobs until he was drafted into the Army in 1941.

"I declared my intention to become a U.S. citizen – my 'first papers' – and I had to sign up for the draft," he said. "On Sept. 15th, I received two letters. The first one was from the Society of Friends – Quakers – that said they had a scholarship for me at the University of South Carolina. The second letter was from the draft board."

In June 1943, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in field artillery, and soon was transferred to military intelligence, where his fluent English and German made him an asset on the European front. He served from Normandy to the Czech border, interpreting for and interrogating prisoners on the front line.

After the war, Stein decided to search for his parents. "I discovered they had been deported to the Lodz ghetto in 1941. They did not appear on any survivor's lists ... It wasn't until 1995 when I found out what happened to them. My parents were one of the first ones. The Germans found the solution for their problem in January 1942. Killings started in February," he said.

"My parents were taken out of the Lodz ghetto and

gassed at Chelmno along with several hundred others. Thousands were buried in a mass grave. My parents and some of our family are there. In 1945, at the end of the war, I was alone. My whole family was gone."

Eventually, Stein married.

"I now have three sons and seven grandchildren, and they all live around me," he said.

Quoting the poem "First they came ..." by Pastor Martin Niemoller, Stein urged his audience to speak up for injustice so that the rights of all people are protected.

"I want to tell you how amazing your story was and how much you touched us today," Col. Jeffrey Young, AMCOM chief of staff, said after Stein finished his story.

"It really was a testament to your spirit. It's good to know your children and grandchildren will continue your spirit – the indomitable human spirit."

Stories like Stein's recollections and ceremonies such as the Days of Remembrance Commemoration Program help all Americans to remember to "not have an apathetic attitude about what is happening around them," Young said.

During the program, candles of remembrance were lit and an invocation was given by Rabbi Bernard Honan of Temple B'Nai Shalom.

Also, winners of Team Redstone's essay and display contests were recognized. Essay winners were: first place, Kim Torres of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; second, K.C. Bertling of Space and Missile Defense Command; and third, Martin J. Roggio of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment. Display winners were: first place, 2nd Recruiting Brigade; second, PEO for Missiles and Space; and third, Missile and Space Intelligence Center.

# Tobyhanna mechanics repair military tactical vehicles

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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Tobyhanna mechanics are repairing 12 off-road, multi-purpose military tactical vehicles for use by Soldiers in the field.

The Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense logistics directorate is funding the repairs, which are scheduled for completion in August. The M1088A1 vehicles will be repaired to 10/20 standards, the Army Maintenance Standard, which ensures Army equipment is able to perform its wartime mission. All filters, fluids and oils will be replaced to include engine and transmission before a road test.

The THAAD program is managed by the Missile Defense Agency in Washington, D.C., and executed by the THAAD Project Office in Huntsville.

“Two of the vehicles have been delivered and the depot has started on the next two,” said Paul Boylan, general equipment mechanic, Industrial Services Division, System Integration and Support Directorate. “Despite being left to the elements, for a few years, they’re (the M1088A1s) in pretty good shape.”

Boylan explained that the mechanics



Photo by Tony Medici

**BUILT TOUGH— M1088A1 military tactical vehicles are rapidly deployable worldwide and operate on primary and secondary roads, trails, and cross-country terrain, in all climatic conditions.**

are using diagnostic equipment to test what’s wrong with the vehicles. The vehicles are considered rugged; however, the batteries and seals will probably need to be replaced on each vehicle.

“When we first started the project, I

changed out one of the batteries then took the tractor for a test drive,” Boylan said. “Before I knew it, all the seals were leaking.”

He remarked that the vehicle has a large number of air lines, belts and hoses.

“These tractors are the most sophisticated vehicles of their kind in use today,” said Michael Fisher, division chief. “Fortunately, Paul came to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience with these vehicles. The on-board diagnostic system provides for relatively simple field-level fault isolation, but at the depot, we used specialized test equipment to troubleshoot and repair the vehicles’ electronics systems.”

Last year THAAD officials toured Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna to identify the vehicles for inspection and road test. The tractors are TACOM Life Cycle Management Command assets being stored at DDTP. TACOM is formally known as Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command, headquartered in Warren, Mich., and is part of Army Materiel Command.

Tobyhanna was chosen to perform the repairs because the vehicles were already here and depot mechanics were capable of meeting the needs of the customer.

The M1088A1 fulfills the Army’s medium tactical-vehicle requirements for unit mobility and resupply, and transportation equipment and personnel. It entered Army service in 1996.

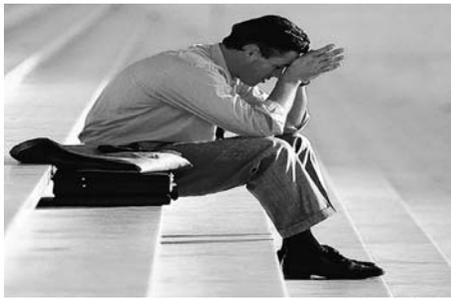
# Depression more common than you might think

*Symptoms go unrecognized, but treatable by medication*

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Most of us will feel a little gloomy at times and we retreat and do quiet things like reading or playing games on the computer. After a few hours we are ready to get up and begin the work and play of the day. Depression is a gloominess that doesn't go away and is accompanied by a loss of interest and pleasure in most activities. Sleep stops being restful with much difficulty falling and staying asleep. A fatigue sets in that is different from what is felt after a hard day's work. It is a heaviness, a sense of oppression that makes all activity, including sexual activity, difficult and joyless. Concentration is decreased and it becomes easier to forget things. The thoughts become negative and guilt ridden.

People will often lie awake at night thinking about all the things they have not done or should have done and feel overwhelmed. Self-worth plummets and you become hypersensitive to criticism, defensive and angry. A sense of hopelessness and helplessness about the future takes over and thoughts of death and suicide begin.



All this takes place very slowly so that the person who is depressed is usually not aware that a change has taken place until someone, usually a family member, points it out to them.

Depression looks different with gender and age. Children don't say they are sad or anxious but often say they are "bored" or have "tummy aches" and don't want to go to school. Adolescents become very self-conscious, grades drop and they often begin to drink alcohol or use drugs to feel more comfortable around their peers. Men become irritable and often turn to alcohol. Women, who have the easiest time recognizing the feelings as sadness, notice they cry frequently, have trouble with their appetite and feel inadequate in all tasks.

These symptoms are still not recognized by society or those afflicted with depression as an illness. They are perceived as a "weakness" or a lack of character strength. In fact the opposite is true.

History has shown that many of our strongest leaders, like Abraham Lincoln or Winston Churchill, suffered from depression. They too felt this was a character flaw and did not recognize it as an illness.

So what is depression? Studies have shown that depression is a disorder of the neurotransmitters or chemical in our brains. The exact mechanism is still not known but we know that brain autopsies of suicides show a marked decrease in the levels of neurotransmitters and that medications that treat depression work by increasing the concentrations of these neurotransmitters. The prevalent rate of depression is 5 percent.

The World Health Organization ranked depression as the fourth most common medical condition with the greatest disease burden worldwide, as measured by years of life lost to premature death and years lived with a disability and predicted it would be the second most common medical condition by the year 2020. Depression significantly influences the course of medical diseases, is the most common psychiatric condition associated with PTSD and is the most important risk factor for suicide.

Fortunately, depression is reversible with treatment. No two persons are alike and the sorrow that comes with depression will vary with genetics, life experiences and physical health. Treatment needs to be

tailored to each unique presentation. This takes time but it works. The most important part is the recognition that the inability to feel joy is not a part of life. It is an insidious illness that can change the course of a life — or worse, end a life if not treated.

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## Online help available for prescription drug costs

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that can help with Medicare prescription drug costs. You can find it at [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp). To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit the website [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

# Logistics Modernization Program arrives on-site

*Command center opens for new software system*

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The Aviation and Missile Command ushered in a new era of customer service on May 11 with a ribbon-cutting opening the Logistics Modernization Program Site Command Center in building 5304.

LMP is an enterprise resource planning software solution used to address all business practices associated with moving goods from industry to the Soldier. LMP replaces two software systems – the Commodity Command Standard System and the Standard Depot System – in addition to smaller software systems used at AMCOM, Corpus Christi Army Depot and Letterkenny Army Depot.

The new software system supports sourcing and acquisition, production scheduling, order processing, inventory management, transportation and warehousing in support of AMCOM's life cycle management mission. AMCOM is the second of the Army Materiel Command's major subordinate commands to implement LMP.

"This is the largest thing that's ever occurred in AMCOM history in terms of automation," AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles said at the ribbon-cutting.

"Things are changing and history is being made in this command more than ever before. We are changing the way we fundamentally do business."

Myles thanked the employees of the Integration Materiel Management Center, which manages the LMP SSC. Now that the LMP SSC is operating, employees must work to ensure that the customer does indeed benefit from the new system, he said.

Ronnie Chronister, deputy to the commander, told employees he is proud of the work they've done to reach what was considered an impossible goal.

"I don't think anybody really expected us to be where we are today with LMP," he said. "Six to eight months ago I didn't think we'd be this far along. You've made this change happen because you understand how important this is to the Soldier and the war fight. You embraced this change because at the end of the day you know how it would affect Soldiers."

On behalf of the employees, Cathy Dickens, director of the LMP Integration Office, thanked Myles, Chronister, IMMC executive director Eric Edwards and other senior leaders for their support during the transition to LMP. She also gave IMMC employees a big "thank you."

"My confidence level is high because of these individuals and how they've embraced change," she said of the employees.

Following the ribbon-cutting, senior executives toured the LMP SSC.

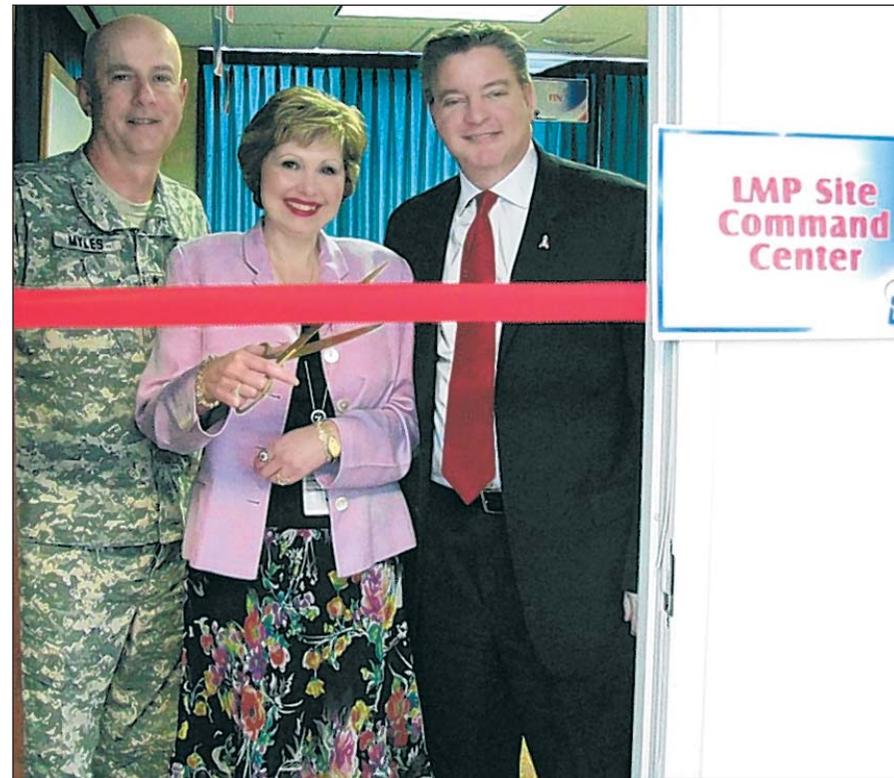


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**DEDICATING CHANGE—** Cathy Dickens, director of the LMP Integration Office, cuts the ribbon to open the Logistics Modernization Program Site Command Center. With her are AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and deputy commander Ronnie Chronister.

# Hail and farewell

## Army's 'good fit' led to 30-year career

*Soldier grateful after retiring as AMCOM chief of staff*

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For 30 years, the Army was a “good fit” for Col. Tom Newman. And that fit has left a lasting mark on a man who had “no clue” that serving in the Army would encompass more than a way to pay for college and jump start a career.

“When I got out of college, I knew I owed the Army four years,” he recalled. “I thought I would use those four years to learn about different career options and what I would have to do in those different careers and then I would complete my service.

“But in the Army I was welcomed in by different folks. They took me under their wing and kicked me in the rear. I was a young kid coming out of college with a good attitude and a good work ethic and not much else, and they gave me mentors and fine tuned what I had. The Army just fit me. It quickly became something bigger than myself.”

So, when it came time to complete his obligation and walk away from the “green suiters,” Newman instead took another assignment.

“I never looked back,” he said.

These days, Newman is doing a bit of reminiscing. He recently retired from his job as chief of staff to AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles. His retirement ceremony May 8 culminated a career that included several command positions as a Quartermaster officer (logistics); service in Korea, Japan, Germany and the Sinai Desert; assignments at Fort Stewart, Ga., Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Bragg, N.C.; deployments to Operation Desert Shield/Storm; service in Turkey during the early stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom and three years as deputy chief of staff at the Army Materiel Command headquarters before his assignment at Redstone Arsenal.

“I have really liked all my assignments because they’ve all been different and challenging,” he said. “If I had a favorite, I would have to pick Okinawa for personal reasons because of the uniqueness of the environment and my duties. I had a great boss and a great fam-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**GOING OUT—** Col. Tom Newman is getting used to the “fit” of civilian life after serving 30 years in the Army. Now retired, Newman is grateful for the Army experience, and how it has shaped his career and his character.

ily situation in a good place. My oldest son was just going into kindergarten and my youngest son was a 1-year-old. We had ample time to take in the beach and sightseeing. Things did get harder as the kids got older.”

Although the assignments were always challenging and rewarding, it was the moves that took their toll on Newman’s family. During one particular time, when his three sons were teenagers, the family moved three times in three years.

“That’s just the way the Army assignment process works,” he said. “It involves sacrifice. It’s a high price to pay. I chose to pay it.”

Three years ago, as Newman was coming up on his mandatory retirement date, he purposely took an assignment that brought him to Redstone Arsenal.

“I knew this assignment would be a good way to finish my career. It’s a good location and it is an interesting duty assignment,” he said. “Different assignments and different opportunities come along at different times. I thought this was a good fit for me because of my experience. This is a very busy place with a lot of important activities going on and things that affect the long-term future of the

Army. I thought I would be able to use my experience to help set priorities.”

Newman has particularly enjoyed the challenge of his chief of staff role at AMCOM.

“There is a very unique set of missions here in support of the aviation and missile fleets of the Army,” he said. “It’s unique in the integration of program management and the acquisition side along with the sustainment side. There’s a strong link with the industrial base here. It’s all been new for me and a unique learning experience.”

Newman admires many of the civilian employees he’s worked with while at Redstone, and referred to them as “a jewel in this nation’s crown,” at his retirement ceremony. Civilian employees have been instrumental in his success as chief of staff under two different commanders – Lt. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and Maj. Gen. Jim Myles.

“I’ve had a couple of great bosses,” he said of his time at the Arsenal.

“There is a wide variety of situations you deal with as chief of staff that makes the job very interesting. But I’ve really found it enjoyable to work with such smart, educated people who repre-



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

**RECEPTION—** Col. Tom Newman and his wife, Yong Sun, talk with a Soldier who was in line to congratulate Newman and his family after Newman’s retirement ceremony May 8 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

sent many different organizations here and throughout the community. At Redstone Arsenal, you have to be able to deal with a wide spectrum of challenges from strategic to minor tactical. I’ve done my best to help balance things and set priorities so the boss can be the most effective he can be.”

Newman learned early in his career that a Soldier is only as good as their participation on the team.

“A Soldier has got to have a willingness to be part of the team,” he said. “You can’t have a ‘me first’ attitude. You have to be willing to help others and when the challenge gets too tough you have to be willing to accept help from others.

“A good Soldier has a sense of participation and a sense of obligation to assist this country and contribute to it ... It’s not just a job where you draw a paycheck and quit when you want to.”

Although young Soldiers are serving in a time that it is particularly dangerous, they are also serving in a time when Soldiers and families are benefiting from an Army system that provides the best training and equipment, and has learned what it takes to put families first.

“The Army doesn’t send a Soldier on a mission unless they are ready and part of a winning team,” Newman said. “Soldiers are very well-trained. But they are also under a lot of stress because of the pace of operations and the number of deployments. The jury is still out on how that will affect the Army in the long haul.

“The reality for a lot of younger Soldiers is they come back from a deployment, spend a year or a year-and-a-half training and then have to deploy again. The open question is: How long can they continue at that pace? These young Soldiers who are carrying the load are an inspiration to me and that’s why I’ve always tried to give my best to support them.”

One of those inspiring Soldiers is Newman’s oldest son, Capt. Tony Newman, who is stationed at Fort Bragg. He and his wife are expecting their first child in September, just a few months before Tony Newman is scheduled to deploy for the second time.

Newman hopes his son’s wife and child will benefit from the extensive family-oriented programs the Army now has in place for families living through deployments.

“When I first deployed in 1982 to the Sinai Desert, the Army had no mechanism to support families. There was no family readiness. Families were pretty much on their own,” he recalled.

Since his first deployment, Newman’s wife, Yong Sun, has been instrumental in helping the Army develop family support programs.

“Over the years, the Army has really done well with taking care of Soldier families. And that helps with readiness,” he said.

In comments made at Newman’s retirement ceremony May 8, Myles described the colonel as “a great leader of our formation.”

# Aircraft landed for open house event

*Test center puts best on display for visitors interested in aviation*

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Helicopters and fixed wing aircraft were the hot commodities at the Aviation Technical Test Center's second annual open house May 14.

The event was open to anyone who can gain access to Redstone Arsenal and who has an interest in the growing footprint of Army aviation on the Arsenal. Both Department of Defense and NASA employees attended the event.

Visitors to the open house were given plenty of opportunities to experience about a dozen aircraft up close. They were allowed to sit in the cockpits, climb in the cargo hulls and touch all areas of the aircraft. Pilots and flight crews were on hand to answer questions.

Among the favorites were the Chinook, Apache Long Bow and Kiowa Warrior helicopters. One Chinook on display was equipped with the innovative icing system that ATTC uses in developmental testing flights to analyze the effects ice have on aircraft. The Arsenal fire department was also on hand with a fire truck especially equipped to handle airfield emergencies.

The open house included a presentation that provided an overview of the growth of the Aviation Technical Test Center at Redstone Arsenal, its mission and capabilities, and its customers. ATTC is relocating from Fort Rucker to Redstone Arsenal, with completion of the move set for 2011.



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**COCKPIT WONDERS**— Gary Dean, an ATTC pilot with the AH-64D Apache Long Bow helicopter, explains the controls of the Apache to Ryan Gregory, foreground, and Kyle Centers, background. Centers works for the Aviation Engineering Directorate.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**GROUND VIEW**— About a dozen helicopters and fixed wing aircraft sit on the tarmac in preparation for a close-up inspection by visitors during the Aviation Technical Test Center's open house May 14. The Apache Long Bow was a favorite among the visitors.



Photo by Kari Hawkins  
**HELICOPTER PLAYGROUND**— While the adults enjoy learning about the special features of the Chinook helicopter, 2-year-old Raquel Ortiz, sitting, and 20-month-old Hayden Callaway strike up a playful friendship along the bench seats where Soldiers often sit when transported to and from their destination. Raquel attended the ATTC open house with her father, ATTC contractor Harold Ortiz. Hayden attended with her grandparents, Ruth Maki, who is retired from the former Air-to-Ground Missile Systems Project Office, and Sam Maki. Her mom is Ruth Callaway, who works in the Foreign Disclosure Office.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**FIRST FLIGHT**— Priscilla Guerrero holds her son, 11-month-old Christian, in the cockpit of a helicopter on display at the ATTC open house. Armando Guerrero, a contractor for Air Traffic Command, brought his young family to the open house.



Courtesy photo

## Reserve team

Defense Contract Management Agency-Huntsville Reserve Team members include, from left, Maj. Jerry Davis, Lt. Col. Renee Lardent, Lt. Col. Allyn Allison, Lt. Col. E.C. Ryder, Maj. Mark Watkins, Maj. Jon Caton, Lt. Col. Ken Merwin and Lt. Col. Richard Roberts. The team held its two-week annual training April 13-24. Reservists supporting DCMA are under the command of the Army Reserve Sustainment Command Troop Program Unit located in Birmingham. The DCMA Reserve team is looking for acquisition qualified officers to join its ranks in Huntsville. If interested call Allison at 895-1121.



Courtesy photo

## Graduating class

The Intern Logistics Studies Program of the Army Logistics Management College from Fort Lee, Va., recognized its first graduating class (09-701) from Redstone Arsenal on May 1. From left, diplomas were presented to: First row, Glorianie Rolon, Lindsey Cowley, Tammy Haynes and Natalie Roberts. Second row, Mark Burchfield, Orlando Vigo-Soto, Javier Manzano-Colon, Cindy Ponder, Ellen Shanklin, Satin Mayes, Dimecia Blake and Cory Edmonson. Third row, Jose Figueroa, Roy Miller, Robert Padua, Michelle Adames-Tirado, Jeremiah Wesson, Ashlyn Isom, Antonio Davis and Eric Jernigan. Back row, John Pounders, Ray Mendez and Greg Lee.



Photo by Marc Jacobson

## Breakfast with boss

Steve Taylor, executive vice president for the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, laughs with Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, program executive officer for aviation, as Crosby signs the speaker roster. Crosby spoke to AUSA members May 13 at the Officers and Civilians Club about the current status and activities within PEO Aviation. Breakfast with the Boss is a biannual event where leaders from Redstone Arsenal and AUSA members have an opportunity to provide updates on the status of their programs.

# Intelligence and Security Office honors first intern

They called it “Dominique Davis Day.” Members of the Intelligence and Security Office of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center honored Dominique Davis, a 2009 graduate of Alabama A&M University and the first intern in the I&S Office.

She was commended for her work in preparation for the recent Headquarters, Department of the Army Inspector General Inspection to ensure that the security clearance information was accurately entered into the Joint Personnel Adjudication System. She also assisted senior specialists with visit authorization requests. Her attention to detail and ability to coordinate these actions in a timely manner helped to make this effort a success and resulted in the AMRDEC having no findings during the inspection.

“She’s grown up in this organization to be a very bright and intelligent and hard working person with great attitude,” said Patti Martin, acting director for system engineering and support, AMRDEC. “I think Dominique has proved she’s of great value because she’s looking at doing the best she can with the best attitude and that’s called mission excellence.” (AMRDEC release)



Photo by Merv Brokke

**OFFICIAL PARTY—** From left are Sharon Boclair, chief of I&S Office; Patti Martin, acting director for system engineering and support; honoree Dominique Davis; Lillie Coppin, Davis’s grandmother; Davis’s sisters Lillian, a student trainee in the Weapons Development and Integration Directorate, and LaShonda; and Eddie Campbell.

## AMCOM office claims excellence award

### Small group provides Redstone big service

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**  
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The Claims Division of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Aviation and Missile Command has a lot to be happy about. In addition to the renovations that changed the look of the place in September, they’ll soon have a new treasure to hang on the freshly painted walls. They have been awarded the Judge Advocate General’s Excellence in Claims Award for fiscal year 2008.

Of the 51 claims offices that applied for consideration, only 30 offices will actually receive it this year. The judging is done by committee which scrutinized each applicant on several criteria, including how the office has performed as a whole for the fiscal year.

“There are a lot of standards to meet,” Erika McPherson, Claims Division chief, said. “They also monitor the claims you process, your staff training level and other factors.”

The last time Redstone’s claims office brought home this award was in 2004. It was something they were determined to earn again.

“Last year we made the final pool, but not the award list,” McPherson said. “This year we were confident that we had met the standards, but you still never know if you’ll get the award.”

With new changes in policy and procedure on top of the normal workload, it wasn’t easy.

“With the new programs it was hard,” Wyketa Watkins, carrier recovery claims

adjudicator, said. “We needed to make sure that servicemembers had the information and service they needed. We’re a very tight-knit group here, so we did this as a team.”

They received word that they were named among the offices that had gone beyond meeting regulations to provide exceptional claims service just four weeks ago. They are looking forward to the arrival of the actual award this summer so they can display it proudly.

“The staff here is wonderful and they deserve this award,” McPherson said. “There is over 50 years of combined claims experience here. Every one of them is excellent and that makes for an excellent office.”



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**WINNING TEAM—** Members of the Claims Division include, from left, Erika McPherson, Suzanne Sammons, Maj. Kathleen Kelly and James Friday. Wyketa Watkins is not pictured.

## AMCOM commander teaches sixth-graders

By MEGAN COTTON  
For the Rocket

Some local schoolchildren got more than a visit from an Army general officer. They also received a lesson in following their dreams.

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles spoke to a sixth-grade class at Providence School for their Career Day. The day was put on by Army Materiel Command Forward, Equal Employment Office, as a part of their Adopt-A-School program. This program was established to motivate the children to think about their careers and futures.

The children first gave presentations about different careers and what education and skills they would need to get those jobs. Then Myles spoke to the class and asked them to follow his two lifelong lessons: to understand the importance of education and never let fear stop them from achieving their dreams.

He told them education should always be their number one priority in life and that it is the path they need to take in order to turn their dreams into visions.

"With a good education you can make the most of all your opportunities," Myles said. "Education is about doing and being all you can be."

Myles then spoke about the need to never let fear get in their way. He explained about how during his first time flying a helicopter he was able to get it to fly in every direction but the way he wanted. His flight instructor, however, allowed him to fail. He let Myles keep trying and keep working at it because it was the only way that he would ever learn.

From his story the children learned that they needed to never be afraid to take that next step in life and even if they fail they will have opened themselves for new lessons, opportunities and progress.

"As long as you are happy, you have succeeded and you will continue to succeed if you never give up on your dreams," Myles said.

Along with his two lessons, Myles told the children about the Army and his serv-

ice. He told them how when he joined all he wanted to do was fly helicopters, eventually leave the Army and become a commercial airline pilot. It turned out that he liked the people he was working with, he liked how he had been given the ability to defend the country, travel to different countries and to help people in need, so he stayed in the military. He continued to work hard and eventually became a general.

From this personal story, he explained to the children how everyone has an idea of what they want to grow up to be but no one ever knows where life will take them.

"You don't know where exactly you'll end up but it's nice to have a dream," said Myles said, who has more than 30 years of service.

Myles also let them know all the possibilities that the Army has for them. Each of them, he explained, has the ability to find a career in the Army just like he did.

"If you want to protect our country there is a position for you," Myles said. "Whether you want to be a doctor, helicopter pilot, or anything, we have a place for you."



Photo by Megan Cotton

**LIFE LESSON—** AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles speaks to a sixth-grade class at Providence School. He shared his own life experiences to help teach the youngsters the importance of education and hard work.

## Children do jitterbug for veterans

AUSA sponsors visit to veterans home

By MEGAN COTTON  
For the Rocket

Betty Duncan's Gifted Enrichment class from the Academy for Science and Foreign Language did a special performance of the jitterbug May 13 for the residents of Tut Fann Veterans Home.

The dance was coordinated by the Red-

stone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army to give the children an opportunity to the honor veterans.

AUSA member Jim Rountree and his wife, Carolyn, taught the children the dance during one-hour lessons every Friday for six weeks.

"At the beginning they didn't even know what a jitterbug was, but now they love it," Rountree said.

After the students performed, the veterans were invited to join them on the floor to "cut a rug."



Photo by Megan Cotton

**CUTTING A RUG—** Marisol Albarran and Gabriel Eason dance to jazz music at the Tut Fann Veterans Home.



Courtesy photo

## Cost cutters

From left, Jason Martin, Corrie Hughes, Pat Leonard, Karen Carden and James Bannerman have earned green belt certifications from Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office under the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space. Each attended two weeks of green belt training, completed a money-saving project, and was deemed certified by the Department of the Undersecretary of the Army for Business Transformation. CCWS Project Office is leading PEO Missiles and Space with 10 certified green belts.

# Missile warning system delivered one year early

## Protecting aircraft in combat zone

By **BRANDON POLLACHEK**  
*PEO IEW&S public affairs officer*

In a New Hampshire industrial plant, far away from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, a system that has provided Soldiers with a great amount of protection reached its original acquisition program objective April 30.

The Army accepted the delivery of the 1,710th Common Missile Warning System approximately one year ahead of schedule from BAE.

With CMWS systems installed on almost all Army aircraft in the combat zone, pilots flying missions in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom have been afforded a sense of security, which was not available to them prior to the devices inclusion as a part of the aircraft survivability equipment onboard. The rate of aircraft crashing due to enemy shoulder-launched missiles decreased as quickly as the systems were introduced into theater.

The systems, managed by Project Director Aircraft Survivability Equipment, were fielded to aviation units on an accelerated timetable. Following the loss of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter to an enemy missile in November 2003, then acting secretary of the Army R.L. Brownlee called for a plan “to equip all our helicopters in Iraq and Afghanistan with the most effective systems we have in development or procurement.”

In response to Brownlee’s direction, less than a year later, the first CMWS system was installed and now pilots are provided with persistent protection from the threat of Man Portable Air Defense Missiles, which proliferated the battlefield in the early phase of OEF and OIF.

“The Army is committed to ensuring Soldiers are fully equipped to perform their missions and have the best force protection capabilities possible,” said Brig. Gen. Thomas Cole, program executive officer for intelligence, electronics warfare and sensors. “CMWS has proven to be a game changing system allowing aircraft to move throughout theater in a much safer manner. Whether providing close air support, transporting troops or conducting medical evacuations the CMWS has improved our effectiveness in all areas.”

In addition to improved safety figures, Army aviators are finding CMWS allows them to neutralize potential threats.

“The bad guys are finding out the hard way that shooting a missile at Army aircraft is a lose-lose situation for them,” said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Pat Shores, a UH-60 pilot who flew with the 4th Infantry Division during OIF. “They have an extremely low probability of a hit, and due to the CMWS and similar systems, they also have a high probability being detected and destroyed after the shot.”

Plans are for the APO to be extended as requests for the systems continue to come in. CMWS is in the early stages of partnering with the Advanced Threat Infrared Countermeasures to continue to advance the protection envelope for Army aircraft and crews.



Courtesy photo

**HEAVY LOAD—** A CH-47 Chinook helicopter airlifts a 155mm howitzer onto Forward Operating Base Shank, Afghanistan, while being protected from the threat of enemy shoulder-launched missiles due to the Common Missile Warning System.

# Huntsville Center awards \$650M in contracts



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

## Business update

**Dr. Tom Pieplow, director of AMCOM's Security Assistance Management Directorate, speaks to a large crowd of businessmen and women, community leaders and the media about foreign military sales during the NAITA World Trade Day May 14 at the Embassy Suites in Huntsville.**

## Retiring Soldier appreciates Army's focus on families

### Fit

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"We've been blessed way, way beyond what we deserve. I'm glad to be able to call you friend, not because of what you've done, but because of who you are," Myles said.

Looking back on the "good fit" he had with the Army, Newman, who does plan on pursuing a second career in the civilian arena, said he has been rewarded for the hard work and sacrifices he has made in support of the Army and the nation.

"It's not about what I've given to the Army, but what the Army has given me," he said as his retirement ceremony. "It's more of the Army's contribution to my life ... the discipline, the leadership. I wouldn't have had these had I not been in the Army."

*Editor's note: Sofia Bledsoe of AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs contributed to this story.*

The Army Corps of Engineers has awarded eight contracts with a shared capacity of \$650 million to eight contractors who will perform utility monitoring and control systems work throughout the continental U.S. and overseas.

These contracts are for the procurement and installation of utility monitoring and control systems; heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems to include chiller/boiler systems installation and/or integration, supervisory control and data acquisition systems; and other automated control systems including fire alarm and life safety systems, chemical/biological/radiological contaminant detection/filtration/response, utilities (electric/gas/water/steam) metering; Electronic Security Systems; and security and/or force protection measures worldwide.

The multiple award task order indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity service contracts have a three-year base period and one optional two-year period for a total of five years. The total capacity of these contracts is \$650 million, with shared capacity among eight contractors: Ameresco Inc., Framingham, Mass.; Honeywell Products Inc., Austin, Texas; Johnson Controls Building Automation, Huntsville; Siemens Government Services Inc., Reston, Va.; TAC Americas, Carrollton, Texas; Teng & Associates Inc., Chicago, Ill.; Trane U.S. Inc., La Crosse, Wis.; and Williams Electric Company Inc., Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

The Huntsville Center solicited this acquisition on a competitive basis. *(Huntsville Center release)*

# Officials identify victims of Camp Liberty shooting

By FRED W. BAKER III  
 American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Defense Department officials said the following five servicemembers were killed in a shooting May 11 at a combat stress clinic at Camp Liberty, Iraq:

- Maj. Matthew P. Houseal, 54, of Amarillo, Texas, assigned to the 55th Medical Company in Indianapolis;
- Sgt. Christian E. Bueno-Galdos, 25, of Paterson, N.J., assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade, Grafenwoehr, Germany;
- Spc. Jacob D. Barton, 20, of Lenox, Mo., assigned to the 277th Engineer Company, 420th Engineer Brigade, Waco, Texas; and
- Pfc. Michael E. Yates Jr., 19, of Federalsburg, Md.,

assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade, Grafenwoehr, Germany.

•Navy Cmdr. Charles K. Springle, 52, of Wilmington, N.C.

Sgt. John M. Russell, 44, of Sherman, Texas, is in military police custody at Victory Base Complex in Baghdad, charged with five specifications of murder and one of aggravated assault, military officials said.

Russell is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, based in Bamberg, Germany.

In a briefing in Iraq, Maj. Gen. David Perkins, a spokesman for Multinational Force Iraq, told reporters that the two officers killed were staff members at the Combat Stress Control Center at Camp Liberty, where Russell was being treated. The three enlisted Soldiers

were at the clinic at the time of the shooting. Russell was apprehended by military police outside the clinic just after the shooting, Perkins said.

Russell was referred to the clinic for counseling about a week before the shooting. Russell's commander had taken away his personal weapon, and how and where Russell was able to get another weapon is part of the investigation that's under way, Perkins said.

All Soldiers in Iraq typically carry a weapon and ammunition, even while on a base.

Russell's unit was based at Camp Victory, and was preparing to leave Iraq. He had been deployed to Iraq at least two other times, Perkins said. Camp Victory is part of the Victory Base Complex, and it houses the headquarters for Multinational Corps Iraq. Camp Liberty also is on the complex. The clinic is located near the headquar-

## ■ Army thanks civilian representatives for deployments

### Support

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The experience and expertise of LARs make them invaluable to the Army, said AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles.

Joking with the large group of mostly men dressed in their best clothes, Myles said "Look at all these LARs with their ties on! Are you kidding me? I'm used to seeing a flight line with all kinds of uniforms and varieties. I've seen many of you dressed a lot differently as I've been watching you raise us Soldiers."

Myles said the continuity of service, and in-depth technical knowledge and experience of LARs makes it possible for the Army to keep the up-tempo in theater. It is the LARs who ensure that Soldiers maintain the quality of aircraft and missile systems.

Myles said recognizing LARs for their dedication to the mission and their deployment duty is long overdue.

"We want to recognize you for the incredible work you do for our Soldiers," he said. "You've deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom for three, four, five, six deployments. Those deployments are six months. But we can't miss the

point. Every one of you has had to go to your family and say 'I've got to go again.' You've looked your families in the eyes and said 'I need to go do the nation's work.'"

He told the LARs that they are the "backbone of the Army ... You are so critical to this fight ... All of you are leading the engagement. With scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, you are making sure the Army standard is being maintained ... As a whole I want to thank you for what you do."

A total of 139 LARs were individually recognized during the program for their deployments. In addition, some were presented with the Bronze Order of St. Michael, an award given to those who have contributed significantly to the promotion of Army aviation in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient's seniors, subordinates and peers; and the Honorable Order of St. Barbara, an award given to those who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, displayed an outstanding degree of professional competence, served Army artillery with selflessness and contributed to the promotion of the artillery branch.

The following LARs received the Bronze Order of St. Michael: Jeff Cinader, Joni Dauenhauer, Artura Gamboa, Pat Hopkins, Byron Lewis, Joe Lizama, Daniel O'Connor, William C.

Parrish, Bert Stonich, Jeff Winters and Jonathan C. York.

The following LARs received the Honorable Order of St. Barbara: Allan Kessler, Alphonse Onuszkanycz, Phillip Tausch, Alex Torres and Don Warnell.

The following LARS were recognized for deployments:

#### Six Deployments – Byron Lewis

**Five Deployments – Robert Adams,** Robert A. Bingle, Timothy A. Brimeyer, Daniel S. Brooks, Joni Dauenhauer, Dana S. Kammeyer, Joe L. Mateo-Sullivan, Dennis Mullen, Tim Settle, Bert Stonich and Jonathan C. York.

#### Four Deployments – Venturo Avila.

Edward Barnes, James M. Blake, Robert Blanchette, Jason Brundrige, Nestor De Jesus, James Faircloth, Stephen R. Floyd, Rafael Guzman, John P. Hinchman, Jack E. Killion Jr., Anthony King, Alberto F. Labsan Jr., Lester Linville, Joe Lizama, Max Marble, William A. Moore, Joseph M. Morrow, Bob Nesbitt, Daniel O'Connor, Benny R. Pierce, James F. Ramos, John Salazar, Leslie R. Sermons, Charles L. Sherman, Erick L. Tibeau, Earl Walters and Lawrence Young.

#### Three Deployments – Michael O.

Brewer, David Broas, Les Carder, David Cox, David L. Delahoy, Gary Estes, Michael D. Gainey, Adan Garcia, Charles Gladney, Robert V. Jones, Allan Kessler, Michael N. Konor, Harlen Lawrence, Pablo Merel, Robert Nicholas, Robert O'Neil, Estevan

Orona, Donald W. Owens, Angelo Perez, Charles Pope, Bobby Ratliff, Anthony Sarroca, Paul Schmitt, Johnnie Singleton, Vincent Smith, Phillip Tausch and Daniel K. Whiteman.

#### Two Deployments – Kenneth Belvin,

Albert P. Borsella, Lloyd Burke, Clarence Cates, Jeff Cinader, Tondra Clark, Marrion Cox, Norman Curry, Carlos Disla, Virginio L. Franco, Arturo O. Gamboa, Wade Gary, Robert L. Giles, Robert Haliogowski, Jeff Hebner, Darrel Kaiser, Graciliano Laguerra, John R. Lunnemann, Willie C. Mapp Jr., Dan Norton, Glen B. Oliver, Steve Palmer, William C. Parrish, Prayoth Phongpharnich, Martin Rose, Suthep Sangprawe, Dennis J. Sorensen, Jason Soto, Danny L. Strickland, Ted Talackine, Alex Torres, Curtis J. Ward, Gwynne Wayne and Muresh Wignarajah.

#### One Deployment – John Barlow, John

F. Carew, Wade H. Cherry, Gary Cope, Danny Crow, Juan Falconrosa, Wayne Fields, John Fleming, Russell K. Fukeda, Julio Jimenez, Joe Magee, Michael Ju, David Lee, Patrick Lindy, Stephen Lomago, John E. McClelland, Tom McDonald, Thomas McLain, Leodis D. Mitchell, Mark O'Bryon, Chris Oleyte, Alphonse Onuszkanycz, William Owens, Pamela Parker, Randall M. Reese, Homero A. Reyes, Randal Sanders, Robert Shiltz, Jimmy Staranowicz, William M. Taber, Bob Vangilder, Kenneth E. Vines, John Webster and Jeff Winters.

# Bravo Company team on softball mission

**Bulldogs roar  
to 4-1 start**

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
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The Bravo Company softball team appears determined to return to the championship game.

Bravo, last year's runner-up to the National Guard, beat Charlie Company 9-7 Thursday night at Linton Field. The Bulldogs improved to 4-1 with its lone loss to the unbeaten National Guard.

"We keep a positive team attitude," Bulldogs right center TJ Gingrich said. "We like to play together, we have fun. Everyone wants to be out there. Everybody's real competitive. And we have some of the best staff and Soldiers to choose from to fill our positions.

"We're real competitive. We like to play. And we have great support from our chain of command," he added.

Third baseman Steven Hester also cited the team's unity.

"We've got a lot of camaraderie between the NCOs and Soldiers, working together as a team," Hester said.

David Rathburn and Douglas Thayer had a pair of RBIs apiece against Charlie. Rathburn had two singles and Thayer slammed a triple. Tyler Hendrix was the winning pitcher in the absence of Chris Mazur.

"It was a very good game," Gingrich said. "Charlie played us tough. It was one of the best games we've had so far.

"We pretty much led the whole game. But both teams played really good defense and we just were able to sneak by them."

The Civilian Welfare Fund defeated the Marines 15-2 in Thursday's second game.

On May 11, Bravo beat Headquarters & Alpha 33-4, Charlie Company defeated the Marines 11-1 and HHC 59th won by forfeit over NCO Academy.

On May 12, NCO Academy beat Headquarters & Alpha 23-8, National Guard blanked the Marines 23-0 and National Guard defeated the Civilian Welfare Fund 15-5.

Standings entering this week had National Guard (7-0), Bravo (4-1), Civilian Welfare Fund (4-1), HHC 59th (3-2), Marines (2-5), Charlie (1-3), NCO Academy (1-5) and Headquarters & Alpha (1-6).

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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**DOGS RULE**— Bravo pitcher Chris Mazur gets a 15-5 victory over NCO Academy on May 13, 2008. He's back on the mound for the Bulldogs this year.



Courtesy photo

## Ladies golf

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association sponsored a golf tournament May 13 to benefit the Rally for the Cure for breast cancer. Unfortunately the weather caused an early end of the tournament. Although no golf winner could be named, \$1,080 was collected for the cause. From left are Kay Forney, whose sister is a survivor; Cooky Bachman; Diane Camp, secretary; Fran Shaner; June Mann, president; Kay Theodoss, treasurer; Elke Napier; Pam Bucey; and Judy Finch. Not pictured is Mary Aagesen, vice president.

# Rocket Announcements

## Sports & Recreation

### Basketball tournament

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

### Golf tournament

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

### MDA benefit

The Huntsville Firefighters Association seventh annual golf classic to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association is June 20 at the Colonial Golf Course. Cost per player is \$70. For team and sponsorship information call Glenn Benson 828-7842 or Larry Ayers 651-6312.

## Conferences & Meetings

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants 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.

### Military officers

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. May 27 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Ralph Petroff, CEO of Magna Vista Group and member of the Saturn V Executive Committee which are active in commemorating the Apollo moon landings. The chapter's monthly breakfast is 8 a.m. May 30 at the Madison Square Holiday Inn. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

### 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.

### Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 11 at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Jimmy Pemberton, a longtime Civil War enthusiast and free-lance writer, will speak on "Rousseau's Raid, July 10-22, 1864." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Call 858-6191 for more information.

### Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer User Group will meet June 13 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. An Internet Special Interest Group starts at 9:15 a.m. The general meeting will start at 10:45 and the speaker is PC User Group member Pat Layky. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 852-0344.

### Admin professionals

The International Association of Administrative Professionals invites all civilians

to attend its meeting held every third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Alphadella McRae 313-1957.

### Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will meet May 28 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the Loft Room. The public is invited. For more information, call Crystal Todd 313-7241.

### Blacks in government

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

### 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.

### Engineer society

Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers meets Thursday 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.

### 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 [infocsecseminar@northalabama.issa.org](mailto:infocsecseminar@northalabama.issa.org).

### Test Week tutorials

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

## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

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

### Civilian deployment

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



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## Board members

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter introduces its 2009-10 executive board at its annual picnic May 14 at the NASA picnic grounds. From left are Lisa White, president; Lisa Lowry, recording secretary; Chris Harper, assistant treasurer; and Dana Wilbanks, treasurer. Not pictured are first vice president Deborah Chambers and corresponding secretary Michelle Cobb.



# Rocket Announcements

## Surplus sales

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

## Motorcycle safety

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

## Reserve unit

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

## Officer candidates

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

## Pilots wanted

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

## Butler High reunion

S.R. Butler High School's Class of 1969 will hold its 40-year reunion June 13 at the Radisson on South Memorial Parkway. If you or someone you know is from

this class, call Billie Harbin Parks 859-5810 for more information.

## Cadet program

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

## Army training

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

## Mr. Man Premiere

SB Productions has completed the selection process for the final two exceptional men needed to complete the lineup and compete in this year's Mr. Man Premiere. The 11 contestants selected include two doctors, an Army officer, Navy officer, Air Force reserve recruiter, Madison police officer, Madison fireman and Marine, research analyst, minor league baseball

player, engineer, 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.

## 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.

## Thrift shop

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

## New employees

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

## 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



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## Depot power

**Electronics mechanic Tom Littman overhauls a 15V power supply at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa. He is among 29 workers in the depot's Transmitters Branch which is part of the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.**

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](mailto:woody.patrick@us.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.

## 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](mailto:angie.cornelius@us.army.mil) or visit the workshop website <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/SMAP-CENTER/Conferences/REN09/>.

## 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>.

## Astronomy group

Von Braun Astronomical Society holds planetarium shows every Saturday night at 7:30 at the planetarium in Monte Sano 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](http://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.

## Senior service college

Defense Acquisition University's Senior Service College will hold graduation of its 2009 class Thursday 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 Crummie, Marian Guidry, Rick Llewellyn, Richard Paul, Gordon Porter, Bill Read, Mark Reavis and Julia Vaughn.

## 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.

### Employment briefing

A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct a Federal Employment Briefing on June 4 from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. The information provided will help participants to understand the federal application process. Topics will include recruitment sources, Resumix procedures, candidate evaluation and the referral process. This session is open to all military ID card holders. To reserve a seat, call ACS at 876-5397.

### AKO/DKO class

The Post Library will offer a starter class for AKO/DKO on Thursday at 11:30-noon and 6-6:30. The class will cover registering a CAC with AKO as well as the My

Education and My Library sections of AKO Self-Service. The class will be limited to 12 patrons due to the size of the computer lab at the library — first come, first served. Please ensure that you have your AKO username and password as well as your PIN for your CAC before the class. If you have any questions, call Sara or Laura at 876-4741.

### 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 June 6 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.

### Rummage sale

A rummage sale will be held Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit Therapy Partners Inc., a non-profit organization. The sale location is Therapy Partners Inc., 1015 A Cleaner Way (off Triana Boulevard). Enter the back of the building. For more information, call 881-5700.

