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Community salutes armed forces

Armed Forces Celebration Week
brings activities June 13-21

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Huntsville's love and support of the military – and particularly Redstone Arsenal – will once again take center stage during the annual Armed Forces Celebration, June 13-21.

The weeklong event will offer something for everyone, including a patriotic outdoor concert complete with military displays, a dinner event with one of the Army's top generals, a high-energy Soldier Show and military discounts at local attractions.

"This community is appreciative of its military all year round, day in and day out," said Larry Capps, chairman of the Armed Forces Week Planning Committee of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. "But each year we set aside a specific week to especially thank the Soldiers and all the members of the armed forces and their families for their commitment, dedication and sacrifice.

"Our Armed Forces Celebration has been recognized as one of the best, if not the best, in the nation by the Association of the U.S. Army. All of our events give our community a chance to honor the armed forces and to also enjoy what the armed forces has given to our community. This event recognizes the patriotism in all of us."

Capps, a retired brigadier general, has served as the Armed Forces Celebration chairman for about seven years. He said each year the community's leaders join forces with local military representatives to put on a one-of-a-kind celebration.

"This week of activities is so well organized," he said. "Our committee of volunteers are always enthusiastic about giving their time and experience to this celebration. They are either retired military or people who are interested in supporting the military. And we get a lot of support from the city to make this all happen."

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle said the city is always eager to support the Armed Forces Celebration and any event that pertains to solidifying the relationship between



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SETTING TONE— In this photo from the 2008 Armed Forces Celebration, Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Chorus finish a performance on a high note of patriotism that continues to reverberate through the Huntsville community as preparations are completed for the 2009 Armed Forces Celebration. The annual celebration June 13-21 includes a patriotic outdoor concert, a high-energy Soldier Show and military discounts at local attractions.

the military services and Huntsville.

"Events like Armed Forces Week are important to communities like ours because it gives us a chance to formally honor and respect our community's connection to the armed forces," he said. "The armed forces

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— Larry Capps, chairman of the Armed Forces Week Planning Committee of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce

are such an important part of our history that we would be doing a great injustice if we did not recognize the brave men and women who have worked so hard to make our community what it is."

The Armed Forces Celebration represents the capstone of the relationship that Huntsville and the surrounding communities share with Redstone Arsenal and the armed forces, said Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

"This celebration continues to build on a tremendous bond between our citizenry and our military that is second to none. It represents the great relationship we have with our community and how we all come together to honor all members who serve in the armed forces: Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard," he said.

"Without a doubt, the good people of the Tennessee Valley go out of their way to show their support. The event is like the

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An open lane random survey

What is special about your father?

By MEGAN COTTON and MARTINA KAIWI
For the Rocket



*Lashea Johnson
Phoenix Service*
"My dad adopted me when I was 3 months, he gave me his last name and never told me. When I asked him about it he just told me I loved you first. I love my dad."

*Kaitlynn Beech
Age 5, Childhood Development Center*

"Me and him get to play volleyball at home and I love him."



*Catalina D'Ambrosio-Rivera
Age 4, Childhood Development Center*
"I love him and he always plays with me and he does all the kinds of jokes that I like."

*DeRon Johnson
Age 4, Childhood Development Center*

"He will always play all kinds of games with me."



Quote of the week

She got her looks from her father. He's a plastic surgeon. □
□ Groucho Marx

Letters to the Editor

Great police work at concert

I have attended several concerts and know that most of the attendees are parked in the large field behind the old chapel; but due to rain before and during the Sugarland concert, this was impossible. The police did an outstanding job facilitating parking in the various parking lots in the area. Despite rain, honking horns and profanity directed toward them (yes, I heard profanity twice) the police did an exemplary job, both with incoming traffic and when the concert was over.

My daughter also attended the concert with some friends. Well, she forgot where she parked. One of the police officers drove her around the various lots until she spotted her car. Also extend my thanks to the Marines who directed us into our parking spots.

All too often on military bases, the police and others who do yeomen's duty are forgotten and unthanked. Well, this military retiree appreciates them!

John Moss
retired Air Force

Correction for photo caption

Please note there is an error in the photo caption titled "Revved up donation" on page 2 in the May 27 *Redstone Rocket*.

The Redstone Arsenal's Chapter of the Sergeants Major Association was both a sponsor and contributor of the Vets with Vettes & Corvette Owners '09 Cars and Camouflage Charity Car Show.

The association established an informational booth at the show, and through the course of the event, collected donations which resulted in their \$264 contribution to this year's AER fund drive.

Separate of that donation, the Vets with Vettes & Corvette Owners Club contributed \$1,500 to this year's AER fund drive, that check presented to Mike Burden in his office on May 14.

Kindly accept this corrected information as it should have read in the caption.

William M. Lang
president, Vets with Vettes & Corvette Owners

Getting to know you

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Name: Sgt. Maj. Michael Daley

Job: Detachment sergeant major, Marine Detachment

Where do you call home? LaPorte, Ind.

What do you like about your job?
The fact that I get to serve with other Marines and Soldiers here on Redstone that have taken up a calling to serve their fellow human beings.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Physical fitness, stock car racing and motocross motorcycle racing, and of course spending time with friends and family. I sponsor a race car out at Huntsville Speedway. And my wife and I have our own business (in synthetic oils and lubricants) and that's what we use to sponsor the race car.

What are your goals?
To continue to serve the country and my fellow human beings so they can have continued freedom in this country.

What's your favorite type of music?
I'll have to say rock. It tells a good story, it has a good beat to it and I like it.



Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for May 28 through June 3:

May 29: PX security observed a subject selecting and concealing a cosmetic item valued at \$19.10 and exiting the store without paying. Police responded and issued the subject a violation notice.

May 29: At Gate 10, a subject was found to be driving with a suspended license. She received a violation notice.

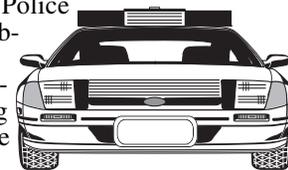
May 30: A subject was observed by DES security guards dispensing 17 gallons of government gasoline into a private vehicle. The subject was processed by police. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

June 2: A black Larimore utility trailer was stolen from a construction site near building 3646.

June 3: When a motorist approached the visitor center, security guards observed a suspected smoking device in the vehicle. Police responded and a military working dog alerted to the smell of marijuana in the vehicle. A search revealed a smoking device containing suspected marijuana. The subject received a violation notice.

Traffic accidents reported: one with injury, nine without injury.

Violation notices issued: 17 speeding, 1 inattentive driving, 1 possession of marijuana, 1 larceny, 1 expired driver's license, 2 handicap parking.



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59th Ordnance Brigade staying active

By Spc. RYAN STROUD

59th Ordnance Brigade public affairs

The 59th Ordnance Brigade has had a busy first half of 2009. Recent events included the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School's comprehensive evaluation for accreditation from the Training and Doctrine Command.

There was also a retirement sendoff for brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle.

The year's final six months promise to be just as active.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

GRAND FINALE— Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle and his wife, Sharon, cut a cake with a traditional saber during his retirement luncheon May 29 celebrating a 30-year career.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

TIMED MARCH— HHC 59th Soldiers head out on the company's first ruck march. The event was a timed competition between platoons.

'Will you marry me?' asks shopper Soldier

A shopping trip May 31 to the Post Exchange ended in a marriage proposal.

Pvt. Stephen Barnett was looking at engagement rings at the jewelry counter. With the help of his battle buddy, he chose what he hoped would be the perfect ring to spark a "yes" from girlfriend Pfc. Ashley McCoy.

Once he purchased the \$699 Princess cut bridal set, Barnett called McCoy on her cell phone. As luck would have it, she was in the check-out line at the Commissary and was headed to the PX afterward.

McCoy arrived and found him at the jewelry counter. Barnett dropped to one knee and proposed — with a crowd of hopeful PX associates, Soldiers and customers watching.

"Yes," McCoy replied. (PX release)



Courtesy photo

AND SHE SAID YES— Pvt. Stephen Barnett pops the question to Pfc. Ashley McCoy at the PX jewelry counter.

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:

Comedy Night

Comedy Night returns Friday at the Officers and Civilians Club. It showcases headliner Dow Thomas, feature act Bill "Bull" Ohse and opener Chris Gorges. Advance tickets are \$10 without dinner and \$18 with dinner. Day of show tickets are \$18 without dinner and \$22 with dinner. For ticket information, call 830-2582.

Flying activity

Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity open house is Saturday at building 4828. Call 880-9495.

Block party

Child Youth and School Services Block

Party is June 27 from 1-4 p.m. on Youth Center Road. This free event is open to all of Redstone. For more information, call 876-3704.

Dancing lessons

Registration is under way through Aug. 5 for Basic Samba, Mambo and Merengue for \$66 per couple. Classes are Aug. 6 through Sept. 17 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711.

Soldier Show

The 2009 Soldier Show is June 16 at 7 p.m. and June 17 at 3 and 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Tickets are free and are available on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets for the Redstone community can be picked up at the MWR ITR ticket office. Tickets for the general public may be picked up at the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

PXs reward students making grade

DALLAS — According to the Department of Defense, children of active-duty military personnel attend, on average, six to nine different school systems from kindergarten to 12th grade.

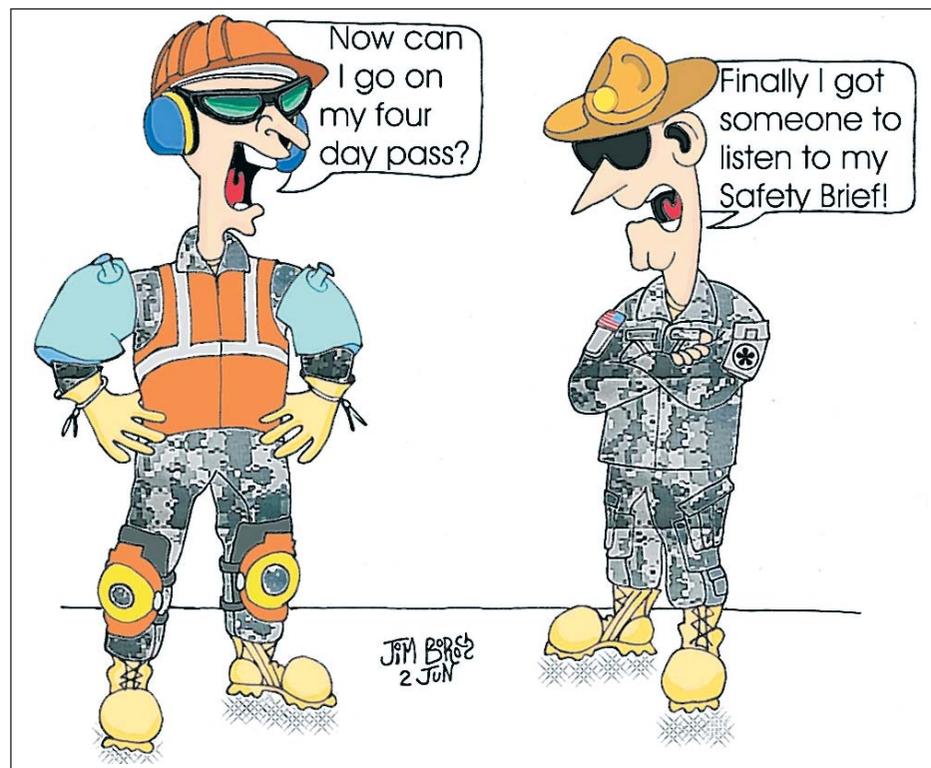
As a military command with a motto of "we go where you go," the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is, understandably, attuned to the unique challenges military children face in their educational pursuits.

Beyond being a destination for school supplies and clothes, base and post exchanges even offer an array of free and discounted products to students who excel in the classroom through it's "You Made the Grade" program.

Now in its ninth year, AAFES' education rewards initiative is anchored by a booklet chock full of complimentary offers for students in grades one through 12 who maintain a "B" average or better.

The current "You Made the Grade" booklet includes coupons for free food and movie items along with an entry form for a quarterly drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations.

Military families can contact their local AAFES main store manager or general manager for more information. (Army & Air Force Exchange Service release)



Garrison intern dancing down new path

Program next step toward her career

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Many people want to change their lives. The hard part is knowing where to start. Seong Dobbins thinks the Garrison Intern Program is the perfect way to do it.

"I thought it was appropriate for me," she said. "It's for someone like me, who doesn't have a lot of experience at the job."

It's not the path she started down. The South Korean native has spent the bulk of her life as a military wife and mother. She was also a cosmetologist, but the chemicals involved were causing health problems.

"They made me sick," she said. "I had sinus infections over and over. I knew I needed to change jobs."

She decided to go back to school as a nontraditional student. In 2007, she emerged from the University of Alabama-Huntsville with degrees in finance and accounting.

"I enjoy math," she said laughingly.

She entered the Garrison Intern Program in 2008; and she serves her current rotation as a program analyst in the Directorate of Logistics. She has also spent time in Human Resources and Resource Management. She has found something to love in each place.

"I like Resource Management, it's like my majors," she said. "I like working with the people in HR. I've liked (all the directorates) so far."

Garrison interns

Part 14 of series

The program keeps her close to home. Dobbins has lived near Redstone since coming to this country with her Soldier husband about 25 years ago. Her daughter, Maria, has moved to California with her own husband. Dobbins quipped that the military has put a few hurdles in her family aspirations lately.

"She got married two years ago. Her husband is a Marine. They were trying to have a baby," she said. "But her husband went to Iraq. So, no grandchildren yet. She has two puppies."

Around the Garrison, Dobbins is known for her energy, friendliness and quick smile. She jokes that because of her accent, people give her comedy skills more credit than she truly warrants.

"People think I'm funny," she said. "I'm not funny. I have an accent, so I think I just sound funny."

She is a music lover, although today's hits are not for her. Dobbins prefers classical music. She loves it as much for the work behind it as she does for the execution.

"In those days they put a lot of effort into making a beautiful piece of music," she said. "Nowadays they don't put that effort into the quality."

While in college, she discovered a new interest. She took a ballroom dancing class and fell in love with it, particularly the Latin dances. While the steps can be challenging, Dobbins said there is more to it than just knowing where to put your feet.

"It's about how you hold yourself. It's in the attitude. It's in your posture," she said. "I'm still going to classes at UAH. The teacher does a great job of teaching more than just the techniques."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

WORKPLACE— Garrison intern Seong Dobbins is a program analyst in the Directorate of Logistics.

Small office does big job in military shipping

LOGSA branch saving money

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The Army Airlift Clearance Authority is a small office that means big money for the Army. Its 13 members have saved the Army more than \$1.6 billion in shipping costs over the last 10 years.

“That’s a lot of money,” John Hall, TOPS deputy, said. “Most people don’t know what we’re doing here, that we’re working with that kind of money.”

The group functions as a branch of the Logistics Support Activity’s Transportation, Operations, Plans and Security division. When a customer orders parts or supplies to be airlifted, the order goes through ACAA’s computer system. If it meets the eligible criteria, the computer flags the order for a closer look by ACAA’s Combatant Command Focus Team.

“If an order meets the criteria, it’s sent to our hold box. Then our people go in the system, look at the cargo and then contact the customer,” Hall said. “They call them, ask how soon they really need it and can it go ground instead.”

Shipping by air isn’t cheap, particularly if the order is extremely large or heavy. If the difference between air shipping and ground shipping costs are more than \$5,000 it will also be routed through ACAA. They then try to determine whether those items can be sent via ground shipping instead.

“Ground is tremendously cheaper than air,” Hall said. “Really, only high priority shipments should go air.”

The ultimate decision whether to ship ground or air lies with the ordering customer. ACAA team members present the options to the customer along with all the relevant data. The customer then has three days to make the choice so that the order can finish.

Given the volume of orders placed, a relatively small amount is rerouted through ACAA. Approximately 7 percent of offered shipments are challenged. However, of that 7 percent that do meet the criteria, 64 percent are shipped via ground instead of the original air request. That change in cost adds up. On average, they have saved the Army \$150 million each year. Last year alone the savings were well over \$463 million.

The change in shipping, however, means more than money, Hall said. With limited availability of aircraft, and limited space inside each aircraft, diverting to ground frees up valuable space for the

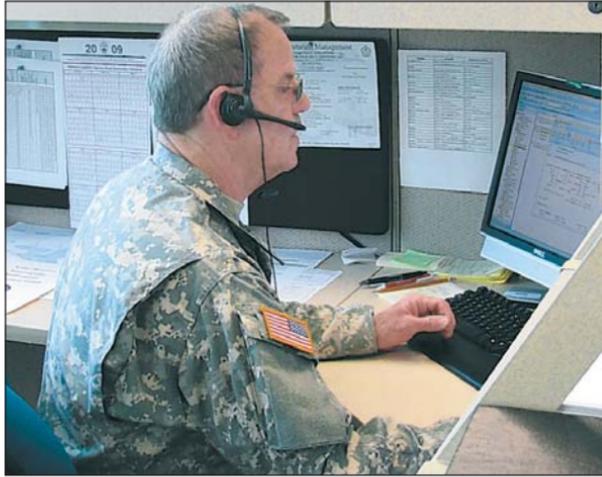


Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

OPTIONAL REVIEW— Master Sgt. Donald Boyette, ACAA Combatant Command Focus Team technician, talks to a customer about their shipping options.

items that are urgent.

Part of keeping necessary items on the move involves tracking shipments and expediting freight, another facet of ACAA’s mission. Their customer support team works to locate shipments that have not arrived by their due date and to find out why some items may sit at port once they arrive. In fact, they do it so well they are serving as the lead in a study across all four military branches that will conclude near the end of this year.

“We were chosen by all the other branches’ ACAAs. They asked us to take the lead,” Hall said. “We’re looking at no-hit cargo – which is cargo that has arrived to the port but is frustrated there... Our people are working to find out why. In six months we’ll brief all those services to let them know what the problem is and determine what the ACAAs can do about it.”

Sometimes getting the job done means actually putting hands on shipments to find out why they’re not moving in the way they should. In order to do that, ACAA keeps two port liaisons on the ground at both Dover Air Force Base, Del. and McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

“They are there to fix problems,” Hall said. “Any Army cargo that gets frustrated, they are there to help the Air Force fix it so it can move.”

The Transportation Analysis team works constantly to evaluate new regulations and system changes for effectiveness and workflow. They also keep customers apprised of the changes to procedure and regulations for air shipments so that a paperwork problem doesn’t hold things up. They track the statistics for branch operations.

It all adds up to a small, focused group of people getting a multi-faceted job done.

“We’re keeping low priority cargo out of the Air Mobility Command channel system and saving the Army money,” Hall said. “It’s a double mission.”

Salute

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capstone — the culmination of all our work together — in one week. We believe it's a great way to get together and celebrate servicemembers everywhere in the world and to show our young Soldiers that folks support the service they give to the country."

The Armed Forces Celebration has its roots in Redstone Arsenal and the large Army presence in the Huntsville/Tennessee Valley community.

"Huntsville and our entire community's successes should serve as a daily reminder about what an important role the U.S. armed forces have played in our history," Battle said. "Our citizens have a strong background with the armed forces and this week really helps us to recognize and honor that connection ... The City of Huntsville and our entire region have been proud to share in Redstone Arsenal's successes and we're looking forward to that relationship continuing for many, many years."

Though Redstone Arsenal is central to the celebration, the week's activities recognize all servicemembers, regardless of branch.

"Redstone Arsenal and its many tenet activities have a very direct impact on the economy of Huntsville/Madison County and the surrounding communities," Capps said. "But the contributions of the armed forces go way beyond local economic impact. It is important for the citizens of this region to reflect on the many sacrifices the armed forces — and their families — make in the service of this great country."

The theme for this year's celebration is "The Year of the NCO," a theme chosen in support of the Army's yearlong recognition of the commitment and dedication of non-commissioned officers.

"The NCO is the backbone of the Army," Capps said. "They are the closest to the Soldier. They take care of Soldiers and their personal needs. They are their mommas and their poppas. They are the first-line leaders in making sure our troops are cared for and ready to serve."

Of the week's events, Capps singled out three that are very significant to the community — the naming of the NCO and Soldier of the Year at a special June 15 luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club, the Concert in the Park at Joe Davis Stadium on June 15 that will draw about 5,000 participants and the June 17 Salute Dinner.

"The naming of the NCO and Soldier of the Year is an annual event that is always important. But this year, it takes on special significance because it fits in with our theme," Capps said.

"The Concert in the Park is really big because it gets the involvement of so many people from the surrounding communities. Last year, we moved it to Joe Davis Stadium to accommodate the crowd and to provide better parking for both the public and for the tremendous display of military hardware that the Army brings in. It's an all-around great venue for this large event."

Among the hardware on display will be Chinook, Huey and Kiowa Warrior helicopters as well as the Avenger, TOW, HIMARS and SLAMRAAM missile systems.

This year, Huntsville's mayor will be taking a very active role in the Concert in the Park.

"I'm going to be firing up the grill and cooking some barbecue at the Concert in the Park on Monday," Battle said. "That is one thing I'm, personally, really looking forward to. I really enjoy every opportunity I have that reminds me about the simple things in life. I'm excited about

cooking some good food and enjoying some great company and honoring our military community."

The Salute Dinner, which will be a formal affair at the Von Braun Center, will feature special guest Gen. Peter Chiarelli, the Army's vice chief of staff and a decorated Iraqi War veteran.

Chiarelli previously served as commander of the Multi-National Corps-Iraq under Gen. George Casey. He took over his current position as the 32nd vice chief of staff in August 2008.

Since receiving his commission in 1972, Chiarelli has commanded at every level from platoon to corps during assignments throughout the U.S. and in Germany and Belgium. He led the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, in the Iraq War and during Operation Iraqi Freedom II before serving as commander of the Multi-National Corps-Iraq. He has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Bronze Star.

Other highlights of the week for the general public include three performances of the high-energy Soldier Show and two local sporting events that will open and close the weeklong military appreciation celebration. The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army is sponsoring both sporting events — a Huntsville Stars game June 13 and a Vipers indoor arena football game June 20.

"I hope everyone enjoys themselves and has fun with the week's activities," Pastorelli said. "It will be a busy week that offers a great way to take time to come together with the community to honor fellow servicemembers. There are so many phenomenal events planned it is hard to choose my favorites. However, a few key activities will include our Proclamation Signing Ceremony, the Soldier Show, Armed

Forces Salute Dinner and the Open House at the Arsenal's Army Community Service building."

Here is rundown of the week's festivities:

Saturday, June 13 —

AUSA Military Appreciation Night at the Huntsville Stars, 7 p.m., Joe Davis Stadium, Stars vs. Jacksonville Suns. Limited free tickets available to active military, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers and DoD civilians. Call 457-4239. Tickets at <http://www.huntsvillestars.com/> or 882-2562.

Monday, June 15 —

Proclamation Signing Ceremony, 9:30 a.m., 2nd Recruiting Brigade, Redstone Arsenal.

NCO/Soldier of the Year Award Luncheon, 11 a.m., Officers and Civilians Club.

Concert in the Park, 6:30 p.m., Joe Davis Stadium. Warmup band: Juice; featured band: 129th Army Band, Tennessee National Guard. Program also includes static displays of military aviation and missile hardware and fireworks.

Tuesday, June 16 —

Army Soldier Show, "Lights, Camera, Action," 7 p.m., Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Free tickets available at FMWR sites on Redstone Arsenal and at the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, June 17 —

Army Soldier Show, "Lights, Camera, Action," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., VBC Concert Hall. Free tickets available at the Recreation Center and FMWR sites on Redstone Arsenal and at the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Armed Forces Salute Dinner — 5 p.m., VIP reception, VBC North Hall; 5:30 p.m. general reception, VBC West Hall; 7 p.m. dinner, VBC North Hall. Tickets: \$125 per individual, corporate sponsorships available. Guest speaker: Gen. Peter Chiarelli, vice chief of staff of the Army. Contact: Angie

Wooten, angela.j.wooten@boeing.com.

Thursday, June 18 —

Army Community Service Open House, 1 p.m., building 3888, Redstone Arsenal.

Friday, June 19 —

Armed Forces Celebration Golf Tournament, 7:30 a.m., Links at Redstone. Contact: Mike Kelley, michael_kelley@raytheon.com.

Saturday, June 20 —

AUSA Military Appreciation Night with the Tennessee Valley Vipers, 7:30 p.m., VBC Arena, Tennessee Valley Vipers vs. Florida Firecats. Limited free tickets available to active military, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers and DoD civilians, 457-4239. Tickets: <http://www.vipersaf2.com> or 428-HISS.

In addition, several local tourist attractions will be offering special military discounts during the week of June 13-21. Here is a listing of those discounts:

- U.S. Space & Rocket Center — All military and their immediate family can receive free admission. IMAX movie is an additional cost of \$8 adults, \$7 children.
- Huntsville Botanical Garden — Free admission to military ID card holders.
- Burritt on the Mountain — Free admission for military ID holders. There also will be a special Redstone exhibit in the Burritt Mansion.
- EarlyWorks Museum Complex — Free admission to military ID card holders.
- Huntsville Museum of Art — All active military and their families will be admitted free of charge with proper military ID.
- Sci-Quest, the North Alabama Science Center Inc. — One half off regular admission for military ID card holders.
- Veterans Memorial Museum — Free to active military ID card holders. Discounts will be given to retired military and family members.

Humvee still made in America



Photo by Spc. Kiyoshi C. Freeman

CONVOY—This Humvee prepares for a convoy mission inside the yard at Convoy Support Center Scania, Iraq, April 16. The military's Humvee is manufactured by AM General, an American company in South Bend, Ind.

AM General continues building military vehicle

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The military's High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, also known as a "HMMWV" or a "Humvee," will continue to be made in the United States, by an American-owned company.

The recent announcement that Detroit-based General Motors will sell their Hummer brand of vehicles to Chinese-based Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery Company, has no bearing on the U.S. military's Humvee.

"The Army's Humvee and the civilian Hummer look similar and share a com-

mon appearance," said spokesman Lt. Col. Martin Downie. "But the rights to produce those two different vehicles are no longer owned by the same company."

Humvee manufacturer AM General is an American company based in South Bend, Ind. The company produced the first 55,000 Humvees for the Army in 1985. The company continues today to produce the Humvee for the military.

In the early 1990s, AM General began producing a civilian version of the Humvee, calling it a "Hummer." But by the late 1990s, AM General had sold the Hummer name to General Motors.

While GM will sell the Hummer nameplate to Sichuan Tengzhong, the military's Humvee, its designs, unique performance capabilities and technologies will continue to be owned by, and the vehicle produced by, AM General.

Bright future seen for missile launch system

Non-Line of Sight passes flight tests

The Non-Line of Sight-Launch System provides networked, responsive, platform independent and rapidly deployable precision strike capability against moving and stationary targets, land and sea, for the Army's modular and future force and Navy's Littoral Combat Ship.

It is platform-independent, self-contained and compatible with current and future command and control systems. NLOS-LS comprises the container launch unit and a precision attack missile all-up-round. It is planned for initial fielding to the Infantry Brigade Combat Teams and the Littoral Combat Ships.

The modular Precision Attack Missile is effective against moving and stationary targets. The missile has a 40-kilometer maximum range and uses a GPS/inertial navigation system to guide to the target area. Once in the target area, the missile uses its dual mode uncooled imaging infrared, semi-active laser seeker to acquire and perform terminal guidance on high-value targets. In addition, a GPS/inertial mission can also be executed to deliver the missile's warhead to a requested target position. Following launch, targeting data can be updated and sent to the missile via an onboard radio system. The missile has a boost sustain rocket motor and a fragmentation wrapped, shaped-charge warhead capable of defeating armored targets, soft targets and field fortifications.

The container launch unit consists of the computer and communications system and the base. The base is a four-by-four matrix that provides 16 locations, one for the command and control system and 15 for missile all-up-rounds. The container launch unit is designed to accept other missile variants that enhance NLOS-LS capabilities. The unit is capable of unattended operations without external power. The command and control system communicates with the network via a network radio that provides the mission-specific data needed for threat engagement. Its software provides built-in testing; training; fire mission processing, which allows rapid fire of all 15 missiles at five-second intervals; power management application; GPS location; and system status.

NLOS-LS began Guidance Test Vehicle flight tests in November 2008 and will continue through January 2010. Seven GTV flight tests have been successfully conducted at White Sands missile Range, N.M. Flight tests have demonstrated the launch of missiles from a container launch unit and direct hits against various Army targets (T-72, BMP-2, rocket launchers) at ranges from 4 to 32 kilometers.



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SUDDEN IMPACT— A missile strikes a T-72 tank May 16 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

To date, the NLOS-LS flight tests have demonstrated target engagement with multiple seeker modes to include; uncooled imaging infrared sensor, semi-active laser designation, SAL anointment in which the SAL and UCIIR cooperatively prosecute the target. Additionally, the flights have demonstrated the inertial and GPS blended navigation capability of the missile. The missile navigation has been conducted in both standard trajectory and an altitude hold flight pattern. The missile's on-board JTRS compatible, Single Channel Radio System radio has been successfully tested during the flight tests. The radio has joined and operated as a node on the net and transmitted terminal images through the radio to the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System during the flight tests.

The most recent flight tests, GTV 9 and GTV 10, were conducted May 16. Both missiles were launched out of the same container launch unit, demonstrating multiple launch capability. The first missile launched against a BMP-2 target and flew three way points to a range of 4 kilometers. All GTV 9 test objectives were met even though the missile missed the target by a few feet. The second missile successfully engaged a T-72 tank equipped with countermeasures at a range of 32 kilometers. Additionally, these tests demonstrated successful interoperability with AFATDS through the complete transmission of terminal images.

Future flight tests will demonstrate moving target engagement, in-flight target updates and additional engagement modes. Navy flight testing will include launching from a motion platform simulating various sea states to confirm launch capability from a sea based platform.

The NLOS-LS Project Office is part of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space. NetFires limited liability company, a joint venture between Raytheon and Lockheed-Martin, is the prime contractor. Raytheon Missile Systems, in Tucson, Ariz., is developing the missile; and Lockheed-Martin, in Dallas, is developing the container launch unit. (NLOS-LS Project Office release)

When war's images follow Soldiers home

Post traumatic stress disorder brings flashbacks, nightmares

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The memories I have of Soldiers with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder start in 1976. The first Soldier I remember with PTSD, we called Sgt. Ski. He was my platoon sergeant and neither he nor I knew what PTSD was but the symptoms were very obvious with him.

He would let no one walk behind him. He startled easily when an unexpected loud noise occurred. I remember when the jeep backfired in the motor pool and he "hit the dirt." Sgt. Ski could not stand crowds. He preferred to be alone and he had a table in the corner at the NCO club. He could be found in there from about 3 p.m. till closing most days. Sgt. Ski had been an infantryman in Vietnam, but he would never talk about it.

The next Soldier I remember with PTSD was Dan. He was a civilian when I met him and he and I were working on our psychology degrees in the same psychology program. Dan was a great guy but everyone said he was "moody and not much fun to be around." Dan had served in Vietnam also. He was brilliant but concentrating was very difficult for him. He often looked tired and would occasionally talk about not being able to sleep because "the nightmare came again." He stated that he knew that being in Vietnam had changed him in ways that he did not want to change. He said that he was studying psychology so that he could help other veterans.

Next, I met Ben while I was at Walter Reed in their psychology training program. He had served as a green beret in Vietnam. He had also been a sniper. He stated that it had not bothered him to shoot enemy soldiers when he was "in country." But, now, he was seeing their faces in his dreams. He talked about his current marriage, which was his fourth marriage. Ben said she could not understand and he could not explain it to her. He said that if she knew what he had done, while in combat, that she would immediately leave him. He talked with guilt and shame about his children. He said that he abandoned them because he just could not get close to them. He knew they hated him but he just did not care enough to try and mend those relationships.

Bob was the next veteran I met with PTSD. He cleaned our offices in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Bob was rather small which allowed him to be a "tunnel rat" in Vietnam. He talked about what it was like to crawl back in the Vietnamese tunnels, not knowing who or what would be around the next corner. He stated that he always carried a flashlight with him now. He always slept (when he could) with a light on. He said being in the dark or waking up in the dark was terrifying for him now. He reported that a dark room could almost instantly trigger a flashback and he

would feel like he was back in a tunnel. He said that sometimes it would take two days before he felt like he was fully back to the present.

Hundreds of stories

Since then, I have had the honor to hear hundreds of veterans tell their experiences of being in combat and combat environments. These honorable men and women have taught me a lot about PTSD. They have told these experiences through tears of debilitating grief, guilt and fear. They have been willing to open their Pandora's box to memories that they had refused to even acknowledge, much less tell. They have brought tears to my eyes as they talked about losing a best friend. I have listened as a Soldier tried not to vomit when he talked about his commander getting killed. Their shame has been almost unbearable as they talked about children and other civilians that were killed or maimed during combat operations. I am extremely grateful for what these Soldiers have taught me. One request from these combat wounded is that I use any part of their story or experience to help other veterans. So, honoring that request, I would like to pass on a few simple guidelines.

First, for the veteran with PTSD or symptoms of PTSD (see symptoms below):

- PTSD is an anxiety disorder. Anxiety is the problem. It returned with you from your deployment. You were taught to "stay alert and stay alive" while in the combat zone. Your anxiety in the combat environment kept you alive. Anxiety is reinforced in a dangerous environment.

However, if you have been back from deployment for at least six months, have not received any consistent mental health assistance, and your anxiety has not decreased significantly, it probably will not decrease significantly.

- Avoidance keeps you from reducing your anxiety. Anxiety is maintained by avoidance. Avoiding talking about your experience, avoiding thinking about your deployment, and avoiding memories will not reduce anxiety. If avoidance was going to reduce anxiety, it would have worked within six months. Continuing to avoid will maintain the anxiety. The more a person avoids something that makes them anxious, the more anxious they will be when they are unexpectedly confronted by it.

- Confront your anxiety. People overcome anxieties regularly in life by confronting or facing the thing that makes them anxious. For instance, children who are afraid of dogs are gradually introduced to a puppy. They learn to play with the puppy and then begin to play with a bigger dog, in a safe environment. Through this gradual approach, a child overcomes his or her fears. The combat veteran should have a systematic way of overcoming his/her anxiety.

Coping system

A relatively simple system can be as follows:

Write out your memories. Although this seems frightening and overwhelming to most veterans, it is a good starting point for confronting anxiety. You are in control of what you write and, therefore, you can

start and stop anytime you want. Writing out memories does not cause a person to get anxious or upset. However, it does release anxiety or grief that is already present in a person. So, write and do it privately. Save it for yourself.

After you write out your memories, practice reading them aloud. As you read and reread these memories, you will reduce the emotion related to the memory. You will always have the memory, but you can reduce its sting.

After you have read a memory to yourself repeatedly (at least 25 times), you are ready to read it to someone else. Usually this is a spouse or partner. Tell them that you really do not want them to respond. You certainly don't want them to ask you a lot of questions. You just want to educate them some on what you have been holding inside. Tell them that you want to read it to them maybe once every two or three weeks just to help you get over it. You know that they cannot completely understand what it was like for you, but you want to help them understand some of it.

Confront your social anxiety. Most combat veterans come back with a higher level of anxiety in social settings. If they go out to eat at a restaurant, they like to sit with their back to the wall and be able to watch entrances/exits. They do not like being in crowded places. They will go very early in the morning or to places that are unlikely to have many people present. They are often on a 'snatch and grab' mission when it comes to shopping.

Start this confrontation process by going to a place that has a relatively small crowd. Place yourself in that setting and immediately your anxiety will increase. However, do not leave. If you stay in that setting for (usually) 60-90 minutes, your anxiety will go down on its own. At that point, you will know you have the ability to endure your anxiety and see it change. The mistake many people make is thinking their anxiety will never decrease. It will, if you stay in the setting long enough. This is a process called habituation. But the only way you get to know that it works is if you endure until you see the anxiety drop significantly from its peak.

Be systematic about this. Start with places that are lower on your anxiety scale and gradually work up to more anxiety inducing environments (the Commissary on a pay day weekend).

Confront your nightmares. I have heard more than one combat veteran say that he wished he did not have to sleep, because "sleep is when the nightmares come." Traumatic memories can surface as nightmares during sleep. Soldiers will often use distracters to reduce the likelihood of nightmares, like leaving the television on at night or using alcohol and other sedatives to sleep more heavily. These are avoidance techniques and do not reduce the anxiety or emotion related

Combat troops on pace to leave Iraqi cities by June 30

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WASHINGTON – American combat troops are on pace to leave Iraqi cities by the June 30 deadline stipulated by the U.S.-Iraq security agreement, U.S. officials in Baghdad said May 31.

Brig. Gen. Keith Walker, commander of the Iraq Assistance Group, said in a news conference that security throughout the country has continued to improve.

The security agreement calls for all coalition combat forces to be out of the cities by the end of the month.

"We will adhere to the security agreement," Walker said. "So, all combat forces will be out of the cities unless there is a specific invitation from the government of Iraq."

U.S. forces will be available in advisory roles and to provide enabler capabilities, the general said.

In 2007, there was an average of 900

attacks per week. In 2008, that number dropped to 200 attacks per week. In 22 of the 26 weeks this year, fewer than 100 attacks have taken place per week nationwide.

This improvement in security happened as the number of U.S. forces in Iraq declined by more than 20 percent from the height of the surge.

"We have returned over 100 bases to Iraq since October," Walker said. "The provisions of the security agreement make our partnership with Iraqi forces that much more important."

Today, Iraqi security forces conduct all operations. Coalition forces participate only with Iraqi concurrence. The coalition-Iraqi partnership "is characterized by combined planning, preparation and execution with Iraqi security forces in the lead," Walker said. "It is enabled by a close working relationship and the collocation of partnership units and transition teams."

Redstone tenant has right chemistry for safety

Company goes 10 years without lost-time mishap

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When an accident happens, word gets around quickly. That may be why you've never heard of International Specialty Products Chemicals. Tucked away on Redstone's south end, the tenant company has gone 10 years without a lost-time injury.

"We reached 10 years on May 7," Ken Riley, ISP environmental health and safety manager, said. "So we're 10 years and counting."

A lost-time accident is any mishap that causes an employee to miss work. It doesn't include paper cuts and stubbed toes — just the injuries that an ice pack or Band-Aid can't fix. If it takes minor stitches or a prescription, the injury is recorded, even if it doesn't cause lost time. When recordable injuries that didn't result in lost time for the employee are tallied, their record is still impressive at four.

"If you're told that you have to be off work, it's a lost-time injury," Riley said. "Our record in this industry is huge. We have a competitor in town that, I'm told, just celebrated 99 days without a lost-time injury. We've got 3,600 days."

An accident-free decade is impressive, more so when you factor in that ISP is a working chemical production facility. Housed in building 5565 on Industrial Road, the plant manufactures iron pentacarbonyl in liquid form and carbonyl iron powder. It is sold to a variety of customers as a component of products ranging from screwdriver tips to multivitamins.

"It's used for a lot of stuff," Riley said. "The largest part of our business is used for metal injection molding."

At the end of World War II, the Army used ISP's products as a component of radar equipment, hence their on post location. As radar technology advanced, their military sales became a smaller portion of their business. Today, their products are still purchased in a smaller quantity by military contractors for use in stealth technology.

"Our company helped the Army build

this facility," Riley said. "We moved here permanently from New Jersey later. We've been leasing this space since 1949."

They continue to lease the 13-acre location from Redstone, making them one of the oldest continuing tenants on post. In fact, they were approached a few years ago by local historians.

"We've been added to the historical registry," Riley said. "We have some of the last original buildings left on the Arsenal."

The site works on a 24-hour basis, with the exception of the two weeks per year they are closed for maintenance. Their 24 employees use pressure, temperature and chemical reaction to produce 1.4 million pounds of product per year.

Riley credits those same employees with the safety record's longevity. Because of their dedication to keeping it going, he's not terribly concerned about publicity jinxing the record.

"No one wants to be the person who



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GEARED UP— Bill Barron and his ISP co-workers ensure they take all safety precautions.

ended the record. It's made everyone more proactive. They watch out for each other," Riley said. "Our work force has a lot of experience. They know their job. They've had the training they need. They have positive peer pressure to stay safe."

■ Help available for post traumatic stress disorder

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to the traumatic memory. The dream/nightmare is our sleeping mind's attempt to work out a problem that we have not solved. The more emotions attached to the problem, the more likely we will dream about it.

So, if your nightmare is one that frequently reoccurs, write it out. List as many details as you can remember. Then, read it aloud, over and over.

If the nightmare is unique, tell someone. This is usually enough to resolve a one-time nightmare. If that does not work, then write it out.

Additionally, mental health is improved by following the basic guidelines for health:

- Eat a balanced diet.
- Do not rely on caffeine to get through the day. Caffeine can mimic anxiety.
- Engage in exercise. Exercise burns up energy and therefore lowers anxiety.
- Engage in recreation. Find pleasurable activities and pursue them.
- Have a good social support system and use it.

Behavioral medicine

Behavioral Medicine Division's goal is to help Soldiers, retirees and their family members to improve their mental health. Many Soldiers who desperately need mental health assistance will never come to BMD because of the stigma still associated with receiving mental health services. Even if you never seek our services, you

can apply some of the ideas listed above. Be methodical and consistent in your application. Look for gradual change and you will see it. Good luck and we thank you for your sacrifice.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms include the following:

- Re-experiencing the traumatic event.
 - Intrusive, upsetting memories of the event.
 - Flashbacks (acting or feeling like the event is happening again).
 - Nightmares (either of the event or of other frightening things).
 - Feelings of intense distress when reminded of the trauma.
 - Intense physical reactions to reminders of the event (e.g. pounding heart, rapid breathing, nausea, muscle tension, sweating).
- Avoidance and emotional numbing.
 - Avoiding activities, places, thoughts or feelings that remind you of the trauma.
 - Inability to remember important aspects of the trauma.
 - Loss of interest in activities and life in general.
 - Feeling detached from others and emotionally numb.
 - Sense of a limited future (you don't expect to live a normal life span, get married, have a career).
- Increased arousal.
 - Difficulty falling or staying asleep.
 - Irritability or outbursts of anger.
 - Difficulty concentrating.
 - Hypervigilance (on constant "red alert").
 - Feeling jumpy and easily startled.

Griffith takes stand on defense at Test Week

Congressman pushes continued development of missile programs

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The changing international climate has re-emphasized the need for the U.S. to continue development of its missile defense programs and to reconsider military budget cuts made several months ago, said North Alabama's U.S. congressman.

Using the podium at the 11th annual Test Week at the Von Braun Center South Hall on June 2 as an opportunity to relay his stand on missile defense, Rep. Parker Griffith said the U.S. cannot afford to back down from developing missile defense programs that will protect freedom around the world.

Test Week is the only Department of Defense sponsored conference that focuses on the issues of test and evaluation. This year's conference theme was "Changing our Test and Evaluation Processes to be More Responsive to the Needs of the Customer: Right Size, Right

Price, Right Stuff, Best Value." The four-day conference included presenters from industry, the political arena and government agencies to share their views on how to better support the joint war-fighter.

Saying that recent actions by the "rogue states" of Iran and Korea "puts us on edge," Griffith told his audience of about 900 test and evaluation experts that the "decision made six months ago because of budgetary concerns leaves much to be desired in how we approach national security."

He called the recent assortment of defense cuts "problematic" and said "I believe additional discussion is needed. I'm not satisfied with the decisions that have been made."

Every day, it becomes more evident that the U.S. is "dealing with countries that are unpredictable. They are not considerate of their own citizens, so why would they be considerate of our citizens?" Griffith said.

"Iran, North Korea and other rogue states have weaponry to challenge the free world. It is an unpredictable future. I'm

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CAPITOL VIEW— Rep. Parker Griffith speaks candidly about the importance of the nation's missile defense program and the development testing that ensures its effectiveness during Test Week 2009 at the Von Braun Center's South Hall.

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not sure what North Korea is going to do or what Iran's intentions are. But I am sure that it's not good for us. We can at least draw that conclusion without getting too specific."

As a member of Congress's Science and Technology Committee and a long-time physician from Huntsville, Griffith has an understanding of what a strong missile defense means to the nation and of the contributions Huntsville's science and engineering community has made to the nation's military strength.

Huntsville, he said, "is in the heart of missile defense. We've got a culture here that has developed over many, many years. It is a calling, a culture, a commitment that can't be interrupted and then expected to be put back together at a moment's notice."

He urged the Test Week audience of engineers and scientists to get involved and speak out on issues pertaining to missile defense.

"Oftentimes, those in the science community are so interested in what they do for a living and are so caught up in their work, that they don't feel the political arena is where they should be," he said.

"Your work makes you immune to the process and you leave it to someone else. But we value your opinion. We need your input. This is a science endeavor that deserves much consideration ... thoughtful, thoughtful consideration."

Griffith called for a "multi-layered missile defense" that develops weapon systems in the boost, ascent, midcourse and terminal phases needed to provide ballistic missile defense worldwide. He said all areas need funding for additional research, development and testing.

"Testing is what it's all about," he said, directing his comments to the Test Week audience. "Testing is where the rubber meets the road as far as where our weapon systems are concerned today."

Griffith's strong stand on missile defense was reiterated by other speakers during Test Week, including Dr. David Chu, president and chief executive officer of the Institute of Defense Analysis, a non-profit corporation that administers three federally funded research and development centers to assist the U.S. government in addressing important national security issues, particularly those requiring scientific and technical expertise; and Maj. Gen. David Eichhorn, commander of the Air Force Field Test Center.

Chu said today's environment and its changing circumstances make it more difficult for the U.S. to know how to respond to threats.

"We no longer enjoy the certainty that guided us in the Cold War where we had one opponent and we understood that opponent," Chu said. "Nothing is further from the truth today. We don't know the challenges. No one knew in 2001 that we would put special forces back on horseback or we would use B-52s" to launch missiles in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



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DEFENSE ANALYSIS— Dr. David Chu, president of the Institute of Defense Analyses, emphasizes the need for up tempo testing to understand what a new defense system can add to the war fighter's capability. Chu was a keynote speaker during Test Week 2009.

The U.S. also doesn't know the shape of the next threat its military will confront — a low-tech counterinsurgency or a high-tech conflict.

The challenges the U.S. defense strategy faces are further complicated by a lack of competition between a smaller community of contractors; military infrastructure and equipment that is outdated; a declining defense budget at a time when the U.S. is fighting two wars; the lack of an influx of science talent from other nations and a series of significant



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RUSSIAN CAPABILITY— Robert Nicholson, right, of Redstone Arsenal's Target Management Office, shows Lt. Col. Todd Minners of the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army with oversight of the Test and Evaluation Office, and Abigail Maul of the Navy's InterTec project, the special features of a door on the Russian BTR-80 armored personnel carrier. The Target Management Office, which has a fleet of foreign military equipment that is used in testing U.S. artillery systems, was among about 100 exhibitors at Test Week 2009.



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UP CLOSE WITH TESTING— Maj. Gen. Roger Nadeau, commander of Army Test and Evaluation, talks with John Aufderhar of the Redstone Technical Test Center about the missile surveillance testing vehicles used to test Hellfire (pictured), Longbow and a host of other missiles. Nadeau was a panel participant during the 11th annual Test Week.

procurement failures.

"This is a very different world than the one which we operated in in the past," Chu said. "And it affects the test community."

Developmental testing is critical to understanding technology, yet at the same time it must be managed in an up tempo environment where new systems are developed and procured to meet immediate needs in theater, he said.

"The test and evaluation master plan focuses on key characteristics of new systems that differentiate them from other systems ... The question is 'Does this system work as advertised?' ... Testing gives us a sense of what a system can really do and that's more important than ever before," Chu said.

Eichhorn of the Air Force Field Test Center said the Department of Defense is facing a multi-dimensional problem.

"We are missing most of the problem. We are missing most of the solution ... You've got to know which question to ask," he said.

The test environment exists so that the right questions are asked and to "ensure the program manager is buying what they think they're buying ... Test is the most controversial part of the acquisition process."

The research, development, test and evaluation processes the Air Force as well as other military branches employ are providing military systems that have quality, responsiveness and adaptability, Eichhorn said.

In the acquisition process "we have to be adaptable and responsive and understand what questions have to be answered," he said.

The test environment will get stronger as the military enterprise is established and government entities work together to provide the best systems for war fighters, he added.

"We must foster a collaborative environment across test centers to advance the state of the art, to field, to sustain and to upgrade" military systems such as the Air Force's electronic warfare capability, Eichhorn said.

"The development, test and evaluation enterprise gets its value from collaboration and innovation. It necessarily forces people to do the hard work that inherently makes this country great."

Hail and farewell

Carnell dug his career as chief warrant officer

Retired Soldier planning to hunt dinosaur bones

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Chief Warrant Officer 5 John Carnell spent many of the first 20 years of his 36-year career assigned to remote locations throughout the world.

Now, in retirement, he will soon find himself in yet another remote location – the dinosaur-rich lands of Wyoming and Utah.

Since 1992, this paleontologist volunteer has spent many summer vacations aiding in the recovery of dinosaur bones in the U.S., Europe and the People's Republic of China. Carnell fell in love with his hobby while stationed in Germany, where he visited Humboldt University and discovered their exhibit of a Brachiosaurus that stands six stories high.

"I decided I wanted to be part of that," the 54-year-old retiree said, describing the Brachiosaurus. "So, I take time off in the summer to pull dinosaurs out of the ground."

Even though dinosaur digging seems a far cry from his work with the Army in the nuclear weapon and missile arenas, Carnell said both require technical knowledge.

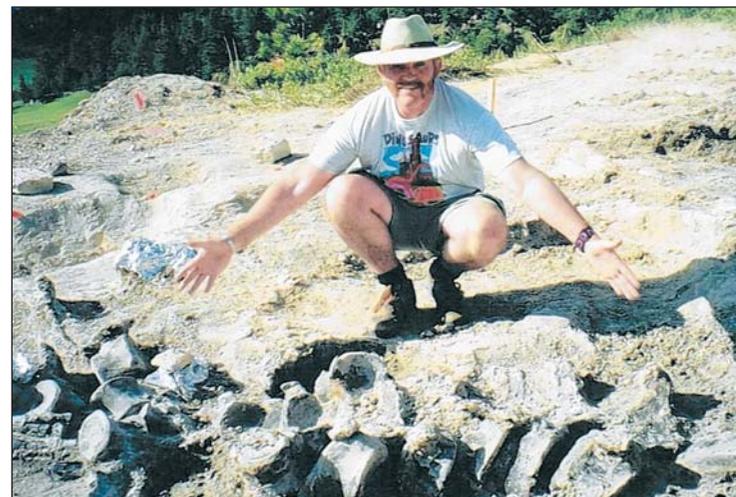
"Both are meticulous. Both require a lot of attention to detail and procedures that are specific," he said.

It is the discovery of dinosaur bones that appeals to Carnell's scientific nature.

"When you first expose that dinosaur bone you are the first person to see the remains of that animal," he said. "No one has ever, ever seen those remains until you find them in the ground. Seventy percent of the animal is its back, legs and ribs. It's an awesome sight to behold. And when you are out there in the field digging you know you are making a major contribution to the scientific knowledge of dinosaurs."

A retirement ceremony for Carnell was held May 22. In his retirement speech, Carnell spoke about the Army's evolution from its negative post-Vietnam reputation to today's image as a technically advanced and Soldier-focused Army. During the early years of his career, Carnell watched the Army undergo a metamorphosis.

"The Army I joined had come out of Vietnam," he recalled. "It was an unpopular Army. It was demoralized. It didn't know what it was about. It was suffering from



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WALK THE DINOSAUR— Now retired from a 36-year Army career, John Carnell looks forward to digging up more fun in his avocation as a paleontologist. He has spent many summer vacations in Wyoming and Utah searching for dinosaur bones.

huge racial problems and drug problems. It was a difficult Army to be in because it did not know what this country wanted it to be."

In the late 1970s and into the 1980s, the Army's leadership rebuilt its own organization.

"Our leadership realized we had to get back to the basics of what Soldiering was all about," he said. "It was about taking care of Soldiers so they could do their jobs. The Army focused on its specific constitutional responsibility to fight and win wars. And the Army became a better Army."

"Reshaping the Army" meant establishing and enforcing standards, holding leaders responsible for their Soldier's tactical and technical proficiency, and achieving military excellence through leadership, hard work, tactical and technical competency, discipline and Soldier accountability.

The surprise came in 1991, when the Army was called on in Operation Desert Storm and quickly responded to put down the threat.

"We moved 70 percent of the Army halfway around the world," Carnell said. "It was the greatest movement of an Army

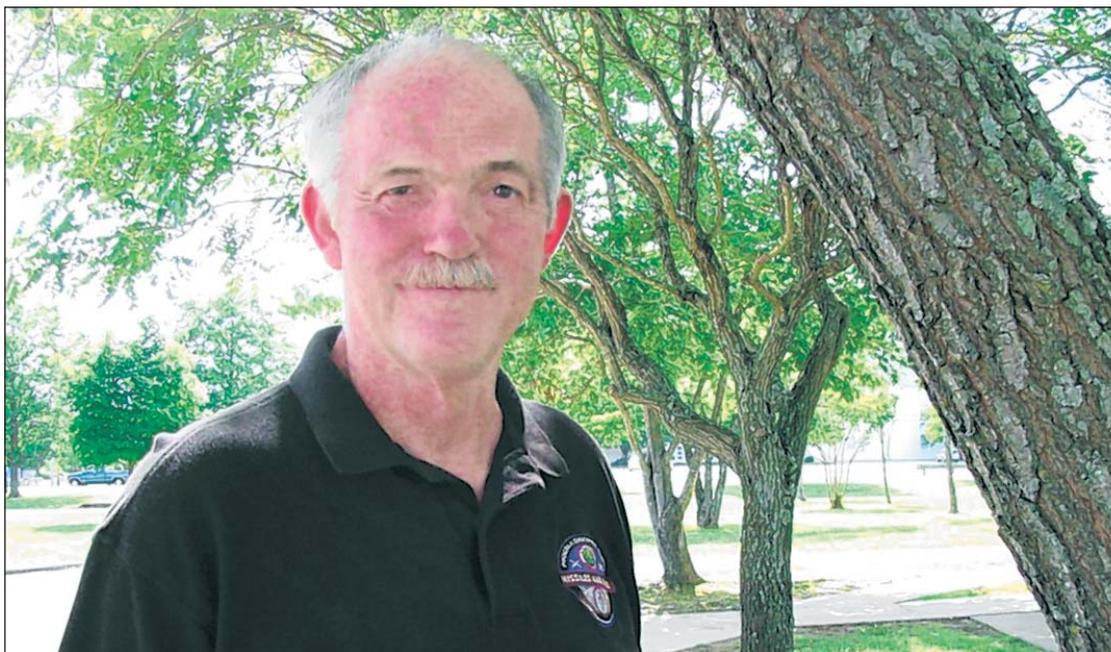


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BRANCHING OUT— Retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 John Carnell began and ended his Army career at Redstone Arsenal.

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Huntsville Engineering Center welcomes new commander

*Bailey succeeds
McCallister*

Lt. Col. David Bailey assumed command of the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, during a traditional military change of command ceremony Friday at the University of Alabama-Huntsville's Chan Auditorium.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, chief of engineers and commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, passed the organizational colors to Bailey — symbolizing the transfer of leadership from Col. Larry McCallister, who commanded Huntsville Center for the previous three years. McCallister was also recognized at the ceremony for his 30 years of service to and retirement from the Army.

Van Antwerp presented McCallister with a Legion of Merit medal and thanked him for his service.

"When I think of Larry McCallister, here's what I'm going to remember. He is a great Soldier," Van Antwerp said. "I'm going to remember someone who is expeditionary. He answered the call. I will also think about someone who made everyone else around him better. There is a commercial by EES that says 'we don't make it, but we make everyone better.' That's Larry McCallister. Thank you for your outstanding leadership and contributions — not just in the past three years, but for the past 30 years."

Van Antwerp welcomed the Baileys. "You are proven winners," he said. "You also have that expeditionary spirit and you are an exceptional Army family so with great confidence we turn this flag over to you today. I think command is a privilege. I hope you feel that way. It is a privilege to do what we do."

Huntsville Center is a major subordinate command of the Army Corps of Engineers. As the Huntsville Center commander, Bailey will oversee programs located worldwide that include installation support, medical, ordnance and explosives, chemical demilitarization and ballistic missile defense.

Bailey was assigned to the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, as



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FRONT AND CENTER— Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, right, chief of engineers and commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, passes the organizational colors to Lt. Col. David Bailey during Friday's change of command ceremony.

the deputy commander in July 2008. He came to the Huntsville Center from Heidelberg, Germany, where he served as the G7 (Engineer) for the Army V Corps from 2007-08.

Addressing the Huntsville Center work force, Bailey said, "The ceremony today symbolizes the passing of command from one individual to another but more importantly it symbolizes that the strength of the organization does not rest with one person even the leader. The strength of the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center lies with our superb work force who apply their considerable abilities and technical skills every day to projects that support the men and women of the armed forces and the national interests.

"The Center will continue to support the nation in areas that are so diverse, that most people, myself included, are amazed that a single organization can skillfully execute such a wide range of projects. Col. McCallister leaves behind an organization that is performing at a high level. One could say that Huntsville Center is rounding the corner to great." (*Huntsville Center release*)

Senior non-commissioned officer departs Logistics Support Activity

The Logistics Support Activity honored one of its own May 29 as Master Sgt. Jerry Patton retired with more than 39 years service to the Army Reserve.

Patton initially entered active duty in 1967 as an airman with the Air Force. He joined the Army four years later.

The Gainesville, Fla., native has one daughter and three granddaughters. He held a variety of leadership positions throughout his career, ranging from a personnel sergeant to a traffic management specialist at Redstone Arsenal.

"Master Sgt. Patton had sacrificed a great deal and missed many family events because of his 39-year career commitment to protect our way of life," LOGSA commander Col. James Rentz said. (*Logistics Support Activity release*)



Photo by Melody Sandlin

RETIREMENT CEREMONY— Master Sgt. Jerry Patton, left, is congratulated by LOGSA commander Col. James Rentz.

Career

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ever. And when we accomplished the mission, we packed it all up and came home. We became a first class Army, the premier military force on earth.”

Carnell’s entire career has been filled with the quest to be the most technically proficient Soldier the Army has to offer. He began and ended his military career at Redstone Arsenal – being among the first Soldiers to be trained at Redstone as a nuclear weapons maintenance technician and then transferring to Redstone for the last time in 2005 as the logistics transformation officer for the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

One of his last assignments with Missiles and Space involved a responsibility he came to enjoy the most in the Army — mentoring and teaching young Soldiers.

“I managed a team of 60 people to train and issue the Army’s newest artillery system – HIMARS – to the Wyoming National Guard,” he said. “In 88 days, we trained that battalion, issued equipment and watched them successfully fire a missile with HIMARS. I really enjoyed the day-to-day contact with Soldiers.”

Carnell joined the Army in 1973, after completing one year of college.

“I was tired of going to school. I was tired of being at home. I was frustrated as someone who didn’t know what he wanted to do,” he recalled.

One thing Carnell did know – he liked the idea of becoming a chief warrant officer like his father, who made the rank of CWO 4 during his 27-year Navy career.

But, instead of the Navy, Carnell chose the Army for his career path.

“My recruiter wanted me to drive a tank. But I knew that wouldn’t take me to warrant officer,” he said. “So, I chose nuclear weapons maintenance technician for my military occupational specialty.”

Carnell’s MOS took him to Redstone Arsenal.

“I was in class number one for nuclear weapons at Redstone Arsenal,” Carnell said. “That job specialty also gave me the opportunity to apply for chief warrant officer.”

Carnell’s job in nuclear weapons maintenance took him to assignments in New York, Colorado, Germany and Italy. In 1989, he was responsible for the safe evacuation and return of all Army nuclear weapons deployed to both Italy and Greece as required by NATO treaty agreements.

“We retrograded the nuclear weapons and returned them to the U.S. safely without leaving any environmental hazards of any kind,” he said. “That was a super, super challenging mission because we had to accomplish the mission in a period of 120 days, and the last nuclear weapons in Germany and Turkey had to leave on the same day at the same time.”

The NATO treaty eventually put Carnell out of a job. The Army ended its nuclear weapon business in 1992, and Carnell came back to Redstone Arsenal to retrain as a land combat missile maintainer. He was assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash., before assuming responsibility in 1996 for the Warrant Officer Candidate Academic Studies branch at Fort Rucker. Other assignments took him to Fort Bliss, Texas and then to Redstone Arsenal.

“I was a CWO 4 when I went to Fort Rucker. But that was the one assignment I was most apprehensive about,” Carnell said. “It’s a really important mission to train Soldiers who want to be warrant officers.”

“It turned out to be tremendously rewarding to help train young high school graduates who wanted to fly helicopters and young Soldiers who were technically qualified sergeants or staff sergeants wanting to be warrant officers. While I was there, in excess of 4,000 Soldiers and high school kids became warrant officers in the Army. The generation of pilots who have done so wonderfully in this conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan were warrant officer candidates when I was at Fort Rucker. That was a hallmark of my career.”

While chief warrant officers are called on to lead Soldiers, they must, first, be technically proficient in their career field.

“Warrant officers are the Army’s specialists,” Carnell said. “We are the knowledge base in the technical field areas for the Army. We provide the institutional knowledge in making complex systems work for the Army. Warrant officers work in complex, technically challenging fields.”

Army training makes it possible for a Soldier to excel in any field they are interested in, he said. And nuclear weapons maintenance is no exception.

“The Army teaches you skills and you practice those skills,” Carnell said. “You learn the basics and you practice. There’s no real secret to being a warrant officer, a leader or taking care of Soldiers. It’s all there for anyone to learn.

“But to be a warrant officer, you have to have a true desire to take on the job, to

always do what’s right, to live by the Army values, to do the best you can and to give your commander 100 percent.”

Carnell said the Army will continue to be successful in its missions because of its philosophy toward caring for Soldiers and “being the Army the Constitution and the nation requires. We know how to fight and win the nation’s wars.”

The Army will continue to evolve into a better Army, he said, despite the wartime and budgetary challenges it faces. And Carnell sees that ongoing evolution in PEO for Missiles and Space.

“Our weapon systems, our Army doctrine, our management and logistics system and our professionalism continue to improve,” he said.

“This PEO has been at the forefront of this Army transformation in the field of missiles. As its employees continue to spiral technical innovations into our systems, such as Patriot, MLRS, TOW, Javelin and helicopter-borne missiles, it is providing Soldiers the very best missile weapons systems possible, at an affordable price. The PEO’s continued support to the war fighter, the American Soldier, is crucial and very much in evidence in this current fight. This PEO is leading the continuing Army transformation effort, achieving an excellence in missilery never seen before in any military force.”

Besides digging up dinosaur bones, Carnell will spend his retirement with his wife, Kathleen, who is a logistics manager for the Integrated Material Management Center’s Black Hawk Aircraft Depot Production and Acquisition Management Team, and his three stepchildren. He also will continue to be active with the local annual Brewfest and the Free the Hops/Alabamians for Specialty Beer organization.

Redstone resource managers among best nationally

Local chapter wins association awards

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter has brought home awards from the American Society of Military Comptrollers national convention and training event May 27-29 in San Antonio.

The chapter received honors in the Community Projects, Chapter Competition and maintained its Five Star Status. Redstone also received the Neil R. Ginnetti award for outstanding, innovative contributions to the professional development of its chapter members and training needs of the command.

Becky Lake, the chapter's 2008-09 president, received the Chapter Leadership award which was presented at the awards banquet at the close of the conference. Redstone chapter is in the A-1 category which are chapters larger than 300. An award was presented to winners in each category. Redstone chapter has more than 500 members and is among the largest chapters.

"I was very proud to bring home the Leadership award for this chapter," Lake said. "We've done a lot of great things and I'm very proud of that."

More than 4,500 military comptrollers

and contractors from throughout the Defense Department attended the conference. (ASMC release)



Courtesy photo

HONOREES— Redstone/Huntsville Chapter president Becky Lake receives the Leadership award during the American Society of Military Comptrollers national convention and training event. At right is Charles Miller Sr. from the Buckeye Chapter.

COMPETITION POSTER CAMPAIGN



Shortly after the end of FY 09, the Competition Management Office (CMO) will be awarding a **\$250.00 On-The-Spot Cash Award**. This cash award will be presented to the individual who designs a poster that best captures the *essence of competition*. Participation is limited to Government personnel (civilian/military).

This is a great opportunity to show your competitive spirit for the warfighters and the taxpayers. The CMO will formally present the cash award to the winner as well as display the poster throughout the Sparkman Complex and place an article in the Redstone Rocket.

For more information, visit our home page at https://ams8.redstone.army.mil/casl_cmo_home or email the CMO at emo@us.army.mil.

Youngsters blast off for Space Camp

Military community honors 11 scholarship recipients

By MEGAN COTTON
For the Rocket

Evelyn Fox had an idea in 1984 to establish a scholarship program that would help the children of Redstone military personnel attend Space Camp. She along with the help of others created the Army Community Service Space Camp Scholarship.

The program celebrated its 25th anniversary Thursday by awarding 11 scholarships to Space Camp, Space Academy and Aviation Challenge.

Fox attended the ceremony where she spoke to the recipients about the importance of attending Space Camp, because there they will get hands-on experiences and knowledge that a classroom can't give them.

"You are the young campers and the future," Fox said "While our generation had many scientific advancements we have left you enough problems to solve."

After the certificates were presented, the children read their application essays, "Why I want to attend Space Camp/Space Academy/Aviation Challenge."

"The thing about atmosphere is it blows me off my feet," scholarship recipient Adeline Atkinson said about why she wanted to attend Space Camp. She had learned



Photo by Martina Kaiwi

ESSAY— Erik Cain reads his essay on why he wants to attend Space Camp. Along with submitting an essay, the scholarship winners had to have a "B" average and show an interest in science.

about the atmosphere and space in her class and wanted to know more about it.

"I've heard it's educational, fun and exciting," recipient Maci Dockery said in

her essay.

Erik Cain said Space Camp is a good chance to figure out what he wants to be when he grows up.

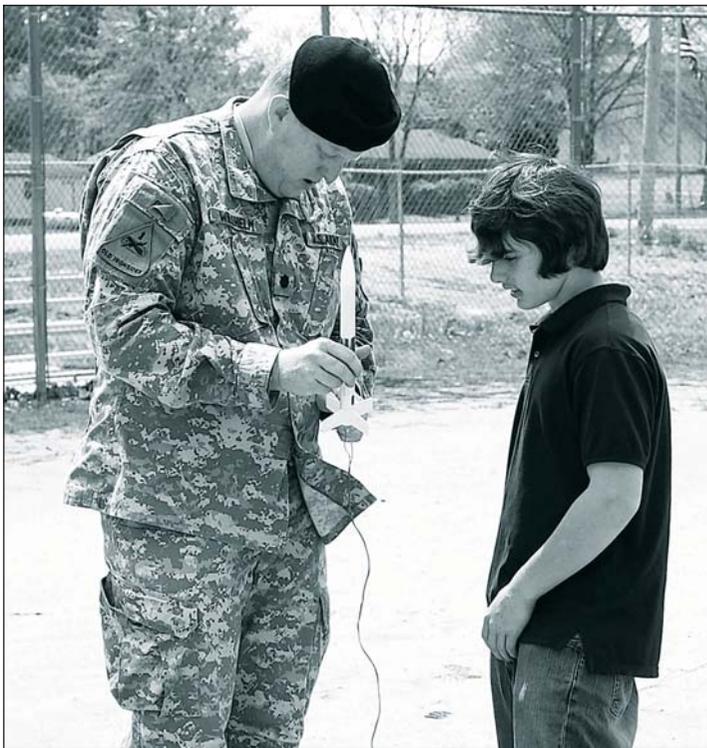


Photo by Martina Kaiwi

GAME PLAN— Ceremony speaker Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco has the Space Camp scholarship recipients huddle with him. At his request, they then run over to hug program creator Evelyn Fox who started the program in 1984. "The best thing about it (Space Camp) is that it's fun," Dellarocco told the children.

This year's scholarships were funded by contributions from the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, Air Defense Artillery Association, American Legion Family Post 237, Association of the U.S. Army, the Thrift Ship, and System Studies and Simulation Inc.

The winners included Atkinson, Dockery, Cain, Hannah Smejkal, Stephen Snell, Kaelin Yi, all for Space Camp; Kai Perkins, Leah Sneddon, David Tweedy, all for Space Academy; Meredith Carter and Jahmal Jones, both for Aviation Challenge.



Courtesy photo

PRE-FLIGHT— Lt. Col. Steve Willhelm checks a model rocket which this New Hope Middle School eighth-grader built in Willhelm's rocketry class.

Product manager launches rocketry for eighth-graders

Lieutenant colonel teaches New Hope Middle students

By LEIGH WILLHELM
For the Rocket

This was rocket science for middle school kids.

Lt. Col. Steve Willhelm recently visited New Hope Middle School where he was a guest instructor at an enrichment program for eighth-graders. He was brought in to teach Rocketry 101 where students were taught basic rocket science and then given the opportunity to build their own model rocket.

Rocketry was one of several Enrichment Clubs sponsored by the CARE Center, also located in New Hope. The center is a multi-denominational partnership of churches serving southeastern Madison County.

Originally begun to provide food and emergency services, the center has expanded its ministry to school-age children through tutoring, camp scholarships, mentoring and enrichment activities. The Enrichment Clubs were designed to encourage students to dream big and increase their exposure to various career fields.

Brought in by his wife, Leigh, who works at the school, Willhelm jumped at the opportunity to participate.

"I'm not exactly a rocket scientist," said Willhelm, product manager for the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor. "I have spent a good bit of time around them during my tours on Kwajalein Atoll as well as supporting the Ground Based Midcourse Defense Program here in Huntsville. Lucky for me, I had learned enough to

hold my own with the students but I have to admit, their questions were tougher than I expected."

The program was set up around three consecutive weeks of teaching, each one limited to an hour of class time.

"Time management was a challenge," Willhelm said. "Week one was the Rocket Science 101 part. I've taught before so designing a one-hour PowerPoint class wasn't too bad. The tough part was trying to build and shoot them each in one-hour blocks. Ever try to synchronize 11 eighth-grade boys to build a model rocket in lock step? Good luck!"

Students were most interested in launching their rockets, but they hopefully learned a little about missile defense as well. The class ended with each boy launching his rocket twice on the softball field behind New Hope Middle School.

Civilians tame Bravo Bulldogs with late rally



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BEWARE OF GATOR— Elton “Gator” Grissom pitches for the Civilian Welfare Fund against Bravo Company on June 1. He also helped offensively with four hits.

Civilian Welfare Fund has 10-run 7th inning

By SKIP VAUGHN
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There was no doubt when the softball left William Kelly’s bat. His soaring drive cleared the left field fence.

Kelly’s two-run homer highlighted a 10-run seventh inning for the Civilian Welfare Fund against Bravo Company.

CWF went on to beat the Bulldogs 16-5 on the final night of the regular season June 1 at Linton Field. The postseason tournament is scheduled June 8-16.

“It gives us momentum going into the tournament,” CWF center fielder Brad Harris said.

Kelly had a homer, double, single and three RBIs for the civilians (7-3). Harris had three hits and three RBIs. Winning pitcher Elton “Gator” Grissom added four hits, including a triple, and two RBIs.

Defensively, the civilians turned double plays in the second and seventh innings.

“We just came out and had the right

players and no errors in the field,” said CWF player/coach Andrew Myrick, who tripled in the 11-hit seventh. “Just hit the ball good as a team, had runners in scoring position and we brought them in.”

James Brewer had three hits, including a double, for Bravo (8-2). Leadoff batter Anthony Atemon went 2-for-3.

“That was a game till the last inning,” said Bulldogs shortstop Jay Gavigan, who had two hits with a two-run triple. “We gave up 10 runs in the last inning. They just hit the ball. We’ll see them in the playoffs, though.”

The loss dropped Bravo to second place behind the two-time defending champion National Guard (8-2), who had

beaten the Bulldogs on April 30.

“At first we had a lot of errors. But then they started hitting base hits, nothing we could do about that,” Bravo player/coach Steven Hester said. “And our bats were not alive.”

Also on June 1, streaking Charlie Company (7-3) hammered the NCO Academy 22-2; and HHC 59th edged the Marines 21-20.

Entering the postseason tournament, here are the final standings for the season: National Guard (8-2), Bravo (8-2), Charlie (7-3), Civilian Welfare Fund (7-3), HHC 59th (5-5), Marines (2-8), Headquarters & Alpha (2-8) and NCO Academy (1-9).

Fund-raisers engineer golf tournament

The Reliability Availability & Maintainability Engineering and System Assessment Division and Production Engineering Division hosted the Aviation and Missile Research Development Engineering Center, Engineering Directorate’s sixth annual Army Emergency Relief charity golf tournament April 16 at the Redstone Links.

This tournament drew 120 golfers representing personnel from Redstone Arsenal and the local community. Additionally, 18 local businesses provided donations and/or participated in the event. As a result, this year’s tournament raised \$6,840 for AER.

The winning team, with a 14-under, included Randy Harkins, Mike Lawrence, Jeff Shepherd and Greg Gorg.

Second place, with an 11-under, went to Todd Christiansen, Mike Mayhan, Steve Thibodaux and Larry Hennebeck.

The RA and PE Divisions, of the Engineering Directorate, expressed their appreciation to the participants and volunteers of the tournament and recognize the following for their contributions:

- Tournament donors — COLSA, Intuitive Research and Technology Corp., Carrabba’s Italian Grill, and Smith Enterprises Inc.

- Contributors (prizes, gift certificates, food and beverages) — McAlister’s Deli, Lenny’s Sub Shop, Smokey’s Barbecue, Pauli’s Bar and Grill, Target (University Drive), Outback Steakhouse, Home Depot (North Memorial Parkway), Hooters, Chick-fil-A of Madison, Cheeburger Cheeburger, The Fresh Market, Cantina Laredo, Connor’s Steak & Seafood, and Redstone Federal Credit Union

- Tournament coordinators — Chris and Carolyn Farmer.



Courtesy photo

NUMBER ONE— From left, first-place team members Jeff Shepherd, Greg Gorg, Randy Harkins and Mike Lawrence stand with tournament co-coordinator Chris Farmer.

Safe food handling easy as 1-2-3

Take precautions when grilling out

By **CHERIE A. MILLER**
Fox Army Health Center

Get ready. Get set. Grill!

Warm weather is the ideal time to cook out. More people cook outdoors in summer than at any other time of year. Unfortunately, the warm summer temperatures are also ideal for bacterial growth in the foods we enjoy at picnics and parties. There are some simple guidelines you can use to ensure your picnic isn't spoiled.

Start your safe food handling measures right in the supermarket. Select perishable meats, poultry, and dairy products last, right before checkout. Place raw meats and poultry in plastic bags to prevent cross-contamination from any juices leaking onto other foods. Ideally, place these perishable items in the car

itself, where it's cooler, instead of in the trunk. If you live quite a distance from the supermarket, you should consider taking along a cooler packed with ice to pack perishables for the ride home. In either case, don't leave your perishables in a hot car while you run other errands.

After arriving home, immediately place perishables in the refrigerator or freezer. If you won't be using the meat within 1-2 days, it should be frozen to avoid spoilage. Remember that every time you handle the raw food product you introduce more bacteria, so only rewrap the food when the store wrapping is damaged or soiled. If rewrapping is necessary, use clean plastic wrap or aluminum foil and wash your hands well before handling the food. Check the temperature in your refrigerator and freezer. Refrigerator temperatures should be 40 degrees Fahrenheit or less and freezers should be maintained at zero or less.

Remove the foods from cold storage right before preparation. Frozen foods should be thawed in the refrigerator and not on the kitchen counter. Before preparing the food, wash your hands thoroughly and clean all countertops and cutting boards with hot soapy water. And of course, use clean utensils. If you're taking food to a picnic site or elsewhere away from home, pack all perishable items in a cooler with ice or gel packs.

Ensure all foods are wrapped securely or in leak proof containers and keep the cooler in the shade or shelter. Use utensils, rather than your hands, to mix salads.

Meats and poultry should be thoroughly cooked prior to serving. Poultry should be cooked until juices are clear and the flesh is no longer pink. Hamburger and other ground meats should be cooked until they are brown in the middle with no pink juice. Other meats should be cooked to 145 F except

pork which should reach 160 F. Keep the food hot until served – you may need to set it to the side of the grill rack to accomplish this. Any bacteria present in the raw meat can contaminate the cooked meat, so don't place cooked meat on the same platter the raw meat was on. Place any leftovers back in the cooler. If food has been in warm temperatures for more than an hour, it's better to discard it than risk re-serving it.

So you see – safe food handling is easy as 1-2-3. Keep foods at safe temperatures. Protect foods from contamination. Keep your hands and utensils clean. So, c'mon, let's have a picnic!

Editor's note: Cherie A. Miller is an environmental health coordinator at Preventive Medicine, Fox Army Health Center. For more information on food sanitation, call Preventive Medicine at 955-8888, ext. 1026.

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

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 Friday. For more information, call Freeda McDowell 536-8050.

Muscular dystrophy 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.

Cheerleader camp

The Baby Bulldog Cheerleader Camp is Thursday through Saturday at Burwell's Martial Arts and Fitness Center located at 5074 Meridian St. (north of Alabama A&M University). The cost of the camp is \$40, which includes T-shirt and lunch Saturday. The times for the camp are 6-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Mary Jones Moore 797-3788.

Rocket City rowing

Youth crew "Learn to Row" camps will be held July 13-17 and/or July 20-24. Ages 12-17 may register for one or both camps at \$75 per week. Camps will be that Monday through Friday from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Community Boathouse on the Tennessee River. For information or registration, call Debbie Della Silva 880-7660 or Kristi Caudill 772-6555.

Basketball camp

J Smith Hoops presents the second annual J Smith All-American Basketball Camp, for ages 6-15, on July 13-16 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Columbia High School. The cost is \$90. For more information, call 1-866-595-4449 or visit www.jsmithhoops.com.



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.

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. Thursday 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 Saturday 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 and contractors in any type of admin field to attend its meeting held every third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Alhadella McRae 313-1957.

Toastmaster clubs

Anyone interested in improving their public speaking ability is invited to attend the Lunar Nooners Toastmasters Club 9783, which meets Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the building 4610 cafeteria. For more information, call Paul Pickett 544-6078. The Research Park Club 4838 meets Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30 at the Sentar offices, 315 Wynn Drive, Suite 1. For information call Valerie Cortez 313-9753. The Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 meets Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30 at building 5301, second floor, in room 2017. For information call Caville Blake 876-7351.

Business leaders

Young Business Leaders will meet June 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Huntsville Marriott. The speaker is Nate Self, who as an Army Ranger captain in 2002 led a group of Soldiers atop Takur Ghar Mountain to rescue a missing-in-action Navy SEAL. Tickets are \$20 each, \$200 for a table of 10 and \$100 for half table of five. Mail checks to YBL, 1111 Gleneagles Drive, Suite D, Huntsville, AL 35801. RSVP is required by June 22 by calling 882-6003 or e-mailing Bob Boerner at bob@yblhsv.org.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. This month's luncheon is an award ceremony and the swearing in of new officers with special guest Steve Fisher, AMCOM secretary of the general staff. For ticket information, call Kim Ouattara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Transportation group

North Alabama Transportation Foundation hears Joe McInnes of ALDOT for its monthly meeting today at noon at the Heritage Club in downtown Huntsville. Cost of the meal is \$15 for non-members of NALTF. For reservations or information, call executive director Kurt Furst 890-8544, ext. 14.

Federal employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments and social begin at 9:30 a.m. and the business meeting at 10. Michael Magnusson of Berryhill Funeral Home will explain various prepaid funeral plans. For more information, call 519-3327 or 539-1333.

Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will have its monthly outreach luncheon June 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Beverly Vaughan, a former third-grade teacher, will tell how she learned to forgive and feel again after the loss of her mother and sisters in an accident. Cost is \$15. Free child-care for ages 6 and under is offered off site. Reservations, essential for the luncheon and for child care, are due by June 18. Call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339.

Lee High class

The Lee High School Class of 1979 "30-Year Reunion Committee" will meet at 6 p.m. June 16 at Gibson's Barbecue on South Memorial Parkway. Information about the reunion July 25 can be found at www.reuniteus.com, or alumni may call Jim Zielifski 519-2787 ext. 208 to be added to the e-mail list.

Industry day

The Missile Defense Agency will hold an Industry Day Conference on June 24 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 25 from 7 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Bridge Street Westin Hotel. The conference is part of the agency's ongoing effort to provide industry with information on existing pro-

grams, given MDA's revised focus, and to provide potential business partners with an opportunity to participate in "one-on-one" discussions with senior agency leaders. For more information, call Brian Harrington (703) 882-6133 or Lynn Worsham (703) 882-6161 or register online at www.mdaindustryday.com.

Communications/electronics

Huntsville Chapter Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will have a luncheon June 23 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Check-in starts at 11 a.m. and lunch at 11:30. Dave Weeks of the Space and Missile Defense Command is to speak on "NANOSATs for the war fighter." Make reservations by June 18 at <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=184701>.

IT professionals

An organizational kickoff meeting for a local users group of IT professionals will be held June 16 at 5 p.m. at Jacobs Conference Center, 1500 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 100. For registration call Greg 971-5567 or e-mail greg.gindhart@jacobs.com.

Information security

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



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.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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SCBK09508681	Budget Analyst	10-Jun-09	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-0560	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X														
SCBK09489367	Lead Aerospace Engr	11-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	96,346 - 147,332						X	X		X	X		X				
SCBK09489367D	Lead Aerospace Engr	11-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09449690	Supv General Engr	11-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332						X										
SCBK09423923D	Civil Engr	11-Jun-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0810	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09505735	General Engr	11-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0801	12	13	68,564 - 105,993				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09505735D	General Engr	11-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0801	12	13	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09457815	Mgmt Analyst	11-Jun-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0343	12	12	68,564 - 89,128				X												
SCBK09483673	Prgm Analyst	11-Jun-09	IMMC	GS-0343	12	12	68,564 - 89,128						X			X	X		X				
SCBK09447543	Materials Engr	12-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	68,564 - 105,993				X		X	X	X	X	X		X				
SCBK09447543D	Materials Engr	12-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09514133	Electronics Engr	12-Jun-09	AMCOM, TMDE	GS-0855	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X														
SCBK09515235	Aerospace Engr	12-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993							X	X		X	X					
SCBK09515235D	Aerospace Engr	12-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09444525	Admin Spt Asst (OA)	12-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249									X	X		X				
SCBK09537475	Budget Analyst	12-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0560	11	11	57,204 - 74,360				X												
SCBK09459898	Supv, Workforce Dev Spec	12-Jun-09	SMDC	YC-0301	2	2	68,564 - 125,254							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09459898DR	Supv, Workforce Dev Spec	12-Jun-09	SMDC	YC-0301	2	2	68,564 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09481947	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Jun-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128				X												
SCBK09534874	Procurement Analyst	15-Jun-09	PEO AVN, Bus Mgmt Div	NH-1102	3	3	68,564 - 105,993						X	X	X		X	X	X				
SCBK09512644	Info Sys Mgmt Spec	16-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993				X												
SCBK09490485	Prgm Mgmt Spec	16-Jun-09	PEO AVN, APACHE	NH-0301	4	4	96,346 - 147,332							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09508455	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-Jun-09	LOGSA	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993							X					X				
SCBK09508680	Oil Analysis Asst (OA)	17-Jun-09	LOGSA	GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09537490	Military Analyst (Space Sys)	17-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993						X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09537490D	Military Analyst (Space Sys)	17-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
WTST09527609	Security Spec	17-Jun-09	SMDC	GG-0080	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
WTST09527609N	Security Spec	17-Jun-09	SMDC	GG-0080	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09507732D	Aerospace Engr	17-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	31,204 - 74,360	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09466403	Equipment Spec (Aircraft)	17-Jun-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128																
SCBK09508358	Opers Research Analyst	18-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-1515	12	13	68,564 - 105,993						X	X		X	X	X	X				
SCBK09508358D	Opers Research Analyst	18-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-1515	12	13	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09540592	Program Analyst	18-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DE-0343	3	3	52,067 - 89,128							X	X		X	X	X				
SCBK09497612	Program Mgmt Spec	18-Jun-09	PEO AVN, ADEC	NH-0301	4	4	96,346 - 147,332							X	X		X	X	X				
SCBK09412675R	Lead Aerospace Engr	22-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	96,346 - 147,332				X												
SCBK09494184	Supv General Engr	25-Jun-09	PEO AVN, ASH PM	YD-0801	3	3	90,473 - 154,699						X				X	X	X				
SCBK09477464	Lead General Engr	29-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332				X						X	X	X				
SCBK09411796	General Engr	29-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09447340	Supv General Engr	29-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09527198	Comp Engr	1-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	96,346 - 147,332				X												
SCBK09533473	Electronics Engr	3-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X					X			X	X		X				
SCBK09533473D	Electronics Engr	3-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09436535D	Mech Engr	6-Jul-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0830	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09541278	Electronics Engr	6-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993							X	X		X	X	X				
SCBK09541278D	Electronics Engr	6-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09467754	Equip Spec (Aircraft & Elect)	13-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128						X			X	X		X				
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X			X		X				
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X			X		X				
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X		X												
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	28-Jul-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567				X					X	X		X				
SCBK09466403	Equipment Spec (Aircraft)	3-Aug-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128																
SCBK091102-OCO	Contract Spec	14-Aug-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YA-1102	2	2	57,204 - 89,128				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0920	Lead Lifeguard	31-Aug-09	Swimming Pools, Outdoor Rec	NF-0189	2	2	7,99 - 14,59	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0919	Lifeguard	31-Aug-09	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	6,55 - 11,41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X			X		X				
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X			X		X				
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X		X												
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567				X					X	X		X				
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X		X					X			X				
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV																							
SCBK09489367D	Lead Aerospace Engr	11-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09505735D	General Engr	11-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0801	12	13	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09447543D	Materials Engr	12-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09515235D	Aerospace Engr	12-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09444525	Admin Spt Asst (OA)	12-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09459898DR	Supv, Workforce Dev Spec	12-Jun-09	SMDC	YC-0301	2	2	68,564 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
WTST09527609	Security Spec	17-Jun-09	SMDC	GG-0080	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
WTST09527609N	Security Spec	17-Jun-09	SMDC	GG-0080	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09507732D	Aerospace Engr	17-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	31,204 - 74,360	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09508358D	Opers Research Analyst	18-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-1515	12	13	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09533473D	Electronics Engr	3-Jul-09	AMRDEC																				

Rocket Announcements

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Motorcycle safety

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

Reserve unit

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

Officer candidates

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

schedule an interview, call Capt. Stacy Hopwood and 1st Sgt. Brian May 539-6511 or 539-6512.

Pilots wanted

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

Butler High reunion

S.R. Butler High School's Class of 1969 will hold its 40-year reunion Saturday 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.

High school reunions

Arab High class of 1999 will reunite Aug. 22; Huntsville High graduates of 1989 will gather June 20; Grissom High class of 1999 will get together Aug. 15; and 1979 Lee High grads meet July 25. For registration information call Reunitus, Alabama's complete reunion source, at 877-823-4141 or visit www.reunitus.com.

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.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Bird sculpture

Sparkman Management Office facilities assistant Jim Fisher shows the "SMO bird" which he built at home out of a rake, plow and rebar.

Army training

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

Interactive feedback

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

Veterans home visits

Redstone Soldiers are visiting Tut Fann State Veterans Home on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. Remaining dates for this year include July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 15. For more information, call Jessica Merritt of Wireglass Hospice 519-8808.

Mr. Man Premiere

SB Productions has completed the selection process for the final two exceptional men needed to complete the lineup and compete in this year's Mr. Man Premiere. The 11 contestants selected include two doctors, an Army officer, Navy officer, Air Force reserve recruiter, Madison police officer, Madison fireman and Marine, research analyst, minor league baseball player, engineer, and an engineer student from abroad. The Mr. Man Premiere has been produced since 1981 on both a local and international level. The 2009 competition is scheduled Sept. 19 at the Marriott Hotel near the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Seating is limited. For ticket information, call SB Productions 278-8862 or 683-3083.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop has plants, jewelry, baseball cards, collectibles, books, toys, clothes, household goods and more. The

store offers everyday discounts of 50-75 percent. Visit building 3209 on Hercules Road on Tuesdays 9-4, Wednesdays 9-4, Thursdays 9-5 or the first Saturday 10-2.

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 or visit the workshop website <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/SMAP-CENTER/Conferences/RENM09/>.

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.

English classes

Weatherly Heights Baptist Church offers free English classes, with a special invitation to families new to the Huntsville area. Summer classes are June and July at 6:30 p.m. Fall classes start Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Becky Harchanko 656-3173 or Weatherly Heights Baptist Church, 1306 Cannstatt Drive, at 881-6882.

Translation services

Free translation services and immigration information are available to active duty military by contacting Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. For more information, call 876-5397.

Children's camp

Camp Merrimack is an arts half-day camp July 27-31 for children ages 3-12. The camp is open to children with special needs including Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, autism and others. Cost is \$40 per child. For information, visit the website <http://www.merrimackhall.com/artscamp09.html>.

Doggone workday

"Take Your Dog to Work Day" is June 26. Register by June 19 for \$10 and receive the following: a scarf for your dog, entry for prize drawing, your dog's photo on the "Take Your Dog to Work Day" website, and a chance to win one of several prizes donated by local businesses. The prizes include gift certificates from Little Rosies, Jason's Deli, Surin of Madison Thai Restaurant, Publix, gifts from Goldilocks Grooming, Mulberry Street, Pet Depot, Family Pet Care, European Boutique, Hampton Court, "Enjoy the City" coupon books, a \$50 cash prize and more. Patricia Haag, a volunteer with Therapy Partners,

inc., said there are guidelines for participating. "Always get your supervisor's approval to participate before registering, and consider your pet's personality. If your dog can be quiet, greet people happily, and enjoy being petted, he (or she) is probably a good candidate to accompany you to work for the day," Haag said in a prepared release. For more information or to register, call 881-5700 or visit www.therapypartners.org.

Animal fund-raiser

A New Leash on Life Inc. is throwing a party to help homeless and abandoned animals. You can help this non-profit organization raise money to build an animal sanctuary which will provide a safe place for homeless, sick and injured animals until they can be placed in foster or permanent homes. The annual "Wine & Dandy" event is 6 p.m. June 28 at the Chef's Table Restaurant, 2030 Cecil Ashburn Road in Huntsville. The Chef's Table and Ingenium Wines are sponsoring the event and will offer eclectic foods from around the world paired with wines. Music to be provided by 5ive O'Clock Charlie; and there will be a silent auction. Tickets are limited and may be purchased daily at Valley Animal Hospital in Jones Valley or from A New Leash On Life, at the Jones Valley PetSmart on Saturdays. You may also purchase will-call tickets at www.anewleash.org. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple. For more information, call 489-PETS or visit www.anewleash.org.

Army community

The staff of the Army Community Service invites all of the members of Team Redstone to drop by the ACS building 3338 on Redeye Road at 11 a.m. June 18 for a celebration/open house in honor of Armed Forces Week. The ACS staff will be on

to provide information about the service and support that ACS provides to the Redstone community.

Deployed work force

In appreciation and recognition of Team Redstone's service and sacrifice, AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles would like to honor those who are serving or who have served in deployments in support of Redstone Arsenal operations for Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom. The fourth Team Redstone Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for the fall. This ceremony will recognize honorees for their deployments during the time frame of April to August 2009. Additionally, those who were not able to participate in the last three ceremonies — held April 7, Sept. 18, 2008 and Jan. 22, 2008 — are invited to participate in this ceremony. For more information, call Jeanna Reitmeier 876-5302 or Bruce Cline 955-6925.

Veteran caretakers

Veteran caretakers are invited to a one-day seminar to learn about various disorders, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injuries and other neurological disorders June 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 2500 10th St. The seminar is sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. For more information, call Kathy Hooper 508-6150 or Joyce Ortiz 852-1797.

Gate update

Gate 8 (Goss Road/Drake Avenue) is scheduled to reopen and will resume normal operations by mid-June. It has been undergoing security enhancements and construction since March 9 and is temporarily closed to all vehicle traffic but will still allow access to building 3149 and

to pedestrians.

Men's health

During National Men's Health Week, June 15-21, the "Go Blue for Men" Health Fair is June 16 from 9 a.m. to noon in the lobby of Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information call Rick Stock, community health promotion educator at Fox Army Health Center Preventive Medicine, at 955-8888 ext. 1443 or e-mail richard.stock@us.army.mil.

Music and art

Music & Art Camp '09, for ages 6-16, will be presented by Valley Conservatory June 22-26 from 1-5 p.m. at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1002 Longwood Drive. To register call Valley Conservatory 534-3131.

Freedom celebration

Minister Leria Wilkerson and Kingdom Reign Ministries will sponsor a two-night Proclamation of Spiritual Freedom on July 3-4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Firstborn, 5650 Sanderson St. The church is located in the mall strip that overlooks Sam's on University. The guest speaker is Apostle George G. Lakes Jr. of Kansas City, Mo. For more information, call Wilkerson 783-3414.

Military collectors

Alabama Military Collectors Show is June 27-28 at Huntsville Jaycees building off Airport Road. See displays, buy, sell and trade all types of military collectibles. There will be a special guest June 27. Show times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 27 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 28. All military, police, firefighters and re-enactors in uniform are admitted free. All others pay \$5.

Announcements

Children under 12 are also admitted free. For more information, see almilitarycollectors.org.

Fox health center news

Fox Army Health Center will be closed July 2-3 in observance of Independence Day. On July 2, the Primary Care Clinic will be open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for scheduled appointments. The pharmacy, medical records window, and the Tricare Service Center will be open until 11:30 a.m. The Appointment Call Center telephone line will be answered until 4:30 p.m. All other clinics and services will be closed the entire day for a training holiday. The Health Center is closed on Saturday, Sunday, Thursday afternoons and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox is an ambulatory care clinic and does not have an emergency room. In an emergency, dial 911.

Art contest

June M. Hughes Military and Civilian Arts and Crafts Center is accepting artwork for the annual U.S. Army 2009 Arts and Crafts Contest. The juried show deadline is June 30. Compete for cash prizes against the best artists and artisans in the Army. Enter your best 2D or 3D artwork. Contest information and assistance is available at the Arts and Crafts Center, building 3615 on Vincent Drive. For more information, call 876-7951 or visit the Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation website at redstone-mwr.art@conus.army.mil. The contest website is located at <http://new.armymwr.com/recreation/art-sandcrafts/default.aspx>.